

PRACTICAL ALTERNATING LEAST SQUARES FOR TENSOR RING DECOMPOSITION¹

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A TENSOR IS AN MULTI-WAY ARRAY

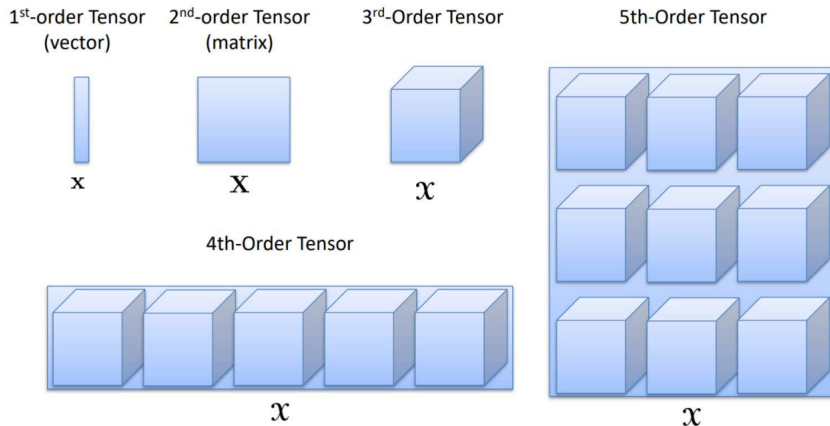
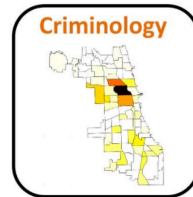
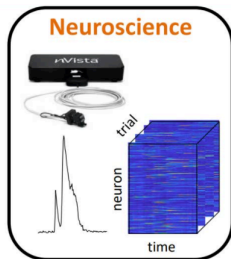
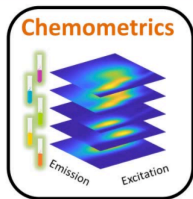


Figure: Graphical representation of multiway array (tensor) data.

TENSORS COME FROM MANY APPLICATIONS

TENSOR DECOMPOSITION FINDS PATTERNS IN MASSIVE DATA (UNSUPERVISED LEARNING)



- **Chemometrics:** Emission x Excitation x Samples (Fluorescence Spectroscopy)
- **Neuroscience:** Neuron x Time x Trial
- **Criminology:** Day x Hour x Location x Crime (Chicago Crime Reports)
- **Machine Learning:** Multivariate Gaussian Mixture Models Higher-Order Moments
- **Transportation:** Pickup x Dropoff x Time (Taxis)
- **Sports:** Player x Statistic x Season (Basketball)
- **Cyber-Traffic:** IP x IP x Port x Time
- **Social Network:** Person x Person x Time x Interaction-Type
- **Signal Processing:** Sensor x Frequency x Time
- **Trending Co-occurrence:** Term A x Term B x Time

SOME POPULAR TENSOR DECOMPOSITIONS

- CANDECOMP/PARAFAC (CP) decomposition.
 - The CP tensor decomposition aims to approximate an N th-order tensor as a sum of R rank-one tensors;
 - $\mathcal{X} \approx \tilde{\mathcal{X}} = \sum_{r=1}^R \mathbf{a}_r^{(1)} \circ \mathbf{a}_r^{(2)} \circ \dots \circ \mathbf{a}_r^{(N)} = [[\mathbf{A}^{(1)}, \mathbf{A}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{(N)}]]$;
 - $\mathcal{O}(NIR)$ parameters: is linear to the tensor order N .
- Tucker decomposition
 - The Tucker decomposition decomposes a tensor into a core tensor multiplied (or transformed) by a matrix along each mode;
 - $\mathcal{X} \approx \tilde{\mathcal{X}} = \mathcal{G} \times_1 \mathbf{A}^{(1)} \dots \times_N \mathbf{A}^{(N)} = [[\mathcal{G}; \mathbf{A}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{(N)}]]$;
 - $\mathcal{O}(NIR + R^N)$ parameters: is exponential to the tensor order N .
- Tensor train (TT) decomposition
 - The TT decomposition decomposes a tensor into two matrices and $N - 2$ core tensors by contracting auxiliary indices;
 - $\mathcal{X} \approx \tilde{\mathcal{X}} = \mathbf{G}_1 \times^1 \mathcal{G}_2 \times^1 \dots \times^1 \mathbf{G}_N = [[\mathbf{G}^{(1)}, \mathcal{G}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{G}^{(N)}]]$;
 - $\mathcal{O}((N - 2)IR^2 + 2IR)$ parameters: is linear to the tensor order N .

THESE POPULAR TENSOR DECOMPOSITIONS HAVE SOME LIMITATIONS AND TENSOR RING (TR) DECOMPOSITION CAN OVERCOME THEM.

■ Limitations

- CP Its optimization problem is difficult; it is difficult to find the optimal solution and CP-rank (NP-hard);
- Tucker Its number of parameters is exponential to tensor order. (Curse of Dimensionality)
 - TT
 - The constraint on TT-ranks, i.e., $R_1 = R_{N+1} = 1$, leads to the limited representation ability and flexibility;
 - TT-ranks always have a fixed pattern, i.e., **smaller for the border cores and larger for the middle cores**, which might not be the optimum for specific data tensor;
 - The multilinear products of cores in TT decomposition **must follow a strict order** such that the optimized TT cores highly depend on the permutation of tensor dimensions. Hence, **finding the optimal permutation** remains a challenging problem.
 - **TR decomposition**: $\mathcal{X} \approx \tilde{\mathcal{X}} = \text{Trace}(\mathbf{G}_1 \times^1 \mathbf{G}_2 \times^1 \dots \times^1 \mathbf{G}_N)$. ($\mathcal{O}(NIR^2)$ parameters: is linear to the tensor order N)
 - Advantages: more generalized/ powerful representation; more flexible; **circular dimensional permutation invariance**; TR-ranks are usually smaller than TT-ranks.

SOME ALGORITHMS FOR TENSOR RING (TR) DECOMPOSITION

- TR-SVD and TR-ALS [Zha+16]².
- Randomized algorithms
 - Randomized SVD [Ahm+20]³;
 - Randomized sampling [MB21]⁴, [Mal22]⁵;
 - Randomized projection [YL24]⁶;
 - Others[Yua+19]⁷;
- Etc.

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⁴Osman Asif Malik and Stephen Becker. “A Sampling-Based Method for Tensor Ring Decomposition”. In: *Proceedings of the 38th International Conference on Machine Learning*. Vol. 139. Virtual Event: PMLR, 2021, pp. 7400–7411.

⁵Osman Asif Malik. “More Efficient Sampling for Tensor Decomposition With Worst-Case Guarantees”. In: *Proceedings of the 39th International Conference on Machine Learning*. Vol. 162. Virtual Event: PMLR, 2022, pp. 14887–14917.

⁶Yajie Yu and Hanyu Li. “Practical sketching-based randomized tensor ring decomposition”. In: *Numer. Linear Algebra Appl.* (2024), e2548. doi: 10.1002/nla.2548.

⁷Longhao Yuan et al. “Randomized Tensor Ring Decomposition and Its Application to Large-Scale Data Reconstruction”. In: *ICASSP 2019 - 2019 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*. Brighton Conference Centre Brighton, U.K.: IEEE, 2019, pp. 2127–2131.

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2 Proposed Method

- TR-ALS Based on Normal Equation
- TR-ALS Based on QR Factorization
- TR-ALS Based on QR Factorization and Normal Equation

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SOME MOTIVATIONS OF OUR ALGORITHMS

- LS solution
 - Via normal equations;
 - Via QR factorization.
- Some techniques in CP

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{A}_n} \|\mathbf{Z}^{(n)} \mathbf{A}_n^\top - \mathbf{X}_{(n)}^\top\|_F,$$

where $\mathbf{Z}^{(n)} = \mathbf{A}_N \odot \cdots \odot \mathbf{A}_{n+1} \odot \mathbf{A}_{n-1} \odot \cdots \odot \mathbf{A}_1$

- Normal equations + property of KR product [KB09];

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_{(n)} \mathbf{Z}^{(n)} &= \mathbf{A}_n \left((\mathbf{Z}^{(n)})^\top \mathbf{Z}^{(n)} \right) \\ &= \mathbf{A}_n \left((\mathbf{A}_N^\top \mathbf{A}_N) \circledast \cdots \circledast (\mathbf{A}_{n+1}^\top \mathbf{A}_{n+1}) \circledast \cdots \circledast (\mathbf{A}_1^\top \mathbf{A}_1) \right) \end{aligned}$$

- QR factorization + property of KR product [Min+23];

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Z}^{(n)} &= \mathbf{Q}_N \mathbf{R}_N \cdots \odot \mathbf{Q}_{n+1} \mathbf{R}_{n+1} \odot \mathbf{Q}_{n-1} \mathbf{R}_{n-1} \cdots \odot \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{R}_1 \\ &= (\mathbf{Q}_N \cdots \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{n+1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{n-1} \cdots \otimes \mathbf{Q}_1) \underbrace{(\mathbf{R}_N \cdots \odot \mathbf{R}_{n+1} \odot \mathbf{R}_{n-1} \cdots \odot \mathbf{R}_1)}_{\mathbf{V}_n = \mathbf{Q}_0 \mathbf{R}_0} \\ &= \underbrace{(\mathbf{Q}_N \cdots \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{n+1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{n-1} \cdots \otimes \mathbf{Q}_1)}_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}_0 \underbrace{\mathbf{R}_0}_{\mathbf{R}} \end{aligned}$$

WRITE THE COEFFICIENT MATRIX EXPLICITLY WITH SUBCHAIN PRODUCT

- TR-ALS:

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{G}_{n(2)}} \|\mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n} \mathbf{G}_{n(2)}^{\top} - \mathbf{X}_{[n]}^{\top}\|_F$$

- The normal equation:

$$\mathbf{X}_{[n]} \mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n} = \mathbf{G}_{n(2)} \left((\mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n})^{\top} \mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n} \right).$$

Definition 2.1 (Subchain Product [YL24])

Let $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times J_1 \times K}$ and $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times J_2 \times I_2}$ be two 3rd-order tensors, and $\mathbf{A}(j_1)$ and $\mathbf{B}(j_2)$ be the j_1 -th and j_2 -th lateral slices of \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} , respectively. The mode-2 **subchain product** of \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} is a tensor of size $I_1 \times J_1 J_2 \times I_2$ denoted by $\mathcal{A} \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{B}$ and defined as

$$(\mathcal{A} \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{B})(\overline{j_1 j_2}) = \mathbf{A}(j_1) \mathbf{B}(j_2).$$

The mode-1 and mode-3 subchain products can be defined similarly.

$$\mathcal{G}^{\neq n} = \mathcal{G}_{n+1} \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_N \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_1 \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_{n-1}.$$

DEVELOP THE PROPERTY OF SUBCHAIN PRODUCT I

Definition 2.2 (Outer Product)

For $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \cdots \times I_N}$ and $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{J_1 \times \cdots \times J_M}$, their **outer product** is a tensor of size $I_1 \times \cdots \times I_N \times J_1 \times \cdots \times J_M$ denoted by $\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B}$ and defined element-wise via

$$(\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B})(i_1, \dots, i_N, j_1, \dots, j_M) = \mathcal{A}(i_1, \dots, i_N) \mathcal{B}(j_1, \dots, j_M).$$

Definition 2.3 (General Contracted Tensor Product)

For $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times J \times R_1 \times K}$ and $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{J \times I_2 \times K \times R_2}$, their **general contracted tensor product** is a 4th-order tensor of size $I_1 \times I_2 \times R_1 \times R_2$ defined as

$$(\mathcal{A} \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \mathcal{B})(i_1, i_2, r_1, r_2) = \sum_{j,k} \mathcal{A}(i_1, j, r_1, k) \mathcal{B}(j, i_2, k, r_2).$$

DEVELOP THE PROPERTY OF SUBCHAIN PRODUCT II

Proposition 2.4 (Main)

Let $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times J \times K_1}$, $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{K_1 \times R \times L_1}$, $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_2 \times J \times K_2}$ and $\mathcal{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{K_2 \times R \times L_2}$ be 3rd-order tensors. Then

$$(\mathcal{A} \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{B})_{[2]}^\top (\mathcal{C} \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{D})_{[2]} = \left(\left(\sum_{r=1}^R \mathcal{B}(r)^\top \circ \mathcal{D}(r)^\top \right) \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \left(\sum_{j=1}^J \mathcal{A}(j)^\top \circ \mathcal{C}(j)^\top \right) \right)_{\langle 2 \rangle}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n})^\top \mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n} &= (\mathcal{G}_{n+1} \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_N \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_1 \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_{n-1})_{[2]}^\top \times \\ &\quad (\mathcal{G}_{n+1} \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_N \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_1 \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_{n-1})_{[2]} \\ &= \left(\mathcal{P}_{n-1} \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \cdots \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \mathcal{P}_1 \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \mathcal{P}_N \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \cdots \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \mathcal{P}_{n+1} \right)_{n \langle 2 \rangle}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{P}_j = \sum_{i_j=1}^{I_j} \mathbf{G}_j(i_j)^\top \circ \mathbf{G}_j(i_j)^\top$ for $j \neq n$.

Algorithm 1 TR-ALS-NE (Proposal)

Input: $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \dots \times I_N}$, TR-ranks R_1, \dots, R_N

Output: TR-cores $\{\mathcal{G}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{R_n \times I_n \times R_{n+1}}\}_{n=1}^N$

- 1: Initialize TR-cores $\mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_N$
 - 2: Compute $\mathcal{P}_1 = \sum_{i_1=1}^{I_1} \mathbf{G}_1(i_1)^\top \circ \mathbf{G}_1(i_1)^\top, \dots, \mathcal{P}_N = \sum_{i_N=1}^{I_N} \mathbf{G}_N(i_N)^\top \circ \mathbf{G}_N(i_N)^\top$
 - 3: **repeat**
 - 4: **for** $n = 1, \dots, N$ **do**
 - 5: $\mathcal{S}_n \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_{n-1} \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \dots \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \mathcal{P}_1 \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \mathcal{P}_N \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \dots \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \mathcal{P}_{n+1}$
 - 6: $\mathcal{G}^{\neq n} \leftarrow \mathcal{G}_{n+1} \boxtimes_2 \dots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_N \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_1 \boxtimes_2 \dots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_{n-1}$
 - 7: $\mathbf{M}_n \leftarrow \mathbf{X}_{[n]} \mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n}$ ▷ matricized-tensor times subchain product (MTTSP)
 - 8: Solve $\mathbf{G}_{n(2)} \mathcal{S}_{n<2>} = \mathbf{M}_n$ ▷ normal equation
 - 9: Recompute $\mathcal{P}_n = \sum_{i_n=1}^{I_n} \mathbf{G}_n(i_n)^\top \circ \mathbf{G}_n(i_n)^\top$ for the updated TR-core \mathcal{G}_n
 - 10: **end for**
 - 11: **until** termination criteria met
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MOTIVATION OF TR-ALS BASED ON QR FACTORIZATION

- The accuracy of the solutions of TR-ALS-NE depends on the square of the condition number. Thus, TR-ALS-NE can break down on matrices that are not particularly close to being numerically rank deficient.
- $\mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}_{[2]}$.
- $\|\mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n}\mathbf{G}_{n(2)}^{\top} - \mathbf{X}_{[n]}^{\top}\|_F = \|\mathbf{Q}^{\top}\mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n}\mathbf{G}_{n(2)}^{\top} - \mathbf{Q}^{\top}\mathbf{X}_{[n]}^{\top}\|_F = \|\mathbf{R}_{[2]}\mathbf{G}_{n(2)}^{\top} - \mathbf{W}_{[n]}^{\top}\|_F$.

REDEFINE THE QR FACTORIZATION FOR THE 3RD-ORDER TR-CORE TENSOR

IT IS EQUIVALENT TO THE QR FACTORIZATION OF THE MODE- n UNFOLDING OF THE TR-CORE

Definition 2.5 (Mode- n QR Factorization)

For $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times I_2 \times I_3}$, its **mode- n QR factorization** is defined as follows:

(1) If $I_n \geq \prod_{j \neq n} I_j$, $n = 1, 2, 3$,

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{R} \times_n \mathbf{Q}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3,$$

where $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_n \times \prod_{j \neq n} I_j}$ is an orthogonal matrix, and \mathcal{R} is a 3rd-order tensor whose mode- n unfolding matrix is a upper triangular matrix of size $\prod_{j \neq n} I_j \times \prod_{j \neq n} I_j$.

(2) If $I_n \leq \prod_{j \neq n} I_j$, $n = 1, 2, 3$,

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{R} \times_n \mathbf{Q}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3,$$

where $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_n \times I_n}$ is an orthogonal matrix, and \mathcal{R} is a 3rd-order tensor whose mode- n unfolding matrix is a upper triangular matrix of size $I_n \times \prod_{j \neq n} I_j$.

EFFICIENT QR FACTORIZATION OF THE COEFFICIENT MATRIX $\mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n}$

Proposition 2.6 ([YL24])

Let $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times J_1 \times K}$ and $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times J_2 \times I_2}$ be two 3rd-order tensors, and $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{R_1 \times J_1}$ and $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{R_2 \times J_2}$ be two matrices. Then

$$(\mathcal{A} \times_2 \mathbf{A}) \boxtimes_2 (\mathcal{B} \times_2 \mathbf{B}) = (\mathcal{A} \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{B}) \times_2 (\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{A}).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n} &= (\mathcal{G}_{n+1} \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_N \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_1 \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_{n-1})_{[2]} \\ &= ((\mathcal{R}_{n+1} \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_{n+1}) \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 (\mathcal{R}_N \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_N) \boxtimes_2 (\mathcal{R}_1 \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_1) \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 (\mathcal{R}_{n-1} \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_{n-1}))_{[2]} \\ &= \underbrace{((\mathcal{R}_{n+1} \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{R}_N \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{R}_1 \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{R}_{n-1})) \times_2 (\mathbf{Q}_{n-1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{Q}_1 \otimes \mathbf{Q}_N \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{n+1})}_{\mathbf{v}_n = \mathcal{R} \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_0} \\ &= ((\mathcal{R} \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_0) \times_2 (\mathbf{Q}_{n-1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{Q}_1 \otimes \mathbf{Q}_N \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{n+1}))_{[2]} \\ &= (\mathcal{R} \times_2 \underbrace{((\mathbf{Q}_{n-1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{Q}_1 \otimes \mathbf{Q}_N \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{n+1}) \mathbf{Q}_0)}_{\mathbf{Q}})_{[2]} \\ &= (\mathcal{R} \times_2 \mathbf{Q})_{[2]} \\ &= \mathbf{QR}_{[2]} \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm 2 TR-ALS-QR (Proposal)

Input: $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \cdots \times I_N}$, TR-ranks R_1, \dots, R_N

Output: TR-cores $\{\mathcal{G}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{R_n \times I_n \times R_{n+1}}\}_{n=1}^N$

- 1: Initialize TR-cores $\mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_N$
 - 2: Compute the mode-2 QR factorizations $\mathcal{R}_1 \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{R}_N \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_N$ of TR-cores
 - 3: **repeat**
 - 4: **for** $n = 1, \dots, N$ **do**
 - 5: $\mathcal{V}_n \leftarrow \mathcal{R}_{n+1} \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{R}_N \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{R}_1 \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{R}_{n-1}$
 - 6: Compute mode-2 QR factorization $\mathcal{V}_n = \mathcal{R} \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_0$
 - 7: $\mathcal{Y} \leftarrow \mathcal{X} \times_1 \mathbf{Q}_1^\top \times_2 \cdots \times_{n-1} \mathbf{Q}_{n-1}^\top \times_{n+1} \mathbf{Q}_{n+1}^\top \times_{n+2} \cdots \times_N \mathbf{Q}_N^\top$
 - 8: $\mathcal{W}_n \leftarrow \mathbf{Y}_{[n]} \mathbf{Q}_0$
 - 9: Solve $\mathbf{G}_{n(2)} \mathbf{R}_{[2]}^\top = \mathcal{W}_n$ by substitution
 - 10: Recompute the mode-2 QR factorization $\mathcal{R}_n \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_n$ for the updated TR-core \mathcal{G}_n
 - 11: **end for**
 - 12: **until** termination criteria met
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THE QR FACTORIZATION \mathcal{V}_n IS EXPENSIVE EVEN THOUGH IT IS A HIGHLY STRUCTURED SPARSE TENSOR

TR-ALS-QRNE: BALANCE THE COMPUTATIONAL EFFICIENCY AND NUMERICAL STABILITY

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{G}_{[2]}^{\neq n} &= (\mathcal{G}_{n+1} \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_N \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_1 \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{G}_{n-1})_{[2]} \\
 &= ((\mathcal{R}_{n+1} \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_{n+1}) \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 (\mathcal{R}_N \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_N) \boxtimes_2 (\mathcal{R}_1 \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_1) \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 (\mathcal{R}_{n-1} \times_2 \mathbf{Q}_{n-1}))_{[2]} \\
 &= \underbrace{((\mathcal{R}_{n+1} \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{R}_N \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{R}_1 \boxtimes_2 \cdots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{R}_{n-1}))}_{\mathcal{V}_n} \times_2 (\mathbf{Q}_{n-1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{Q}_1 \otimes \mathbf{Q}_N \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{n+1})_{[2]}
 \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm 3 TR-ALS-QRNE (Proposal)

Input: $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \dots \times I_N}$, TR-ranks R_1, \dots, R_N

Output: TR-cores $\{\mathcal{G}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{R_n \times I_n \times R_{n+1}}\}_{n=1}^N$

- 1: Initialize TR-cores $\mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_N$
- 2: Compute the mode-2 QR factorizations $\mathcal{R}_1 \times_2 \mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{R}_N \times_2 \mathcal{Q}_N$ of TR-cores
- 3: Compute $\mathcal{P}_1 = \sum_{i_1=1}^{I_1} \mathbf{R}_1(i_1)^\top \circ \mathbf{R}_1(i_1)^\top, \dots, \mathcal{P}_N = \sum_{i_N=1}^{I_N} \mathbf{R}_N(i_N)^\top \circ \mathbf{R}_N(i_N)^\top$
- 4: **repeat**
- 5: **for** $n = 1, \dots, N$ **do**
- 6: $\mathcal{S}_n \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_{n-1} \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \dots \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \mathcal{P}_1 \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \mathcal{P}_N \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \dots \times_{2,4}^{1,3} \mathcal{P}_{n+1}$
- 7: $\mathcal{V}_n \leftarrow \mathcal{R}_{n+1} \boxtimes_2 \dots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{R}_N \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{R}_1 \boxtimes_2 \dots \boxtimes_2 \mathcal{R}_{n-1}$
- 8: $\mathcal{Y} \leftarrow \mathcal{X} \times_1 \mathcal{Q}_1^\top \dots \times_{n-1} \mathcal{Q}_{n-1}^\top \times_{n+1} \mathcal{Q}_{n+1}^\top \dots \times_N \mathcal{Q}_N^\top$
- 9: $\mathbf{M}_n \leftarrow \mathbf{Y}_{[n]} \mathbf{V}_{n[2]}$
- 10: Solve $\mathbf{G}_{n(2)} \mathbf{S}_{n<2>} = \mathbf{M}_n$
- 11: Recompute the mode-2 QR factorization $\mathcal{R}_n \times_2 \mathcal{Q}_n$ for the updated TR-core \mathcal{G}_n
- 12: Recompute $\mathcal{P}_n = \sum_{i_n=1}^{I_n} \mathbf{R}_n(i_n)^\top \circ \mathbf{R}_n(i_n)^\top$ for the updated \mathcal{R}_n
- 13: **end for**
- 14: **until** termination criteria met

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- **Efficiency** of TR-ALS-NE
- **Stability** of TR-ALS-QR and TR-ALS-QRNE
- Performance on **Real Datasets**

4 Conclusions

DATA GENERATION

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}_{true} + \eta \left(\frac{\|\mathbf{X}_{true}\|_F}{\|\mathbf{N}\|_F} \right) \mathbf{N},$$

where $\mathbf{X}_{true} = \text{TR}(\{\mathcal{G}_n\}_{n=1}^N)$, the entries of $\mathbf{N} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times \dots \times I}$ are drawn from a standard normal distribution, and the parameter η is the amount of noise.

- `GENERATE_TENSOR`(I, R_{true}, η)

Each TR-core is generated by a random Gaussian tensor with entries drawn independently from a standard normal distribution.

- `GENERATE_COLLINEAR_TENSOR`($I, R_{true}, \eta, \gamma$)

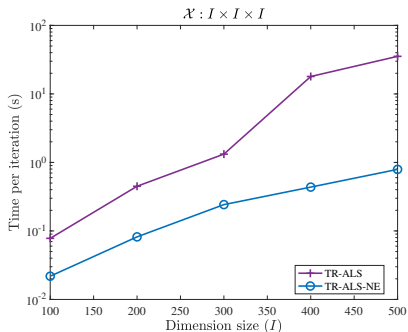
Using `MATRANDCONG`(I, R_{true}^2, γ) to generate the TR-cores, The parameter γ is used to control the congruence of matrices and hence the **collinearity** of TR-cores.

- `GENERATE_MULTIVARIATE_T-DISTRIBUTION_TENSOR`($I, R_{true}, \eta, \theta$)

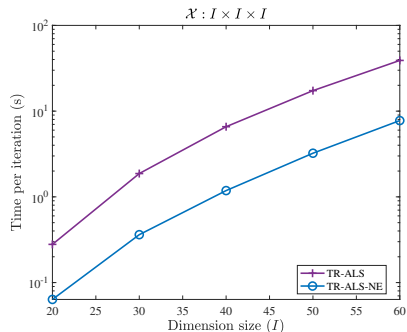
Using `MVTRND`(\mathbf{C}, d, I) to generate the TR-cores, where $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{R_{true} \times R_{true}}$ is a correlation matrix whose (i, j) -th element is equal to $\theta^{|i-j|}$ with θ describing the **correlation** level, and d is the degrees of freedom. We always set $d = 1$ in our specific experiment.

EFFICIENCY OF TR-ALS-NE: EXPERIMENT A-I

DATA: GENERATE_TENSOR($I, R_{true}, 0$)



(a) 3rd-order tensor, $R_{true} = R = 10$

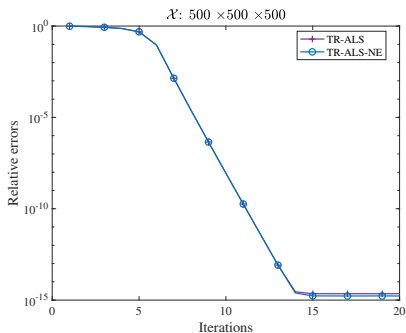


(b) 5th-order tensor, $R_{true} = R = 4$

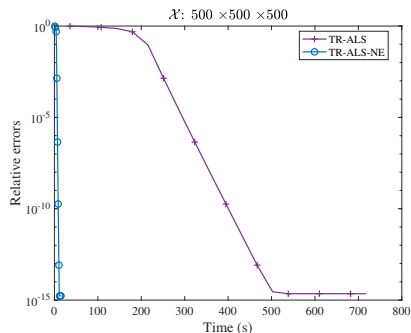
Figure: Mean time per iteration of TR-ALS and TR-ALS-NE for 3rd- and 5th-order tensors. Each dot represents the mean iteration time over 20 iterations (no checks for convergence).

EFFICIENCY OF TR-ALS-NE: EXPERIMENT A-II

DATA: GENERATE_TENSOR($I, R_{true}, 0$)



(a) Number of **iterations** v.s. Relative errors

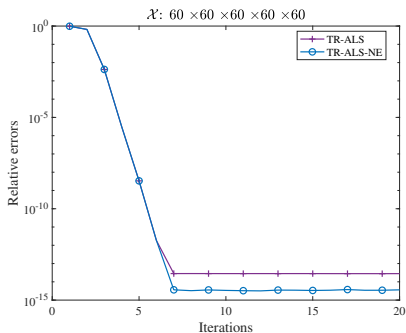


(b) **Time** v.s. Relative errors

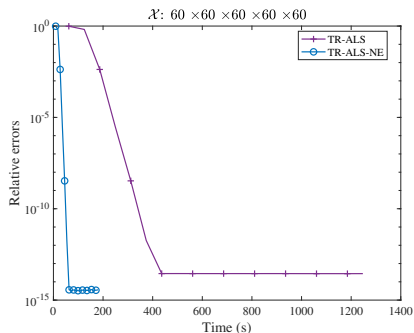
Figure: Results output by TR-ALS and TR-ALS-NE for $\mathcal{X} : 500 \times 500 \times 500$, $R_{true} = R = 10$.

EFFICIENCY OF TR-ALS-NE: EXPERIMENT A-II

DATA: GENERATE_TENSOR($I, R_{true}, 0$)



(a) Number of iterations v.s. Relative errors

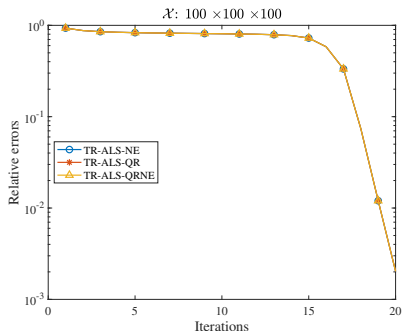


(b) Time v.s. Relative errors

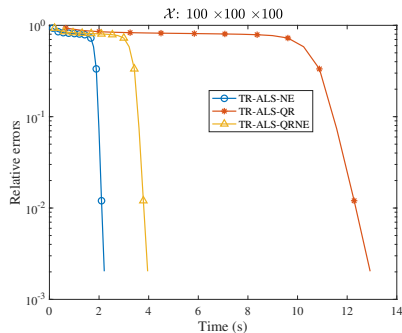
Figure: Results output by TR-ALS and TR-ALS-NE for $\mathcal{X} : 60 \times 60 \times 60 \times 60 \times 60$, $R_{true} = R = 5$.

STABILITY OF TR-ALS-QR AND TR-ALS-QRNE: EXPERIMENT B-I

DATA: GENERATE_TENSOR($I, R_{true}, 0$)



(a) Number of iterations v.s. Relative errors

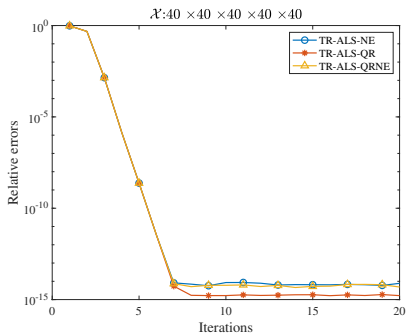


(b) Time v.s. Relative errors

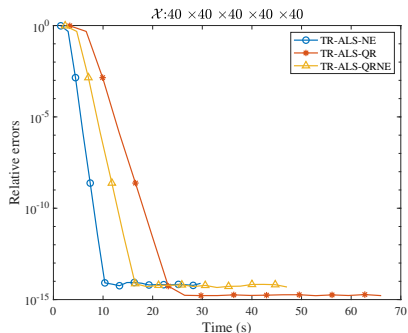
Figure: Results output by TR-ALS-NE, TR-ALS-QR and TR-ALS-QRNE for $\mathcal{X}: 100 \times 100 \times 100$, $R_{true} = R = 15$.

STABILITY OF TR-ALS-QR AND TR-ALS-QRNE: EXPERIMENT B-I

DATA: $\text{GENERATE_TENSOR}(I, R_{true}, 0)$



(a) Number of iterations v.s. Relative errors



(b) Time v.s. Relative errors

Figure: Results output by TR-ALS-NE, TR-ALS-QR and TR-ALS-QRNE for $\mathcal{X} : 40 \times 40 \times 40 \times 40 \times 40$, $R_{true} = R = 5$.

STABILITY OF TR-ALS-QR AND TR-ALS-QRNE: EXPERIMENT B-II

DATA: $\text{GENERATE_COLLINEAR_TENSOR}(I, R_{true}, \eta, \gamma)$

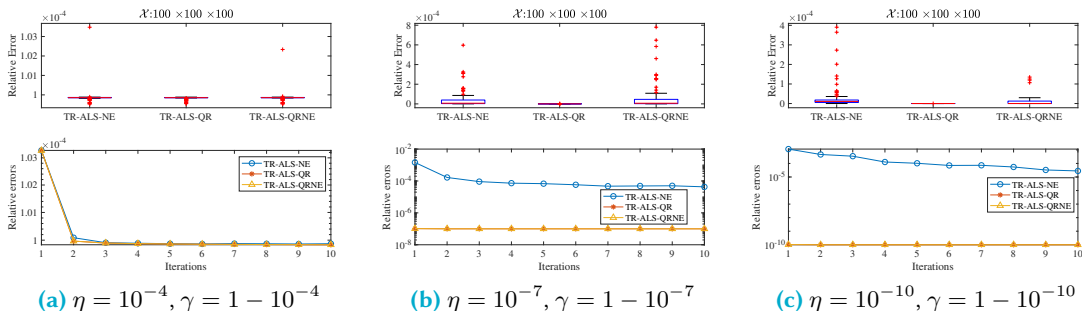


Figure: Boxplots and line chart of relative errors for TR-ALS-NE, TR-ALS-QR and TR-ALS-QRNE on a $100 \times 100 \times 100$ synthetic tensor of rank 5 with three different levels of **collinearity** for the true TR-cores and three different levels of **Gaussian noise** added. Each algorithm is run 100 trials.

STABILITY OF TR-ALS-QR AND TR-ALS-QRNE: EXPERIMENT B-III

DATA: GENERATE_MULTIVARIATE_T-DISTRIBUTION_TENSOR($I, R_{true}, \eta, \theta$)

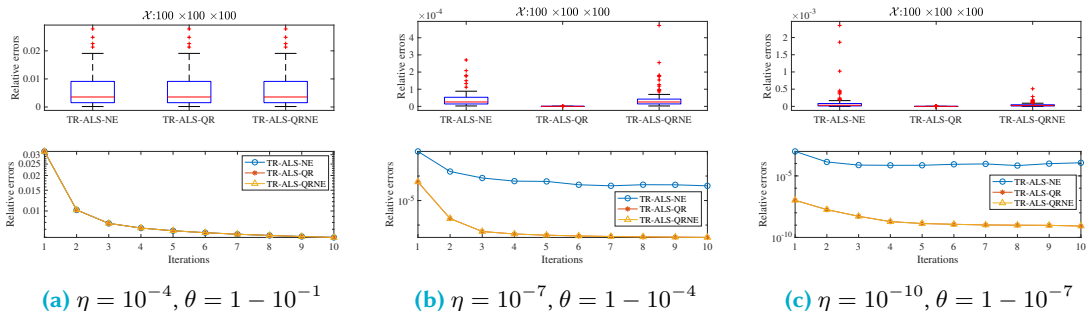


Figure: Boxplots and line chart of relative errors for TR-ALS-NE, TR-ALS-QR and TR-ALS-QRNE on a $100 \times 100 \times 100$ synthetic tensor of rank 5 with three different kinds of the correlation matrices for the true TR-cores and three different levels of Gaussian noise added. Each algorithm is run 100 trials.

REAL DATASETS

Table: Size and type of real datasets.

Dataset	Size	Type
DC Mall	$1280 \times 307 \times 191$	Hyperspectral image
Park Bench	$1080 \times 1920 \times 364$	Video
Tabby Cat	$720 \times 1280 \times 286$	Video

Table: Size of truncated and reshaped real datasets.

Dataset	Size
DC Mall (reshaped)	$32 \times 40 \times 18 \times 17 \times 10 \times 19$
Park Bench (reshaped)	$24 \times 45 \times 32 \times 60 \times 28 \times 13$
Tabby Cat (reshaped)	$16 \times 45 \times 32 \times 40 \times 13 \times 22$

PERFORMANCE

Table: Decompositions for real datasets with target rank $R = 3$.

Method	DC Mall		Park Bench		Tabby Cat	
	Error	Time (s)	Error	Time (s)	Error	Time (s)
TR-ALS	0.331	54.6	0.183	519.2	0.189	188.7
TR-ALS-NE	0.331	5.6	0.183	47.9	0.189	19.8
TR-ALS-QR	0.331	2.8	0.183	33.3	0.189	12.2
TR-ALS-QRNE	0.331	2.8	0.183	33.3	0.189	12.1

Table: Decompositions for real datasets with target rank $R = 3$.

Method	DC Mall (reshaped)		Park Bench (reshaped)		Tabby Cat (reshaped)	
	Error	Time (s)	Error	Time (s)	Error	Time (s)
TR-ALS	0.384	114.9	0.214	914.7	0.197	351.1
TR-ALS-NE	0.384	22.2	0.214	189.0	0.197	74.3
TR-ALS-QR	0.384	13.3	0.214	107.4	0.197	53.7
TR-ALS-QRNE	0.384	12.9	0.214	107.0	0.197	53.4

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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CONCLUSIONS

■ Conclusions

- We propose three efficient algorithms for TR decomposition by fully using its structure: TR-ALS-NE, TR-ALS-QR, and TR-ALS-QRNE
- We provide a property of the subchain product and the mode- n QR factorization of 3rd-order tensor.
- Numerical experiments are provided to test the proposed methods.

■ Future works

- MTTSP.
- Special tensors.
- Other tensor decompositions.

Thanks!

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