### Towards better computationstatistics trade-off in tensor decomposition

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#### **Matrices and Tensors in machine learning**



#### Spatio-temoral data



Matrices



Collaborative filtering Movies

USERS		Star Wars	Titanic	Blade Runner
	User 1	5	2	4
	User 2	1	4	2
	User 3	5	?	?

#### Multiple relations



#### **Matrices and Tensors in machine learning**



## From matrices to tensors

• Trace norm: convex relaxation of matrix rank

$$\| oldsymbol{W} \|_{S_1} = \sum_{j=1}^r \sigma_j(oldsymbol{W})$$
 Induces low-rank-ness (spectral sparsity)

- It works like L1 regularization on the singular values
- Performance guarantees [Srebro & Schraibman 2005; Candes & Recht 2009; Candes & Tao 2010; Negahban & Wainwright 2011]

Similar relaxation possible for tensor rank?

### From matrices to tensors

- Spectral norm of random Gaussian matrix  $\mathbb{E}\|\boldsymbol{X}\|_{S_{\infty}} \leq \sigma \left(\sqrt{m} + \sqrt{n}\right)$
- Marchenko-Pastur

distribution

[Marchenko & Pastur 1967]



#### Random tensor theory?

# Outline

- Tensor ranks and decompositions
- Overlapped trace norm (moderate computation)

– Limitations: requires O(rn<sup>K-1</sup>) samples

• Balanced trace norm (heavy computation) [Mu et al. 2013]

requires O(r<sup>K/2</sup>n<sup>K/2</sup>) samples

- Tensor trace norm (probably intractable)
  - requires only O(rn) samples

## **Tensor rank**

• Minimum number R such that



- Known as CP (canonical polyadic) decomposition [Hitchcock 27; Carroll & Chang 70; Harshman 70]
- Comutation of the above decomposition is NP hard!

## **Tucker decomposition**

[Tucker 66; De Lathauwer+00]



- Factors can be obtained by unfolding operation+SVD
- In practice no unfolding is low-rank --- Common solution: iterate truncated SVD (HOSVD, HOOI); non-convex

# **Unfolding (matricization)**



 $n_3 \cdot n_1$ 



Tensorization

## **Overlapped trace norm**

[T+10; Signoretto+10; Gandy+11; Liu+09]

Convex optimization problem

$$\underset{\mathcal{W}\in\mathbb{R}^{n_1\times\cdots\times n_K}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \|\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{\mathfrak{X}}(\mathcal{W})\|^2 + \lambda_M \|\mathcal{W}\|_{\underline{S_1/1}}$$

where 
$$\|\|\mathcal{W}\|\|_{\underline{S_1/1}} := \sum_{k=1}^{K} \|W_{(k)}\|_{S_1}$$
  
– the same tensor is regularized to be unfolding  
simultaneously low-rank w.r.t. all modes.

## **Empirical performance**

• True tensor: 50x50x20, rank 7x8x9. No noise ( $\lambda$ =0).



## Analysis: Problem setting

Observation

 $\mathcal{W}^* : \text{true tensor with rank } (\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_K)$  $y_i = \langle \mathcal{X}_i, \mathcal{W}^* \rangle + \epsilon_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, M)$ Gaussian noise  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ ation Likelihood Regularization

$$\begin{split} \hat{\mathcal{W}} &= \underset{\mathcal{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \cdots \times n_K}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1\\2 \| \boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{\mathfrak{X}}(\mathcal{W}) \|^2}_{2} + \underbrace{\lambda_M \| \mathcal{W} \|_{\underline{S_1/1}}}_{K} \end{pmatrix}}_{Reg. \ \text{constant}} \\ &(N = \prod_{k=1}^K n_k) \end{aligned}$$

#### **Theorem ("overlapped" approach)** [T, Suzuki, Hayashi, Kashima 11]

Assume that the elements of the design X are independently and identically Gaussian distributed. Moreover, if

$$\frac{\#\text{samples }(M)}{\#\text{variables }(N)} \ge c_1 \|n^{-1}\|_{1/2} \|r\|_{1/2} \approx \frac{r}{n}$$

$$\frac{r}{n}$$
normalized rank

$$\|\boldsymbol{n}^{-1}\|_{1/2} := \left(\frac{1}{K}\sum_{k=1}^{K}\sqrt{1/n_k}\right)^2, \quad \|\boldsymbol{r}\|_{1/2} := \left(\frac{1}{K}\sum_{k=1}^{K}\sqrt{r_k}\right)^2$$

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Convergence!  
$$\frac{\|\hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}} - \boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}^*\|_F^2}{N} \le O_p \left(\frac{\sigma^2 \|\boldsymbol{n}^{-1}\|_{1/2} \|\boldsymbol{r}\|_{1/2}}{M}\right)$$
  
(with appropriate choice of  $\lambda_{M}$ )  
 $\|\boldsymbol{n}^{-1}\|_{1/2} := \left(\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sqrt{1/n_k}\right)^2, \quad \|\boldsymbol{r}\|_{1/2} := \left(\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sqrt{r_k}\right)^2$ 

## **Tensor completion**



#### Theory vs. Experiments (4<sup>th</sup> order)



# Limitation: exponentially many samples required!

- Simplify by setting  $n_k = n$  and  $r_k = r$
- Then there are constants c0, c1, c2 such that

-#samples  $M \ge c_1 n^{K-1} r$ 

– reg. const. 
$$\lambda_M = c_0 \sigma \sqrt{n^{K-1}/M}$$

$$\left\| \hat{\mathcal{W}} - \mathcal{W}^* \right\|_F^2 \le c_2 \frac{\sigma^2 r n^{K-1}}{M}$$

with high probability.

# Why?

Key steps in the analysis

- Relation between the norm and the rank  $\|\mathcal{W}\|_{S_1/1} \leq K\sqrt{r} \|\mathcal{W}\|_F$ 

- Dual norm of noise tensor

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \mathfrak{X}^{\top}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \right\|_{(\underline{S_1/1})^*} \leq \frac{\sigma \sqrt{M}}{K} \left( \sqrt{n^{K-1}} + \sqrt{n} \right)$$
  
unbalanced (Bad)  
where  $\mathfrak{X}^{\top}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) := \sum_{i=1}^{M} \epsilon_i \mathcal{X}_i$ 

(OK)

## **Balanced unfolding**

• For K>3, there are  $2^{K-1}-1 > K$  ways to unfold a tensor. For example,



(See also Mu et al. 2013)

## Balanced trace norm (for K=4)

• Definition

 $\left\| \left\| \mathcal{W} \right\|_{\text{balanced}} := \left\| \mathbf{W}_{(1,2;3,4)} \right\|_{S_1} + \left\| \mathbf{W}_{(1,3;2,4)} \right\|_{S_1} + \left\| \mathbf{W}_{(1,4;2,3)} \right\|_{S_1}$ 

- Relation between the norm and the rank  $\|\mathcal{W}\|_{\text{balanced}} \leq 3\sqrt{r^2} \|\mathcal{W}\|_F$
- Dual norm of noise tensor

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \mathfrak{X}^{\top}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \right\|_{\text{balanced}^*} \leq \frac{\sigma \sqrt{M}}{3} \cdot 2\sqrt{n^2}$$

Sample complexity O(r<sup>2</sup>n<sup>2</sup>)

## Experiment (K=4)



Theoretically  $\times$  O(n<sup>3</sup>)  $\triangle$  O(n<sup>2</sup>)

# Comparison of computational complexity

Overlapped trace norm (Sample Complex. O(rn<sup>K-1</sup>))

– requires SVD of n<sup>K-1</sup> x n matrix:

 $O(n^{K+1}+n^3) \Rightarrow O(n^5) \text{ for } K=4 OK$ 

Balanced trace norm (Sample Complex. O(r<sup>K/2</sup>n<sup>K/2</sup>))

- requires SVD of  $n^{K/2} \times n^{K/2}$  matrix:  $O(n^{1.5K}) \implies O(n^6)$  for K=4 Large!

statistically more efficient, computationally more challenging!

#### **Computation-statistics trade-off**





can be seen as an atomic norm [Chandrasekaran 12] with atomic set = set of rank-1 tensors

For K=3  

$$\| \mathcal{W} \|_{tr} = \inf \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} c_a \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathcal{W} = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} c_a u_a \circ v_a \circ w_a$$

$$c_a \ge 0$$

$$\| u \| \le 1, \| v \| \le 1, \| w \| \le 1$$

Relation between the norm and the orthogonal CP rank (Kolda 2001)

$$\left\| \left| \mathcal{W} \right| \right|_{\mathrm{tr}} \leq \sqrt{R} \left\| \left| \mathcal{W} \right| \right|_{F}$$

Dual norm of the noise tensor

$$\mathbb{E} \| | \mathfrak{X}^{\top}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \| \|_{\mathrm{tr}^*} \leq C \sigma \sqrt{M} \sqrt{n}$$

Sample complexity O(Rn)

### Dual of the trace norm is the tensor operator norm

$$\begin{split} \left\| \mathcal{Y} \right\|_{\mathrm{tr}^*} &= \left\| \left| \mathcal{Y} \right\|_{\mathrm{op}} := \sup_{\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{w}} \sum_{i, j, k} Y_{ijk} u_i v_j w_k \\ &\text{s.t.} \left\| \boldsymbol{u} \right\| \le 1, \left\| \boldsymbol{v} \right\| \le 1, \left\| \boldsymbol{w} \right\| \le 1 \end{split}$$

Greedy algorithm for computing the operator norm

- 1. Initialize u, v, w.
- 2. Fix u, maximize over v and w (matrix operator norm)

3. Cycle over v, w, u, ... until convergence (can be improved by incorporating gradient)

# **Empirical scaling (K=3)**

O(n)

O(√n)



# Low-rank tensor estimation with the *tensor trace norm*



Key operation: prox operator  $prox_{\lambda}(\mathcal{W}) = \underset{\mathcal{Y}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left( \lambda \| |\mathcal{Y}\| \|_{\operatorname{tr}} + \frac{1}{2} \| |\mathcal{Y} - \mathcal{W}\| \|_{F}^{2} \right)$   $= \mathcal{W} - \operatorname{proj}_{\lambda}(\mathcal{W}) \quad \text{(Moreau's theorem)}$   $proj_{\lambda}(\mathcal{W}) = \underset{\mathcal{Y}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \| |\mathcal{W} - \mathcal{Y}\| \|_{F} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \| |\mathcal{Y}\| \|_{\operatorname{op}} \leq \lambda$ Tensor operator norm

## Greedy algorithm for $prox_{\lambda}$ (W)

- 1. Let R=W.
- 2. Compute  $||\mathbf{R}||_{op}$ if  $||\mathbf{R}||_{op} \le \lambda$ , done. Return W-R otherwise,  $\mathbf{R}=\mathbf{R}+(\lambda-||\mathbf{R}||_{op})$  u · v · w
- 3. Go to 2.

#### **Tensor completion experiment**



#### **Balanced vs. unbalanced**

(λ→0)

size=25x5x5, CP rank=3



# Summary

- Tensor decomposition via convex optimization
  - Fast and stable algorithm for tensor decomposition
  - Rank selection is replaced by regularization parameter selection
- Limitation of the overlapped trace norm
  - unbalancedness of the unfolding
  - balanced unfolding
- Optimization statistics trade-off
  - balanced trace norm requires less samples but more computation
  - tensor trace norm requires only O(n) samples but seems intractable

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