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Deep tensor networks

Part I: Tensors, ranks and related tensor formats

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Algebraic tensors

Given d index sets $I_\nu = \{1, \dots, N_\nu\}$, $1 \leq \nu \leq d$, we introduce the multi-index set

$$I = I_1 \times \dots \times I_d.$$

An element v of the vector space \mathbb{R}^I is a **tensor of order d** and is identified with a **multidimensional array**

$$(v_i)_{i \in I} = (v_{i_1, \dots, i_d})_{i_1 \in I_1, \dots, i_d \in I_d}$$

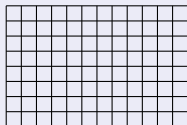
which represents the coefficients of v on the canonical basis of \mathbb{R}^I , also denoted

$$v(i) = v(i_1, \dots, i_d).$$

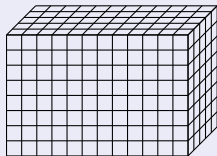
$d = 1$



$d = 2$



$d = 3$



Algebraic tensors

Given d vectors $v^{(\nu)} \in \mathbb{R}^{l_\nu}$, $1 \leq \nu \leq d$, the tensor product of these vectors

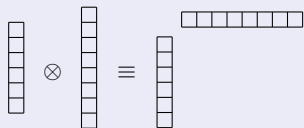
$$v := v^{(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v^{(d)}$$

is defined by

$$v(i) = v^{(1)}(i_1) \dots v^{(d)}(i_d)$$

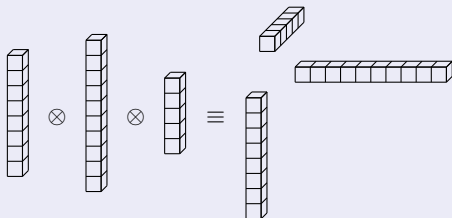
and is called an **elementary tensor**.

$d = 2$



Using matrix notations, $v \otimes w$ is identified with the matrix vw^T .

$d = 3$



Algebraic tensors

The **tensor space** $\mathbb{R}^I = \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \dots \times I_d}$, also denoted $\mathbb{R}^{I_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{R}^{I_d}$, is defined by

$$\mathbb{R}^I = \mathbb{R}^{I_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{R}^{I_d} = \text{span}\{v^{(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v^{(d)} : v^{(\nu)} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_\nu}, 1 \leq \nu \leq d\}$$

The **canonical norm on \mathbb{R}^I** , also called the **Frobenius norm**, is given by

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} v(i)^2}$$

and makes \mathbb{R}^I a Hilbert space. It coincides with the **natural norm on $\ell_2(I)$** . It is the only norm associated with an inner product and having the property

$$\|v^{(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v^{(d)}\| = \|v^{(1)}\|_2 \dots \|v^{(d)}\|_2.$$

Tensor product of functions

Let $\mathcal{X}_\nu \subset \mathbb{R}$, $1 \leq \nu \leq d$, and $V_\nu \subset \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{X}_\nu}$ be a space of functions defined on \mathcal{X}_ν .

The tensor product of functions $v^{(\nu)} \in V_\nu$, denoted

$$v = v^{(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v^{(d)},$$

is a multivariate function defined on $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_d$ and such that

$$v(x) = v(x_1, \dots, x_d) = v^{(1)}(x_1) \dots v^{(d)}(x_d)$$

for $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathcal{X}$. For example, for $i \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$, the monomial $x^i = x_1^{i_1} \dots x_d^{i_d}$ is an elementary tensor.

Tensor product of functions

The **algebraic tensor product** of spaces V_ν is defined as

$$V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_d = \text{span}\{v^{(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v^{(d)} : v^{(\nu)} \in V_\nu, 1 \leq \nu \leq d\}$$

which is the space of multivariate functions v which can be written as a finite linear combination of elementary (separated functions), i.e.

$$v(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n v_k^{(1)}(x_1) \dots v_k^{(d)}(x_d).$$

Up to a formal definition of the tensor product \otimes , the above construction can be extended to arbitrary vector spaces V_ν (not only spaces of functions).

Infinite dimensional tensor spaces

For infinite dimensional spaces V_ν , a Hilbert (or Banach) tensor space equipped with a norm $\|\cdot\|$ is obtained by the completion (w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|$) of the algebraic tensor space

$$\overline{V}^{\|\cdot\|} = \overline{V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_d}^{\|\cdot\|}.$$

If the V_ν are Hilbert spaces with inner products $(\cdot, \cdot)_\nu$ and associated norms $\|\cdot\|_\nu$, a canonical inner product on V can be first defined for elementary tensors

$$(v^{(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v^{(d)}, w^{(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes w^{(d)}) = (v^{(1)}, w^{(1)}) \dots (v^{(d)}, w^{(d)})$$

and then extended by linearity to the whole space V .

The associated norm $\|\cdot\|$ is called the **canonical norm**.

Infinite dimensional tensor spaces

Example (L^p spaces)

Let $1 \leq p < \infty$. If $V_\nu = L_{\mu_\nu}^p(\mathcal{X}_\nu)$, then

$$L_{\mu_1}^p(\mathcal{X}_1) \otimes \dots \otimes L_{\mu_d}^p(\mathcal{X}_d) \subset L_\mu^p(\mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_d)$$

with $\mu = \mu_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mu_d$, and

$$\overline{L_{\mu_1}^p(\mathcal{X}_1) \otimes \dots \otimes L_{\mu_d}^p(\mathcal{X}_d)}^{\|\cdot\|} = L_\mu^p(\mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_d)$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ is the natural norm on $L_\mu^p(\mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_d)$.

Example (Bochner spaces)

Let \mathcal{X} be equipped with a finite measure μ , and let W be a Hilbert (or Banach) space. For $1 \leq p < \infty$, the Bochner space $L_\mu^p(\mathcal{X}; W)$ is the set of Bochner-measurable functions $u : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow W$ with bounded norm $\|u\|_p = (\int_{\mathcal{X}} \|u(x)\|_W^p \mu(dx))^{1/p}$, and

$$L_\mu^p(\mathcal{X}; W) = \overline{W \otimes L_\mu^p(\mathcal{X})}^{\|\cdot\|^p}.$$

Infinite dimensional tensor spaces

Example (Sobolev spaces)

The Sobolev space $H^k(\mathcal{X})$ of functions defined on $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_d$, equipped with the norm

$$\|u\|_{H^k}^2 = \sum_{|\alpha|_1 \leq k} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^2}^2,$$

is a Hilbert tensor space

$$H^k(\mathcal{X}) = \overline{H^k(\mathcal{X}_1) \otimes \dots \otimes H^k(\mathcal{X}_d)}^{\|\cdot\|_{H^k}}.$$

The Sobolev space $H_{mix}^k(\mathcal{X})$ equipped with the norm

$$\|u\|_{H_{mix}^k}^2 = \sum_{|\alpha|_\infty \leq k} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^2}^2,$$

is a different tensor Hilbert space

$$H_{mix}^k(\mathcal{X}) = \overline{H^k(\mathcal{X}_1) \otimes \dots \otimes H^k(\mathcal{X}_d)}^{\|\cdot\|_{H_{mix}^k}}.$$

$\|u\|_{H_{mix}^k}^2$ is the canonical tensor norm on $H^k(\mathcal{X}_1) \otimes \dots \otimes H^k(\mathcal{X}_d)$.

Tensor product basis

If $\{\psi_i^{(\nu)}\}_{i \in I_\nu}$ is a basis of V_ν , then a basis of $V = V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_d$ is given by

$$\left\{ \psi_i = \psi_{i_1}^{(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \psi_{i_d}^{(d)} : i \in I = I_1 \times \dots \times I_d \right\}.$$

A tensor $v \in V$ admits a decomposition

$$v = \sum_{i \in I} a_i \psi_i = \sum_{i_1 \in I_1} \dots \sum_{i_d \in I_d} a_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \psi_{i_1}^{(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \psi_{i_d}^{(d)},$$

and v can be identified with the set of its coefficients

$$a \in \mathbb{R}^I.$$

Hilbert tensor spaces

If the $\{\psi_i^{(\nu)}\}_{i \in I_\nu}$ are orthonormal bases of spaces V_ν , then $\{\psi_i\}_{i \in I}$ is an orthonormal basis of $\overline{V}^{\|\cdot\|}$. A tensor

$$v = \sum_{i \in I} a_i \psi_i$$

is such that

$$\|v\|^2 = \sum_{i \in I} a_i^2 := \|a\|^2.$$

Therefore, the map

$$\Psi : a \mapsto \sum_{i \in I} a_i \psi_i$$

defines a linear isometry from \mathbb{R}^I to V for finite dimensional spaces, and between $\ell_2(I)$ and $\overline{V}^{\|\cdot\|}$ for infinite dimensional spaces.

Curse of dimensionality

A tensor $a \in \mathbb{R}^I = \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \dots \times I_d}$ or a corresponding tensor $v = \sum_{i \in I} a_i \psi_i$, when $\#I_\nu = O(n)$ for each ν , has a storage complexity

$$\#I = \#I_1 \dots \#I_d = O(n^d)$$

which grows exponentially with the dimension.

Manipulating tensors requires exploiting special properties of tensors such as sparsity or **low rankness**.

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Rank of order-two tensors

The **rank** of an order-two tensor $u \in V \otimes W$, denoted $\text{rank}(u)$, is the minimal integer r such that

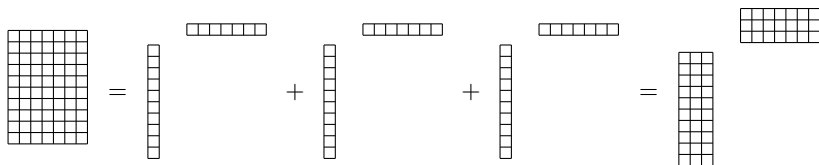
$$u = \sum_{k=1}^r v_k \otimes w_k$$

for some $v_k \in V$ and $w_k \in W$.

A tensor $u \in \mathbb{R}^n \otimes \mathbb{R}^m$ is identified with a matrix $u \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$. The rank of u coincides with the **matrix rank**, which is the minimal integer r such that

$$u = \sum_{k=1}^r v_k w_k^T = VW^T,$$

where $V = (v_1, \dots, v_r) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ and $W = (w_1, \dots, w_r) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$.



Singular value decomposition of order-two tensors

When V and W are Hilbert spaces (possibly infinite-dimensional), an algebraic tensor $u \in V \otimes W$ admits a **singular value decomposition**

$$u = \sum_{k \geq 1} \sigma_k v_k \otimes w_k,$$

where v_k and w_k are orthonormal vectors (singular vectors) and $\sigma_k \in \mathbb{R}^+$ are the singular values.

The **rank** of u is **finite** and coincides with the number of non-zero singular values,

$$\text{rank}(u) = \#\{k : \sigma_k \neq 0\}.$$

Example (Singular value decomposition of matrices)

For $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $W = \mathbb{R}^m$, u is identified with a matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ and

$$u = \sum_{k=1}^{\text{rank}(u)} \sigma_k v_k w_k^T = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{W}^T.$$

with orthogonal matrices \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{W} , and a diagonal matrix \mathbf{S} .

Singular value decomposition of order-two tensors

An algebraic tensor $u \in V \otimes W$ can be identified with a linear operator from W to V with rank equal to $\text{rank}(u)$.

For infinite dimensional Hilbert spaces, the closure $\overline{V \otimes W}^{\|\cdot\|_V}$ of $V \otimes W$ with respect to the **injective norm** (corresponding to the **operator norm**) coincides with the space of compact operators.

A tensor $u \in \overline{V \otimes W}^{\|\cdot\|_V}$ still admits a **singular value decomposition**

$$u = \sum_{k \geq 1} \sigma_k v_k \otimes w_k.$$

and the rank (number of non-zero singular values) is possibly infinite.

Singular value decomposition of order-two tensors

Example (Proper Orthogonal Decomposition)

For $\Omega \times I$ a space-time domain and V a Hilbert space of functions defined on Ω , a function $u \in L^2(I; V)$ admits a singular value decomposition

$$u(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sigma_k v_k w_k(t)$$

which is known as the Proper Orthogonal Decomposition (POD).

Example (Karhunen-Loeve decomposition)

For a probability space (Ω, μ) , an element $u \in L^2_{\mu}(\Omega; V)$ is a second-order V -valued random variable. If u is zero-mean, the singular value decomposition of u is known as the Karhunen-Loeve decomposition

$$u(\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sigma_k v_k w_k(\omega)$$

where $w_k : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are uncorrelated (orthogonal) random variables.

Low-rank format for order-two tensors

The set of tensors in $V \otimes W$ with rank bounded by r , denoted

$$\mathcal{R}_r = \{v : \text{rank}(v) \leq r\},$$

is **not a linear space nor a convex set**. However, it has **many favorable properties for a numerical use**.

- The application $v \mapsto \text{rank}(v)$ is lower semi-continuous, and therefore the set \mathcal{R}_r is **closed**, which makes best approximation problems in \mathcal{R}_r well posed.
- \mathcal{R}_r is the **union of smooth manifolds** of tensors with fixed rank.

Canonical rank of higher-order tensors

For tensors $u \in V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_d$ with $d \geq 3$, there are different notions of rank.

The **canonical rank**, which is the natural extension of the notion of rank for order-two tensors, is the minimal integer r such that

$$u(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \sum_{k=1}^r v_k^{(1)}(x_1) \dots v_k^{(d)}(x_d),$$

for some vectors $v_k^{(\nu)} \in V_\nu$.

Canonical format

The subset of tensors in $V = V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_d$ with canonical rank bounded by r is denoted

$$\mathcal{R}_r = \{v \in V : \text{rank}(v) \leq r\}.$$

A tensor in \mathcal{R}_r has a representation

$$v(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \sum_{k=1}^r v_k^{(1)}(x_1) \dots v_k^{(d)}(x_d)$$

The **storage complexity** of tensors in \mathcal{R}_r is

$$\text{storage}(\mathcal{R}_r) = r \sum_{\nu=1}^d \dim(V_\nu) = O(rdn)$$

for $\dim(V_\nu) = O(n)$.

\mathcal{R}_r is a **universal approximation tool** since

$$\bigcup_{r \geq 1} \mathcal{R}_r \text{ is dense in } V$$

so that for any $u \in V$, we can find a sequence $\{u_r\}_{r \geq 1}$ with $u_r \in \mathcal{R}_r$ converging to u .

Canonical format

For $d \geq 3$, the set \mathcal{R}_r loses many of the favorable properties of the case $d = 2$.

- Determining the rank of a given tensor is a NP-hard problem.
- The set \mathcal{R}_r is not an algebraic variety.
- No notion of singular value decomposition.
- The application $v \mapsto \text{rank}(v)$ is not lower semi-continuous and therefore, \mathcal{R}_r is not closed.

Example

Consider the order-3 tensor

$$v = a \otimes a \otimes b + a \otimes b \otimes a + b \otimes a \otimes a$$

where a and b are linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^m . The rank of v is 3. The sequence of rank-2 tensors

$$v_n = n\left(a + \frac{1}{n}b\right) \otimes \left(a + \frac{1}{n}b\right) \otimes \left(a + \frac{1}{n}b\right) - na \otimes a \otimes a$$

converges to v as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

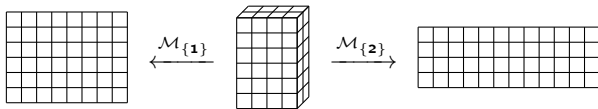
- The consequence is that for most problems involving approximation in canonical format \mathcal{R}_r , there is no robust method when $d > 2$.

α -rank

For a non-empty subset α of $D = \{1, \dots, d\}$, a tensor $u \in V = V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_d$ can be identified with an order-two tensor

$$\mathcal{M}_\alpha(u) \in V_\alpha \otimes V_{\alpha^c},$$

where $V_\alpha = \bigotimes_{\nu \in \alpha} V_\nu$, and $\alpha^c = D \setminus \alpha$. The operator $\mathcal{M}_\alpha = V \rightarrow V_\alpha \otimes V_{\alpha^c}$ is called the **matricisation operator**.



The **α -rank** of u , denoted $\text{rank}_\alpha(u)$, is the rank of the order-two tensor $\mathcal{M}_\alpha(u)$,

$$\text{rank}_\alpha(u) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{M}_\alpha(u)),$$

which is the minimal integer r_α such that

$$\mathcal{M}_\alpha(u) = \sum_{k=1}^{r_\alpha} v_k^\alpha \otimes w_k^{\alpha^c}$$

for some $v_k^\alpha \in V_\alpha$ and $w_k^{\alpha^c} \in V_{\alpha^c}$. We note that $\text{rank}_\alpha(u) = \text{rank}_{\alpha^c}(u)$.

A multivariate function $u(x_1, \dots, x_d)$ with $\text{rank}_\alpha(u) \leq r_\alpha$ is such that

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{r_\alpha} v_k^\alpha(x_\alpha) w_k^{\alpha^c}(x_{\alpha^c})$$

for some functions $v_k^\alpha(x_\alpha)$ and $w_k^{\alpha^c}(x_{\alpha^c})$ of groups of variables

$$x_\alpha = \{x_\nu\}_{\nu \in \alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad x_{\alpha^c} = \{x_\nu\}_{\nu \in \alpha^c}.$$

Example

- $u(x) = u^1(x_1) \dots u^d(x_d)$ can be written $u(x) = u^\alpha(x_\alpha)u^{\alpha^c}(x_{\alpha^c})$, with $u^\alpha(x_\alpha) = \prod_{\nu \in \alpha} u^\nu(x_\nu)$. Therefore, for any α , $\text{rank}_\alpha(u) = 1$.
- $u(x) = \prod_{\alpha \in T} u^\alpha(x_\alpha)$ with T a collection of disjoint subsets, is such that $\text{rank}_\alpha(u) = 1$ for all $\alpha \in T$, and $\text{rank}_\gamma(u) \leq \prod_{\alpha \in T, \alpha \cap \gamma \neq \emptyset} \text{rank}_{\gamma \cap \alpha}(u^\alpha)$ for all γ .
- $u(x) = u^1(x_1) + \dots + u^d(x_d)$ can be written $u(x) = u^\alpha(x_\alpha) + u^{\alpha^c}(x_{\alpha^c})$, with $u^\alpha(x_\alpha) = \sum_{\nu \in \alpha} u^\nu(x_\nu)$. Therefore, $\text{rank}_\alpha(u) \leq 2$.
- $u(x) = \sum_{k=1}^r u_k^1(x_1) \dots u_k^d(x_d)$ can be written $\sum_{k=1}^r u_k^\alpha(x_\alpha)u_k^{\alpha^c}(x_{\alpha^c})$ with $u_k^\alpha(x_\alpha) = \prod_{\nu \in \alpha} u_k^\nu(x_\nu)$. Therefore, for any α , $\text{rank}_\alpha(u) \leq r$, with equality if the functions $\{u_k^\alpha(x_\alpha)\}$ and the functions $\{u_k^{\alpha^c}(x_{\alpha^c})\}$ are linearity independent.

We deduce the following relation between α -ranks and canonical rank:

$$\text{rank}_\alpha(u) \leq \text{rank}(u), \quad \text{for any } \alpha.$$

α -rank and minimal subspace

For a subset α of $D = \{1, \dots, d\}$, the **minimal subspace**

$$U_\alpha^{min}(u)$$

of a tensor $u \in V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_d$ is defined as the **smallest subspace**

$$U_\alpha \subset V_\alpha = \bigotimes_{\nu \in \alpha} V_\nu$$

such that

$$\mathcal{M}_\alpha(u) \in U_\alpha \otimes V_{\alpha^c}.$$

The α -rank of u is the dimension of the minimal subspace $U_\alpha^{min}(u)$,

$$\text{rank}_\alpha(u) = \dim(U_\alpha^{min}(u)).$$

If u admits the representation

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\text{rank}_\alpha(u)} v_k^\alpha(x_\alpha) v_k^{\alpha^c}(x_{\alpha^c})$$

then $U_\alpha^{min}(u) = \text{span}\{v_k^\alpha : 1 \leq k \leq \text{rank}_\alpha(u)\}$.

The subset of tensors

$$\mathcal{T}_{r_\alpha}^{\{\alpha\}} = \{v : \text{rank}_\alpha(v) \leq r_\alpha\}$$

is also characterized by

$$\mathcal{T}_{r_\alpha}^{\{\alpha\}} = \{v : \dim(U_\alpha^{\min}(v)) \leq r_\alpha\}$$

and has the nice properties of low-rank formats for order-two tensors.

For T a collection of subsets of D , we define the T -rank of a tensor v as the tuple

$$\text{rank}_T(v) = (\text{rank}_\alpha(v))_{\alpha \in T}.$$

The subset of tensors in V with T -rank bounded by $r = (r_\alpha)_{\alpha \in T}$ is

$$\mathcal{T}_r^T = \{v \in V : \text{rank}_T(v) \leq r\} = \bigcap_{\alpha \in T} \mathcal{T}_{r_\alpha}^{\{\alpha\}}.$$

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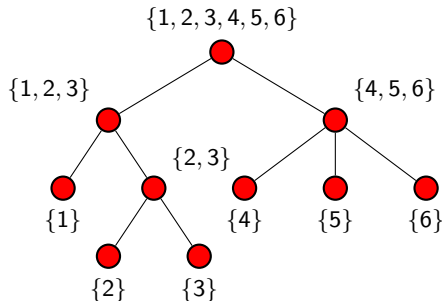
Tree-based tensor format

Tree-based tensor formats are subsets of tensors

$$\mathcal{T}_r^T = \{v \in V : \text{rank}_T(v) \leq r\}$$

where T is a **dimension partition tree** T over $D = \{1, \dots, d\}$, with root D and leaves

$$\mathcal{L}(T) = \{\{\nu\} : 1 \leq \nu \leq d\}.$$



The **tree-based rank** of a tensor v is the tuple $\text{rank}_T(v) = (\text{rank}_\alpha(v))_{\alpha \in T}$.

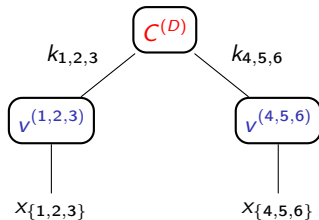
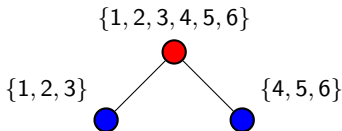
By convention, $\text{rank}_D(v) = 1$.

Tree-based tensor format

Elements of \mathcal{T}_r^T admit an **explicit representation**. Let $v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T$ with T -rank $r = (r_\alpha)_{\alpha \in T}$. At the first level, v admits the representation

$$v(x) = \sum_{k_{\beta_1}=1}^{r_{\beta_1}} \dots \sum_{k_{\beta_s}=1}^{r_{\beta_s}} C_{k_{\beta_1}, \dots, k_{\beta_s}}^{(D)} v_{k_{\beta_1}}^{(\beta_1)}(x_{\beta_1}) \dots v_{k_{\beta_s}}^{(\beta_s)}(x_{\beta_s})$$

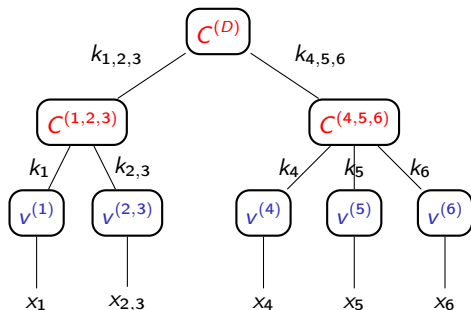
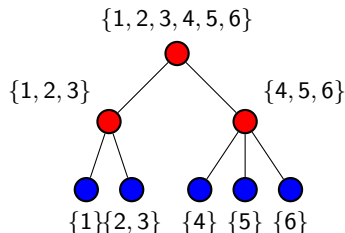
where $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s\} = S(D)$ are the children of the root node D , and $\{v_{k_\beta}^{(\beta)}\}_{1 \leq k_\beta \leq r_\beta}$ form a basis of the minimal subspace $U_\beta^{\min}(v)$.



Tree-based tensor format

Then, for an interior node α of the tree, with children $S(\alpha) = \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s\}$, the functions (or tensors) $v_{k_\alpha}^{(\alpha)}$ admit the representation

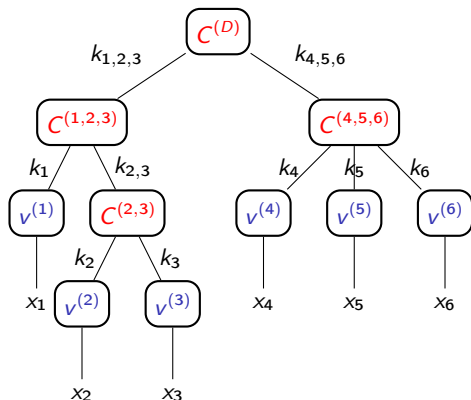
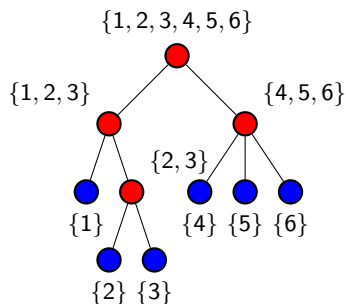
$$v_{k_\alpha}^{(\alpha)}(x_\alpha) = \sum_{k_{\beta_1}=1}^{r_{\beta_1}} \cdots \sum_{k_{\beta_s}=1}^{r_{\beta_s}} C_{k_\alpha, k_{\beta_1}, \dots, k_{\beta_s}}^{(\alpha)} v_{k_{\beta_1}}^{(\beta_1)}(x_{\beta_1}) \cdots v_{k_{\beta_s}}^{(\beta_s)}(x_{\beta_s}).$$



Tree-based tensor format

Finally, the tensor v admits the representation

$$v(x) = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k_\beta \leq r_\beta \\ \beta \in T}} \prod_{\alpha \in T \setminus \mathcal{L}(T)} C_{(k_\beta)_{\beta \in S(\alpha)}, k_\alpha}^{(\alpha)} \prod_{\nu \in \mathcal{L}(T)} v_{k_\nu}^{(\nu)}(x_\nu)$$



Tree-based tensor format

Given bases $\{\phi_{i_\alpha}^\alpha(x_\alpha)\}_{i_\alpha \in I^\alpha}$ of functions for the spaces V_α for $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(T)$,

$$v(x) = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k_\beta \leq r_\beta \\ \beta \in T}} \prod_{\alpha \in T \setminus \mathcal{L}(T)} c_{(k_\beta)_{\beta \in S(\alpha)}, k_\alpha}^{(\alpha)} \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(T)} \underbrace{\left(\sum_{i_\alpha \in I^\alpha} c_{i_\alpha, k_\alpha}^{(\alpha)} \phi_{i_\alpha}^{(\alpha)}(x_\alpha) \right)}_{v_{k_\alpha}^{(\alpha)}(x_\alpha)}$$

or equivalently

$$v(x) = \sum_{i_1 \in I^1} \dots \sum_{i_d \in I^d} a_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \phi_{i_1}(x_1) \dots \phi_{i_d}(x_d)$$

where $a \in \mathbb{R}^{I^1 \times \dots \times I^d}$ is such that

$$a_{i_1, \dots, i_d} = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k_\beta \leq r_\beta \\ \beta \in T}} \prod_{\alpha \in T \setminus \mathcal{L}(T)} c_{(k_\beta)_{\beta \in S(\alpha)}, k_\alpha}^{(\alpha)} \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(T)} c_{i_\alpha, k_\alpha}^{(\alpha)}$$

Tree-based tensor format as a tensor network

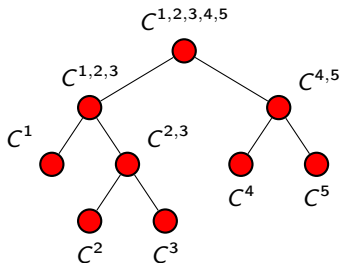
The parameters $\{C^{(\alpha)}\}_{\alpha \in T}$ form a tree network of low-order tensors such that

$$C^{(\alpha)} \in \mathbb{R}^{\#I^\alpha \times r_\alpha}$$

for a leaf node α , and

$$C^{(\alpha)} \in \mathbb{R}^{r_{\beta_1} \times \dots \times r_{\beta_s} \times r_\alpha}$$

for an interior node α with children $S(\alpha) = \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s\}$.



Tree-based tensor format

The storage complexity for the representation of a tensor u in \mathcal{T}_r^T is

$$C(T, r) = \sum_{\alpha \in T \setminus \mathcal{L}(T)} r_\alpha \prod_{\beta \in S(\alpha)} r_\beta + \sum_{\nu \in \mathcal{L}(T)} \#I^\alpha r_\alpha.$$

If $r_\alpha = O(R)$ and $\#I^\alpha = O(N)$,

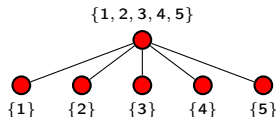
$$C(T, r) = O(dNR + (\#T - d - 1)R^{s+1} + R^s),$$

where $s = \max_{\alpha \in T \setminus \mathcal{L}(T)} \#S(\alpha)$ is the **arity** of the tree.

Tree-based tensor format

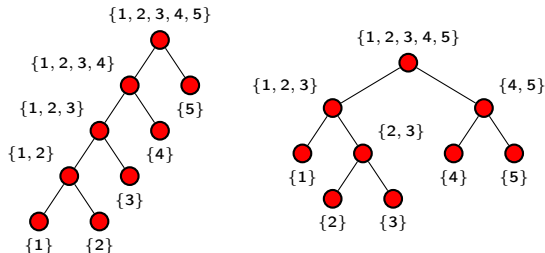
- For a **trivial tree** with one level (**Tucker format**), $s = d$, $\#T = d + 1$, and

$$C(T, r) = O(dNR + R^d)$$



- For any **binary tree** such as a **linear binary tree** (**Tensor Train Tucker format**) or a **balanced binary tree** (**Hierarchical Tucker format**), $s = 2$, $\#T = 2d - 1$, and

$$C(T, r) = O(dNR + (d - 2)R^3 + R^2)$$



- For an **arbitrary tree** with arity $s = O(1)$, since $\#T = O(d)$,

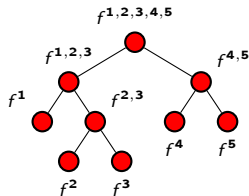
$$C(T, r) = O(dNR + dR^{s+1})$$

Tree-based tensor format as a deep network

By identifying a tensor $C^{(\alpha)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_s \times r_\alpha}$ with a \mathbb{R}^{r_α} -valued **multilinear function**

$$f^{(\alpha)} : \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^{n_s} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{r_\alpha},$$

a function v in \mathcal{T}_r^T admits a representation as a tree-structured composition of multilinear functions $\{f^{(\alpha)}\}_{\alpha \in T}$.



$$v(x) = f^D(f^{1,2,3}(f^1(\Phi^1(x_1)), f^{2,3}(f^2(\Phi^2(x_2)), f^3(\Phi^3(x_3))), f^{4,5}(f^4(\Phi^4(x_4)), f^5(\Phi^5(x_5))))))$$

where $\Phi^\nu(x_\nu) = (\phi_{i_\nu}^\nu(x_\nu))_{i_\nu \in I^\nu} \in \mathbb{R}^{\#I^\nu}$.

It corresponds to a **deep network with a sparse architecture** (given by T), a **depth** bounded by $d - 1$, and **width** at level ℓ related to the α -ranks of the nodes α of level ℓ .

Universality result

For any fixed T (a tree or not), \mathcal{T}_r^T is a **universal approximation tool** since

$$\bigcup_{r \geq 0} \mathcal{T}_r^T \text{ is dense in } V$$

or equal to V if $\dim(V) < \infty$.

Therefore, for any $u \in V$, we can find a sequence $\{u_r\}_{r \geq 1}$ with $u_r \in \mathcal{T}_r^T$ which converges to u .

Canonical versus tree-based format

Consider a finite dimensional tensor space $V = V^1 \otimes \dots \otimes V^d$ with $\dim(V_\nu) = \mathbb{R}^n$, which is identified with $\mathbb{R}^{n \times \dots \times n}$. Denote by $\mathcal{T}_r^T = \{v : \text{rank}_\alpha(v) \leq r, \alpha \in T\}$.

- From canonical format to tree-based format.

For any v in V and any $\alpha \in D$, the α -rank is bounded by the canonical rank:

$$\text{rank}_\alpha(v) \leq \text{rank}(v).$$

Therefore, for any tree T ,

$$\mathcal{R}_r \subset \mathcal{T}_r^T,$$

so that an element in \mathcal{R}_r with storage complexity $O(dnr)$ admits a representation in \mathcal{T}_r^T with a storage complexity $O(dnr + dr^{s+1})$ where s is the arity of the tree T .

- From tree-based format to canonical format. For a balanced or linear binary tree, the subset

$$S = \{v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T : \text{rank}(v) < q^{d/2}\}, \quad q = \min\{n, r\},$$

is of Lebesgue measure 0.

Then a typical element $v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T$ with storage complexity of order $dnr + dr^3$ admits a representation in canonical format with a storage complexity of order $dnq^{d/2}$.

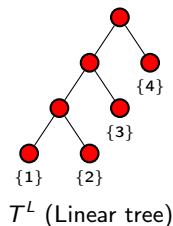
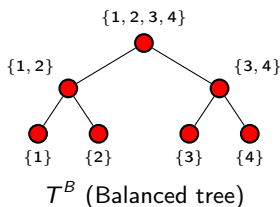
Influence of the tree

- For some functions, the choice of tree is not crucial. For example, an additive function

$$u_1(x_1) + \dots + u_d(x_d)$$

has α -ranks equal to 2 whatever $\alpha \subset D$.

- But usually, different trees lead to different complexities of representations.



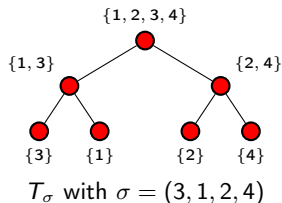
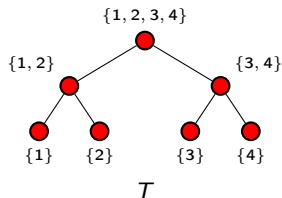
- If $\text{rank}_{T^L}(u) \leq r$ then $\text{rank}_{T^B}(u) \leq r^2$
- If $\text{rank}_{T^B}(u) \leq r$ then $\text{rank}_{T^L}(u) \leq r^{\log_2(d)/2}$

Influence of the tree

Given a tree T and a **permutation** σ of $D = \{1, \dots, d\}$, we define a tree T_σ

$$T_\sigma = \{\sigma(\alpha) : \alpha \in T\}$$

having the same structure as T but different nodes.



If $\text{rank}_T(u) \leq r$ then $\text{rank}_{T_\sigma}(u)$ typically depends on d .

- Consider the Henon-Heiles potential

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d x_i^2 + 0.2 \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (x_i x_{i+1}^2 - x_i^3) + \frac{0.2^2}{16} \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (x_i^2 + x_{i+1}^2)^2$$

Using a linear tree $T = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \dots, \{d\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \dots, \{1, \dots, d-1\}, D\}$,

$$\text{rank}_T(u) \leq 4, \quad \text{storage}(u) = O(d)$$

but for the permutation

$$\sigma = (1, 3, \dots, d-1, 2, 4, \dots, d) \quad (*)$$

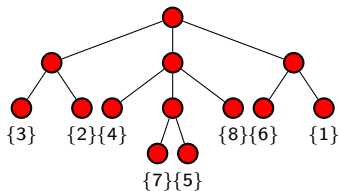
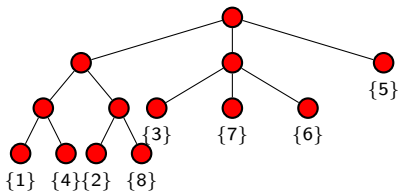
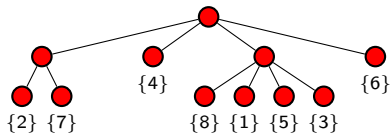
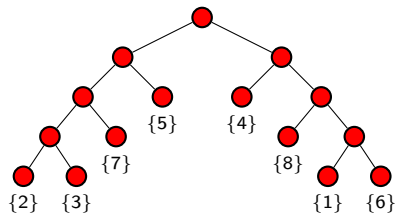
and the corresponding linear tree T_σ ,

$$\text{rank}_{T_\sigma}(u) \leq 2d + 1, \quad \text{storage}(u) = O(d^3).$$

- For a typical tensor in \mathcal{T}_r^T with T a binary tree, its representation in tree based format with tree T_σ , with σ as in $(*)$, has a **complexity scaling exponentially with d** .

How to choose a good tree ?

A combinatorial problem...





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