

# LOW RANK TENSOR DECONVOLUTION

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we propose a low-rank tensor deconvolution problem which seeks multiway replicative patterns and corresponding activating tensors of rank-1. An alternating least squares (ALS) algorithm has been derived for the model to sequentially update loading components and the patterns. In addition, together with a good initialisation method using tensor diagonalization, the update rules have been implemented with a low cost using fast inversion of block Toeplitz matrices as well as an efficient update strategy. Experiments show that the proposed model and the algorithm are promising in feature extraction and clustering.

**Index Terms**— tensor decomposition, tensor deconvolution, tensor diagonalization, CANDECOMP/PARAFAC

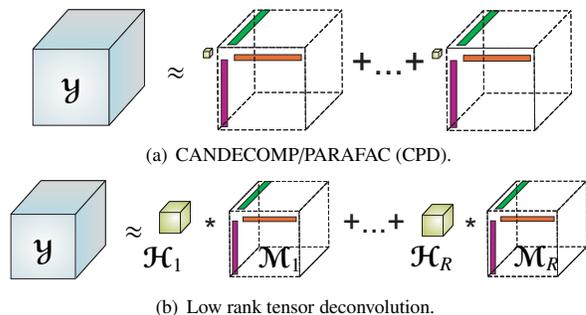
## 1. INTRODUCTION

Tensor decomposition especially the CANDECOMP/PARAFAC tensor decomposition (CPD) has found a wide range of applications in variety of areas such as in chemometrics, telecommunication, data mining, neuroscience, blind source separation [1–4]. One of important applications of CPD is to extract hidden loading components which can provide physical insight of the source data. In order to deal with shifting factors in sequential data such as time series or spectra data, Harshman et. al [5] proposed the shifted CPD. The model has been applied to inspecting neural activity [6]. FitzGerald et al. extended the shift model to nonnegative tensor factorisation and applied it to music separation [7]. Cemgil et al. [8] introduced a probabilistic framework for non-negative factor deconvolution for audio modeling. Some other existing shifting models have been considered in nonnegative matrix factorisation (NMF) such as the convolutive NMF [9–11], two way CNMF, or multichannel NMF [12, 13]. In this paper, we consider a novel tensor deconvolution problem whose major aim is to represent multiway data by replicative patterns and activating maps following a convolutive model, that is

$$\mathcal{Y} \approx \mathcal{H}_1 * \mathcal{M}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{H}_R * \mathcal{M}_R \quad (1)$$

where “\*” denotes the tensor convolution,  $\mathcal{Y}$  is of size  $I_1 \times I_2 \times I_3$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_r$  and  $\mathcal{M}_r$  are tensors of size  $J_{r1} \times J_{r2} \times J_{r3}$ , and  $K_{r1} \times K_{r2} \times K_{r3}$  with  $J_{rm} + K_{rm} - 1 = I_m$ ,  $1 \leq J_{rm} \leq I_m$ ,

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**Fig. 1.** (a) Illustration of CANDECOMP/PARAFAC (CPD) as a tool to extract rank-1 patterns from multiway data  $\mathcal{Y}$ , and (b) low rank tensor deconvolution which represents the data by small patches  $\mathcal{H}_r$  and maps  $\mathcal{M}_r$ , which are rank-1 tensors.

respectively. Although the roles of  $\mathcal{H}_r$  and  $\mathcal{M}_r$  are interchangeable because of commutativity of the convolution, we often consider patterns of relatively small sizes and  $K_n \geq J_n$ . More specifically, we consider a rank constrained model of (1) in which  $\mathcal{M}_r$  are rank-1 tensors, for  $r = 1, \dots, R$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{M}_r = \mathbf{a}_r \circ \mathbf{b}_r \circ \mathbf{c}_r$ , where  $\mathbf{a}_r \in \mathbb{R}^{K_{r1}}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_r \in \mathbb{R}^{K_{r2}}$  and  $\mathbf{c}_r \in \mathbb{R}^{K_{r3}}$  are vectors of unit length, and “ $\circ$ ” represents the outer product. The low rank tensor deconvolution in (1) is rewritten as

$$\mathcal{Y} \approx \mathcal{H}_1 * (\mathbf{a}_1 \circ \mathbf{b}_1 \circ \mathbf{c}_1) + \dots + \mathcal{H}_R * (\mathbf{a}_R \circ \mathbf{b}_R \circ \mathbf{c}_R) \quad (2)$$

and illustrated in Fig. 1.

When data is a matrix, i.e.,  $I_3 = 1$ , the tensor deconvolution becomes rank-1 blind matrix deconvolution proposed in [14]. In a particular case, when patterns  $\mathcal{H}_r$  all are scalar, i.e.,  $J_{r1} = J_{r2} = J_{r3} = 1$ , the tensor deconvolution with  $R$  patterns simplifies into the rank- $R$  CP tensor decomposition. In general cases, we will show that this tensor deconvolution can be expressed as the rank- $(J_1, J_2, J_3)$  block tensor decomposition [15] with Toeplitz factor matrices.

For simplicity, patterns  $\mathcal{H}_r$  are supposed to be the same size, i.e.,  $J_{r1} = J_1$ ,  $J_{r2} = J_2$  and  $J_{r3} = J_3$  for  $r = 1, \dots, R$ . It follows that loading components are also of the same length, i.e.,  $K_{r1} = K_1$ ,  $K_{r2} = K_2$ ,  $K_{r3} = K_3$  for  $r = 1, \dots, R$ . In the following section, we will derive an ALS algorithm which sequentially updates loading components  $\mathbf{a}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_r$  and the tensors  $\mathcal{H}_r$ . Application of the model is then demonstrated for feature extraction and clustering of the hand-written digits.



and  $\phi_j^{(r,s)}$  are defined in (11) and (12). Using the above expression, the update rule in (13) is rewritten as

$$\mathbf{a} \leftarrow \mathbf{P}_{K_1,R}^T \left( \mathbf{P}_{K_1,R} \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{P}_{K_1,R}^T \right)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{P}_{K_1,R} \mathbf{w} \right) = \mathbf{P}_{K_1,R}^T \left( \tilde{\mathbf{\Phi}}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{w}} \right). \quad (15)$$

This update rule requires a cost of  $\mathcal{O}(K_1^2 R^2)$  and needs only  $J_1$  matrices  $\mathbf{\Phi}_j$  of size  $R \times R$ , i.e.,  $J_1 R^2$  coefficients [16, 18].

In a particular case when  $J_1 = 1$ , the update rule (15) can be simplified into a simple form given as

$$[\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_R] \leftarrow [\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_R] \mathbf{Z}^{-1}, \quad (16)$$

where  $\mathbf{Z}$  is a matrix of size  $(R \times R)$  whose entries  $\mathbf{Z}(r, s)$  are given in (10). Loading components  $\mathbf{b}_r$  and  $\mathbf{c}_r$  are updated in the similar way.

## 2.2. Update of core tensors $\mathcal{H}_r$

In order to derive update rules for  $\mathcal{H}_r$ , we compute derivatives of the cost function in (5) with respect to  $\mathcal{H}_r$ . The derivatives are set to zero to obtain the following update rule

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{vec}(\mathcal{H}_1) \\ \vdots \\ \text{vec}(\mathcal{H}_R) \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Psi}_{1,1} & \dots & \mathbf{\Psi}_{1,R} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{\Psi}_{R,1} & \dots & \mathbf{\Psi}_{R,R} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \text{vec}(\mathcal{V}_1) \\ \vdots \\ \text{vec}(\mathcal{V}_R) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (17)$$

where  $\mathcal{V}_r = \mathcal{Y} \times_1 \mathbf{A}_r^T \times_2 \mathbf{B}_r^T \times_r \mathbf{C}_r^T$  are tensors of size  $J_1 \times J_2 \times J_3$ , and  $\mathbf{\Psi}_{r,s} = (\mathbf{C}_r^T \mathbf{C}_s) \otimes (\mathbf{B}_r^T \mathbf{B}_s) \otimes (\mathbf{A}_r^T \mathbf{A}_s)$ . The partitioned matrix  $\mathbf{\Psi} = [\mathbf{\Psi}_{r,s}]$  in (17) is of size  $R(J_1 J_2 J_3) \times R(J_1 J_2 J_3)$ . In practice, we often seek relatively small patterns  $\mathcal{H}_r$ , the inversion  $\mathbf{\Psi}^{-1}$  can be proceeded quickly.

## 2.3. Initialization and efficient implementation

For the noise-less case, we use the tensor diagonalization (TEDIA) [19] to seek for matrices which transform the data tensor  $\mathcal{Y}$  to be diagonal or block diagonal form. Loading components  $\mathbf{a}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_r$  and  $\mathbf{c}_r$  are then estimated using the Toeplitz matrix factorization [20]. For other cases, TEDIA is used to generate initial points for the deconvolution. The procedure is explained in more detail in the next section.

In update rules in (15) and (17), besides the cost due to solving linear systems, construction of vectors  $\mathbf{w}_r$  in (8) and tensors  $\mathcal{V}_r$  in (17) is expensive with a cost of  $\mathcal{O}(I_1 I_2 I_3 \min(J_2, J_3))$ . The computations are significantly time-consuming when the tensor sizes are large, because of large memory operations associated with tensor permutations [21]. Taking into account that the tensor product  $\mathcal{F}_r = \mathcal{Y} \times_2 \mathbf{B}_r^T \times_3 \mathbf{C}_r^T$  is the common part involving in construction of  $\mathcal{V}_r$  and  $\mathbf{w}_r$ . After updating  $\mathbf{a}_r$ , the tensors  $\mathcal{V}_r$  are computed quickly as  $\mathcal{V}_r = \mathcal{F}_r \times_1 \mathbf{A}_r$ . Therefore we suggest to update patterns  $\mathcal{H}_r$  after each update of loading components  $\mathbf{a}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_r$  and  $\mathbf{c}_r$ . The update order is as follows: update  $[\mathbf{a}_r]$ , update  $[\mathbf{H}_r]$ , update  $[\mathbf{b}_r]$ , update  $[\mathbf{H}_r]$ , update  $[\mathbf{c}_r]$ , update  $[\mathbf{H}_r]$ , and so on.

Finally, a direct evaluation of the cost function (5) as a stopping criterion can be the most expensive step. Since we complete each iteration by updating  $\mathcal{H}_r$  using (17), the cost value (5) is simply computed without construction of the approximate tensor to  $\mathcal{Y}$  as

**Table 1.** Clustering accuracy (%) using the low rank tensor deconvolution with rank  $R = 2$ . The values inside parentheses indicate the percentage of improvement of tensor deconvolution compared to the approach based on rank-2 CPD.

Digits	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	98.5	90.5 (4)	94.5 (2)	94.5 (3.5)	84.5	90 (3)	98 (9)	97.5 (3.5)	91 (1)
1	89.5 (39)	92.5 (40.5)	97.5 (5)	83 (6)	95	92.5 (15)	86.5 (33.5)	94.5 (23)	
2		89.5	92	84.5	91 (27)	89.5 (4.5)	72.5 (20.5)	87 (4.5)	
3			98 (9)	67 (3.5)	97 (5.5)	94 (4.5)	81 (28.5)	89.5 (5)	
4				87 (5)	91 (20.5)	93.5 (36.5)	95.5	67	
5					65 (1.5)	92.5 (10.5)	67.5 (8.5)	58.5	
6						94.5	96 (2)	96 (4)	
7							93.5 (23)	69 (17.5)	
8								78 (13)	

$$D = \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\mathcal{Y}\|_F^2 - \sum_{r=1}^R \text{vec}(\mathcal{V}_r)^T \text{vec}(\mathcal{H}_r) \right). \quad (18)$$

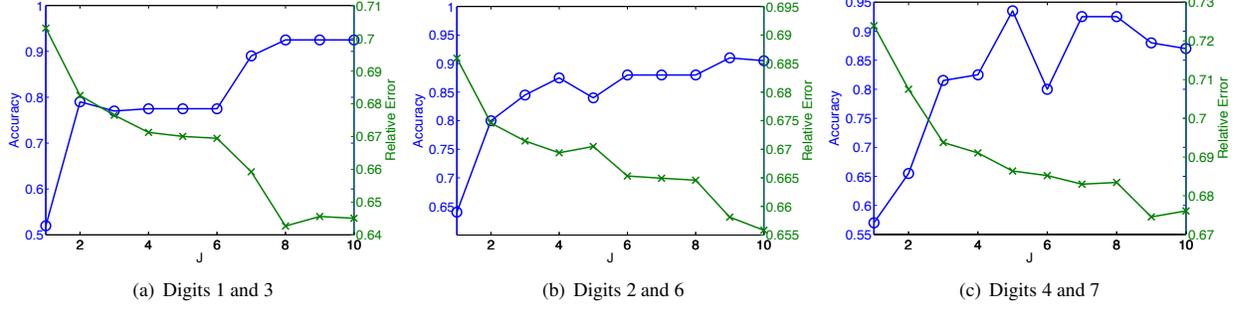
## 3. APPLICATIONS TO FEATURE EXTRACTION

This section introduces an application of tensor deconvolution to feature extraction. Assuming that slides  $\mathcal{Y}_k$  for  $k = 1, \dots, I_3$  represent samples of certain entity, e.g., two-dimensional images. Then the third loading components  $\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_R$  explain relation between  $I_3$  samples. In a particular case when  $J_3 = 1$ , i.e., patterns are matrices of size  $J_1 \times J_2$ , vectors  $\mathbf{c}_r$ , for  $r = 1, \dots, R$ , represent  $R$  feature vectors associated with  $R$  basis components  $\mathbf{H}_r * (\mathbf{a}_r \mathbf{b}_r^T) = \tau_{J_1}(\mathbf{a}_r) \mathbf{H}_r \tau_{J_2}(\mathbf{b}_r)^T$  of rank  $\min(J_1, J_2)$ , respectively. It is worth noting that CPD with rank- $R$  also yields  $R$  feature vectors. However, its  $R$  basis components are only of rank-1, and do not explain complex structure as those in the tensor deconvolution.

We illustrate the tensor deconvolution in clustering applications on the MNIST handwritten digits<sup>1</sup>. We took the first 100 images of size  $24 \times 24$  for each digit, and applied the tensor deconvolution to the data consisting of 200 images for each pair of digits, e.g., 0 and 1, 2 and 4. So far, there does not exist a method to determine the number of patterns, i.e.  $R$ , which is related to rank determination in the block tensor decomposition. However, one can select a suitable  $R$  by balancing the approximation error versus the number of parameters [3], or through a cross-validation technique. In this paper, the deconvolution estimated two common patterns  $\mathbf{H}_1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$  of size  $J \times J \times 1$ , where  $J$  varied in the range of  $[1, 10]$

$$\mathcal{Y} \approx \sum_{r=1}^R \mathbf{H}_r * (\mathbf{a}_r \circ \mathbf{b}_r \circ \mathbf{c}_r) = \sum_{r=1}^R (\mathbf{H}_r * (\mathbf{a}_r \circ \mathbf{b}_r)) \circ \mathbf{c}_r. \quad (19)$$

<sup>1</sup><http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/>



**Fig. 2.** Illustration of tensor deconvolution with two patterns of size  $J \times J \times 1$  for clustering of two digits 1 and 3, 2 and 6, 4 and 7. Relative approximation errors and clustering accuracies are obtained with pattern sizes  $J = 1, 2, \dots, 10$ .



(a) CPD with  $J = 1, R = 2$ .

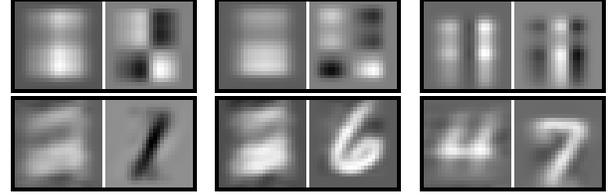


(b) Tensor deconvolution with  $J = 8$  and  $R = 2$

**Fig. 3.** Approximate images for two digits 1 and 3 using only two patterns when  $J = 1$  and  $J = 8$ .

Parameters were initialised using the TEDIA algorithm (including the Tucker compression [22,23]) for two-sided block-diagonalization of the compressed tensor of size  $RJ \times RJ \times 200$ . The two unconstrained factor matrices  $\mathbf{A}_r^{unc}$  and  $\mathbf{B}_r^{unc}$  obtained by TEDIA were then factorised to yield the Toeplitz matrices  $\tau_J(\mathbf{a}_r)$  and  $\tau_J(\mathbf{b}_r)$  [20]. The initial patterns  $\mathbf{H}_r$  were estimated such that they minimized the Frobenius norm  $\|\mathbf{Y} - \sum_{r=1}^R \mathcal{H}_r \times_1 \tau_J(\mathbf{a}_r) \times_2 \tau_J(\mathbf{b}_r)\|_F^2$ , with fixed  $\mathbf{a}_r$  and  $\mathbf{b}_r$ . Finally, we completed the initialisation by performing best rank-1 approximations to mode-3 matricization of  $\mathcal{H}_r$ , i.e., approximations  $\mathcal{H}_r \approx \mathbf{H}_r \circ \mathbf{c}_r$  for  $r = 1, \dots, R$ .

In Fig. 2, the relative approximation errors and clustering accuracies using K-means are illustrated as functions of size  $J$  for pairs 1 and 3, 2 and 6, 4 and 7. The results for CPD with rank-2 are shown with  $J = 1$ . For these selected pairs



(a) Digits 1 and 3 (b) Digits 2 and 6 (c) Digits 4 and 7

**Fig. 4.** Illustration of two basis images extracted for digits 1 and 3, 2 and 6, 4 and 7 using rank-2 CPD and tensor deconvolution with  $R = 2$  and  $J_1 = J_2 = J, J_3 = 1$ .

of digits, we did not achieve good clustering accuracies using two features extracted by CPD. However, as seen on Fig. 2, when  $J = 8, 9$  and  $10$  for digits 1 and 3, digits 2 and 6, and  $J = 5$  for digits 4 and 7, we obtained much better clustering accuracies ( $\geq 92.5\%$ ) using only two features estimated by the tensor deconvolution. The high performance of the tensor deconvolution can be explained by complex structure of basis images  $\mathbf{F}_r = \mathbf{H}_r * (\mathbf{a}_r \mathbf{b}_r^T)$  illustrated in Fig. 4. Basis images of rank-1 by CPD, i.e.,  $\mathbf{a}_r \mathbf{b}_r^T$ , do not express sufficient structure of digits. With the more complex basis images, tensor deconvolution achieved lower approximation errors, which are confirmed in both Fig. 2 and Fig. 3. It is clear that in Fig. 3, reconstructed digits 1 and 3 could not be distinguished by rank-2 CPD as compared with those by tensor deconvolution. The improvement was also observed in clustering of other digits as summarised in Table 1.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

The tensor deconvolution with rank-1 structures considered in this paper has shown advantage over the CP decomposition in providing complex structure basis patterns. The tensor deconvolution explains the data better than CPD, while keeping the same number of features  $R$ . With efficient implementation of update rules, initialisation and update strategy, our model and the proposed algorithm can be applied to feature extraction for other kinds of data. Matlab implementation is provided in the TENSORBOX package, and available online at: <http://www.bsp.brain.riken.jp/~phan/tensorbox.php>.

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