

Multi-linear Algebra  
– Tucker Decomposition –  
Lecture 16

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# Recap

- The CP-decomposition:

$$A = \sum_{p=1}^r \underbrace{v_i}_{\text{row}} \otimes \underbrace{u_i}_{\text{col}} = v_i \otimes u_i$$

The diagram shows the tensor product symbol  $\otimes$  with a circled 'X' and a red highlight. The index  $i=1$  is written below the tensor product, and  $d$  is written above it. The summation index  $p=1$  is written to the left of the sum, and  $r$  is written above the sum.

- CP-rank, minimal number of elementary tensors to represent  $A$ .

- compressability of tensor

Storage for tensor  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{u_1 \times \dots \times u_d}$  is  $O(u^d)$

Storage for tensor in CP format is  $O(r \cdot d \cdot u)$

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- Tensors:  
high-dimensional object
- Tensor diagrams:  
graphical representation of tensor operations
- Tensor decomposition  
CP decomposition  
low-rank approximation  
→ tensor rank?

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→ No systematic way to compute a CP decomposition
- Difficult tensor sets:

$$\mathcal{M}_r = \{ \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d} \mid \text{CP-rank}(\mathbf{X}) = r \}$$

and

$$\mathcal{M}_{\leq r} = \{ \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d} \mid \text{CP-rank}(\mathbf{X}) \leq r \}$$

are not closed.

→ Not easy to optimize on.

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d}} f(\mathbf{x}) \leq \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M}_r} f(\mathbf{x})$$

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$m \quad n \quad r$

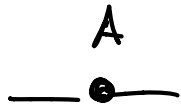
$$\dim(U) = r = \dim(V)$$

In the matrix case:

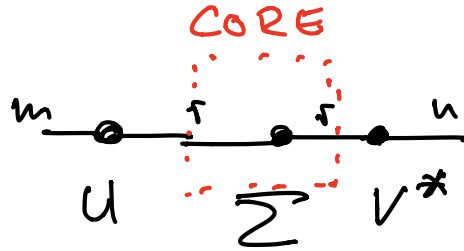
$$V = \text{Im}(\mathbf{A}) \text{ and } U = \mathbb{R}^n / \ker(\mathbf{A})$$

→ their dimension **always** coincide!

# Tucker Decomposition – matrices



SVD  
 $\rightsquigarrow$



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$\Rightarrow \mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{r_1 \times \dots \times r_d}$ , called the *core tensor*

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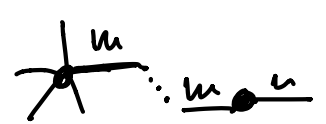
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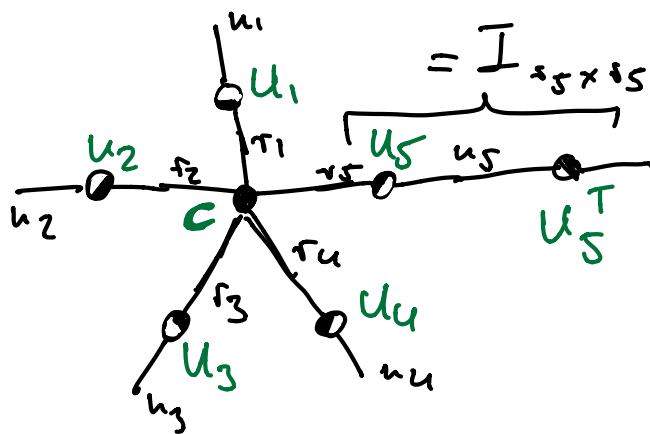
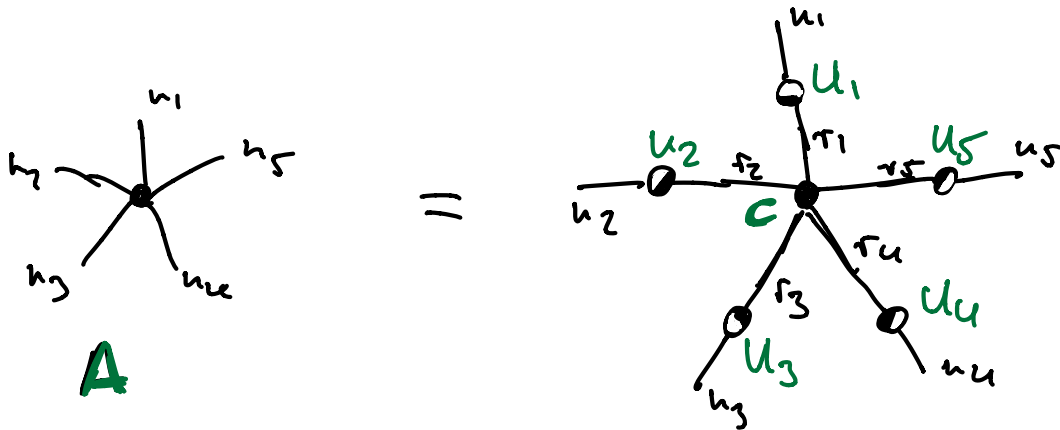
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Elementwise:

$$\mathbf{A}[j_1, \dots, j_d] = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \mathbf{C}[i_1, \dots, i_d] \mathbf{U}_1[i_1, j_1] \cdot \mathbf{U}_2[i_2, j_2] \cdots \mathbf{U}_d[i_d, j_d]$$

# Tucker Decomposition – Tensors



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We call the tuple

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On the set of  $d$ -tuples we define the partial order  $\preceq$  as

$$(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \mathbf{x} \preceq \mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_d) \iff x_i \leq y_i \quad \forall i$$

# Why Tucker?

- Looks a bit more complicated than CP decomposition
  - How to find the subspaces?
  - Rank definition aligns less with what we know from matrices!
- Can be computed constructively
  - higher-order SVD (HOSVD)
- Tensors of bounded or fixed Tucker rank are much nicer
  - Manifold structure → Closed set

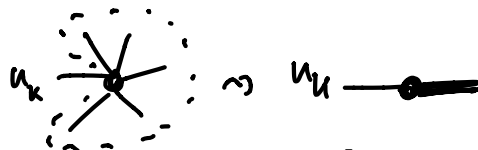
# high-order SVD

Algorithm:

Input: Target tensor  $\mathbf{A}$

Output: Core tensor  $\mathbf{C}$ , basis matrices  $\mathbf{U}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{r_k \times n_k}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq d$   
for  $k = 1 : d$

Calculate  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_k \Sigma_k \mathbf{V}^* = \text{SVD}(\mathbf{A}^{(k)})$

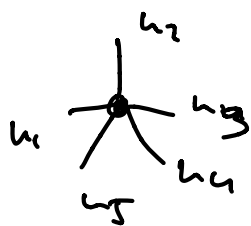


[Recall notation:  $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$  was the  $k$ -mode matricization]

$$\mathbf{U}_k = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_k^\top$$

Calculate  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} *_1 \mathbf{U}_1^\top *_2 \mathbf{U}_2^\top \dots *_d \mathbf{U}_d^\top$

$$= \mathbf{A} *_1 \mathbf{U}_1^\top *_2 \mathbf{U}_2^\top *_3 \mathbf{U}_3^\top *_4 \mathbf{U}_4^\top$$

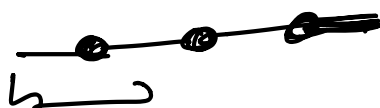


$k=1$



Store  $u_1$

$k=2$



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# high-order SVD

The HOSVD yields Tucker decomposition of minimal rank:

Theorem

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$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C} *_1 \mathbf{U}_1 *_2 \mathbf{U}_2 \dots *_d \mathbf{U}_d$$

is a Tucker representation of  $\mathbf{A}$  of minimal rank. The obtained representation rank is also the Tucker rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ , is related to the matrix rank of the  $k$ th mode matricizations via

$$\text{T-rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \left( \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^{(1)}), \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^{(2)}), \dots, \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^{(d)}) \right)$$

# Low T-rank approximation

We can adjust the HOSVD to get a T-rank approximation of  $\mathbf{A}$  of rank  $\mathbf{r}'$

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Output: Core tensor  $\mathbf{C}$ , basis matrices  $\mathbf{U}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{r_k \times n_k}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq d$

Set  $\mathbf{A}_0 = \mathbf{A}$

for  $k = 1 : d$

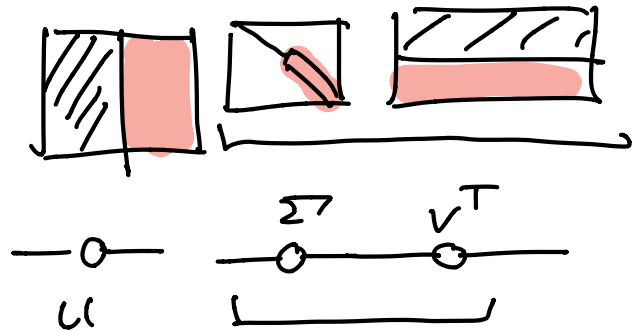
Calculate rank  $r'_k$ -SVD:  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_k \Sigma_k \mathbf{V}_k^\top = \text{SVD}_{r'_k}(\mathbf{A}_{k-1}^{(k)})$

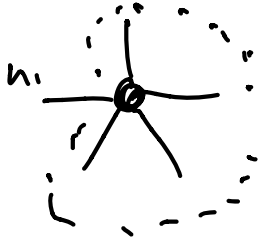
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$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}_d$$

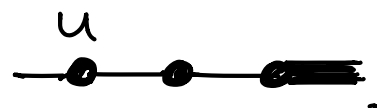




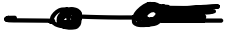
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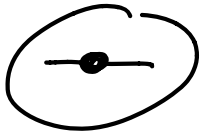
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$u$



$\Sigma$   $V^T$



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$u_2$   
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# Quasi Best Approximation

There is no Eckart-Young theorem for low T-rank approximations!

Theorem:

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$$\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{C} *_1 \mathbf{U}_1 *_2 \mathbf{U}_2 \dots *_d \mathbf{U}_d.$$

The tensor  $\mathbf{A}'$  is a quasi-best rank  $\mathbf{r}'$  approximation to  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e.,

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}'\|_F \leq \sqrt{d} \min \{ \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{Y}\|_F \mid \mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d}, \text{T-rank}(\mathbf{Y}) \preceq \mathbf{r}' \}$$

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# Storage of Tucker decomposition

$$A = \mathbf{C} *_1 \mathbf{U}_1 *_2 \mathbf{U}_2 \dots *_d \mathbf{U}_d$$

We store:

- the core tensor  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{r_1 \times \dots \times r_d}$
- the basis matrices  $\mathbf{U}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{r_k \times n_k}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq d$

This scales as

$$\mathcal{O}(r^d + dnr)$$

where  $r = \max_i(r_i)$  and  $n = \max_i(n_i)$

Note that for  $r \ll n$  this is a significant reduction over  $\mathcal{O}(n^d)$

$$A = \sum_{p=1}^r \bigotimes_{i=1}^d \mathbf{v}_{i,p} \quad \mathcal{O}(rud)$$

# Accessing entries

One has to compute

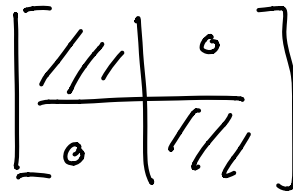
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}[j_1, \dots, j_d] &= (\mathbf{C} *_1 \mathbf{U}_1 *_2 \mathbf{U}_2 \dots *_d \mathbf{U}_d) [j_1, \dots, j_d] \\ &= \sum_{i_1=1}^{r_1} \dots \sum_{i_d=1}^{r_d} \mathbf{C}[i_1, \dots, i_d] \mathbf{U}_1[i_1, j_1] \mathbf{U}_2[i_2, j_2] \dots \mathbf{U}_d[i_d, j_d]\end{aligned}$$

set  $r = \max_i(r_i)$ .

- Per for-loop we have  $\mathcal{O}(r)$  operations
- For  $d$  nested for-loops this yields:  $\mathcal{O}(r^d)$
- Recall:  $\mathcal{O}(dr)$  for CP-decomposition



# Adding Tucker decompositions

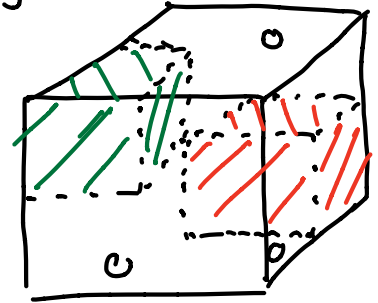


Consider

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{C} *_{1} \mathbf{U}_{1} *_{2} \mathbf{U}_{2} \dots *_{d} \mathbf{U}_{d}$$

and

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}} = \bar{\mathbf{C}} *_{1} \bar{\mathbf{U}}_{1} *_{2} \bar{\mathbf{U}}_{2} \dots *_{d} \bar{\mathbf{U}}_{d}$$



Define

$$\mathbf{V}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_k \\ \bar{\mathbf{U}}_k \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(r_k + \bar{r}_k) \times n_k}$$

and

$$\mathbf{D}[i_1, \dots, i_d] = \begin{cases} \mathbf{C}[i_1, \dots, i_d] & \text{if } i_\ell \leq r_\ell \ \forall \ell \\ \bar{\mathbf{C}}[i_1 - r_1, \dots, i_d - r_d] & \text{if } i_\ell > r_\ell \ \forall \ell \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

# Adding Tucker decompositions

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{X} + \bar{\mathbf{X}})[j_1, \dots, j_d] &= \sum_{i_1=1}^{r_1} \dots \sum_{i_d=1}^{r_d} \mathbf{C}[i_1, \dots, i_d] \mathbf{U}_1[i_1, j_1] \cdots \mathbf{U}_d[i_d, j_d] \\ &+ \sum_{i_1=1}^{\bar{r}_1} \dots \sum_{i_d=1}^{\bar{r}_d} \bar{\mathbf{C}}[i_1, \dots, i_d] \bar{\mathbf{U}}_1[i_1, j_1] \cdots \bar{\mathbf{U}}_d[i_d, j_d] \\ &= \sum_{i_1=1}^{r_1 + \bar{r}_1} \dots \sum_{i_d=1}^{r_d + \bar{r}_d} \mathbf{D}[i_1, \dots, i_d] \mathbf{V}_1[i_1, j_1] \cdots \mathbf{V}_d[i_d, j_d]\end{aligned}$$

Setting  $r = \max_i(r_i)$  and  $\bar{r} = \max_i(\bar{r}_i)$

The storage scales as

$$\mathcal{O}\left((r + \bar{r})^d + dn(r + \bar{r})\right)$$

and evaluating elements scales

$$\mathcal{O}\left((r + \bar{r})^d\right)$$

# Other operations

| Operation       | Tucker  | CP                        | Tensor               |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Had. Prod.      | $\mathcal{O}(ndr\bar{r} + r^d\bar{r}^d)$      | $\mathcal{O}(ndr\bar{r})$ | $\mathcal{O}(n^d)$   |
| Frob. In. Prod. | $\mathcal{O}(ndr\bar{r} + dr\bar{r}^d + r^d)$ | $\mathcal{O}(ndr\bar{r})$ | $\mathcal{O}(n^d)$   |
| Frob. Norm      | $\mathcal{O}(r^d)$                            | $\mathcal{O}(ndr^2)$      | $\mathcal{O}(n^d)$   |
| $k$ -mode Prod. | $\mathcal{O}(mnr + mr^2 + r^{d+1})$           | $\mathcal{O}((d+m)nr)$    | $\mathcal{O}(n^d m)$ |