

Tensor problems in Engineering

Pierre Comon

July 18, 2008

Contents I

- 1 Context
 - Statistical framework
 - Characteristic functions
 - Identifiability & Uniqueness
 - Cumulants
- 2 Overdetermined mixtures
 - General
 - Independence
 - Standardization
- 3 Algorithms for orthogonal decomposition
 - Criteria
 - Pair sweeping
 - Other
- 4 Algorithms for invertible decomposition
 - Probabilistic approach

Contents II

- Alternate Least Squares
 - Diagonally dominant
 - Joint Schur
- 5 Underdetermined mixtures
 - Binary
 - Ranks
 - Biome
 - Foobi
 - CAF
 - Iterative algorithms
 - Ending

Lecture 1/3

Linear statistical model

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{b} \quad (1)$$

with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{y} : K \times 1 \text{ random} \\ \mathbf{s} : P \times 1 \text{ random with } \textit{stat. independent} \text{ entries} \\ \mathbf{A} : K \times P \text{ deterministic} \\ \mathbf{b} : \text{errors (may be removed for } P \text{ large enough)} \end{array} \right.$$

Taxinomy

- $K \geq P$: “over-determined”
 - can be reduced to a square $P \times P$ regular mixture
 - \mathbf{A} orthogonal or unitary
 - \mathbf{A} square invertible
- $K < P$: “under-determined”
 - \mathbf{A} rectangular with pairwise lin. independent columns

Goals

In the stochastic framework: solely from realizations of observation vector \mathbf{y} ,

- Estimate matrix \mathbf{A} : Blind identification
- Estimate realizations of the “source” vector \mathbf{s} : Blind separation/extraction/equalization

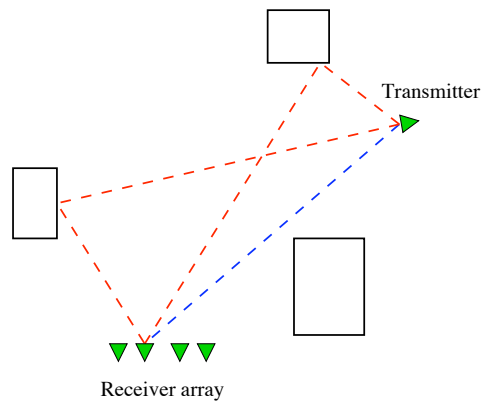
In the deterministic framework:

- Decompose the data tensor (cf. subsequent course)

Application areas for symmetric tensors

- 1 Telecommunications (Cellular, Satellite, Military),
- 2 Radar, Sonar,
- 3 Biomedical (EchoGraphy, ElectroEncephaloGraphy, ElectroCardioGraphy)...
- 4 Speech,
- 5 Machine Learning,
- 6 Control...

Example: Antenna Array Processing (1)



Example: Antenna Array Processing (2)

Modeling the signals received on an array of antennas generally leads to a *matrix decomposition*:

$$T_{ijp} = \sum_q \sum_\ell a_{iq\ell} \sum_k h_{q\ell k p} s_{kqj}$$

i : space k : symbol # \mathbf{a} : receiver geometry
 j : time q : user # \mathbf{h} : global channel impulse response
 ℓ : path # \mathbf{s} : Transmitted signal

But in the presence of additional *diversity*, a tensor can be constructed, thanks to new variable p

Example: Antenna Array Processing (3)

New variable p can represent:

- Oversampling (sample index),
- Spreading code (chip index),
- Frequency (multicarrier),
- Geometrical invariance (subarray index),
- Polarization...

Warning: tensor should not have proportional matrix slices (degeneration)

Link with tensors

In the stochastic framework:

- use of the characteristic function
- use of cumulants

The obtained tensor enjoys *symmetry properties*
 → another motivation to study symmetric tensors

Characteristic functions

First c.f.

- Real Scalar: $\Phi_x(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{E}\{e^{jtx}\} = \int_{\mathbf{u}} e^{jtu} dF_x(\mathbf{u})$
- Real Multivariate: $\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{t}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{E}\{e^{j\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{x}}\} = \int_{\mathbf{u}} e^{j\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{u}} dF_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u})$

Second c.f.

- $\Psi(\mathbf{t}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \log \Phi(\mathbf{t})$
- Properties:
 - Always exists in the neighborhood of 0
 - Uniquely defined as long as $\Phi(\mathbf{t}) \neq 0$

Characteristic functions (cont'd)

■ Properties of the 2nd Characteristic function (cont'd):

- if a c.f. $\Psi_x(t)$ is a polynomial, then its degree is at most 2 and x is Gaussian ([Marcinkiewicz'1938](#)) [Luka70]
- if (x, y) statistically independent, then

$$\Psi_{x,y}(u, v) = \Psi_x(u) + \Psi_y(v) \quad (2)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{x,y}(u, v) &= \log[\mathbb{E}\{\exp(ux + vy)\}] \\ &= \log[\mathbb{E}\{\exp(ux)\} \mathbb{E}\{\exp(vy)\}]. \end{aligned}$$

□

Problem posed in terms of Characteristic Functions

- If s_p independent and $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$, we have the *core equation*:

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_p \Psi_{s_p} \left(\sum_q u_q A_{qp} \right) \quad (3)$$

Proof.

- Plug $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$, in definition of $\Psi_{\mathbf{x}}$ and get

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{E}\{\exp(\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s})\} = \mathbb{E}\{\exp(\sum_{p,q} u_q A_{qp} s_p)\}$$

- Since s_p independent, $\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) = \prod_p \mathbb{E}\{\exp(\sum_q u_q A_{qp} s_p)\}$
- Taking the log concludes.

□

Problem: Decompose a multivariate function into a sum of univariate ones

Darmois-Skitovich theorem (1953)

Theorem

Let s_i be statistically *independent* random variables, and two linear statistics:

$$y_1 = \sum_i a_i s_i \quad \text{and} \quad y_2 = \sum_i b_i s_i$$

If y_1 and y_2 are statistically independent, then random variables s_k for which $a_k b_k \neq 0$ are Gaussian.

NB: holds in both \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}

Sketch of proof

Let characteristic functions

$$\Psi_{1,2}(u, v) = \log E\{\exp(j y_1 u + j y_2 v)\}$$

$$\Psi_k(w) = \log E\{\exp(j y_k w)\}$$

$$\varphi_p(w) = \log E\{\exp(j s_p w)\}$$

1 Independence between s_p 's implies:

$$\Psi_{1,2}(u, v) = \sum_{k=1}^P \varphi_k(u a_k + v b_k)$$

$$\Psi_1(u) = \sum_{k=1}^P \varphi_k(u a_k)$$

$$\Psi_2(v) = \sum_{k=1}^P \varphi_k(v b_k)$$

2 Independence between y_1 and y_2 implies

$$\Psi_{1,2}(u, v) = \Psi_1(u) + \Psi_2(v)$$

Does not restrict generality to assume that $[a_k, b_k]$ not collinear. To simplify, assume also φ_p differentiable.

3 Hence $\sum_{k=1}^P \varphi_p(u a_k + v b_k) = \sum_{k=1}^P \varphi_k(u a_k) + \varphi_k(v b_k)$
Trivial for terms for which $a_k b_k = 0$.

From now on, restrict the sum to terms $a_k b_k \neq 0$

4 Write this at $u + \alpha/a_p$ and $v - \alpha/b_p$:

$$\sum_{k=1}^P \varphi_k \left(u a_k + v b_k + \alpha \left(\frac{a_k}{a_p} - \frac{b_k}{b_p} \right) \right) = f(u) + g(v)$$

5 Subtract to cancel P th term, divide by α , and let $\alpha \rightarrow 0$:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{P-1} \left(\frac{a_k}{a_p} - \frac{b_k}{b_p} \right) \varphi_k^{(1)}(u a_k + v b_k) = f^{(1)}(u) + g^{(1)}(v)$$

for some *univariate functions* $f^{(1)}(u)$ and $g^{(1)}(v)$.

Conclusion: We have one term less

6 Repeat the procedure $(P - 1)$ times and get:

$$\prod_{j=2}^P \left(\frac{a_1}{a_j} - \frac{b_1}{b_j} \right) \varphi_1^{(P-1)}(u a_1 + v b_1) = f^{(P-1)}(u) + g^{(P-1)}(v)$$

7 Hence $\varphi_1^{(P-1)}(u a_1 + v b_1)$ is linear, as a sum of two univariate functions ($\varphi_1^{(P)}$ is a constant because $a_1 b_1 \neq 0$).

8 Eventually φ_1 is a polynomial.

9 Lastly invoke Marcinkiewicz theorem to conclude that s_1 is Gaussian.

10 Same is true for any φ_p such that $a_p b_p \neq 0$: s_p is Gaussian.

NB: also holds if φ_p not differentiable

Equivalent representations

Let \mathbf{y} admit two representations

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{s} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{z}$$

where \mathbf{s} (resp. \mathbf{z}) have independent components, and \mathbf{A} (resp. \mathbf{B}) have pairwise noncollinear columns.

- These representations are *equivalent* if every column of \mathbf{A} is proportional to some column of \mathbf{B} , and vice versa.
- If all representations of \mathbf{y} are equivalent, they are said to be *essentially unique* (permutation & scale ambiguities only).

Identifiability & uniqueness theorems s

Let \mathbf{y} be a random vector of the form $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$, where s_p are independent, and \mathbf{A} has non pairwise collinear columns.

■ **Identifiability theorem** \mathbf{y} can be represented as $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{s}_2$, where \mathbf{s}_1 is non Gaussian, \mathbf{s}_2 is Gaussian independent of \mathbf{s}_1 , and \mathbf{A}_1 is essentially unique.

■ **Uniqueness theorem** If in addition the columns of \mathbf{A}_1 are linearly independent, then the distribution of \mathbf{s}_1 is unique up to scale and location indeterminacies.

Remark 1: if \mathbf{s}_2 is 1-dimensional, then \mathbf{A}_2 is also essentially unique

Remark 2: the proofs are not constructive [KagaLR73]

Example of uniqueness s

Let s_j be independent with no Gaussian component, and b_i be independent Gaussian. Then the linear model below is identifiable, but \mathbf{A}_2 is not essentially unique whereas \mathbf{A}_1 is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} s_1 + s_2 + 2b_1 \\ s_1 + 2b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{A}_2 \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{A}_3 \begin{pmatrix} b_1 + b_2 \\ b_1 - b_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{A}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence the distribution of \mathbf{s} is essentially unique.

But $(\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2)$ not equivalent to $(\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_3)$.

Example of non uniqueness s

Let s_j be independent with no Gaussian component, and b_i be independent Gaussian. Then the linear model below is identifiable, but the distribution of \mathbf{s} is not unique because a 2×4 matrix cannot be full column rank:

$$\begin{pmatrix} s_1 + s_3 + s_4 + 2b_1 \\ s_2 + s_3 - s_4 + 2b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 + b_1 + b_2 \\ s_4 + b_1 - b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} s_1 + 2b_1 \\ s_2 + 2b_2 \\ s_3 \\ s_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition of Cumulants

■ Moments:

$$\mu_r \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{E}\{x^r\} = (-j)^r \left. \frac{\partial^r \Phi(t)}{\partial t^r} \right|_{t=0}$$

■ Cumulants:

$$C_{x(r)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Cum}\{\underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{r \text{ times}}\} = (-j)^r \left. \frac{\partial^r \Psi(t)}{\partial t^r} \right|_{t=0}$$

■ Relationship between Moments and Cumulants obtained by expanding both sides in Taylor series:

$$\log \Phi_x(t) = \Psi_x(t)$$

■ Needs existence. Counter example: Cauchy

$$\rho_x(u) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+u^2)}$$

First Cumulants

- $\mathcal{C}_{(2)}$ is the variance: $\mathcal{C}_{(2)} = \mu_{(2)} - \mu_{(1)}^2$
- For zero-mean r.v.: $\mathcal{C}_{(3)} = \mu_{(3)}$, and $\mathcal{C}_{(4)} = \mu_{(4)} - 3\mu_{(2)}^2$
- Standardized cumulants:

$$\mathcal{K}_{(r)} = \text{Cum}_{(r)} \left\{ \frac{x - \mu'_{(1)}}{\sqrt{\mu_{(2)}}} \right\}$$

e.g. *Skewness* \mathcal{K}_3 , and *Kurtosis* \mathcal{K}_4 .

Examples of cumulants (1)

Example: Zero-mean Gaussian

- Moments

$$\mu_{(2r)} = \mu_{(2)}^r \frac{(2r)!}{r! 2^r}$$

In particular:

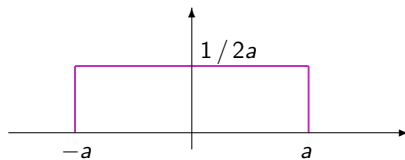
$$\mu_{(4)} = 3\mu_{(2)}^2, \quad \mu_{(6)} = 15\mu_{(2)}^3$$

- $\mathcal{C}_{(4)} = 0, \quad \mathcal{K}_{(4)} = 0.$
- All Cumulants of order $r > 2$ are null

Examples of Cumulants (2) S

Example: Uniform

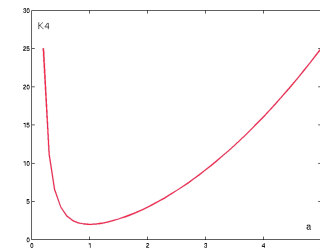
- uniformly distributed in $[-a, +a]$ with probability $\frac{1}{2a}$
- Moments: $\mu_{(2k)} = \frac{a^{2k}}{2k+1}$
- 4th order Cumulant: $\mathcal{C}_{(4)} = \frac{a^4}{5} - 3\frac{a^4}{9} = -2\frac{a^4}{15}$
- Kurtosis: $\mathcal{K}_{(4)} = -\frac{6}{5}.$

Examples of Cumulants (3) S

Example: Zero-mean standardized binary

- x takes two values $x_1 = -a$ and $x_2 = 1/a$ with probabilities $P_1 = \frac{1}{1+a^2}, P_2 = \frac{a^2}{1+a^2}$
- Skewness is $\mathcal{K}_{(3)} = \frac{1}{a} - a$
- Kurtosis is $\mathcal{K}_{(4)} = \frac{1}{a^2} + a^2$
- Extreme values (bound)

Minimum Kurtosis
for $a = 1$ (symmetric):
 $\mathcal{K}_{(4)} = -2$



Multivariate Cumulants

■ Notation: $\mathcal{C}_{ij..l} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Cum}\{X_i, X_j, \dots, X_l\}$

■ First cumulants:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu'_i &= \mathcal{C}_i \\ \mu'_{ij} &= \mathcal{C}_{ij} + \mathcal{C}_i \mathcal{C}_j \\ \mu'_{ijk} &= \mathcal{C}_{ijk} + [3] \mathcal{C}_i \mathcal{C}_{jk} + \mathcal{C}_i \mathcal{C}_j \mathcal{C}_k\end{aligned}$$

with $[n]$: McCullagh's *bracket notation*.

■ Next, for zero-mean variables:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{ijk\ell} &= \mathcal{C}_{ijk\ell} + [3] \mathcal{C}_{ij} \mathcal{C}_{k\ell} \\ \mu_{ijk\ell m} &= \mathcal{C}_{ijk\ell m} + [10] \mathcal{C}_{ij} \mathcal{C}_{k\ell m}\end{aligned}$$

■ Again, general formula of Leonov-Shiryaev obtained by Taylor expansion of both sides of $\Psi(\mathbf{t}) = \log \Phi(\mathbf{t}) \dots$

Properties of Cumulants

■ **Multi-linearity** (also enjoyed by moments):

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cum}\{\alpha X, Y, \dots, Z\} &= \alpha \text{Cum}\{X, Y, \dots, Z\} \\ \text{Cum}\{X_1 + X_2, Y, \dots, Z\} &= \text{Cum}\{X_1, Y, \dots, Z\} + \text{Cum}\{X_2, Y, \dots, Z\}\end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

■ **Cancellation**: If $\{X_i\}$ can be partitioned into 2 groups of independent r.v., then

$$\text{Cum}\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_r\} = 0$$

■ **Additivity**: If \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} are independent, then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cum}\{X_1 + Y_1, X_2 + Y_2, \dots, X_r + Y_r\} &= \text{Cum}\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_r\} \\ &+ \text{Cum}\{Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_r\}\end{aligned}$$

■ **Inequalities**, e.g.:

$$\mathcal{K}_{(3)}^2 \leq \mathcal{K}_{(4)} + 2$$

Problem posed in terms of Cumulants

Input-output relations If $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$, where s_p are independent, then multi-linearity of cumulants yields:

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{y},ijk..l} = \sum_{p=1}^P A_{ip} A_{jp} A_{kp..l} \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{s},ppp..p} \quad (5)$$

Can one identify \mathbf{A} from tensor $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{y}}$?

Remark

- Tensor $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{y}}$ does not contain all the information whereas the c.f. (3) did.
- Possibility to choose cumulant order(s)

Over-determined mixtures

In that framework, the statistical model involves *at most* as many sources as the dimension of the observation space:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}, \text{ with } K \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \dim\{\mathbf{y}\} \geq \dim\{\mathbf{s}\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P$$

That is, \mathbf{A} admits a left inverse.

Warning:

- In practice, $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{y}}$ or $\Psi_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{u})$ are estimated from noisy measurements, so that (5) or (3) are never exactly satisfied if $K \geq P$: they become *approximations*

Essential uniqueness

- Over-determined mixtures are equivalent iff they are related by scale-permutation: $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{P}$
- Hence in the absence of noise, the source random variables can be recovered up to scale and permutation as:

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{s}$$

This is an inherent indeterminacy of the problem.

Direct vs Inverse

Two formulations in terms of cumulants:

- 1 Direct: look for \mathbf{A} so as to fit eq. (5):

$$\min_{\mathbf{A}} \left\| \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{y},ijk..l} - \sum_{p=1}^P A_{ip} A_{jp} A_{kp..} A_{lp} C_{\mathbf{s},ppp..p} \right\|^2$$

i.e. decompose $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{y}}$ into a sum of P rank-one terms

- 2 Inverse: look for \mathbf{B} :

$$\min_{\mathbf{B}} \sum_{mnp..q \neq ppp..p} \left| \sum_{ijk..l} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{y},ijk..l} B_{im} B_{jn} B_{kp..} B_{lq} \right|^2$$

i.e. try to diagonalize $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{y}}$ by linear transform, $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{y}$

Divide to conquer

Difficulty: many unknowns, in real or complex field

- 1 1st idea: address a sequence of problems of smaller dimension instead of a single one in larger dimension.
 - 2 2nd idea: decompose \mathbf{A} into two factors, $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{Q}$, and compute \mathbf{L} so as to *exactly* standardize the data. Look for the best \mathbf{Q} in a second stage.
- ➡ Both are sub-optimal, but of practical value.

Pairwise vs. Mutual independence (1)

- Components s_k of \mathbf{s} are *pairwise independent* \Leftrightarrow Any pair of components (s_k, s_ℓ) are mutually independent.
- In general, pairwise and mutual independence *are not* equivalent
- But...

Pairwise vs. Mutual independence (2) s

Example: Pairwise but not Mutual independence

- 3 mutually independent binary sources, $x_i \in \{-1, 1\}$, $1 \leq i \leq 3$
- Define $x_4 = x_1 x_2 x_3$. Then x_4 is also binary, *dependent on x_i*
- x_k are *pairwise independent*:
 $p(x_1 = a, x_4 = b) = p(x_4 = b | x_1 = a) \cdot p(x_1 = a) =$
 $p(x_2 x_3 = b/a) \cdot p(x_1 = a)$
 But x_1 and $x_2 x_3$ are binary \Rightarrow
 $p(x_2 x_3 = b/a) \cdot p(x_1 = a) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$
- NB: in particular, $\text{Cum}\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\} = 1 \neq 0$

Pairwise vs. Mutual independence (3)

Corollary of Darmois's theorem for over-determined mixtures:

Let $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{s}$, where s_i are independent r.v., and assume either

- all s_i are non Gaussian and \mathbf{C} is invertible, or
- at most one s_i is Gaussian and \mathbf{C} is orthogonal/unitary

Then the following properties are equivalent:

- 1 Components z_i are pairwise independent
- 2 Components z_i are mutually independent
- 3 $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{P}$, with $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ diagonal invertible and \mathbf{P} permutation

Proof... 1 \rightarrow 3 by contradiction

Standardization with covariance

- Let \mathbf{x} be a zero-mean r.v. with covariance matrix:

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_x \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^H\}$$

and let \mathbf{L} be any square root of $\mathbf{\Gamma}$:

$$\mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^H = \mathbf{\Gamma}_x$$

Then $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$ is a *standardized random variable*, i.e. it has unit covariance.

- In practice, use SVD to face ill-conditioning or singularity: $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ may have then a smaller dimension.

Pre-processing with SVD s

- Observed random variable \mathbf{x} of dimension K . Then $\exists(\mathbf{U}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}})$:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{U} \text{ unitary}$$

where “Principal Components” \tilde{x}_i are *uncorrelated*.
 i th column \mathbf{u}_i of \mathbf{U} is called “ i th PC loading vector”

- Two –among many– possible calculations from a $K \times N$ realization matrix \mathbf{X} :

- EVD of sample covariance \mathbf{R}_x : $\mathbf{R}_x = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}^2\mathbf{U}^H$, $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{U}^H\mathbf{x}$
- Sample estimate by SVD: $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^H$, $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^H$

The latter is more accurate, and avoids the calculation of the covariance.

Lecture 2/3

Orthogonal decomposition

If \mathbf{Q} orthogonal, the two problems are equivalent:

1 Direct:

$$\min_{\mathbf{Q}, \Lambda} \left\| \mathcal{C}_{ijkl} - \sum_{p=1}^P Q_{ip} Q_{jp} Q_{kp} Q_{lp} \Lambda_{pppp} \right\|^2$$

2 Inverse: $\min_{\mathbf{Q}, \Lambda} \left\| \sum_{ijkl} Q_{ip} Q_{jq} Q_{kr} Q_{ls} \mathcal{C}_{ijkl} - \Lambda_{pppp} \delta_{pqrs} \right\|^2$ or

$$\text{e.g. } \max_{\mathbf{Q}} \sum_p \left| \sum_{ijkl} Q_{ip} Q_{jp} Q_{kp} Q_{lp} \mathcal{C}_{ijkl} \right|^2$$

Proof. The Frobenius norm is invariant under orthogonal change of coordinates. \square

What we have seen so far

- The joint 2nd characteristic function of $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$ contains all the information. The problem consists of decomposing it into a sum of univariate characteristic functions.
- Cumulant tensors contain part of the information, but may suffice. The problem reduces to decomposing one of them.
- Identification of an invertible mixture generally leads to an approximation problem
- 1st idea: in an inverse approach, one can process pairwise
- 2nd idea: two-stage by decomposing $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{Q}$. First compute \mathbf{L} via an exact standardization of \mathbf{x} . Second compute the best orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q} .
- Drawback: one puts an infinite weight on 2nd order statistics

Estimation of the orthogonal matrix

Assume we have realizations of the standardized r.v. $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{L}^{-1} \mathbf{x}$. We have to:

- 1 Choose an optimization criterion to maximize, e.g. based on the cumulant tensor of \mathbf{z} .
- 2 Devise a numerical algorithm, e.g. proceeding pairwise

Contrast criteria

1 Optimization criteria

Let \mathbf{s} have stat. independent components, and $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{s}$. A good “contrast” criterion $\Upsilon(\mathbf{Q})$ should:

- be maximal if and only if the components of \mathbf{z} are independent, ie. iff \mathbf{Q} is *trivial* (scale-permutation): $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{P}$,
- decrease if \mathbf{Q} is not trivial.

This can be summarized by:

$$\Upsilon(\mathbf{Q}) \leq \Upsilon(\mathbf{I}), \text{ with equality iff } \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{P} \quad (6)$$

Examples of contrasts

Denote \mathbf{C} the 4th order cumulant tensor of \mathbf{z} . If at most 1 source has a null kurtosis, then

- $\Upsilon_{CoM}(\mathbf{Q}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_i C_{iiii}^2$ (maximize diagonal entries)
 - $\Upsilon_{STO}(\mathbf{Q}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{ij} C_{iiij}^2$ (jointly diagonalize 3rd order slices)
 - $\Upsilon_{JAD}(\mathbf{Q}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{ijk} C_{ijk}^2$ (jointly diagonalize matrix slices)
- are “contrast” criteria.

Examples of contrasts (cont'd)

Proof. We need to prove (6), that is, $\Upsilon(\mathbf{Q}) \leq \Upsilon(\mathbf{I})$. Denote \mathbf{D} the (diagonal) cumulant tensor of \mathbf{s} . First use multi-linearity (5) of cumulant tensors: $C_{ijkl} = \sum_p Q_{ip} Q_{jp} Q_{kp} Q_{lp} D_p$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon_{JAD} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{ijk} C_{ijk}^2 = \sum_{ijk} \left| \sum_p Q_{ip}^2 Q_{jp} Q_{kp} D_p \right|^2 \\ &= \sum_i \sum_{pq} Q_{ip}^2 Q_{iq}^2 \sum_j Q_{jp} Q_{jq} \sum_k Q_{kp} Q_{kq} D_p D_q \end{aligned}$$

and because \mathbf{Q} is orthogonal

$$\Upsilon_{JAD} = \sum_i \sum_p Q_{ip}^4 D_p^2$$

Now $Q_{ij} \leq 1$ yields $\Upsilon_{JAD} \leq \sum_i \sum_p Q_{ip}^2 D_p^2 = \sum_i D_i^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Upsilon_{JAD}(\mathbf{I})$

This proves inequality (6) for Υ_{JAD} .

Proof. (cont'd) On the other hand, clearly

$$\Upsilon_{CoM} \leq \Upsilon_{STO} \leq \Upsilon_{JAD}$$

so that we have also proved the inequality (6) for Υ_{CoM} and Υ_{STO} .

Now if equality holds, all inequalities above are equalities, and in particular

$$\sum_i \sum_p (Q_{ip}^2 - Q_{ip}^4) D_p^2 = 0$$

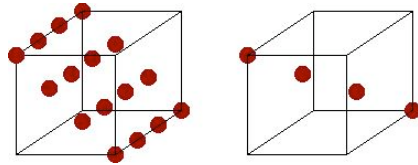
Thus $|Q_{ip}| \in \{0, 1\}$ by L^p -norm inequality, for all i and for all p such that $D_p \neq 0$. Yet, at most one D_p is null by hypothesis, and \mathbf{Q} is orthogonal. Thus \mathbf{Q} must be a signed permutation.

□

Examples of contrasts (cont'd)

Interpretation.

- $\Upsilon_{CoM} \leq \Upsilon_{STO} \leq \Upsilon_{JAD}$ shows that Υ_{CoM} is more sensitive
- Υ_{STO} and Υ_{JAD} are less discriminant since they also maximize non diagonal terms

Example for $4 \times 4 \times 4$ tensors

Matrix slices diagonalization \neq Tensor diagonalization

Algorithms: Jacobi pair Sweeping (1)

2 Pairwise processing

Split the orthogonal matrix into a product of plane *Givens* rotations:

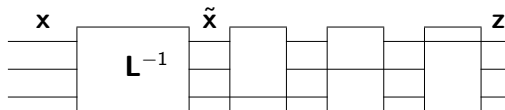
$$\mathbf{G}[i, j] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \theta^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \theta \\ -\theta & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

acting in the subspace defined by (z_i, z_j) .

► the dimension has been reduced to 2, and we have a single unknown, θ , that can be imposed to lie in $(-1, 1]$.

Algorithms: Jacobi pair Sweeping (2)

Cyclic sweeping with fixed ordering: Example in dimension $P = 3$



Carl Jacobi, 1804-1851

Algorithms: Jacobi pair Sweeping (3)

Sweeping a $3 \times 3 \times 3$ symmetric tensor

$$\begin{pmatrix} \textcolor{red}{X} & x & x \\ x & x & x \\ x & x & x \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \textcolor{red}{X} & x & x \\ x & x & x \\ x & \cdot & x \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & x & x \\ x & x & x \\ x & \textcolor{red}{X} & x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & x & x \\ x & \textcolor{red}{X} & x \\ x & x & x \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x & x & x \\ x & x & x \\ x & x & \textcolor{red}{X} \end{pmatrix}$$



$\textcolor{red}{X}$: maximized
 x : minimized
 \cdot : unchanged

} by last Givens rotation

Algorithms: Jacobi pair Sweeping (4)

- Criteria Υ_{CoM} , Υ_{STO} and Υ_{JAD} , are rational functions of θ , and their absolute maxima can be computed algebraically.
- To prove this, consider the elementary 2×2 problem

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{G} \tilde{\mathbf{x}},$$

denote $C_{ijk\ell}$ the cumulants of \mathbf{z} , and

$$\mathbf{G} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & \sin \beta \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\theta^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \theta \\ -\theta & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution for Υ_{CoM}

- We have $\Upsilon_{CoM} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (C_{1111})^2 + (C_{2222})^2$
- Denote $\xi = \theta - 1/\theta$. Then it is a rational function in ξ :

$$\psi_4(\xi) = (\xi^2 + 4)^{-2} \sum_{i=0}^4 b_i \xi^i$$

- Its stationary points are roots of a polynomial of degree 4:

$$\omega_4(\xi) = \sum_{i=0}^4 c_i \xi^i$$

obtainable *algebraically* via Ferrari's technique. Coefficients b_i and c_i are given functions of cumulants of $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$.

- θ is obtained from ξ by rooting a 2nd degree trinomial.

Solution for Υ_{JAD}

- Goal: maximize squares of diagonal terms of $\mathbf{G}^H \mathbf{N}(r) \mathbf{G}$, where matrix slices are denoted $\mathbf{N}(r) = \begin{pmatrix} a_r & b_r \\ c_r & d_r \end{pmatrix}$ and are cumulants of $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$
- Let $\mathbf{v} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\cos 2\beta, \sin 2\beta]^T$. Then this amounts to maximizing the quadratic form $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{v}$ where

$$\mathbf{M} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_r \begin{bmatrix} a_r - d_r \\ b_r + c_r \end{bmatrix} [a_r - d_r, b_r + c_r]$$

- Thus, 2β is given by the dominant eigenvector of \mathbf{M}
- and \mathbf{G} is obtained by rooting a 2nd degree trinomial.

Solution for Υ_{STO}

- Goal: maximize squares of diagonal terms of 3rd order tensors $\mathbf{T}[\ell]_{pqr} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{ijk} G_{pi} G_{qj} G_{rk} C_{ijk\ell}$
- If $\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & \sin \beta \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$ then denote $\mathbf{v} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\cos 2\beta, \sin 2\beta]^T$.
- Angle 2β is given by vector \mathbf{v} maximizing a quadratic form $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{v}$, where \mathbf{B} is 2×2 symmetric and contains sums of products of cumulants of $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$
- θ is obtained from ξ by rooting a 2nd degree trinomial.

First conclusions

- Pair sweeping can be executed thanks to the equivalence between pairwise and mutual independence
- The cumulant tensor can be diagonalized iteratively via a Jacobi-like algorithm
- For each pair, there is a closed-form solution for the optimal Givens rotation (absolute maximum of the contrast criterion).

Questions:

- But what about *global* convergence?
- Pairwise processing holds valid if model is exact

Stationary points: symmetric matrix case

- Given a matrix \mathbf{m} with components m_{ij} , it is sought for an orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q} such that Υ_2 is maximized:

$$\Upsilon_2(\mathbf{Q}) = \sum_i M_{ii}^2; \quad M_{ij} = \sum_{p,q} Q_{ip} Q_{jq} m_{pq}.$$

- Stationary points of Υ_2 satisfy for any pair of indices (q, r) , $q \neq r$:

$$M_{qq}M_{qr} = M_{rr}M_{qr}$$

- Next, $d^2\Upsilon_2 < 0 \Leftrightarrow M_{qr}^2 < (M_{qq} - M_{rr})^2$, which proves that
 - $M_{qr} = 0$, $\forall q \neq r$ yields a maximum
 - $M_{qq} = G_{rr}$, $\forall q, r$ yields a minimum
 - Other stationary points are saddle points

Stationary points: symmetric tensor case

- Similarly, one can look at relations characterizing local maxima of criterion Υ

$$\begin{aligned} T_{qqqq}T_{qqqr} - T_{rrrr}T_{qrrr} &= 0, \\ 4T_{qqqr}^2 + 4T_{qrrr}^2 - (T_{qqqq} - \frac{3}{2}T_{qqrr})^2 \\ &\quad - (T_{rrrr} - \frac{3}{2}T_{qrrr})^2 < 0. \end{aligned}$$

for any pair of indices (p, q) , $p \neq q$.

- As a conclusion, contrary to Υ_2 in the matrix case, Υ might have theoretically spurious local maxima in the tensor case (order > 2).

Problem P2

- 1 At each step, a plane rotation is computed and yields the global maximum of the objective Υ restricted to one variable
- 2 There is no proof that the sequence of successive plane rotations yields the global maximum, in the general case (tensors that are not necessarily diagonalizable)
- 3 Yet, no counter-example has been found since 1991



Other algorithms for orthogonal diagonalization

The 3 previous criteria summarize most ways to address tensor approximate diagonalization.

But the orthogonal matrix can be treated differently, e.g. via *other parameterizations*

- express an orthogonal matrix as the exponential of a skew-symmetric matrix: $\mathbf{Q} = \exp \mathbf{S}$
- or use the Cayley parameterization: $\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S})(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S})^{-1}$,
- ...

Joint Approximate Diagonalization S

The idea is to consider the symmetric tensor of dimension K and order d as a collection of K^{d-2} symmetric $K \times K$ matrices

This is the *Joint Approximate Diagonalization* (JAD) problem

Bibliographical comments S

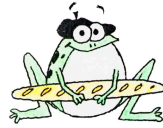
- Orthogonal diagonalization of symmetric tensors:
 - JAD in 2 modes: [DeLe78] (\mathbb{R}), [CardS93] (\mathbb{C}), with matrix exponential [TanaF07]
 - JAD 2 modes with positive definite matrices: [Flur86]
 - JAD in 3 modes: [DelaDV01]
 - direct diago without slicing (pairs): [Como92] [Como94]
- Orthogonal diagonalization of non symmetric tensors:
 - ALS type [Kroo83] [Kier92]
 - ALS on pairs: [MartV08] [SoreC08]
 - JAD in 2 modes (\mathbb{R}): [Pesq01]
 - Matrix exponential [SoreICD08]

Approximate diagonalization by invertible transform

- Joint Approximate Diagonalization (JAD) of a collection of:
 - symmetric matrices
 - symmetric diagonally dominant matrices
 - symmetric positive definite matrices
 - for a collection of matrices, not necessarily symmetric (2 invertible transforms)
 - ...
- Direct approaches without slicing the tensor into a collection of matrices: algorithms devised for *underdetermined mixtures* apply (cf. subsequent lecture)

Problem P3

- Ill-posedness of optimization over set of invertible matrices
- Possible solution:
impose a constraint like $\det \mathbf{A} \geq \eta > 0$?



Survey of 4 algorithms

- 1 Iterative algorithm based on a probabilistic criterion
- 2 An algorithm of ALS type: ACDC
- 3 An algorithm with a multiplicative update, valid if \mathbf{A} is diagonally dominant
- 4 An algorithm based on Joint triangularization

Probabilistic approach (1) s

Let $\mathbf{T}(q)$ be a collection of symmetric *positive semidefinite* matrices

Look for \mathbf{B} such that $\mathbf{M}(q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{T}(q) \mathbf{B}^T$ are as diagonal as possible.

- 1 Choose criterion to maximize $\Upsilon \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_q \alpha_q \log \frac{\det \mathbf{M}(q)}{\det \text{Diag}\{\mathbf{M}(q)\}}$
We have $\Upsilon \leq 0$ from Hadamard's inequality.
 - Avoids singularity
 - Linked to Maximum Likelihood
- 2 Use multiplicative update as $\mathbf{B}^{(\ell+1)} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{B}^{(\ell)}$
- 3 Criterion after update: $\Upsilon = \sum_q \alpha_q \log \frac{\det \mathbf{M}(q) \det^2 \mathbf{U}}{\det \text{Diag}\{\mathbf{U} \mathbf{M}(q) \mathbf{U}^T\}}$

Probabilistic approach (2) s

- 4 Variation of Υ during one update:
 $\sum_q \alpha_q [2 \log \det \mathbf{U} - \log \det \text{Diag}\{\mathbf{U} \mathbf{M}(q) \mathbf{U}^T\} + \log \det \text{Diag}\{\mathbf{M}(q)\}]$
- 5 Update two rows at a time, i.e. \mathbf{U} is equal to Identity except for entries $(i, i), (i, j), (j, i), (j, j)$.
By concavity of log, get a lower bound on variation:

$$\sum_q \alpha_q \left[2 \log \det \mathbf{U} - \log(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{U}^T)_{11} - \log(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}^T)_{22} \right]$$

where \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{Q} are the 2×2 matrices:

$$\mathbf{P} = \sum_q \frac{\alpha_q}{M(q)_{ii}} \mathbf{M}(q)[i, j] \text{ and } \mathbf{Q} = \sum_q \frac{\alpha_q}{M(q)_{jj}} \mathbf{M}(q)[i, j]$$

- 6 Maximize this bound instead. This leads to rooting a *2nd degree trinomial*. Sweep all the pairs in turns

Alternate Least Squares

- 1 Two writings of the criterion:

$$\Upsilon = \sum_q \|\mathbf{T}(q) - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{\Lambda}(q)\mathbf{B}^H\|^2$$

$$\Upsilon = \sum_q \|\mathbf{t}(q) - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{\lambda}(q)\|^2$$

- 2 Stationary values for $\text{Diag}\mathbf{\Lambda}(q)$: $\mathbf{\lambda}(q) = \{\mathbf{B}^H\mathbf{B}\}^{-1}\mathbf{B}^H\mathbf{t}(q)$
 3 Stationary value for each column $\mathbf{b}[\ell]$ of matrix \mathbf{B} is the dominant eigenvector of the Hermitean matrix

$$\mathbf{P}[\ell] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q \lambda_\ell(q) \{\tilde{\mathbf{T}}[q; \ell]^H + \tilde{\mathbf{T}}[q; \ell]\}$$

where $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}[q; \ell] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{T}(q) - \sum_{n \neq \ell} \lambda_n(q) \mathbf{b}[n] \mathbf{b}[n]^H$.

- 4 ALS: calculate $\mathbf{\Lambda}(q)$ and \mathbf{B} *alternately* Use LS solution when matrices are singular.

Diagonally dominant matrices (1)

One wishes to minimize iteratively $\sum_q \|\mathbf{T}(q) - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Lambda}_q\mathbf{A}^T\|^2$
 Assume \mathbf{A} is strictly diagonally dominant: $|A_{ii}| > \sum_{j \neq i} |A_{ij}|$
 (cf. Levy-Desplanques theorem)

- 1 Initialize $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$
 2 Update \mathbf{A} multiplicatively as $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{W})\mathbf{A}$, where \mathbf{W} is zero-diagonal
 3 Compute the best \mathbf{W} assuming that it is small and that $\mathbf{T}(q)$ are almost diagonal (first order approximation)

Diagonally dominant matrices (2)

Computational details:

- We have: $\mathbf{T}^{(\ell+1)}(q) \leftarrow (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{W})\mathbf{T}^{(\ell)}(q)(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{W})^T$
- $\mathbf{T}^{(\ell)}(q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{E})$, where \mathbf{D} is diagonal, and \mathbf{E} zero-diagonal
- If \mathbf{W} and \mathbf{E} are small:
 $\mathbf{T}^{(\ell+1)}(q) \approx \mathbf{D}(q) + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{D}(q) + \mathbf{D}(q)\mathbf{W}^T - \mathbf{E}(q)$
- Hence minimize, wrt \mathbf{W} :

$$\sum_q \sum_{i \neq j} |W_{ij} D_{jj}(q) + W_{ji} D_{ii}(q) - E_{ij}(q)|^2$$

- This is of the form $\min_{\mathbf{W}} \|\mathbf{J}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{e}\|^2$, where \mathbf{J} is sparse: $\mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{J}$ is block diagonal

Thus one gets at each iteration a collection of *decoupled* 2×2 linear systems

Joint triangularization of matrix slices

- 1 From \mathbf{T} , determine a collection of matrices (e.g. matrix slices), $\mathbf{T}(q)$, satisfying $\mathbf{T}(q) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}(q)\mathbf{B}^T$,
 $\mathbf{D}(q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{diag}\{C_{q,:}\}$.
 2 Compute the Generalized Schur decomposition
 $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{T}(q)\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{R}(q)$, where $\mathbf{R}(q)$ are upper-triangular
 3 Since $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{R}(q) \mathbf{Z}^T = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}(q)\mathbf{B}^T$, matrices $\mathbf{R}' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{R}'' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{Z}$ are upper triangular, and can be assumed to have a unit diagonal. Hence \mathbf{R}' and \mathbf{R}'' can be computed by solving from the bottom to the top the triangular system, two entries R'_{ij} and R''_{ij} at a time:

$$\mathbf{R}(q) = \mathbf{R}'\mathbf{D}(q)\mathbf{R}''$$

- 4 Compute $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{R}'\mathbf{Q}^T$ and $\mathbf{B}^T = \mathbf{R}''\mathbf{Z}^T$
 5 Compute matrix \mathbf{C} from \mathbf{T} , \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} by solving the over-determined linear system $\mathbf{C} \cdot \{(\mathbf{B} \odot \mathbf{A})^T\} = \mathbf{T}_{K \times JI}$

Bibliographical comments S

For collection of symmetric matrices:

- maximizes iteratively a lower bound to the decrease on a probabilistic objective [Pham01]
- alternately minimize $\sum_q \|\mathbf{T}(q) - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Lambda}(q)\mathbf{A}^T\|^2$ wrt \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{\Lambda}(q)$ [Yere02]. See also: [Li07] [Voll006]
- minimizes iteratively $\sum_q \|\mathbf{T}(q) - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Lambda}(q)\mathbf{A}^T\|^2$ under the assumption that \mathbf{A} is diagonally dominant [Zieh04] .

For collection of non symmetric matrices:

- factor \mathbf{A} into orthogonal and triangular parts, and perform a joint Schur decomposition [DelaDV04].
- others: algorithms applicable to underdetermined case work here [AlbeFCC05]

Lecture 3/3

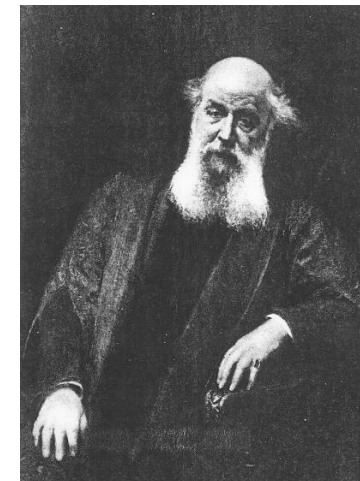
What we have seen so far

For over-determined mixtures:

- Solving the invertible problem is sufficient
- Orthogonal framework:
 - Fully use 2nd order statistics, and then decompose approximately the tensor under *orthogonal constraint*. Easier to handle singularity, but arbitrary.
 - Several (contrast) criteria and algorithms for orthogonal decomposition
- Invertible framework:
 - Decompose the higher order cumulant tensor directly under invertible constraint
 - Ill-posed
 - Several algorithms, mainly working with matrix slices

Principles & algorithms dedicated to under-determined mixtures may apply

Binary case



James Joseph Sylvester (1814–1897)

Sylvester's theorem

Sylvester's theorem in \mathbb{R} (1886)

- A binary quantic $t(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{i=0}^d c(i) \gamma_i x_1^i x_2^{d-i}$ can be written in $\mathbb{R}[x_1, x_2]$ as a sum of d th powers of r distinct linear forms:

$$t(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_j (\alpha_j x_1 + \beta_j x_2)^d \text{ if and only if:}$$

- there exists a vector \mathbf{g} of dimension $r+1$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 & \cdots & \gamma_r \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & \cdots & \gamma_{r+1} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \gamma_{d-r} & \cdots & & \gamma_d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_0 \\ g_1 \\ \vdots \\ g_r \end{bmatrix} = 0. \quad (7)$$

- $q(x_1, x_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\ell=0}^r g_\ell x_1^\ell x_2^{r-\ell}$ has r distinct real roots

- Then $q(x_1, x_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \prod_{j=1}^r (\beta_j x_1 - \alpha_j x_2)$ yields the r forms
- Valid even in non generic cases.

Proof of Sylvester's theorem (1)

Lemma

- For homogeneous polynomials of degree d parameterized as $p(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{|\mathbf{i}|=d} c(\mathbf{i}) \gamma(\mathbf{i}; p) \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}}$, define the *apolar scalar product*:

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \sum_{|\mathbf{i}|=d} c(\mathbf{i}) \gamma(\mathbf{i}; p) \gamma(\mathbf{i}; q)$$

- Then $L(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \langle p, L^d \rangle = \sum_{|\mathbf{i}|=d} c(\mathbf{i}) \gamma(\mathbf{i}; p) \mathbf{a}^{\mathbf{i}} = p(\mathbf{a})$

Proof of Sylvester's theorem (2)

- Assume the r distinct linear forms $L_j = \alpha_j x_1 + \beta_j x_2$ are given.

Let $q(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \prod_{j=1}^r (\beta_j x_1 - \alpha_j x_2)$. Then $q(\alpha_j, \beta_j) = 0, \forall j$.

- Hence from lemma, $\forall m(\mathbf{x})$ of degree $d-r$, $\langle mq, L_j^d \rangle = mq(\mathbf{a}_j) = 0$, and $\langle mq, t \rangle = 0$.

- Take for instance polynomials $m_\mu(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^\mu x_2^{d-r-\mu}$, $1 \leq \mu \leq d-r$, and denote g_ℓ coefficients of q :

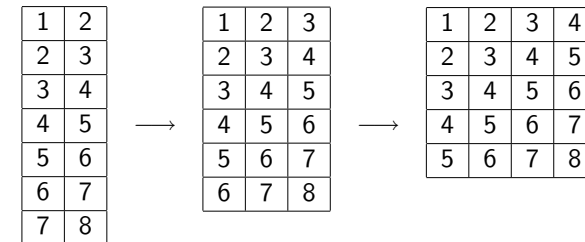
$$\langle m_\mu q, t \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{\ell=0}^r g_\ell \gamma_{\ell+\mu} = 0$$

This is exactly (7) expressed in canonical basis

- Roots of $q(x_1, x_2)$ are distinct real since forms L_j are.
- Reasoning goes also backwards

Algorithm for r th order symmetric tensors of dimension 2

Start with $r = 1$ ($d \times 2$ matrix) and increase r until it loses its column rank



Decomposition of maximal rank: $x_1 x_2^{d-1}$

- 1 Maximal rank $r = d$ when (7) reduces to a 1-row matrix:

$$[0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0] \mathbf{g} = 0$$

- 2 Find (α_i, β_i) such that $q(x_1, x_2) = \prod_{j=1}^d (\beta_j x_1 - \alpha_j x_2)$
 $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\ell=0}^d g_\ell x_1^\ell x_2^{r-\ell}$ has d distinct roots

- 3 Take $\alpha_j = 1$. Then $g_{d-1} = 0$ just means $\sum \beta_j = 0$
 Choose arbitrarily such distinct β_j 's

- 4 Compute λ_j 's by solving the Van der Monde linear system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \beta_1 & \dots & \beta_d \\ \beta_1^2 & \dots & \beta_d^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \beta_1^d & \dots & \beta_d^d \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rank of binary quantics

- A binary quantic of odd degree $2n + 1$ has *generic rank* $n + 1$
- A binary quantic of even degree $2n$ *generic rank* $n + 1$
- A binary quantic of degree d may reach *maximal rank* d .
Orbit of maximal rank is $x_1 x_2^{d-1}$.
- Sylvester's theorem allows to compute the decomposition, even in non generic cases

Problem P16

- In the super generic case, there are infinitely many decompositions
- In dimension larger than 2: simple ways to compute one such decomposition, as in binary case?



Alexander-Hirschowitz theorem

Theorem (1995) For $d > 2$, the generic rank of a d th order symmetric tensor of dimension K is *always* equal to the lower bound

$$\bar{R}_s = \left\lceil \frac{\binom{K+d-1}{d}}{K} \right\rceil \quad (8)$$

except for the following cases:

$(d, K) \in \{(3, 5), (4, 3), (4, 4), (4, 5)\}$, for which it should be increased by 1 (i.e. only a *finite number* of exceptions, also called *defective* cases)

Values of the Generic Rank (1)

Symmetric tensors of order d and dimension K

$d \backslash K$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	2	4	5	8	10	12	15
4	3	6	10	15	21	30	42

$$\bar{R}_s \geq \frac{1}{K} \binom{K+d-1}{d}$$

Bold: exceptions to the ceil rule: $\bar{R}_s = \lceil \frac{1}{K} \binom{K+d-1}{d} \rceil$, sometimes called *defective* cases.

Green: lower bound $\frac{1}{K} \binom{K+d-1}{d}$ is integer and nondefective, hence finite number of solutions with proba 1

Values of the Generic Rank (2)

Warning: for *unsymmetric* tensors of order d and dimension K , the generic rank is different

$d \backslash K$	2	3	4	5	6	7
3	2	5	7	10	14	19
4	4	9	20	37	62	97

$$\bar{R} \geq \frac{K^d}{Kd - d + 1}$$

Bold: exceptions to the ceil rule: $\bar{R} = \lceil \frac{K^d}{Kd-d+1} \rceil$.

Green: lower bound $\frac{K^d}{Kd-d+1}$ is integer and nondefective

Numerical computation of the Generic Rank

Mapping (for unsymmetric tensors):

$$\{\mathbf{u}(\ell), \mathbf{v}(\ell), \dots, \mathbf{w}(\ell), 1 \leq \ell \leq r\} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mathbf{u}(\ell) \otimes \mathbf{v}(\ell) \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{w}(\ell)$$

$$\{\mathbb{C}^{n_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^{n_d}\}^r \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathcal{A}$$

► The *smallest* r for which $\text{rank}(\text{Jacobian}(\varphi)) = \prod_i n_i$ is the generic rank, \bar{R} .

► Example of use of Terracini's lemma

Example of computation of Generic Rank

$$\{\mathbf{a}(\ell), \mathbf{b}(\ell), \mathbf{c}(\ell)\} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathbf{T} = \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mathbf{a}(\ell) \otimes \mathbf{b}(\ell) \otimes \mathbf{c}(\ell)$$

\mathbf{T} has coordinate vector: $\sum_{\ell=1}^r \mathbf{a}(\ell) \otimes \mathbf{b}(\ell) \otimes \mathbf{c}(\ell)$. Hence the Jacobian of φ is the $r(n_1 + n_2 + n_3) \times n_1 n_2 n_3$ matrix:

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{n_1} & \otimes & \mathbf{b}^T(1) & \otimes & \mathbf{c}^T(1) \\ \vdots & \otimes & \vdots & \otimes & \vdots \\ \mathbf{I}_{n_1} & \otimes & \mathbf{b}^T(r) & \otimes & \mathbf{c}^T(r) \\ \mathbf{a}(1)^T & \otimes & \mathbf{I}_{n_2} & \otimes & \mathbf{c}^T(1) \\ \vdots & \otimes & \vdots & \otimes & \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}(r)^T & \otimes & \mathbf{I}_{n_2} & \otimes & \mathbf{c}^T(r) \\ \mathbf{a}(1)^T & \otimes & \mathbf{b}(1)^T & \otimes & \mathbf{I}_{n_3} \\ \vdots & \otimes & \vdots & \otimes & \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}(r)^T & \otimes & \mathbf{b}(r)^T & \otimes & \mathbf{I}_{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} \text{rank}\{\mathbf{J}\} = \dim(\text{Im}(\varphi)) \\ \bar{R} = \min\{r : \text{Im}\{\varphi\} = \mathcal{A}\} \end{cases}$$

Problem P5

- Similar theorem as AH for unsymmetric tensors?
- that is, decomposition of homogeneous polynomials of degree d but partial degree 1 into sum of products of linear forms

Lectures of Giorgio Ottaviani today...



Genericity in \mathbb{R} vs. \mathbb{C}

Define $\mathcal{Z}_r = \{\text{tensors of rank } r\}$

- A rank r is *typical* if \mathcal{Z}_r is Zariski-dense
- In the complex field, there is only one typical rank, called the *generic rank*.
- In the real field, there can be *several* typical ranks (smallest equals generic rank in \mathbb{C})

Problem P10

Case of the Real field

- Similar result as AH theorem in the real field?
- i.e. values of typical ranks for any order and dimensions



Low rank approximation

We need

- 1 to know the exact rank
and
- 2 the rank to be sub-generic

Hence we make suboptimal rank reduction

- by a 2-stage rank reduction
or
- by HOSVD truncation

Two-stage suboptimal rank reduction (1)

- 1 Associate one *linear* operator with tensor \mathbf{T} , defined by a matrix \mathbf{M}
- 2 Compute the best rank r approximate of \mathbf{M} , e.g. via truncated SVD (*not always possible*)
- 3 Unfold each of the r singular vectors into a matrix, and compute its rank-1 approximate
- 4 From this starting point, run a few iterations of a descent on

$$\|\mathbf{T} - \sum_{p=1}^r \mathbf{u}_p \otimes \mathbf{v}_p \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{w}_p\|^2$$

Two-stage suboptimal rank reduction (2)

Example: If \mathbf{T} is $K \times K \times K \times K$ symmetric

- 1 build the symmetric matrix \mathbf{M} of size $K^2 \times K^2$.
- 2 Compute the r dominant eigenvectors \mathbf{e}_p of \mathbf{M} .
- 3 We wish each \mathbf{e} to be of the form $\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}$.
Hence minimize $\|\text{Unvec}_K(\mathbf{e}_p) - \mathbf{u}_p \mathbf{u}_p^T\|^2$ via rank-1 approximates
Eventually:

$$\mathbf{T} \approx \sum_{p=1}^r \mathbf{u}_p \otimes \mathbf{u}_p \otimes \mathbf{u}_p \otimes \mathbf{u}_p$$

HOSVD s

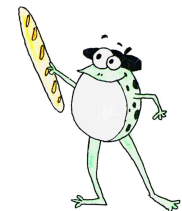
For a tensor of order d , compute first a rank- (R_1, R_2, \dots, R_d) approximate:

- 1 Associate d *linear* operators with tensor \mathbf{T} , defined by unfolding matrices \mathbf{M}_i , $1 \leq i \leq d$
- 2 Compute the rank- R_i approximation of each matrix \mathbf{M}_i (reduction of the multilinear *mode- i ranks*)
- 3 Use truncated left singular matrices $\mathbf{U}^{(i)}$ to compute the $R_1 \times R_2 \times \dots \times R_d$ core tensor \mathbf{T}_0
- 4 Run an iterative descent on $\|\mathbf{T}_0 - \sum_{p=1}^r \mathbf{u}_p \otimes \mathbf{v}_p \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{w}_p\|^2$

Problem P4

Approximation of a tensor by another of lower rank

- 1 ill-posed in general for free real/complex entries
- 2 other problem statement (e.g. border rank)?
- 3 case of positive entries
- 4 case of semi-definite positive quantic
- 5 other cases?



Algorithms when $K > 2$

Now survey some numerical algorithms to compute the decomposition:

- when rank is strictly smaller than generic
- when dimension is larger than 2
- suboptimality (symmetry not fully imposed - link with P15)

BIOME algorithms

- These algorithms work with a cumulant tensor of even order $2r > 4$
- Related to *symmetric flattening* introduced in previous lectures
- We take the case $2r = 6$ for the presentation, and denote

$$\mathcal{C}_{ijk}^{\ell mn} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Cum}\{x_i, x_j, x_k, x_\ell^*, x_m^*, x_n^*\} \quad (9)$$

- In that case, we have

$$\mathcal{C}_{x,ijk}^{\ell mn} = \sum_{p=1}^P H_{ip} H_{jp} H_{kp} H_{\ell p}^* H_{mp}^* H_{np}^* \Delta_p$$

where $\Delta_p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Cum}\{s_p, s_p, s_p, s_p^*, s_p^*, s_p^*\}$ denote the diagonal entries of a $P \times P$ diagonal matrix, $\mathbf{\Delta}^{(6)}$

Writing in matrix form

- Tensor \mathcal{C}_x is of dimensions $K \times K \times K \times K \times K \times K$ and enjoys symmetries and Hermitian symmetries.
- Tensor \mathcal{C}_x can be stored in a $K^3 \times K^3$ Hermitian matrix, $\mathbf{C}_x^{(6)}$, called the *hexacovariance*. With an appropriate storage of the tensor entries, we have

$$\mathbf{C}_x^{(6)} = \mathbf{H}^{\odot 3} \mathbf{\Delta}^{(6)} \mathbf{H}^{\odot 3H} \quad (10)$$

- Because $\mathbf{C}_x^{(6)}$ is Hermitian, $\exists \mathbf{V}$ unitary, such that

$$(\mathbf{C}_x^{(6)})^{1/2} = \mathbf{H}^{\odot 3} (\mathbf{\Delta}^{(6)})^{1/2} \mathbf{V} \quad (11)$$

- **Idea:** Use redundancy existing between blocks of $(\mathbf{C}_x^{(6)})^{1/2}$.

Using the invariance to estimate \mathbf{V}

- 1 Cut the $K^3 \times P$ matrix $(\mathbf{C}_x^{(6)})^{1/2}$ into K blocks of size $K^2 \times P$. Each of these blocks, $\mathbf{\Gamma}[n]$, satisfies:

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}[n] = (\mathbf{H} \odot \mathbf{H}^H) \mathbf{D}[n] (\mathbf{\Delta}^{(6)})^{1/2} \mathbf{V}$$

where $\mathbf{D}[n]$ is the $P \times P$ diagonal matrix containing the n th row of \mathbf{H} , $1 \leq n \leq K$.

Hence matrices $\mathbf{\Gamma}[n]$ share the same common right singular space

- 2 Compute the joint EVD of the $K(K-1)$ matrices

$$\mathbf{\Theta}[m, n] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{\Gamma}[m]^{-1} \mathbf{\Gamma}[n]$$

as: $\mathbf{\Theta}[m, n] = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Lambda}[m, n] \mathbf{V}^H$.

Estimation of \mathbf{H}

Matrices $\mathbf{A}[m, n]$ cannot be used directly because $(\mathbf{\Delta}^{(6)})^{1/2}$ is unknown. But we use \mathbf{V} to obtain the estimate of $\mathbf{H}^{\odot 3}$ up to a scale factor:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{H}^{\odot 3}} = (\mathbf{C}_x^{(6)})^{1/2} \mathbf{V} \quad (12)$$

One possibility to get \mathbf{H} from $\mathbf{H}^{\odot 3}$ is as follows:

- 3 Build K^2 matrices $\Xi[m]$ of size $K \times P$ form rows of $\widehat{\mathbf{H}^{\odot 3}}$
- 4 From $\Xi[m]$ find $\widehat{\mathbf{H}}$ and diagonal matrices $\mathbf{D}[m]$, in the LS sense:

$$\Xi[m] \mathbf{D}[m] \approx \widehat{\mathbf{H}}, \quad 1 \leq m \leq K^2$$

Estimation of \mathbf{H} (details) s

Stationary values of criterion $\sum_{m=1}^M \|\Xi_m \mathbf{D}_m - \mathbf{H}\|_F^2$, $M \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} K^2$, yield the solution below

- Obtain vectors $\mathbf{d}_p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\mathbf{D}_1(p, p), \mathbf{D}_2(p, p), \dots, \mathbf{D}_M(p, p)]^T$, by solving the linear systems:

$$\mathbf{F}_p \mathbf{d}_p = 0$$

where matrices \mathbf{F}_p are defined as

$$\mathbf{F}_p(m_1, m_2) = \begin{cases} (M-1) \{\Xi_{m_1}^H \Xi_{m_1}\}(p, p) & \text{if } m_1 = m_2 \\ -\{\Xi_{m_1}^H \Xi_{m_2}\}(p, p) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Deduce the estimate $\widehat{\mathbf{H}} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \Xi_m \mathbf{D}_m$

Conditions of identifiability of BIOME(2r) s

- Source cumulants of order $2r > 4$ are nonzero and have the same sign
- Columns vectors of mixing matrix \mathbf{H} are not collinear
- Matrix $\mathbf{H}^{\odot(r-1)}$ is full column rank.
- This last condition implies that tensor rank must be at most K^{r-1} (e.g. $P \leq K^2$ for order $2r = 6$).

FOOBI algorithms

Again same problem: Given a $K^2 \times P$ matrix $\mathbf{H}^{\odot 2}$, find a real orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q} such that the P columns of $\mathbf{H}^{\odot 2} \mathbf{Q}$ are of the form $\mathbf{h}[p] \otimes \mathbf{h}[p]^*$

- **FOOBI:** use the K^4 determinantal equations characterizing rank-1 matrices $\mathbf{h}[p] \mathbf{h}[p]^H$ of the form:
 $\phi(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})_{ijkl} = x_{ij}y_{\ell k} - x_{ik}y_{\ell j} + y_{ij}x_{\ell k} - y_{ik}x_{\ell j}$
- **FOOBI2:** use the K^2 equations of the form:
 $\Phi(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{X} + \text{trace}\{\mathbf{X}\} \mathbf{Y} + \text{trace}\{\mathbf{Y}\} \mathbf{X}$
 where matrices \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} are $K \times K$ Hermitean.

FOOBI s

- 1 Normalize the columns of the $K^2 \times P$ matrix $\mathbf{H}^{\odot 2}$ such that matrices $\mathbf{H}[r] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{Unvec}_K(\mathbf{h}^{\odot 2}[r])$ are Hermitean
- 2 Compute the $K^2(K-1)^2 \times P(P-1)/2$ matrix \mathbf{P} defined by $\phi(\mathbf{H}[r], \mathbf{H}[s]), 1 \leq r \leq s \leq P$.
- 3 Compute the P weakest right singular vectors of \mathbf{P} , Unvec them and store them in P matrices $\mathbf{W}[r]$
- 4 Jointly diagonalize $\mathbf{W}[r]$ by a real orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q}
- 5 Then compute $\mathbf{F} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbf{C}_x^{(4)})^{1/2} \mathbf{\Delta Q}$ and deduce $\hat{\mathbf{h}}[r]$ as the dominant left singular vectors of $\mathbf{Unvec}(\mathbf{f}[r])$.

FOOBI2 s

- 1 Normalize the columns of the $K^2 \times P$ matrix $\mathbf{H}^{\odot 2}$ such that matrices $\mathbf{H}[r] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{Unvec}_K(\mathbf{h}^{\odot 2}[r])$ are Hermitean
- 2 Compute the $K(K+1)/2$ Hermitean matrix $\mathbf{B}[r, s]$ of size $P \times P$ defined by:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{H}[r], \mathbf{H}[s])|_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{B}[i, j]|_{rs}$$

- 3 Jointly cancel diagonal entries of matrices $\mathbf{B}[i, j]$ by a real congruent orthogonal transform \mathbf{Q}
- 4 Then compute $\mathbf{F} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbf{C}_x^{(4)})^{1/2} \mathbf{\Delta Q}$ and deduce $\hat{\mathbf{h}}[r]$ as the dominant left singular vectors of $\mathbf{Unvec}(\mathbf{f}[r])$.

NB: Better bound than FOOBI and BIOME(4), but iterative algorithm sensitive to initialization

Algorithms based on characteristic functions

Fit with a model of exact rank

- 1 Back to the core equation (3):

$$\Psi_x(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_p \Psi_{s_p} \left(\sum_q u_q A_{qp} \right)$$

- 2 **Goal:** Find a matrix \mathbf{H} such that the K -variate function $\Psi_x(\mathbf{u})$ decomposes into a sum of P univariate functions $\psi_p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Psi_{s_p}$.
- 3 **Idea:** Fit both sides on a grid of values $\mathbf{u}[\ell] \in \mathcal{G}$

Equations derived from the CAF

- Assumption: functions $\psi_p, 1 \leq p \leq P$ admit finite derivatives up to order r in a neighborhood of the origin, containing \mathcal{G} .
- Then, Taking $r = 3$ as a working example:

$$\frac{\partial^3 \Psi_x}{\partial u_i \partial u_j \partial u_k}(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{p=1}^P H_{ip} H_{jp} H_{kp} \psi_p^{(3)} \left(\sum_{q=1}^K u_q H_{qp} \right)$$

- If $L > 1$ point in grid \mathcal{G} , then yields another mode in tensor

Putting the problem in tensor form

- A decomposition into a sum of rank-1 terms:

$$T_{ijkl} = \sum_p H_{ip} H_{jp} H_{kp} B_{lp}$$

or equivalently

$$\mathbf{T} = \sum_p \mathbf{h}(p) \otimes \mathbf{h}(p) \otimes \mathbf{h}(p) \otimes \mathbf{b}(p)$$

- Tensor \mathbf{T} is $K \times K \times K \times L$, symmetric in all modes except the last.

Joint use of different derivative orders

Example

- Derivatives of order 3:

$$T_{ijk\ell}^{(3)} = \sum_p H_{ip} H_{jp} H_{kp} B_{lp}$$

- Derivatives of order 4:

$$T_{ijkml}^{(4)} = \sum_p H_{ip} H_{jp} H_{kp} H_{mp} C_{lp}$$

- Derivatives of orders 3 and 4:

$$T_{ijk\ell}[m] = \sum_p H_{ip} H_{jp} H_{kp} D_{lp}[m]$$

with $D_{lp}[m] = H_{mp} C_{lp}$ and $D_{lp}[0] = B_{lp}$.

Problem P13

- Results for tensors enjoying partial symmetries
- e.g., symmetric in the 3 first modes and not not in others
- e.g. tensors with symmetries in some modes and Hermitean symmetries in others
- Generic/typical ranks?
- Existence/well-posedness?
- Uniqueness?



Problem P18

What is best to do when *several* symmetric tensors, possibly of different orders, are supposed to be decomposed with *same* matrix \mathbf{H} ?



Iterative algorithms

Many practitioners execute more or less brute force minimizations of $\|\mathbf{T} - \sum_{p=1}^r \mathbf{u}_p \otimes \mathbf{v}_p \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{w}_p\|^2$

- Gradient with fixed or variable (ad-hoc) stepsize
- Alternate Least Squares (ALS)
- Levenberg-Marquardt
- Newton
- Conjugate gradient
- ...

Remarks

- Hessian is generally huge, but sparse
- Problem of *local minima*: ELS variants for all of the above

What we have seen so far

- In dimension 2, we are able to handle decompositions of symmetric tensors algebraically
- Suitable to extend this to higher dimensions (now partly done for sub-generic cases)
- Work remains for generic case or above
- A lot to do for unsymmetric tensors
- Problem of tensors enjoying some symmetries
- Collection of tensors sharing common terms is their decompositions

Summary of the lectures

- We want to know when the decomposition of a tensor is unique
- In the latter cases, we want to be able to compute the decomposition
- We have suboptimal ways of doing it in some cases