CS 598 EVS: Tensor Computations Bayesian Methods for Tensor Decomposition

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## **Probabilistic Tensor Models**

• Consider a tensor  $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}} \in \mathbb{Z}^{n \times n \times n}$  of count data,

$$oldsymbol{\mathcal{T}} = \sum_{l=1}^{M} oldsymbol{e}_{i_l} \otimes oldsymbol{e}_{j_l} \otimes oldsymbol{e}_{k_l}$$

where  $(i_l, j_l, k_l)$  are random samples of a probability distribution  $p(i, j, k)^{1}$ 

- The empirical estimate is  $p(i, j, k) \approx t_{ijk}/M$ , but a large M needed for accuracy
- Suppose there exists a latent random variable  $X \in \{1, ..., R\}$  such that *i*, *j*, and *k* are independent modulo the value of X, i.e.,  $p(i, j, k|X = l) = u_l(i)v_l(j)w_l(k)$
- This model is general, in particular  $R = O(n^2)$ , and has much fewer variables

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Huang, Kejun, and Nicholas D. Sidiropoulos. "Kullback-Leibler principal component for tensors is not NP-hard." 2017 51st Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers. IEEE, 2017.

## Optimization with KL divergence

- Tensor decompositions with Kullback-Liebler (KL) divergence are suitable for approximating p(i, j, k)
  - Seek the best CP approximation  $[\![A,B,C]\!]$  to  ${\mathcal T}$
  - The KL divergence of distributions p(x) and q(x) is given by the expectation in p of  $\log p \log q$

$$\sigma(p,q) = \int p(x) \log(p(x)/q(x)) dx$$

• The maximum likelihood model of  $p(i, j, k) = t_{ijk}/M$  in terms of KL divergence is then

$$\begin{split} \min_{\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{w} \ge 0} &- \sum_{i, j, k} p(i, j, k) \log(q(i, j, k)), \\ q(i, j, k) &= q'(i, j, k | X) p(X), q'(i, j, k | X = l) = u_l(i) v_l(j) w_l(k) \end{split}$$

• This corresponds to a nonnegative CP decomposition of T with  $a_{ir} = u_i(r)$ , etc.

## Optimal Rank-1 Approximation with KL divergence

- The rank-1 estimate with least KL divergence is easy to compute
  - Consider the objective function in the rank-1 case

$$\begin{split} \phi(u, v, w) &= -\sum_{i,j,k} t_{ijk} \log(u(i)v(j)w(k)) \\ &= -\sum_{i,j,k} t_{ijk} (\log u(i) + \log v(j) + \log w(k)) \\ &= -\left[ \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \quad \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \quad \boldsymbol{\gamma}^T \right] \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\boldsymbol{u}} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{v}} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{w}} \end{bmatrix}, \\ \alpha_i &= \sum_{jk} t_{ijk}, \beta_j = \sum_{ik} t_{ijk}, \gamma_k = \sum_{ij} t_{ijk} \\ \hat{u}_i &= \log u(i), \hat{v}_i = \log v(i), \hat{w}_i = \log w(i) \end{split}$$

• This optimization problem is independent in u, v, w and with normalization constraints the solution is  $u(i) = \alpha_i / \| \boldsymbol{\alpha} \|_1$ ,  $v(j) = \beta_j / \| \boldsymbol{\beta} \|_1$ , and  $w(k) = \gamma_k / \| \boldsymbol{\gamma} \|_1$ , which are the marginal distributions of  $p(i, j, k) = t_{ijk} / M$ 

## **Probability Estimation from Samples**

Suppose we are interested in estimating a probability density p(x, y, z) from samples  $(x_k, y_k, z_k)_{k=1}^m$ , using tensor products of orthogonal basis functions<sup>2</sup>  $\psi_1, \ldots \psi_n$ , so

$$p(x, y, z) = \sum_{i,j,k} c_{ijk} \psi_i(x) \psi_j(y) \psi_k(z)$$

From orthogonality of the basis functions it follows that

$$c_{ijk} = \int \int \int p(x, y, z) \psi_i(x) \psi_j(y) \psi_k(z) dx dy dz$$

• Hence, we can get the expected value of  ${\mathcal C}$  given the samples as

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{C}] = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \boldsymbol{u}_k \otimes \boldsymbol{v}_k \otimes \boldsymbol{w}_k, u_k(i) = \psi_i(x_k), v_k(i) = \psi_i(y_k), w_k(i) = \psi_i(z_k)$$

 Tensor decompositions may then be optimized relative to this emperical distribution, and may be less sensitive to noise

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Tang, Xun, and Lexing Ying. "Solving high-dimensional Fokker-Planck equation with functional hierarchical tensor." Journal of Computational Physics 511 (2024): 113110.