

**Implicit balancing in penalized  
low-rank approximations**  
with a short introduction to constrained  
tensor decompositions

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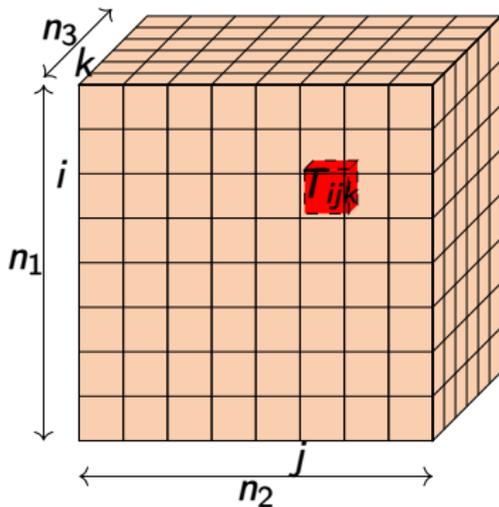
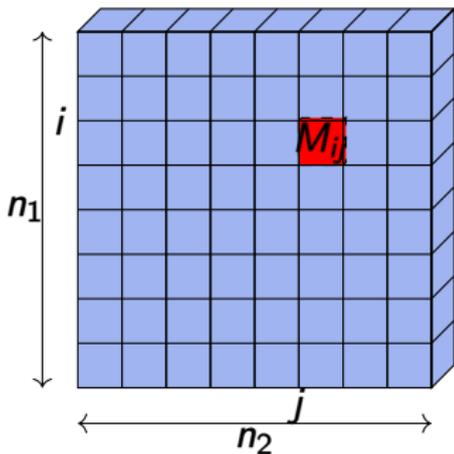
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# Matrices/Tensors as multiway arrays

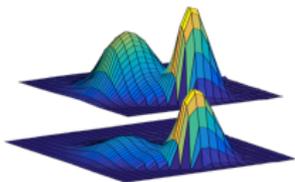
Let  $\mathcal{T}$  a tensor in  $\mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_d}$

modes: indices of the tensor from 1 to  $d$ . e.g.  $i$  is the first mode index.

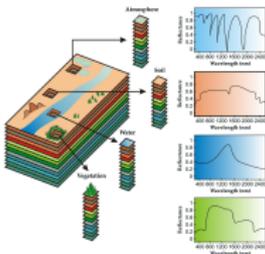
order:  $d$ . e.g. the tensor below is a third order tensor.



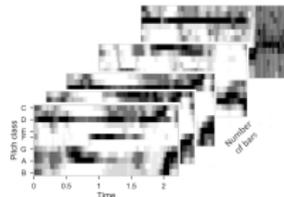
# Examples of tensors in data science



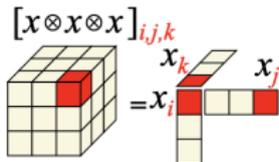
**Tensor as Raw Data**  
Excitation Emission Matrices



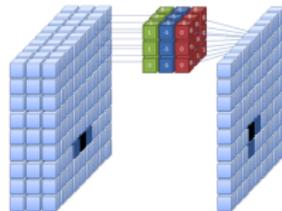
**Tensor as Raw Data**  
Hyperspectral Images  
[courtesy of J Chanussot]



**Tensor as Processed Data**  
Tensor spectrogram



**Tensor as Data Properties**  
Data Moments



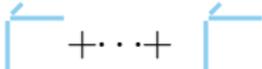
**Tensor as Model Parameters**  
Convolutional Neural Networks  
[figure from commons.wikimedia.org]

# Tensors and dimensionality reduction

Number of parameters:



$\mathcal{O}(n^d)$



$\mathcal{O}(dnr)$



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



$\mathcal{O}(dnr^2)$

with  $r$  the number of components.

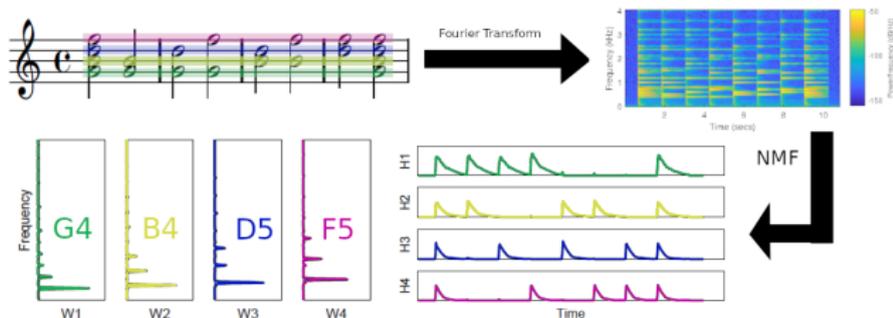
## Inverse Problems

- ▶ Matrix-Tensor completion
- ▶ Blind Source separation
- ▶ Denoising, deconvolution
- ▶ Phase retrieval
- ▶ ...

## Compression, Low Complexity

- ▶ Data mining
- ▶ Neural Networks
- ▶ Partial Differential Equations
- ▶ ...

# Interpretability and constraints



Constraints help with interpretation by

- ▶ enhancing uniqueness.
- ▶ improving the quality of the solution.
- ▶ sometimes, making the optimization problem easier.

Examples: Nonnegative Matrix/Tucker Factorization,  
(Convolutional) Dictionary Learning, Principal Component  
Analysis. . .

# Challenges for regularized tensor decompositions

Regularized Canonical Polyadic Decomposition (CPD):

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i \times r}} \left\| \mathcal{T} - \sum_{q=1}^r A[:, q] B[:, q] C[:, q] \right\|_F^2 + g_A(A) + g_B(B) + g_C(C)$$

- ▶ nonsmooth
- ▶ nonconvex

Nonnegative CPD  $g_A = g_B = g_C = \eta_{\mathbb{R}_+}$

Sparse CPD  $g_A = g_B = g_C = \|\cdot\|_1$

## Challenges

- ▶ Numerical Optimization
- ▶ Efficient implementations
- ▶ Identifiability properties
- ▶ Multimodality

# Program of the Minisymposium

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## 1. Wednesday 13:20

**Jeremy Cohen** (Implicit balancing in penalized LRA)

**Jamie Haddock** (Hierarchical and neural tensor factorizations)

**Derek DeSantis** (Nonnegative canonical tensor decompositions with linear constraints: nnCANDELINC)

**Clémence Prévost** (Joint Data Fusion and Blind Unmixing using Nonnegative Tensor Decomposition)

## 2. Wednesday 15:30

**Nico Vervliet** (A quadratically convergent proximal algorithm for nonnegative tensor decomposition)

**Carla Schenker** (PARAFAC2-based coupled matrix and tensor factorization with constraints)

**Daniel Dunlavy** (Constrained Tucker Decompositions and Conservation Principles for Direct Numerical Simulation Data Compression)

**Rafal Zdunek** (Incremental Nonnegative Tucker Decomposition with Block-coordinate Descent and Recursive Approaches)

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## 3. Friday 10:40

**Koby Hayashi** (Speeding up Nonnegative Low-rank Approximations with Parallelism and Randomization)

**Neriman Tockan** (A probabilistic nonnegative tensor factorization method for tumor microenvironment analysis)

**Ruhui Jin** (Scalable symmetric Tucker tensor decomposition)

**Izabel Aguiar** (A tensor factorization model of multilayer network interdependence)

Discuss with other participants, onsite and online! Ask questions!

# Implicit balancing in penalized low-rank approximations

# Implicit regularization in matrix LRA

Let  $M$  some data matrix, and  $r$  a factorization rank.

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{W, H \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times r}} \|M - WH^T\|_F^2 + \lambda \left( \|W\|_F^2 + \|H\|_F^2 \right)$$

has balanced solutions  $\|W^*[:, q]\|_2 = \|H^*[:, q]\|_2$ . Its solutions are equivalent up to scaling to the solutions of

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\operatorname{rank}(L_q)=1} \|M - \sum_{q \leq r} L_q\|_F^2 + \alpha \sum_{q \leq r} \|L_q\|_F$$

for some  $\alpha > 0$ , which is a modified Group-LASSO [Srebro 2008]. Remarkably, this can be reformulated as

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{L \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}, \operatorname{rank}(L) \leq r} \|M - L\|_F^2 + \alpha \|L\|_*$$

**Ridge penalties induce low-rank regularizations!**

Also mentioned in [Uschmajew 2012] for CPD.

# Penalized CPD framework

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i \times r}} \|T - \llbracket A, B, C \rrbracket\|_F^2 + \sum_{q=1}^r g_A(A[:, q]) + g_B(B[:, q]) + g_C(C[:, q])$$

where  $g$  are homogeneous functions of degree  $p_A, p_B, p_C$ .

## Observation

Since the CPD is scale invariant, solutions must minimize the scale of the regularization terms!

For the  $q$ -th set of columns and fixed estimates  $A, B, C$ , the optimal scaling may be computed as

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda_A \lambda_B \lambda_C = 1} \lambda_A^{p_A} g_A(A[:, q]) + \lambda_B^{p_B} g_B(B[:, q]) + \lambda_C^{p_C} g_C(C[:, q])$$

## A little trick about means

Balancing occurs because of these two equivalent phenomena:

$$\min_{a \geq 0, b \geq 0} a + b \text{ such that } ab = p \quad (1)$$

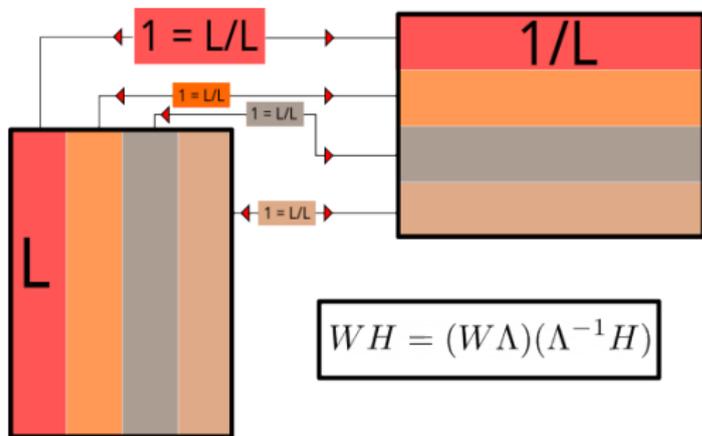
for a given  $p \geq 0$  has solution  $a = b = \sqrt{p}$ .

$$\max_{a \geq 0, b \geq 0} ab \text{ such that } a + b = s \quad (2)$$

for a given  $s \geq 0$  has solution  $a = b = \frac{s}{2}$ .

We can compute the optimal scaling in closed form easily!

# Regularization and scale invariance



Scale invariance has an implicit balancing effect!

$$\forall q \leq r, \|W^*[:, q]\| \propto \|H^*[:, q]\|$$

# Some equivalent reformulations

Explicit Reg.	Invariance	Implicit Reg
$\ell_2(W)^2 + \ell_2(H)^2$	col. scale, rotation	$\ \sum_q L_q\ _*$ or $\sum_q \ L_q\ _F$
$\ell_p(W)$	col. scale	ill-posed
$\ell_1(W) + \ell_1(H)$	col. scale	$\sum_q \sqrt{\ L_q\ _1}$
$\ell_1(W)^2 + \ell_1(H)^2$	scale	$\ W \otimes H\ _1^2$
$\sum_q \ell_1(W[:, q])^2 + \ell_1(H[:, q])^2$	col. scale	$\ L\ _1$
$\ell_1(W) + \ell_2(H)^2$	col. scale	$\sum_q (\ W[:, q]\ _1 \ H[:, q]\ _2^2)^{2/3}$
$\ell_1(W) + \sum_j \ell_2(H[:, q])$	col. scale	$\sum_q \left( \sum_j \ L_q[j, :]\ _2 \right)^{1/4}$
$\sum_q \ell_1(W[:, q])^2 + \ell_2(H)^2$	col. scale	$\sum_q \sum_j \ L_q[j, :]\ _2$

Table:  $L_q = W[:, q]H[:, q]^T$

# Using rescaling in an optimization algorithm

Penalized LRA models may converge slowly to a local minimum because the regularization terms are flat!

## Idea

Explicitly normalize the columns of the factors to minimize the penalization terms with respect to scaling.

The normalization formula for  $A$  with fixed  $B, C$ :

$$A[:, q]^* = \left( \frac{\beta}{p_{AGA}(A[:, q])} \right)^{1/p_A} A[:, q]$$

with  $\beta$  some known constant of  $A, B, C$ .

# Experiment setup

Comparing HALS (alternating algorithm) for nonnegative CPD (nnCPD) with/without scaling at each outer iteration.

## Model 1: Frobenius-regularized nnCPD

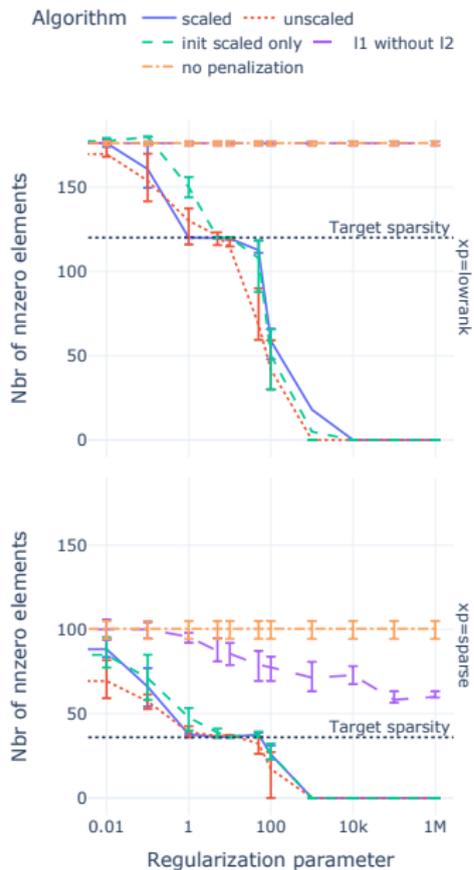
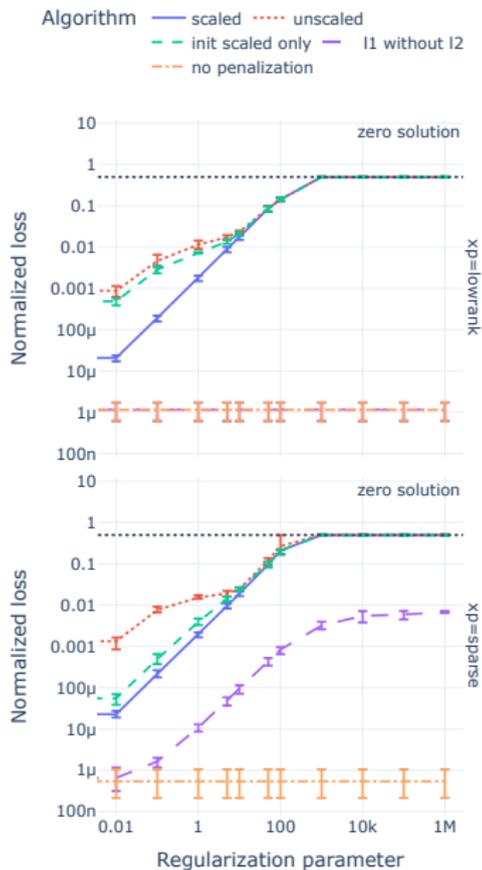
$$\operatorname{argmin}_{A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n_i \times r}} \|\mathcal{T} - \llbracket A, B, C \rrbracket\|_F^2 + \lambda \left( \|A\|_F^2 + \|B\|_F^2 + \|C\|_F^2 \right)$$

## Model 2: nnCPD with sparse factor A

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n_i \times r}} \|\mathcal{T} - \llbracket A, B, C \rrbracket\|_F^2 + \lambda \left( \|A\|_1 + \|B\|_F^2 + \|C\|_F^2 \right)$$

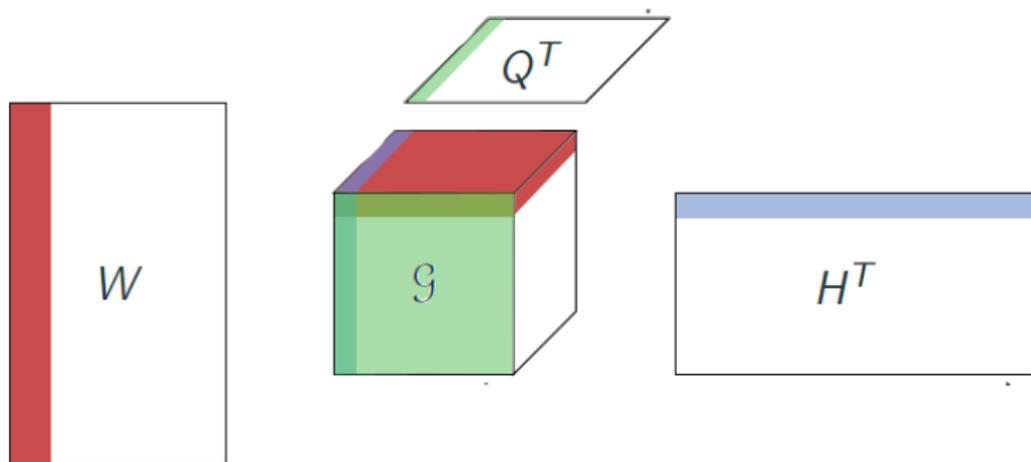
Settings:  $n_i = 30$ ,  $r = 4$ ,  $\hat{r} = 6$ , Uniform factors, 30% sparsity for  $\ell_1$ , scaled init, grid on  $\lambda$ . **30 outer iterations** (early stop).

# Explicit normalization effect in tensor decomposition



# Work in Progress: Tucker decomposition

Adaptation for Tucker decomposition: Tensor Sinkhorn algorithm!



# Conclusions

- ▶ Constrained Tensor factorization models are unsupervised learning techniques with interpretable outputs.
- ▶ Many practical and theoretical problems remain regarding optimization algorithms.
- ▶ I discussed the effect of scale invariance on regularized factorization problems.

Paper in progress, \*French\* version available for now.

Thank you for your attention!



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Algorithm — scaled — unscaled  
— init scaled only — l1 without l2  
— no penalization

