# CS 598 EVS: Tensor Computations 

Basics of Tensor Computations

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## Tensors

A tensor is a collection of elements

A few examples of tensors are

## Reshaping Tensors

Its often helpful to use alternative views of the same collection of elements

## Matrices and Tensors as Operators and Multilinear Forms

- What is a matrix?
- What is a tensor?


## Tensor Transposition

For tensors of order $\geqslant 3$, there is more than one way to transpose modes

## Tensor Symmetry

We say a tensor is symmetric if $\forall j, k \in\{1, \ldots, d\}$

A tensor is antisymmetric (skew-symmetric) if $\forall j, k \in\{1, \ldots, d\}$

A tensor is partially-symmetric if such index interchanges are restricted to be within disjoint subsets of $\{1, \ldots, d\}$, e.g., if the subsets for $d=4$ and $\{1,2\}$ and $\{3,4\}$, then

## Tensor Sparsity

We say a tensor $\mathcal{T}$ is diagonal if for some $\boldsymbol{v}$, If most of the tensor entries are
zeros, the tensor is sparse

## Tensor Products and Kronecker Products

Tensor products can be defined with respect to maps $f: V_{f} \rightarrow W_{f}$ and $g: V_{g} \rightarrow W_{g}$

Tensors can be used to represent multilinear maps and have a corresponding definition for a tensor product

The Kronecker product between two matrices $\boldsymbol{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m_{1} \times m_{2}}, \boldsymbol{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{1} \times n_{2}}$

## Tensor Contractions

A tensor contraction multiplies elements of two tensors and computes partial sums to produce a third, in a fashion expressible by pairing up modes of different tensors, defining einsum (term stems from Einstein's summation convention)

| tensor contraction | einsum | diagram |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| inner product |  |  |
| outer product |  |  |
| pointwise product |  |  |
| Hadamard product |  |  |
| matrix multiplication |  |  |
| batched mat.-mul. |  |  |
| tensor times matrix |  |  |

The terms 'contraction' and 'einsum' are also often used when more than two operands are involved

## General Tensor Contractions

Given tensor $\mathcal{U}$ of order $s+v$ and $\mathcal{V}$ of order $v+t$, a tensor contraction summing over $v$ modes can be written as

Unfolding the tensors reduces the tensor contraction to matrix multiplication

## Properties of Einsums

Given an elementwise expression containing a product of tensors, the operands commute

A contraction can be succinctly described by a tensor diagram

## Matrix-style Notation for Tensor Contractions

The tensor times matrix contraction along the $m$ th mode of $\mathcal{U}$ to produce $\mathcal{V}$ is expressed as follows

The Khatri-Rao product of two matrices $\boldsymbol{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$ and $\boldsymbol{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ products $\boldsymbol{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{m n \times k}$ so that

## Identities with Kronecker and Khatri-Rao Products

- Matrix multiplication is distributive over the Kronecker product
- For the Khatri-Rao product a similar distributive identity is

Multilinear Tensor Operations
order N
Given an order $d$ tensor $\mathcal{T}$, define multilinear function $\boldsymbol{x}^{(1)}=\boldsymbol{f}^{\stackrel{(1)}{(\mathcal{T})}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(2)}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{x}^{(d)}\right)$


$$
\begin{aligned}
x_{i}= & \sum_{j k} t_{i j k} y_{j j} z^{2} \\
x= & f^{(+)}\left(y_{1},\right)^{\prime} \\
& f^{(t)}: R^{n} \times k^{n} \rightarrow R^{n}
\end{aligned}
$$


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Batched Multilinear Operations
The multilinear map $f^{(\mathcal{T})}$ is frequently used in tensor computations


Tensor Norm and Conditioning of Multilinear Functions
We can define elementwise and operator norms for a tensor $\mathcal{T}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \max _{x \in S^{n-1}}\left\|A_{x}\right\|_{2}= \underbrace{\max _{x, y \in S^{n-1}} y^{+} A x}_{\text {field of vales }} \leq \underbrace{\|y\|}_{1}\left\|A_{x}\right\| \\
& \text { if } y=A_{x}\left\|A_{x}\right\|_{2} \\
& \text { Hey } \\
& y^{+} A_{x}=\underbrace{\left\|A_{x}\right\|_{2}}_{x^{\top} A^{\top} A x} \\
&=\left\|A_{x}\right\|_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

if $G_{Q}^{\infty} \neq \alpha \theta$

$$
\exists z^{\prime} \in s^{n-1} \text { st }
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unless $T_{Q}^{Q}=\alpha, Q_{1}$
and
it camus be

$$
\text { dol } \sum_{i=3} d_{i j} x_{i} y_{j} z_{k}
$$

Conditioning of Multilinear Functions
Evaluation of the multilinear map is typically ill-posed for worst case inputs

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f^{(1, y)}(x)=M_{x} \\
& \left\|S_{f(t)}\right\|_{x 2}=\|M\|_{2} \leq\|T\|_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Well-conditioned Tensors
For equidimensional tensors (all modes of same size), some small ideally conditioned tensors exist

$$
\begin{aligned}
& U f^{(T)}(x, y) U_{2} \frac{x, y \in s^{n-1}}{=1} \quad f^{(+)}: S^{n-1} \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{n-1} \\
& \left.\left[\begin{array}{ll}
1 & \\
& 1
\end{array}\right]^{[-1} 1\right] \\
& \longrightarrow_{\text {min }} \inf _{x, g \operatorname{cs}^{n-1}} \operatorname{fin}^{(n)}(x, y) \|_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Ill-conditioned Tensors
For $n \notin\{2,4,8\}$ given any $\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times n}, \inf _{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y} \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}}\left\|\boldsymbol{f}^{(\mathcal{T})}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y})\right\|_{2}=0$

$$
\exists x, y \quad f(T)(x, y)=\left[\begin{array}{l}
0 \\
\vdots \\
j
\end{array}\right] \quad \begin{aligned}
& \text { if } \| f^{(t)}\left(x, y\left\|_{2}^{2}\right\| x\left\|_{2}^{2}\right\| y \|_{2}^{2}\right. \\
& \forall x, y k(t)=1
\end{aligned}
$$

Hurwitz problem seels quadratie fourms $z_{1}, \ldots \quad z_{n}, s .1$.

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\begin{aligned}
\text { e.g. } \quad z_{1}= & 2 x_{1} y_{2} \\
& +3 x_{1},
\end{aligned}
$$ $+3 x_{4} y_{1}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{l}
\exists x_{i} y \\
\underbrace{}_{i}=\sum_{j<} t_{i j k} x_{j} y_{k}
\end{array} \underbrace{\left(y_{1}+\ldots+x_{n}^{2}\right)}\left(y_{1}^{2}+\ldots y_{n}^{2}\right)
\end{aligned}=\left(z_{1}^{2}+\ldots+z_{n}^{2}\right),
$$

Algebras as Tensors
A third order tensor can be used to describe an algebra The Hurwitz problem also
An algebra is a vector space ( $R^{n}$ ) equipped wt a blitius funcluen $f: R^{n}+R^{n} \rightarrow R^{n}$
 implies a result for division algebras, for which the bilinear product is invertible


CP Decomposition

- The canonical polyadic or CANDECOMP/PARAFAC(CP))decomposition expresses an order $d$ tensor in terms of $d$ factor matrices

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CP Decomposition Basics

- The CP decomposition is useful in a variety of contexts - exact low ranis CPD
- reduced-size approsinctuer of $T, \min _{A, B, C}\left\|T-\left[A_{1}, B, C\right]\right\|$
deduce $\lambda \cdot R=O(1)$
$x$ Nus $\cdot R=O_{p s}(\lg (n)) \quad R \leq n^{d-1}$ or. Basic properties and methods
- $C P D$ is unique if $A_{2} R_{2} C$ are fill rand and $R \leqslant 3 n / 2$
- Herat $n^{d-1} \sim R \leq n$

$$
\widetilde{T}_{i j l}=\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{d_{i n} l}{a_{i r} b_{j r} c_{r}}
$$

$\tilde{T}_{q 0 \%}=\underbrace{\sum_{r i 1}^{R} \alpha_{r} a_{i r} b_{j r} b_{r r}}_{\text {nniqueren }}$
'typical rank', for $n=2,3$ and 4 wee dyrivel rus


$$
\begin{aligned}
T \approx \mu A & \mu^{+} \mu A
\end{aligned}=\underbrace{\mu^{+} T}
$$

Tucker Decomposition

- The Tucker decomposition expresses an order $d$ tensor via a smaller order $d$ core tensor and $d$ factor matrices

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\begin{aligned}
& t_{0}=\sum_{\text {arr }} 2_{\text {par }} u_{i f} v_{j \underline{1}} w_{b I} \\
& U^{\top} U=I \quad U^{\top} U=I \quad W^{\top} W=I \\
& \text { n,v,w arthogoned }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Tucker Decomposition Basics

- The Tucker decomposition is used in many of the same contexts as CP

$$
R \leq s
$$

- Basic properties and methods


## Tensor Train Decomposition

- The tensor train decomposition expresses an order $d$ tensor as a chain of products of order 2 or order 3 tensors


## Tensor Train Decomposition Basics

- Tensor train has applications in quantum simulation and in numerical PDEs
- Basic properties and methods


## Summary of Tensor Decomposition Basics

We can compare the aforementioned decomposition for an order $d$ tensor with all dimensions equal to $n$ and all decomposition ranks equal to $R$

| decomposition | CP | Tucker | tensor train |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| size |  |  |  |
| uniqueness |  |  |  |
| orthogonalizability |  |  |  |
| exact decomposition |  |  |  |
| approximation |  |  |  |

## Bilinear Algorithms

A bilinear algorithm (V. Pan, 1984) $\Lambda=\left(\boldsymbol{F}^{(A)}, \boldsymbol{F}^{(B)}, \boldsymbol{F}^{(C)}\right)$ computes

$$
\boldsymbol{c}=\boldsymbol{F}^{(C)}\left[\left(\boldsymbol{F}^{(A) T} \boldsymbol{a}\right) \odot\left(\boldsymbol{F}^{(B) T} \boldsymbol{b}\right)\right],
$$

where $\boldsymbol{a}$ and $\boldsymbol{b}$ are inputs and $\odot$ is the Hadamard (pointwise) product.

## Bilinear Algorithms as Tensor Factorizations

- A bilinear algorithm corresponds to a CP tensor decomposition
- For multiplication of $n \times n$ matrices, we can define a matrix multiplication tensor and consider algorithms with various bilinear rank


## Strassen's Algorithm

Strassen's algorithm $\left[\begin{array}{cc}C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22}\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ll}\boldsymbol{A}_{11} & \boldsymbol{A}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{A}_{21} & \boldsymbol{A}_{22}\end{array}\right] \cdot\left[\begin{array}{ll}\boldsymbol{B}_{11} & \boldsymbol{B}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{B}_{21} & \boldsymbol{B}_{22}\end{array}\right]$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\boldsymbol{M}_{1}=\left(\boldsymbol{A}_{11}+\boldsymbol{A}_{22}\right) \cdot\left(\boldsymbol{B}_{11}+\boldsymbol{B}_{22}\right) & \boldsymbol{C}_{11}=\boldsymbol{M}_{1}+\boldsymbol{M}_{4}-\boldsymbol{M}_{5}+\boldsymbol{M}_{7} \\
\boldsymbol{M}_{2}=\left(\boldsymbol{A}_{21}+\boldsymbol{A}_{22}\right) \cdot \boldsymbol{B}_{11} & \boldsymbol{C}_{21}=\boldsymbol{M}_{2}+\boldsymbol{M}_{4} \\
\boldsymbol{M}_{3}=\boldsymbol{A}_{11} \cdot\left(\boldsymbol{B}_{12}-\boldsymbol{B}_{22}\right) & \boldsymbol{C}_{12}=\boldsymbol{M}_{3}+\boldsymbol{M}_{5} \\
\boldsymbol{M}_{4}=\boldsymbol{A}_{22} \cdot\left(\boldsymbol{B}_{21}-\boldsymbol{B}_{11}\right) & \boldsymbol{C}_{22}=\boldsymbol{M}_{1}-\boldsymbol{M}_{2}+\boldsymbol{M}_{3}+\boldsymbol{M}_{6} \\
\boldsymbol{M}_{5}=\left(\boldsymbol{A}_{11}+\boldsymbol{A}_{12}\right) \cdot \boldsymbol{B}_{22} & \\
\boldsymbol{M}_{6}=\left(\boldsymbol{A}_{21}-\boldsymbol{A}_{11}\right) \cdot\left(\boldsymbol{B}_{11}+\boldsymbol{B}_{12}\right) & \\
\boldsymbol{M}_{7}=\left(\boldsymbol{A}_{12}-\boldsymbol{A}_{22}\right) \cdot\left(\boldsymbol{B}_{21}+\boldsymbol{B}_{22}\right) &
\end{array}
$$

By performing the nested calls recursively, Strassen's algorithm achieves cost,

