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Approximation with tree tensor networks

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High-dimensional problems

Many problems of **computational science**, **probability** and **statistics** require the **approximation**, **integration** or **optimization** of functions of many variables

$$u(x_1, \dots, x_d)$$

High-dimensional problems in mechanics and physics

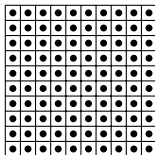
- Navier Stokes equation

$$u(x, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \cdot \nabla u - \nu \Delta u = f$$

- Multiscale problems

$$u(x, y, t), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad y \in Y$$



Ω



Y

- Boltzmann equation

$$f(x, p, t)$$
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + m^{-1} p \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + F \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} = g$$

- Fokker-Planck equation

$$\rho(x_1, \dots, x_d, t)$$
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (a_i \rho) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^d \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} (b_{ij} \rho) = 0$$

- Schrödinger equation

$$\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_d, t)$$
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \Delta \Psi + V \Psi$$

- **Unsupervised learning.** Estimation of the probability distribution

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_d \leq x_d),$$

of a random vector $X = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$, from samples of X or some function of X .

- **Supervised learning.** Approximation of a random variable Y by a function of a set of random variables $X = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$, using samples of (X, Y) . The approximation is used as a **predictive** model.
- These are two typical tasks in **uncertainty quantification**, where Y is some output variable of a (numerical or experimental) model depending on a set of random parameters X .

Low-dimensional problems as high-dimensional problems

Consider a function $u(x)$ defined on $[0, 1)$.

- By subdividing $[0, 1)$ into N intervals of equal length, u can be identified with a bivariate function

$$u(x) = v(i, y),$$

where

$$x = N^{-1}(i + y), \quad i \in \{0, \dots, N - 1\}, \quad y \in [0, 1)$$

- If $N = 2^d$ with $d \in \mathbb{N}$, then $i \in \{0, \dots, 2^d - 1\}$ can be written in base 2

$$i = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} i_k 2^k$$

and u can be identified with a $(d + 1)$ -dimensional function

$$v(i_0, \dots, i_{d-1}, y), \quad i_\nu \in \{0, 1\}, \quad y \in [0, 1).$$

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Approximation

The goal is to approximate a function

$$u(x_1, \dots, x_d)$$

by an element of a subset of functions X_n described by n parameters.

- X_n is called an **approximation tool**, **model class** or **hypothesis set**.
- Standard approximation tools include splines, wavelets, polynomials.
- We distinguish **linear approximation**, where X_n are linear spaces, from **nonlinear approximation**, where X_n are nonlinear spaces.

Approximation

For a function u from a normed space, the **best approximation error**

$$e_n(u) = \inf_{v \in X_n} \|u - v\|$$

quantifies what we can expect from X_n .

Fundamental problems are to

- **Determine how fast $e_n(u)$ converges** for a certain class of functions, e.g.

$$e_n(u) \leq M\gamma(n)^{-1}$$

where $\gamma(n)$ is a strictly increasing function, or **determine the complexity** $n = n(\epsilon, u) \geq \gamma^{-1}(\epsilon/M)$ for having $e_n(u) \leq \epsilon$.

- **Characterize approximation classes**, i.e. sets of functions for which the approximation tool has a certain performance, e.g.

$$\mathcal{A}^\gamma = \{u : \sup_n \gamma(n)e_n(u) < +\infty\}$$

- **provide algorithms** that practically compute approximations achieving a certain precision with almost optimal complexity, using **available information on the function** (model equations, samples...)

What can we expect from an ideal approximation tool ?

For a set of functions K in a normed vector space X , the **Kolmogorov n -width** of K is

$$d_n(K)_X = \inf_{\dim(X_n)=n} \sup_{u \in K} \inf_{v \in X_n} \|u - v\|_X$$

where the infimum is taken over all linear subspaces of dimension n .

$d_n(K)_X$ measures how well the set of functions K can be approximated by a n -dimensional space.

It **measures the ideal performance** that we can expect from **linear approximation methods**.

The curse of dimensionality

- For $X = L^2(\mathcal{X})$ with $\mathcal{X} = (0, 1)^d$ or $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{T}^d$, and K the unit ball of the Sobolev space $H^k(\mathcal{X})$,

$$d_n(K)_X \sim n^{-k/d}$$

this optimal rate being achieved with **splines** or **trigonometric polynomials**.

We observe **the curse of dimensionality**: deterioration of the rate of convergence when d increases, exponential growth with d of the required complexity for reaching a given accuracy.

- For $X = L^2(\mathcal{X})$ with $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{T}^d$, and K the unit ball of the mixed Sobolev space $H_{mix}^k(\mathcal{X})$,

$$d_n(K)_X \sim n^{-k} \log(n)^{k(d-1)},$$

this rate being achieved by **sparse tensors** (hyperbolic cross approximation).

The **curse of dimensionality is still present**.

- For $X = L^\infty(\mathcal{X})$ with $\mathcal{X} = (0, 1)^d$ and $K = \{v \in C^\infty(\mathcal{X}) : \sup_\alpha \|D^\alpha v\|_{L^\infty} < \infty\}$,

$$\min\{n : d_n(K)_X \leq 1/2\} \geq c2^{d/2}$$

No blessing of smoothness !

How to beat the curse of dimensionality ?

- Similar results hold for nonlinear widths that measure the ideal performance of nonlinear approximation tools for standard regularity classes.
- No (reasonable) approximation tool is able to overcome the curse of dimensionality for these standard regularity classes.
- The key is to consider classes of functions with specific low-dimensional structures and to propose approximation formats (models) which exploit these structures (application-dependent).

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Some standard model classes

- Linear models

$$a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_d x_d$$

- Polynomial models

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} a_{\alpha} x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_d^{\alpha_d}$$

or more general sparse tensors

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} a_{\alpha} \varphi_{\alpha_1}^1(x_1) \dots \varphi_{\alpha_d}^d(x_d)$$

where $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{N}^d$ is a set of multi-indices, either fixed (linear approximation) or free (nonlinear approximation).

Curse of dimensionality can be circumvented for functions with sufficient **anisotropy** [?].

Some standard model classes

- Additive models

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

or more generally

$$\sum_{\alpha \in T} u_\alpha(x_\alpha)$$

where $T \subset 2^{\{1, \dots, d\}}$ is either fixed (linear approximation) or a free parameter (nonlinear approximation).

- Multiplicative models

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

or more generally

$$\prod_{\alpha \in T} u_\alpha(x_\alpha)$$

where $T \subset 2^{\{1, \dots, d\}}$ is either a fixed or a free parameter. An instance of [graphical models](#).

Composition of functions

$$f(g(x))$$

using standard model classes for both f and g .

- Linear transformations (ridge functions)

$$f(Wx), \quad W \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$$

- With an additive model for f , projection pursuit

$$f_1(w_1^T x) + \dots + f_m(w_m^T x)$$

- A more specific case is the sum of m perceptrons (shallow neural network with one hidden layer of width m)

$$\sum_{i=1}^m a_i \sigma(w_i^T x + b_i)$$

- Sparse transformations, e.g.

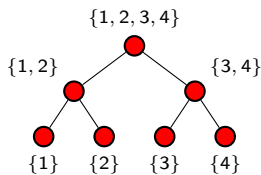
$$f(g_{1,2}(x_1, x_2), g_{3,4}(x_3, x_4), \dots)$$

More compositions... deep neural networks

$$f \circ g_L \circ g_{L-1} \circ \dots \circ g_2 \circ g_1(x)$$

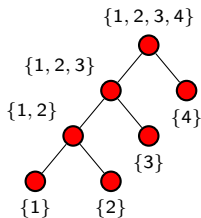
- Convolutional networks, sparse transformations with sparsity induced by a balanced tree

$$f_{1,2,3,4} (f_{1,2} (f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2)), f_{3,4} (f_3(x_3), f_4(x_4)))$$



- Recurrent networks, sparse transformations with sparsity induced by a linear tree

$$f_{1,2,3,4} (f_{1,2,3} (f_{1,2} (f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2)), f_3(x_3)), f_4(x_4))$$



More compositions... deep neural networks

These are **highly nonlinear** approximation tools, with a **high approximation power**.

They are known to achieve the optimal performance for standard regularity classes, but we **can not expect better than classical tools without further assumptions on the function**.

Even if the expected error $e_n(u)$ is small for a certain function u ,

- there is **no known certified algorithm** for constructing an approximation achieving this error,
- and a best approximation (when it exists) may be **highly unstable**.

- Functions with rank one (multiplicative model)

$$v(x) = u_1(x_1) \dots u_d(x_d)$$

- Functions with canonical rank less than r (canonical format)

$$v(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r u_1^i(x_1) \dots u_d^i(x_d)$$

- For a subset of variables $\alpha \subset \{1, \dots, d\} := D$, $v(x)$ can be identified with a bivariate function

$$v(x_\alpha, x_{\alpha^c}),$$

where x_α and x_{α^c} are complementary groups of variables.

The canonical rank of this bivariate function is called the α -rank of v , denoted $\text{rank}_\alpha(v)$, which is the minimal integer r_α such that

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

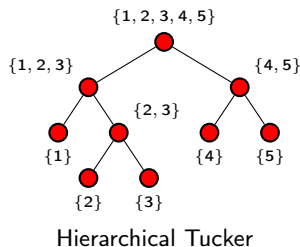
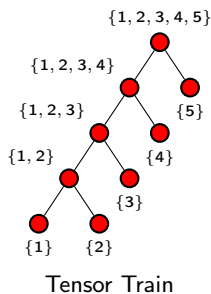
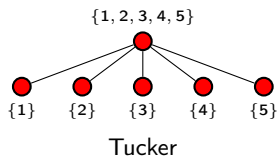
Tree based tensor formats

- For $T \subset 2^D$ a collection of subsets of D , a tensor format is defined by

$$\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H}) = \{v \in \mathcal{H} : \text{rank}_\alpha(v) \leq r_\alpha, \alpha \in T\}.$$

with \mathcal{H} a space of multivariate functions.

- In the particular case where T is a dimension partition tree, \mathcal{T}_r^T is a tree-based tensor format.



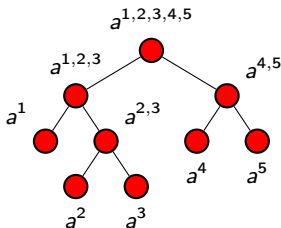
Tree-based formats as tensor networks

Consider a tensor space $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}^1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{H}^d$ of functions in $L^2_\mu(\mathcal{X})$, and let $\{\phi_{i_\nu}^\nu : i_\nu \in I^\nu\}$ be a basis of $\mathcal{H}^\nu \subset L^2_{\mu_\nu}(\mathcal{X}_\nu)$, typically polynomials, wavelets...

A function v in $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H}) = \{v \in \mathcal{H} : \text{rank}_T(v) \leq r\}$ admits an **explicit representation**

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

where each parameter a^α is in a tensor space \mathbb{R}^{K^α} .



Number of parameters (representation complexity)

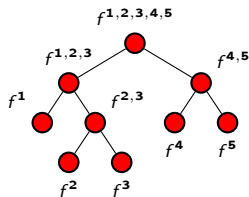
$$C(T, r, \mathcal{H}) = \sum_{\alpha \in T \setminus \mathcal{L}(T)} r_\alpha \prod_{\beta \in S(\alpha)} r_\beta + \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(T)} r_\alpha \dim(\mathcal{H}^\alpha).$$

Tree-based tensor format as a deep neural network

By identifying a tensor $a^{(\alpha)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_s \times r_\alpha}$ 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 .

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Singular value decompositions of multivariate functions

We consider a multivariate function u in $L^2_\mu(\mathcal{X})$, where $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_d$ is equipped with a product measure $\mu = \mu_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mu_d$.

Consider a subset of variables α and its complementary subset $\alpha^c = D \setminus \alpha$.

$u(x_1, \dots, x_d)$ can be identified with a bivariate function $u(x_\alpha, x_{\alpha^c})$ in $L^2_{\mu_\alpha \otimes \mu_{\alpha^c}}(\mathcal{X}_\alpha \times \mathcal{X}_{\alpha^c})$ which admits a singular value decomposition

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

The problem of best approximation of u by a function with α -rank r_α ,

$$\min_{\text{rank}_\alpha(v) \leq r_\alpha} \|u - v\|^2 := e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u)^2,$$

admits as a solution the truncated singular value decomposition u_{r_α} of u

$$u_{r_\alpha}(x_\alpha, x_{\alpha^c}) = \sum_{k=1}^{r_\alpha} \sigma_k^\alpha v_k^\alpha(x_\alpha) v_k^{\alpha^c}(x_{\alpha^c})$$

where $\{v_1^\alpha, \dots, v_{r_\alpha}^\alpha\}$ are the r_α α -principal components of u .

The subspace of principal components

$$U_\alpha = \text{span}\{v_1^\alpha, \dots, v_{r_\alpha}^\alpha\}$$

is such that

$$u_{r_\alpha}(\cdot, X_{\alpha^c}) = \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} u(\cdot, X_{\alpha^c})$$

where \mathcal{P}_{U_α} is the orthogonal projection onto U_α .

It is solution of

$$\min_{\dim(U_\alpha)=r_\alpha} \|u - \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} u\|^2$$

that is

$$\min_{\dim(U_\alpha)=r_\alpha} \int \|u(\cdot, X_{\alpha^c}) - \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} u(\cdot, X_{\alpha^c})\|_{L^2_{\mu_\alpha}}^2 d\mu_{\alpha^c}(X_{\alpha^c}).$$

Linear widths for multivariate functions

Consider the set of functions

$$K_\alpha(u) = \{u(\cdot, x_{\alpha^c}) : x_{\alpha^c} \in \mathcal{X}_{\alpha^c}\} \subset L_{\mu_\alpha}^2(\mathcal{X}_\alpha)$$

and let ν_{α^c} be the push-forward measure of μ_{α^c} over $K_\alpha(u)$ through the map $x_{\alpha^c} \mapsto u(\cdot, x_{\alpha^c})$.

The **best approximation error** $e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u)$ is such that

$$e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u)^2 = \min_{\dim(U_\alpha)=r_\alpha} \int_{K_\alpha(u)} \|v - \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} v\|_{L_{\mu_\alpha}^2}^2 d\nu_{\alpha^c}(v)$$

and defines a linear width of the set $K_\alpha(u)$ which measures how well it can be approximated by a r_α dimensional space U_α . It **quantifies the ideal performance of a linear approximation method** in $L_{\mu_\alpha}^2(\mathcal{X}_\alpha)$ in a mean-square sense.

Linear widths for multivariate functions

Assuming μ is finite,

$$e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u) \lesssim \min_{\dim(U_\alpha)=r_\alpha} \sup_{v \in K_\alpha(u)} \|v - \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} v\|_{L^2_{\mu_\alpha}} = d_{r_\alpha}(K_\alpha(u))_{L^2_{\mu_\alpha}},$$

this upper bound being the Kolmogorov r_α -width of $K_\alpha(u)$ in $L^2_{\mu_\alpha}(\mathcal{X}_\alpha)$.

Furthermore, since

$$e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u) = e_{r_\alpha}^{\alpha^c}(u),$$

we have

$$e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u) \leq \min \left\{ d_{r_\alpha}(K_\alpha(u))_{L^2_{\mu_\alpha}}, d_{r_\alpha}(K_{\alpha^c}(u))_{L^2_{\mu_{\alpha^c}}} \right\}$$

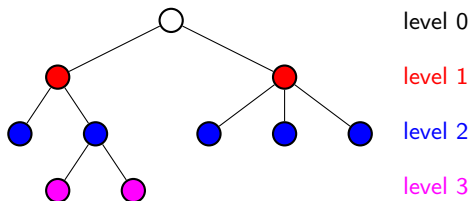
Singular value decomposition in tree-based formats

The notion of singular value decomposition can be extended (in different ways) to higher-order tensors.

Given a dimension tree T , for each $\alpha \in T$, we let U_α be a r_α -dimensional subspace of $L_{\mu_\alpha}^2$ and define

$$u_r = \mathcal{P}^{(L)} \mathcal{P}^{(L-1)} \dots \mathcal{P}^{(1)} u \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{P}^{(\ell)} = \prod_{\substack{\alpha \in T \\ \text{level}(\alpha) = \ell}} \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha}$$

where we apply to u a sequence of projections ordered by increasing level in the tree (from the root to the leaves). Here $L = \max_{\alpha \in T} \text{level}(\alpha)$.



Singular value decomposition in tree-based formats

We can prove that $u_r \in \mathcal{T}_r^T$ with $r = (r_\alpha)_{\alpha \in T}$, so that

$$\|u - u_r\| \geq \min_{v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T} \|u - v\| := e_r^T(u)$$

and

$$\|u - u_r\|^2 \leq \sum_{\alpha \in T \setminus \{D\}} \|u - \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} u\|^2.$$

Taking for U_α the α -principal subspaces, we then have

$$e_r^T(u)^2 \leq \|u - u_r\|^2 \leq \sum_{\alpha \in T \setminus \{D\}} e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u)^2$$

Noting that for all α ,

$$e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u) = \min_{\text{rank}_\alpha(v) \leq r_\alpha} \|u - v\| \leq \min_{v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T} \|u - v\|,$$

we obtain an **instance optimality** result

$$e_r^T(u) \leq \|u - u_r\| \leq \sqrt{\#T} e_r^T(u)$$

with $d + 1 \leq \#T \leq 2d - 1$. For a binary tree, $\#T = 2d - 1$.

Singular value decomposition in tree-based formats

For a desired precision ϵ , if the α -ranks r_α are chosen such that

$$\|u - \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} u\| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{\#T}} \|u\|,$$

we obtain an approximation u_r such that

$$\|u - u_r\| \leq \epsilon \|u\|.$$

This provides an algorithm based on classical singular value decompositions for “compressing” a tensor at a given precision.

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Approximation power of tree tensor networks

We want to quantify the **approximation error**

$$\min_{v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T} \|u - v\|$$

for a function u in a given function class, i.e. study the **expressive power** of tree tensor networks, and compare it with other approximation tools.

Expressive power of tree tensor networks

- For **standard regularity classes**, they perform almost as well as standard approximation tools.

For example, for $u \in H_{mix}^k((0, 1)^d)$, $K_\alpha(u) \subset H_{mix}^k((0, 1)^{\#\alpha})$ for any α . From bounds of **Kolmogorov widths of Sobolev balls**

$$e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u) \leq d_{r_\alpha}(K_\alpha(u)) \lesssim r_\alpha^{-k} \log(r_\alpha)^{k(\#\alpha-1)}$$

we obtain that the complexity to achieve a precision ϵ (with binary trees) is

$$n(\epsilon, u) \lesssim \epsilon^{-3/k} \log(\epsilon^{-1})^d d^{1+3/(2k)} \quad \text{up to powers of } \log(\epsilon^{-1})$$

Performs **almost as well as hyperbolic cross approximation** (sparse tensors).

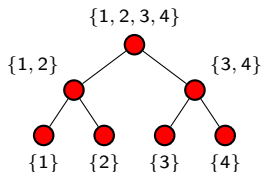
- Similar results in [Schneider and Uschmajew 2014] using results on bilinear approximation [Temlyakov 1989]. See also [Griebel and Harbrecht 2019]

Expressive power of tree tensor networks

[with M. Bachmayr and R. Schneider]

- But they can perform much better for non standard classes of functions, e.g. a tree-structured composition of regular functions $\{f_\alpha : \alpha \in T\}$, see [Mhaskar, Liao, Poggio 2016] for deep neural networks.

$$f_{1,2,3,4}(f_{1,2}(f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2)), f_{3,4}(f_3(x_3), f_4(x_4))))$$



Assuming that the functions $f_\alpha \in W^{k,\infty}$ with $\|f_\alpha\|_{L^\infty} \leq 1$ and $\|f_\alpha\|_{W^{k,\infty}} \leq B$, the complexity to achieve an accuracy ϵ

$$n(\epsilon, u) \lesssim \epsilon^{-3/k} (L+1)^3 B^{3L} d^{1+3/2k}$$

with $L = \log_2(d)$ for a balanced tree and $L+1 = d$ for a linear tree.

- **Bad influence of the depth** through the norm B of functions f_α (roughness).
- For $B \leq 1$ (and even for 1-Lipschitz functions), the complexity only scales polynomially in d : **no curse of dimensionality** !

Expressive power of tree tensor networks

- A function in canonical format (shallow network)

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

can be represented in tree-based format with a similar complexity.

- Conversely, a typical function in tree-based format \mathcal{T}_r^T has a canonical rank depending exponentially in d .

Deep is better !

For a balanced or linear binary tree T , the subset of tensors v in $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathbb{R}^{n \times \dots \times n})$ with canonical rank less than $\min\{n, r\}^{d/2}$ is of Lebesgue measure 0 [Cohen et al. 2016, Khrulkov et al 2018]

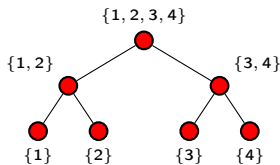
Influence of the tree

- For some functions, the performance does not depend so much on the tree. For example, an additive function

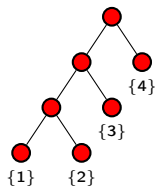
$$f_1(x_1) + \dots + f_d(x_d)$$

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

- But usually, different trees lead to different performances.



T^B (Balanced tree)



T^L (Linear tree)

- 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 $\text{rank}_{T^L}(u) \leq r^{\log_2(d)/2}$
- But a typical function in \mathcal{T}_r^T may admit a representation complexity exponential in d when using another tree.

Influence of the tree

As an example, consider the probability distribution $f(x) = \mathbb{P}(X = x)$ of a Markov chain $X = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$ given by

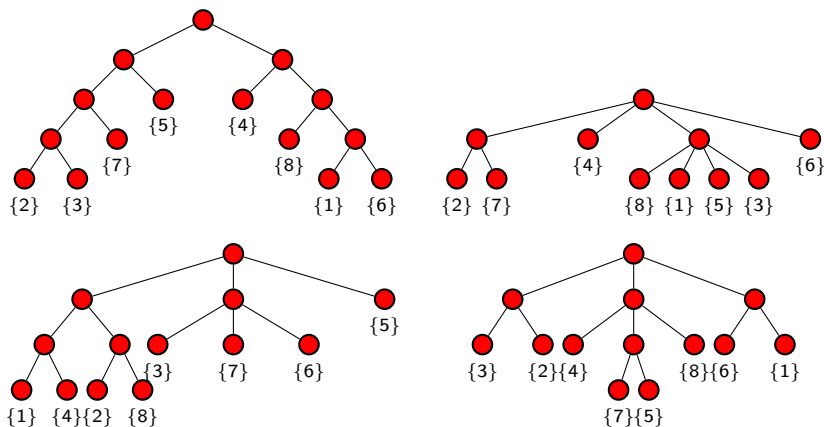
$$f(x) = f_1(x_1)f_{2|1}(x_2|x_1) \dots f_{d|d-1}(x_d|x_{d-1})$$

where bivariate functions $f_{i|i-1}$ have a rank bounded by r .

- With the linear tree T containing interior nodes $\{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \dots, \{1, \dots, d-1\}$, f admits a representation in tree-based format with storage complexity in r^4 .
- The canonical rank of f is exponential in d .
- But when considering the linear tree $T_\sigma = \{\sigma(\alpha) : \alpha \in T\}$ obtained by applying permutation $\sigma = (1, 3, \dots, d-1, 2, 4, \dots, d)$ to the tree T , the storage complexity in tree-based format is also exponential in d .

Approximation properties of tree tensor networks

Choosing a good tree (architecture of network) is a crucial but combinatorial problem...



Can be solved with stochastic algorithms (requires some heuristics)
[Grelier, Nouy and Chevreuril 2018].

Approximation of functions through tensorization

For a function $u(x)$ defined for $x \in [0, 1)$, we introduce the corresponding multivariate function v defined on $\{0, \dots, b-1\}^d \times [0, 1)$ such that

$$u(x) = v(i_0, \dots, i_{d-1}, y)$$

where

$$x = b^{-d}y + b^{-d} \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} i_k b^k.$$

- This allows the identification (through a linear isometry)

$$L^2(0, 1) = \mathbb{R}^b \dots \mathbb{R}^b \otimes L^2(0, 1).$$

- In practice, introduction of an approximation space $S_p \subset L^2(0, 1)$ (e.g. polynomial space) and approximations in

$$V_{b,d,p} = \mathbb{R}^b \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{R}^b \otimes S_p$$

and use of tree-based formats in $V_{b,d,p}$.

- For example, $V_{2,d,0}$ corresponds to the space of piecewise constant functions on a uniform mesh with 2^d elements.

Approximation of functions through tensorization

Exploiting low-rank structures of the tensorized function allows to achieve better performance than splines on adapted meshes for **functions with singularities** or **multiscale functions** [Kazeev and Schwab 2015 , Kazeev et al. 2017].

- For $u(x) = x^\alpha$, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$,
 - a **piecewise constant** approximation on a **uniform mesh** with n elements gives a convergence in $O(n^{-\alpha})$ in L^∞ ,
 - a **piecewise constant** approximation on an **optimal mesh** with n elements gives a convergence in $O(n^{-1})$ in L^∞ ,
 - a **piecewise constant** approximation on a **uniform mesh** with 2^d elements exploiting **low-rank** structures gives an **exponential convergence in $O(\beta^{-n})$** , where n is the complexity of the representation.
- For $u(x) = e^{zx}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$v(i_0, \dots, i_{d-1}, y) = u_1(i_0), \dots, u_d(i_{d-1})u_{d+1}(y), \quad \text{with } u_k(t) = e^{ztb^{k-d}},$$

is a **rank-one** function whatever z .

Approximation of functions through tensorization

A promising route for high-resolution simulations in low-dimension.

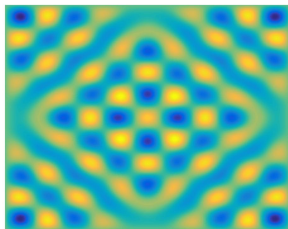


Figure: Scattering problem: tensorization with base $b = 2$, piecewise constant approximation, storage complexity at precision 10^{-3} (resp. 10^{-5}) goes from 260100 to 3532 (resp. 6170) by exploiting low-rank structures.

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Two typical tasks of statistical learning are to

- approximate a random variable Y by a function of a set of variables $X = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$, from samples of the pair $Z = (X, Y)$ (supervised learning)
- approximate the probability distribution of a random vector $Z = (Z_1, \dots, Z_d)$ from samples of the distribution (unsupervised learning)

Risk

A classical approach is to introduce a **risk functional** $\mathcal{R}(v)$ whose minimizer over the set of functions v is the **target function** u and such that

$$\mathcal{R}(v) - \mathcal{R}(u)$$

measures some **distance between the target u and the function v** .

The risk is defined as an expectation

$$\mathcal{R}(v) = \mathbb{E}(\gamma(v, Z))$$

where γ is called a contrast (or loss) function.

- For **least-squares regression in supervised learning**, $\mathcal{R}(v) = \mathbb{E}((Y - v(X))^2)$, $u(X) = \mathbb{E}(Y|X)$ and

$$\mathcal{R}(v) - \mathcal{R}(u) = \mathbb{E}((u(X) - v(X))^2) = \|u - v\|_{L^2_\mu}^2$$

with $X \sim \mu$.

- For **unsupervised learning with L^2 -loss**, $\mathcal{R}(v) = \mathbb{E}(\|v\|_{L^2_\mu}^2 - 2v(Z))$ and $\mathcal{R}(v) - \mathcal{R}(u) = \|u - v\|_{L^2_\mu}^2$ is the L^2 distance between v and the probability density u of Z with respect to a reference measure μ .

- Variational methods for PDEs [Eigel et al 2018]: with Z uniformly distributed on $D = (0, 1)^d$ and a risk

$$\mathcal{R}(v) = \mathbb{E}(|\nabla v(Z)|^2) - 2v(Z)f(Z)$$

the target function u in H_0^1 is such that

$$-\Delta u = f \quad \text{on } D,$$

and

$$\mathcal{R}(v) - \mathcal{R}(u) = \|v - u\|_{H_0^1}^2$$

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Empirical risk minimization

Given i.i.d. samples $\{z_i\}_{i=1}^n$ of Z , an approximation \hat{u}_F^n of u is obtained by **minimization of the empirical risk**

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(v) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(v, z_i)$$

over a certain **model class** F .

- Denoting by u_F the minimizer of the risk over F , the error

$$\mathcal{R}(\hat{u}_F^n) - \mathcal{R}(u) = \underbrace{\mathcal{R}(\hat{u}_F^n) - \mathcal{R}(u_F)}_{\text{estimation error}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{R}(u_F) - \mathcal{R}(u)}_{\text{approximation error}}$$

- For a given sample, when taking larger and larger model classes, approximation error \searrow while estimation error \nearrow .
- Methods should be proposed for the selection of a **model class taking the best from the available information**.

Learning algorithm for tree tensor networks

A function v in the model class $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ has a representation $v(x) = \Psi(x)((a^\alpha)_{\alpha \in T})$ where each parameter a^α is in a tensor space \mathbb{R}^{K^α} and $\Psi(x)$ is a **multilinear map**.

The empirical risk minimization problem over the nonlinear model class \mathcal{T}_r^T

$$\min_{(a^\alpha)_{\alpha \in T}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(\Psi(\cdot)((a^\alpha)_{\alpha \in T}), z_i)$$

can be solved using an **alternating minimization algorithm**, solving at each step an **empirical risk minimization problem with a linear model**

$$\Psi(x)((a^\alpha)_{\alpha \in T}) = \sum_{k \in K^\alpha} \Psi_k^\alpha(x) a_k^\alpha$$

with functions $\Psi_k^\alpha(x)$ depending on fixed parameters a^β , $\beta \neq \alpha$.

- In a L^2 setting, possible **re-parametrization** for having **orthonormal functions** $\Psi_k^\alpha(x)$.
- **Sparsity in the tensors** a^α can be exploited in different ways, e.g. by proposing different sparsity patterns and use a **model selection technique** (e.g. based on validation).
- For a leaf node ν , the approximation space \mathcal{H}^ν can be selected from a candidate sequence of spaces $\mathcal{H}_0^\nu \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{H}_L^\nu \subset \dots$

Learning algorithm for tree tensor networks

Selection an optimal model class $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ is a combinatorial problem.

An algorithm is proposed in [Grelier, Nouy, Chevreuril 2018] that performs adaptations of the **tree T** (**architecture**), the **rank r** (**widths**) and the **approximation space \mathcal{H}** .

Start with an initial tree T and learn an approximation $v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ with rank $r = (1, \dots, 1)$. Then repeat

- **Increase some ranks r_α** based on estimates of **truncation errors**

$$\min_{\text{rank}_\alpha(v) \leq r_\alpha} \mathcal{R}(v) - \mathcal{R}(u)$$

- Learn an approximation v in $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$, with **adaptive selection of \mathcal{H}**
- **Optimize the tree** for reducing the storage complexity of v (stochastic algorithm using a suitable distribution over the set of trees)

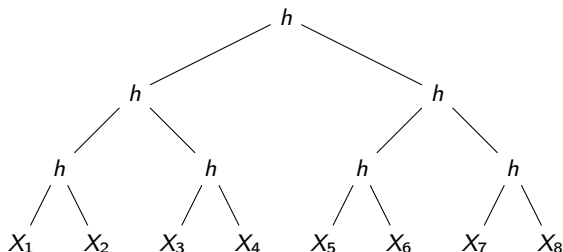
$$\min_T C(T, \text{rank}_T(v), \mathcal{H})$$

Example in supervised learning: composition of functions

Consider a tree-structured composition of functions

$$u(X) = h(h(h(X_1, X_2), h(X_3, X_4)), h(h(X_5, X_6), h(X_7, X_8))),$$

where $h(t, s) = 9^{-1}(2 + ts)^2$ is a bivariate function and where the $d = 8$ random variables X_1, \dots, X_8 are independent and uniform on $[-1, 1]$.

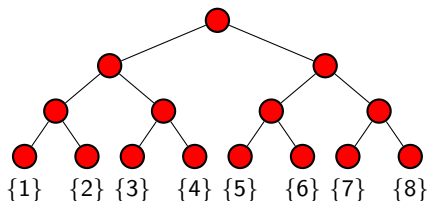


We use polynomial approximation spaces \mathcal{H} (with adaptive selection of the degree), so that function u could (in principle) be recovered exactly for any choice of tree with a sufficiently high rank.

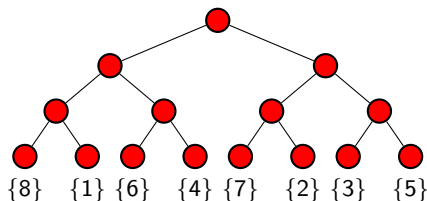
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We consider the tree T^1 coinciding with the structure of u , for which

$$C(T^1, \text{rank}_{T^1}(u), \mathcal{H}) = 2427$$



(a) Tree T^1



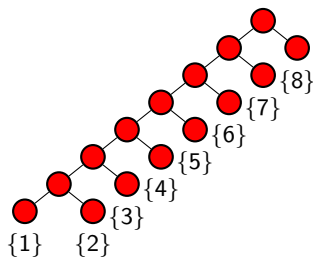
(b) Tree T^1_σ

By considering a permutation $T^1_\sigma = \{\sigma(\alpha) : \alpha \in T^1\}$ of T^1 , with $\sigma = (8, 1, 6, 4, 7, 2, 3, 5)$, we have a complexity

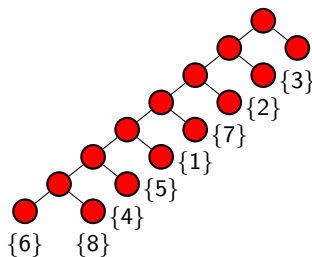
$$C(T^1_\sigma, \text{rank}_{T^1_\sigma}(u), \mathcal{H}) \geq 9.10^6$$

Example in supervised learning: composition of functions

We consider a linear tree T^2 and start the algorithm from a tree $T_\sigma^2 = \{\sigma(\alpha) : \alpha \in T^2\}$ obtained by applying a random permutation σ to T^2 .



(c) Tree T^2



(d) Tree T_σ^2 for $\sigma = (6, 8, 4, 5, 1, 7, 2, 3)$

Example in supervised learning: composition of functions

Behavior of the algorithm with a sample size $n = 10^5$

Iteration	rank r	$\varepsilon_{\text{test}}(v)$	$C(T, r, \mathcal{H})$
1	(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)	$3.38 \cdot 10^{-2}$	79
2	(1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1)	$2.95 \cdot 10^{-2}$	100
3	(1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1)	$2.45 \cdot 10^{-2}$	121
4	(1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1)	$1.85 \cdot 10^{-2}$	142
5	(1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2)	$8.97 \cdot 10^{-3}$	163
6	(1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)	$8.89 \cdot 10^{-3}$	188
7	(1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)	$8.87 \cdot 10^{-3}$	188
8	(1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)	$3.97 \cdot 10^{-3}$	188
9	(1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 3)	$1.55 \cdot 10^{-4}$	308
10	(1, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 3, 3, 3, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3)	$1.18 \cdot 10^{-4}$	364
11	(1, 3, 4, 3, 4, 2, 4, 3, 4, 2, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4)	$6.65 \cdot 10^{-6}$	520
12	(1, 3, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 5, 5)	$1.19 \cdot 10^{-6}$	723
13	(1, 4, 5, 4, 5, 3, 5, 4, 5, 3, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5)	$1.72 \cdot 10^{-7}$	865
14	(1, 4, 6, 4, 6, 3, 6, 4, 6, 3, 6, 4, 6, 6, 6)	$1.47 \cdot 10^{-8}$	1113
15	(1, 5, 6, 5, 6, 3, 6, 5, 6, 3, 6, 5, 6, 6, 6)	$7.02 \cdot 10^{-9}$	1311
16	(1, 5, 7, 5, 7, 3, 7, 5, 7, 3, 7, 5, 7, 7, 7)	$1.27 \cdot 10^{-10}$	1643

Example in supervised learning: composition of functions

Behavior of the algorithm for different sample sizes n .

n	$\hat{\mathbb{P}}(T = T^1)$	$\varepsilon_{\text{test}}(v)$	$C(T, r, \mathcal{H})$
10^3	90%	$[1.75 \cdot 10^{-5}, 1.75 \cdot 10^{-4}]$	[360, 1062]
10^4	90%	$[2.15 \cdot 10^{-8}, 4.10 \cdot 10^{-3}]$	[185, 2741]
10^5	100%	$[4.67 \cdot 10^{-15}, 8.92 \cdot 10^{-3}]$	[163, 2594]

Table: training sample size n , estimation of the probability of obtaining the ideal tree T^1 and ranges (over the 10 trials) for the test error, and the storage complexity.

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Active learning based on principal component analysis

We consider the **least-squares regression** setting for **supervised learning**.

We consider the context of **active learning** for the approximation of $u(\mathbf{X})$, where samples of \mathbf{X} can be chosen.

For the construction of an approximation in the tree-based format \mathcal{T}_r^T , we will determine for each node α in T **approximations of α -principal subspaces** of u , from structured samples of \mathbf{X} .

Empirical principal component analysis

For $\alpha \in D = \{1, \dots, d\}$, a subspace of α -principal components of $u(\mathbf{X})$ is solution of

$$\min_{\dim(U_\alpha)=r_\alpha} \mathbb{E} \left(\|u(\cdot, X_{\alpha^c}) - \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} u(\cdot, X_{\alpha^c})\|_{L^2_{\mu_\alpha}(X_\alpha)}^2 \right)$$

where u is seen as a function-valued random variable

$$u(\cdot, X_{\alpha^c}) \in L^2_{\mu_\alpha}(X_\alpha).$$

It can be estimated using i.i.d. samples $u(\cdot, X_{\alpha^c}^j)$ of this random variable and by solving

$$\min_{\dim(U_\alpha)=r_\alpha} \frac{1}{N_\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^{N_\alpha} \|u(\cdot, X_{\alpha^c}^j) - \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} u(\cdot, X_{\alpha^c}^j)\|_{L^2_{\mu_\alpha}(X_\alpha)}^2$$

where $\{X_{\alpha^c}^j\}_{j=1}^{N_\alpha}$ are i.i.d. samples of the group of variables X_{α^c} .

Empirical principal component analysis

In practice, we determine the principal subspaces of an approximation u_α of u by solving

$$\min_{\dim(U_\alpha)=r_\alpha} \frac{1}{N_\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^{N_\alpha} \|u_\alpha(\cdot, x_{\alpha^c}^j) - \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} u_\alpha(\cdot, x_{\alpha^c}^j)\|_{L^2_{\mu_\alpha}(X_\alpha)}^2$$

For a given value of x_{α^c} ,

$$u_\alpha(\cdot, x_{\alpha^c}) = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{H}_\alpha} u(\cdot, x_{\alpha^c})$$

where $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{H}_\alpha}$ is some sample-based projection (e.g., interpolation, least-squares projection) onto a subspace \mathcal{H}_α .

If the projection $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{H}_\alpha}$ is based on a set of M_α samples of X_α , obtaining U_α requires the evaluation of u at the $M_\alpha \times N_\alpha$ points

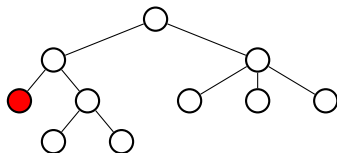
$$\{(x_\alpha^i, x_{\alpha^c}^j) : 1 \leq i \leq M_\alpha, 1 \leq j \leq N_\alpha\}.$$

Empirical principal component analysis for tree-based format

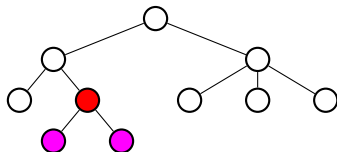
Given a tree T , the subspaces $U_\alpha \subset \mathcal{H}_\alpha$ are determined from the leaves to the root, and the spaces \mathcal{H}_α are chosen as follows.

- for $S(\alpha) = \emptyset$ (**leaf node**), \mathcal{H}_α is a given approximation space (e.g., polynomials, wavelets, kernel functions, perceptrons...)

$$\mathcal{H}_\alpha = \text{span}\{\phi_\lambda^\alpha : \lambda \in I^\alpha\}$$



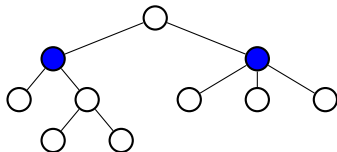
- for $S(\alpha) \neq \emptyset$ (**interior node**), $\mathcal{H}_\alpha = \bigotimes_{\beta \in S(\alpha)} U_\beta$.



Empirical principal component analysis for tree-based format

We finally obtain an approximation u^* of u by a sample-based projection (e.g., interpolation or least-squares projection) onto the tensor space $\mathcal{H}_D = \bigotimes_{\alpha \in S(D)} U_\alpha$

$$u^* = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{H}_D} u$$



Theorem (Fixed precision, using interpolation)

Let $\epsilon, \tilde{\epsilon} \geq 0$. If the subspaces U_α are determined such that

$$\|\mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} u_\alpha - u_\alpha\| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{\#T}} \|u_\alpha\|$$

and if the approximation spaces \mathcal{H}_ν , $1 \leq \nu \leq d$, are such that

$$\|\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{H}_\nu} u - u\| \leq \tilde{\epsilon} \|u\|,$$

then we obtain an approximation u^* such that

$$\|u^* - u\|^2 \leq (\Lambda^2 \epsilon^2 + \tilde{\Lambda}^2 \tilde{\epsilon}^2) \|u\|^2$$

with Λ and $\tilde{\Lambda}$ depending on the properties of the interpolation operators.

Illustration for approximation: Borehole function

The Borehole function models water flow through a borehole:

$$u(X) = \frac{2\pi T_u(H_u - H_l)}{\ln(r/r_w) \left(1 + \frac{2LT_u}{\ln(r/r_w)r_w^2 K_w} + \frac{T_u}{T_l}\right)}, \quad X = (r_w, \log(r), T_u, H_u, T_l, H_l, L, K_w)$$

r_w	radius of borehole (m)	$N(\mu = 0.10, \sigma = 0.0161812)$
r	radius of influence (m)	$LN(\mu = 7.71, \sigma = 1.0056)$
T_u	transmissivity of upper aquifer (m ² /yr)	$U(63070, 115600)$
H_u	potentiometric head of upper aquifer (m)	$U(990, 1110)$
T_l	transmissivity of lower aquifer (m ² /yr)	$U(63.1, 116)$
H_l	potentiometric head of lower aquifer (m)	$U(700, 820)$
L	length of borehole (m)	$U(1120, 1680)$
K_w	hydraulic conductivity of borehole (m/yr)	$U(9855, 12045)$

Approximation in the tree-based format $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ with a linear tree

$$T = \{\{1\}, \dots, \{d\}, \{1, 2\}, \dots, \{1, \dots, d-1\}, D\}$$

and polynomial approximation spaces \mathcal{H}_ν , $1 \leq \nu \leq d$.

Illustration for approximation: Borehole function

Table: Approximation with **prescribed precision** ϵ , **adaptive degree** $p(\epsilon) = \log_{10}(\epsilon^{-1})$, and $N_\alpha = \dim(V_\alpha)$. **Confidence intervals for relative error** $\varepsilon(u^*)$, **storage complexity** S and **number of evaluations** M for different ϵ , and **average ranks**. **Projections based on empirical interpolation**

ϵ	$\varepsilon(u^*)$	N	S	$[r_{\{1\}}, \dots, r_{\{d\}}, r_{\{1,2\}}, \dots, r_{\{1, \dots, d-1\}}]$
10^{-1}	$[1.8; 2.7] \times 10^{-1}$	[39, 39]	[23, 23]	[1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]
10^{-2}	$[0.3; 4.0] \times 10^{-2}$	[88, 100]	[41, 46]	[1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1]
10^{-3}	$[0.8; 1.9] \times 10^{-3}$	[159, 186]	[61, 78]	[2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1]
10^{-4}	$[2.5; 5.6] \times 10^{-5}$	[328, 328]	[141, 141]	[2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2]
10^{-5}	$[0.6; 1.6] \times 10^{-5}$	[444, 472]	[166, 178]	[2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2]
10^{-6}	$[3.1; 5.7] \times 10^{-6}$	[596, 664]	[204, 241]	[3, 2, 2, 4, 5, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2]
10^{-7}	$[1.0; 6.3] \times 10^{-7}$	[1042, 1267]	[374, 429]	[4, 3, 4, 6, 5, 3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 3, 2, 2, 2]
10^{-8}	$[1.1; 7.1] \times 10^{-8}$	[1567, 1567]	[512, 512]	[4, 3, 4, 7, 6, 3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3]
10^{-9}	$[0.2; 4.9] \times 10^{-8}$	[1719, 1854]	[534, 560]	[4, 4, 4, 8, 6, 3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3]
10^{-10}	$[0.3; 1.9] \times 10^{-9}$	[2482, 2828]	[774, 838]	[5, 4, 6, 10, 7, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3]

Approximation of a function using tensorization

Consider a function $u : [0, 1) \rightarrow 1$ identified with the multivariate function

$$u(x) = v(i_0, \dots, i_{d-1}, y), \quad x = 2^{-d} \left(y + \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} i_k 2^k \right)$$

with $y \in [0, 1)$ and $i_0, \dots, i_{d-1} \in \{0, 1\}$.

The function v is approximated in the tree-based format $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ with a **linear tree**

$$\mathcal{T} = \{\{1\}, \dots, \{d\}, \{1, 2\}, \dots, \{1, \dots, d-1\}, D\}$$

and $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{R}^2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{R}^2 \otimes \mathbb{P}_0$. This results in a piecewise constant approximation of u on a uniform partition of $[0, 1]$ with 2^d intervals.

Approximation of a function using tensorization

Table: $u(t) = \sqrt{t}$, $d = 40$. Approximation in tensor train format with prescribed ϵ , $N_\alpha = \dim(\mathcal{H}_\alpha)$. Confidence intervals for relative L^2 -error $\epsilon(u^*)$, number of evaluations M , storage complexity S and maximal rank for different ϵ .

ϵ	$\epsilon(u^*)$	M	S	$\max_\alpha r_\alpha$
10^{-1}	$[9.3 \cdot 10^{-3}; 5.5 \cdot 10^{-2}]$	[182, 230]	[90, 114]	[2, 2]
10^{-2}	$[3.7 \cdot 10^{-3}; 8.6 \cdot 10^{-3}]$	[314, 350]	[156, 172]	[2, 3]
10^{-3}	$[5.4 \cdot 10^{-4}; 9.2 \cdot 10^{-4}]$	[514, 606]	[252, 300]	[3, 3]
10^{-4}	$[1.3 \cdot 10^{-4}; 3.3 \cdot 10^{-3}]$	[838, 962]	[414, 474]	[4, 4]
10^{-5}	$[1.8 \cdot 10^{-5}; 8.2 \cdot 10^{-4}]$	[1270, 1398]	[626, 692]	[4, 5]
10^{-6}	$[1.3 \cdot 10^{-6}; 6.3 \cdot 10^{-5}]$	[1900, 2036]	[938, 1014]	[5, 5]
10^{-7}	$[4.9 \cdot 10^{-7}; 1.3 \cdot 10^{-6}]$	[2444, 2718]	[1218, 1344]	[5, 6]
10^{-8}	$[1.0 \cdot 10^{-7}; 1.2 \cdot 10^{-6}]$	[3304, 3468]	[1642, 1722]	[6, 6]
10^{-9}	$[2.2 \cdot 10^{-8}; 1.3 \cdot 10^{-7}]$	[4116, 4328]	[2046, 2144]	[7, 7]
10^{-10}	$[8.6 \cdot 10^{-10}; 6.7 \cdot 10^{-8}]$	[5024, 5136]	[2490, 2552]	[7, 7]

Concluding remarks

- A fundamental problem would be to **characterize approximation classes** \mathcal{A}^γ of tree tensor networks, those functions for which tree tensor networks give a certain performance

$$\inf_{v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})} \mathcal{R}(\hat{u}) - \mathcal{R}(u) \lesssim \gamma(n)^{-1}$$

for some growth function γ and n a measure of complexity of $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$.

- For an approximation class \mathcal{A}^γ , we would like to devise (black box) **algorithms** that select a model class $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ and provide an approximation $\hat{u} \in \mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ such that (possibly in expectation or with a certain probability)

$$\mathcal{R}(\hat{u}) - \mathcal{R}(u) \lesssim \gamma(n)^{-1},$$

or γ replaced by another growth function.

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