

Accelerating Alternating Least Squares for Tensor Decomposition by Pairwise Perturbation

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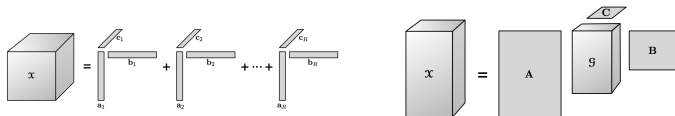
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Overview

CP and Tucker tensor decompositions¹

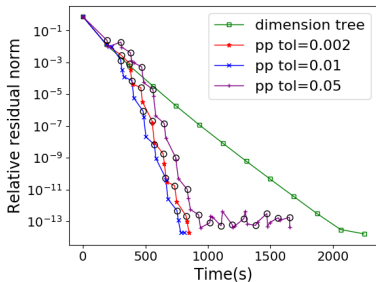
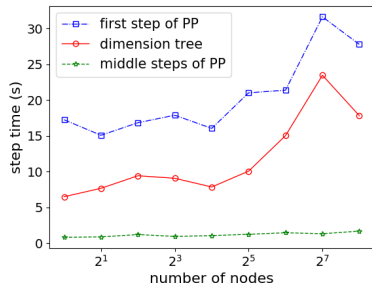


- Alternating least squares (**ALS**) is most widely used method
- Each ALS **sweep** optimizes all **factor matrices** in decomposition
- New algorithm: **pairwise perturbation** approximates ALS
 - accurate when factor tensors change little at each sweep
 - rank R CP decomposition: it reduces cost of sweep from $O(s^N R)$ to $O(s^2 R)$ for input tensor with dims $s \times \dots \times s$
 - rank R Tucker decomposition: it reduces cost of sweep from $O(s^N R)$ to $O(s^2 R^{N-1})$

¹Kolda and Bader, SIAM Review 2009

Performance Highlights for Pairwise Perturbation

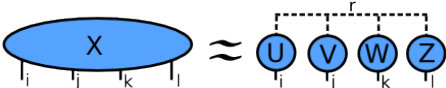
Pairwise perturbation (PP) outperforms optimized dimension tree ALS



- First step of PP (setup) costs slightly more than ALS sweep
- Middle steps (subsequent approximations) up to **10X** faster
- Overall convergence up to **3X** faster for synthetic and real tensors

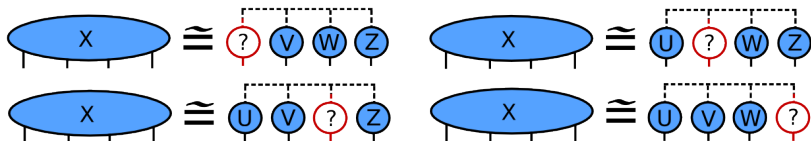
Alternating Least Squares for CP Decomposition

Consider rank R CP decomposition of an $s \times s \times s \times s$ tensor

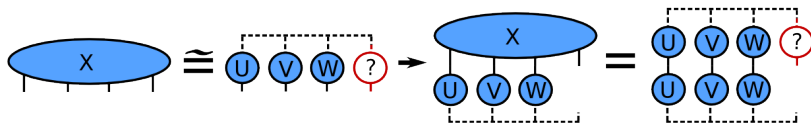
$$x_{ijkl} \approx \sum_{r=1}^R u_{ir} v_{jr} w_{kr} z_{lr}$$


ALS updates factor matrices in an alternating manner

$$\min_{\mathbf{A}^{(n)}} f(\mathbf{A}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{(N)}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{X} - \llbracket \mathbf{A}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{(n)}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{(N)} \rrbracket\|_F^2,$$

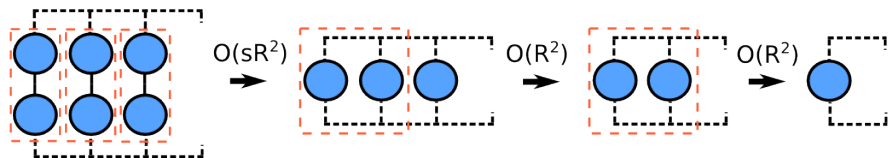


Each quadratic subproblem is typically solved via normal equations

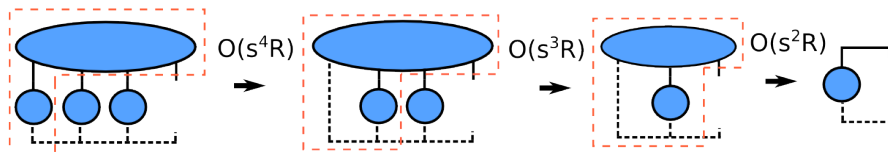


Tensor Contractions in CP ALS

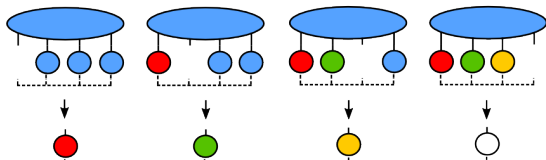
The normal equations are cheap to compute



But forming the right-hand sides ($M^{(n)}$) requires expensive **MTTKRP** (matricized tensor-times Khatri-Rao product)

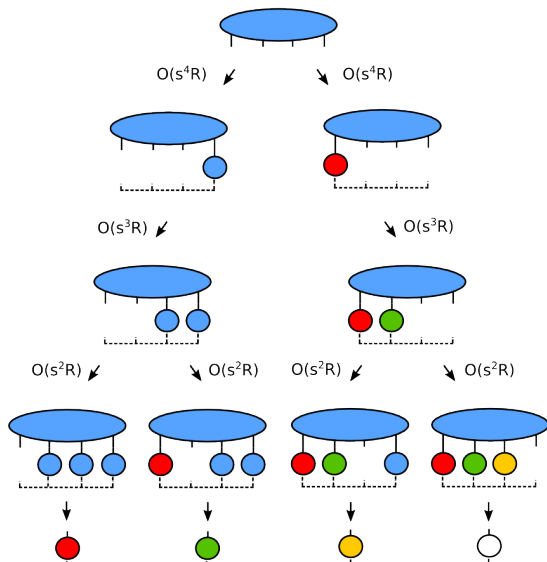


CP ALS Dimension Trees²



²Phan, Tichavský, and Cichocki, IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing 2013

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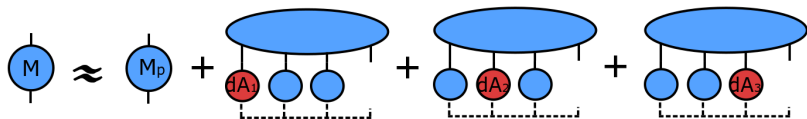
CP ALS with Pairwise Perturbation

Pairwise perturbation (PP) approximates $\mathbf{M}^{(n)} \approx \tilde{\mathbf{M}}^{(n)}$ using pairwise perturbation operators $\mathcal{M}_p^{(i,n)}$

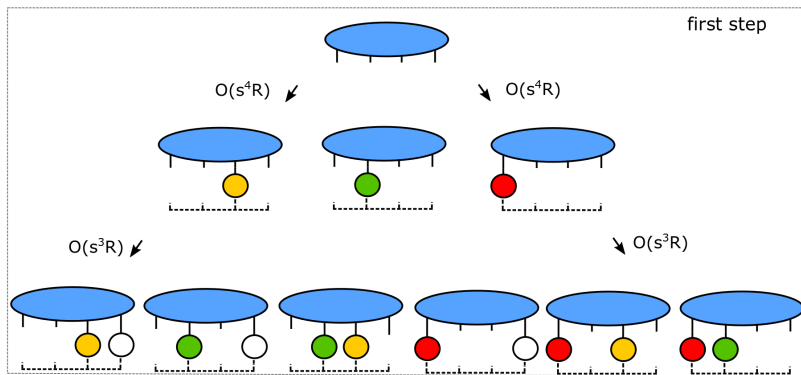
- Write $\mathbf{A}^{(n)} = \mathbf{A}_p^{(n)} + d\mathbf{A}^{(n)} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}^{(n)} = \mathbf{X}_{(n)} \odot_{i=1, i \neq n}^N (\mathbf{A}_p^{(i)} + d\mathbf{A}^{(i)})$
- Elementwise,

$$\mathbf{M}^{(n)}(y, k) = \mathbf{M}_p^{(n)}(y, k) + \sum_{i=1, i \neq n}^N \sum_{x=1}^{s_i} \mathcal{M}_p^{(i,n)}(x, y, k) d\mathbf{A}^{(i)}(x, k) +$$

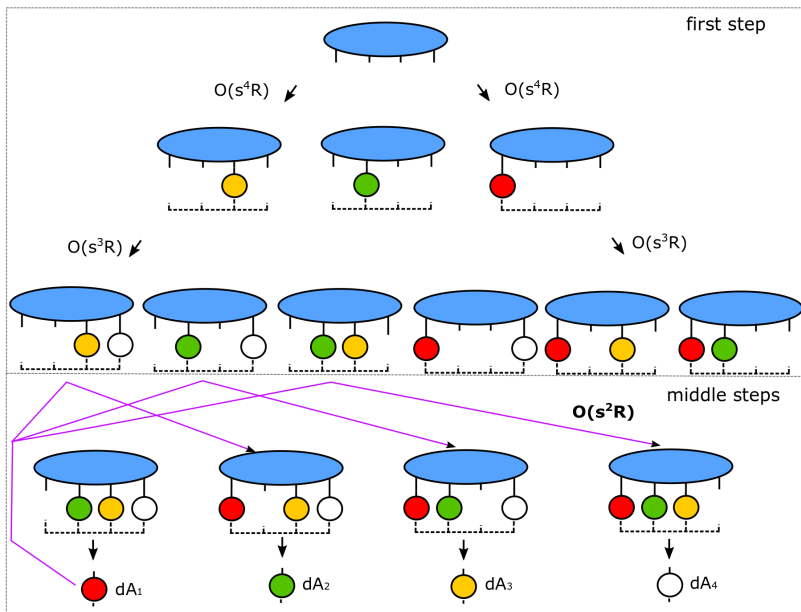
$$\sum_{i=1, i \neq n}^N \sum_{j=i+1, j \neq n}^N \sum_{x=1}^{s_i} \sum_{z=1}^{s_j} \mathcal{M}_p^{(i,j,n)}(x, z, y, k) d\mathbf{A}^{(i)}(x, k) d\mathbf{A}^{(j)}(z, k) + \dots$$



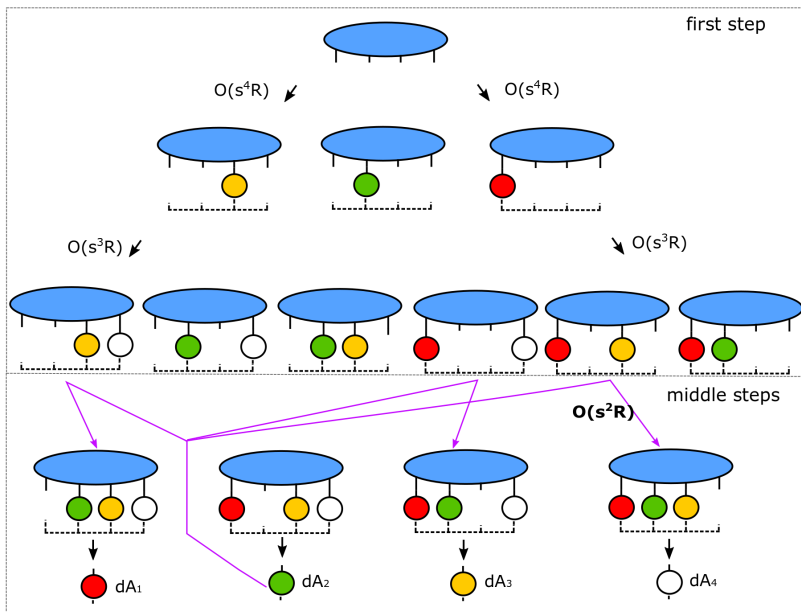
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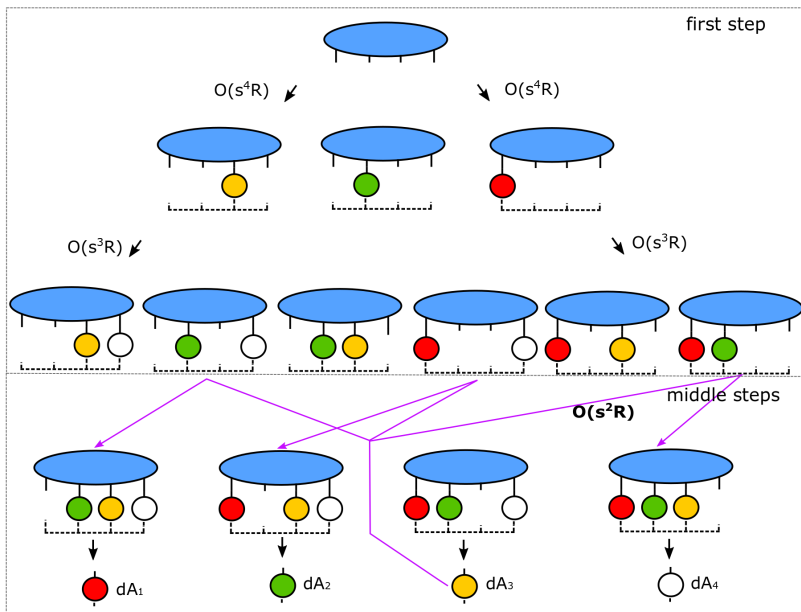
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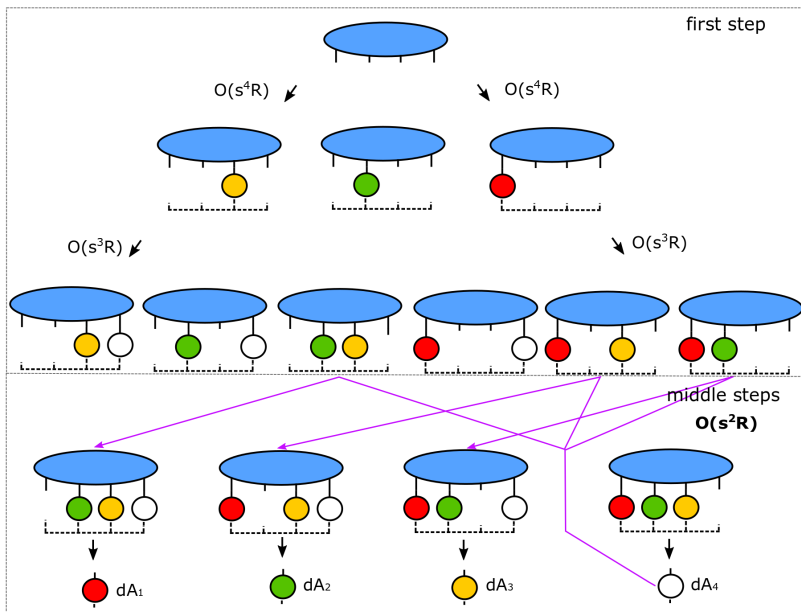
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Error Analysis: First Attempt

Consider order $N = 3$ tensor \mathcal{X} , let $\mathbf{M}^{(3)}$ be the right-hand-sides needed to form the third factor matrix $\mathbf{A}^{(3)}$

- Bound columnwise error of $\tilde{\mathbf{M}}^{(3)}$ computed by PP middle step
- The i th factor matrix changed by $d\mathbf{A}^{(i)}$ since the first step of PP
- Error bound based on conditioning bound of $\mathbf{f}\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^s \times \mathbb{R}^s \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^s$,

$$z = \mathbf{f}\mathcal{X}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \Rightarrow z_k = \sum_{i,j} x_{ijk} u_i v_j$$

Theorem (Columnwise Error Bound from Tensor Conditioning)

If $\|d\mathbf{a}_k^{(l)}\|_2 / \|\mathbf{a}_k^{(l)}\|_2 \leq \epsilon$ for $l \in \{1, 2, 3\}$,

$$\frac{\|\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_k^{(3)} - \mathbf{m}_k^{(3)}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{m}_k^{(3)}\|_2} \leq \frac{\max_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{S}^{s-1}} \|\mathbf{f}\mathcal{X}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})\|_2}{\min_{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{S}^{s-1}} \|\mathbf{f}\mathcal{X}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})\|_2} O(\epsilon^2).$$

MTTKRP is Ill-Posed for Most Tensors

- Error bound relies on worst-case behavior of $\mathbf{f}\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^s \times \mathbb{R}^s \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^s$,

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{f}\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \Rightarrow z_k = \sum_{i,j} x_{ijk} u_i v_j$$

- If $\min_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{S}^{s-1}} \|\mathbf{f}\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})\|_2 = 0$, **bound is trivial**
- **There exist** $2 \times 2 \times 2$, $4 \times 4 \times 4$, and $8 \times 8 \times 8$ tensors for which $\|\mathbf{f}\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})\|_2 = 1$ for all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{S}^{s-1}$
 - thanks to Fan Huang for finding the $s = 8$ tensor
- **However, for any** $s \notin \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$, any $s \times s \times s$ tensor \mathbf{x} has $\min_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{S}^{s-1}} \|\mathbf{f}\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})\|_2 = 0$
- Tensors that are well-conditioned in this sense correspond to solutions to the Hurwitz problem (1898), which exist only for $s \in \{2, 4, 8\}$
 - thanks to Daniel Kressner for pointing out this connection

Error Analysis: Second Attempt

Again, consider order $N = 3$ tensor \mathcal{X} , let $\mathbf{M}^{(3)}$ be the right-hand-sides needed to form the third factor matrix $\mathbf{A}^{(3)}$

- Define $\mathbf{M}_{new}^{(3)} - \mathbf{M}^{(3)} = \mathbf{H}^{(1,3)} + \mathbf{H}^{(2,3)}$
- Define $\mathbf{A}_{new}^{(i)} - \mathbf{A}^{(i)} = \delta \mathbf{A}^{(i)}$
- Bound columnwise error of *approximate update* $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}^{(1,3)}$ to $\tilde{\mathbf{M}}^{(3)}$ computed by PP middle step due to change in $\mathbf{A}^{(1)}$

Theorem (Columnwise Error Bound from Matricization Conditioning)

For $\epsilon_k = \|\delta \mathbf{a}_k^{(2)}\|_2 / \|\mathbf{a}_k^{(2)}\|_2 < 1$ and $\hat{\mathbf{T}} = \mathcal{X} \times_1 \delta \mathbf{a}_k^{(1)}$,

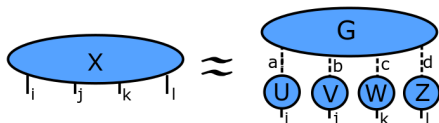
$$\frac{\|\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_k^{(1,3)} - \mathbf{h}_k^{(1,3)}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{h}_k^{(1,3)}\|_2} \leq \kappa(\hat{\mathbf{T}})\epsilon_k, \text{ where } \kappa(\hat{\mathbf{T}}) = \frac{\sigma_{\max}(\hat{\mathbf{T}})}{\sigma_{\min}(\hat{\mathbf{T}})}$$

- For $N > 3$: higher-order absolute error terms scale as $O(\epsilon_k \epsilon_l)$, but can dominate, so have no relative error bound

Alternating Least Squares for Tucker Decomposition

Consider rank R Tucker decomposition of an $s \times s \times s \times s$ tensor

$$x_{ijkl} \approx \sum_{a,b,c,d} g_{abcd} u_{ia} v_{jb} w_{kc} z_{ld}$$



- \mathcal{G} is the core tensor with dimension $R \times R \times R \times R$
- Factor matrices have orthonormal columns
- Tucker Decomposition is usually initialized by HOSVD (Higher Order Singular Value Decomposition)
- Interlaced HOSVD:

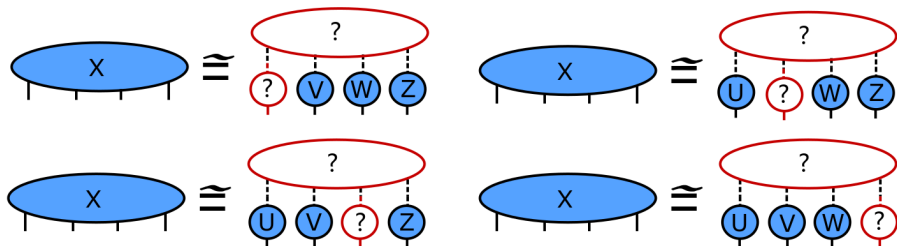
$$\mathbf{A}^{(1)} \leftarrow R \text{ leading singular vectors of } \mathbf{X}^{(1)}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \leftarrow R \text{ leading singular vectors of } [\mathcal{X} \times_1 \mathbf{A}^{(1)T}]^{(2)}$$

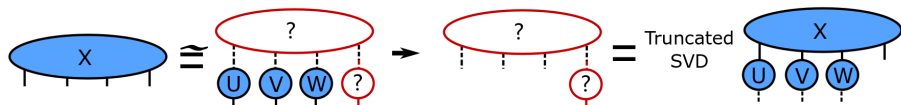
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Alternating Least Squares for Tucker Decomposition

ALS updates factor matrices in an alternating manner

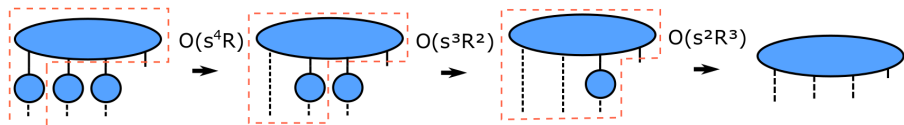


Tucker-ALS is usually solved with **HOOI** (Higher-Order Orthogonal Iteration)

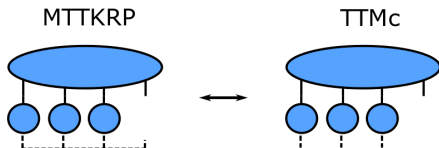


Pairwise Perturbation for Tucker Decomposition

Forming $\mathcal{Y}^{(n)}$ requires the expensive TTMc (Tensor Times Matrix-chain)



- We perform SVD on the Gram Matrix to avoid SVD of the large $\mathbf{Y}_{(n)}^{(n)}$
- Similar to MTTKRP in CP, Pairwise can also be applied to TTMc



	State of the art ALS	PP operator construction	PP middle steps
CP	$4s^N R$	$6s^N R$	$2Ns^2 R$
Tucker	$4s^N R$	$6s^N R$	$2Ns^2 R^{N-1}$

Error Analysis for Tucker: First Bound

Consider order $N = 3$ tensor \mathcal{X} , let $\mathbf{y}^{(3)}$ be the right-hand-sides needed to form the third factor matrix $\mathbf{A}^{(3)}$

- Bound relative error of $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}^{(3)}$ computed by PP middle step
- The i th factor matrix changed by $d\mathbf{A}^{(i)}$ since the first step of PP
- The spectral norm of the tensor corresponds to $\|\mathcal{X}\|_2 = \sup\{\|\mathbf{f}\mathcal{X}\|_2\}$

Theorem (Error Bound with Bounded Residual)

If $\|d\mathbf{A}^{(l)}\|_2 \leq \epsilon \ll 1$ for $l \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ and residual spectral norm $\leq \frac{1}{3}\|\mathcal{X}\|_2$,

$$\frac{\|\tilde{\mathbf{y}}^{(3)} - \mathbf{y}^{(3)}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{y}^{(3)}\|_2} = O(\epsilon^2).$$

- The error bound is independent of the input tensor conditioning

Error Analysis for Tucker: Second Bound

Again, consider order $N = 3$ tensor \mathcal{X} , let $\mathbf{y}^{(3)}$ be the right-hand-sides needed to form the third factor matrix $\mathbf{A}^{(3)}$

- Bound relative error of $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}^{(3)}$ computed by PP middle step

Theorem (Error Bound when Tucker starts with interlaced HOSVD)

If $\|d\mathbf{A}^{(l)}\|_F \leq \epsilon \ll 1$ for $l \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ and

1. *interlaced HOSVD is used to initialize Tucker-ALS*
2. *the decomposition residual is no higher than that attained by HOSVD,*

$$\frac{\|\tilde{\mathbf{y}}^{(n)} - \mathbf{y}^{(n)}\|_F}{\|\mathbf{y}^{(n)}\|_F} = O\left(\epsilon^2 \left(\frac{s}{R}\right)^{N/2}\right).$$

- The error bound is also **independent of the input tensor conditioning**

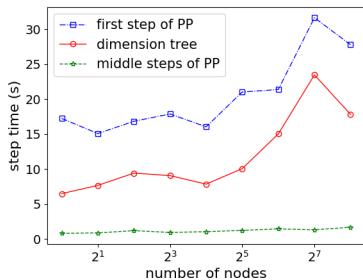
Implementation

We used [Cyclops Tensor Framework](#)⁴ to implement standard dimension tree ALS and pairwise perturbation

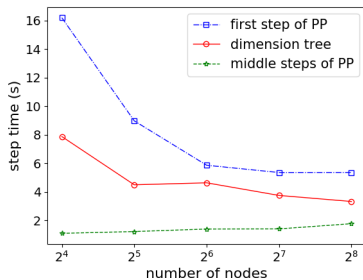
- Cyclops is a C++ library that distributes each tensor over MPI
- Used in chemistry (PySCF, QChem), quantum circuit simulation (IBM/LLNL), and graph analysis (betweenness centrality)
- Summations and contractions specified via Einstein notation
$$E["aixbjy"] += X["aixbjy"] - U["abu"] * V["iju"] * W["xyu"]$$
- Best distributed contraction algorithm auto-selected at runtime
- Sparse tensors supported but unused here
- Python interface, OpenMP, and GPU support present but unused
- Used interface to ScaLAPACK SVD to solve linear systems

⁴<https://github.com/cyclops-community/ctf>

Strong and Weak Scaling Microbenchmarks



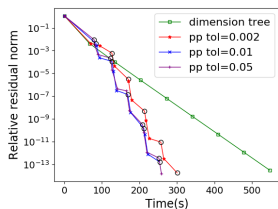
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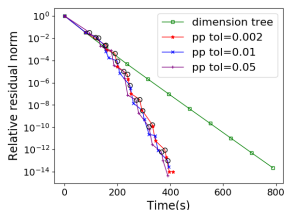
(b) Strong scaling

- Experiments performed on Stamepde2 TACC supercomputer
- Weak scaling: dimension $s = \lfloor 32p^{1/6} \rfloor$ and rank $R = \lfloor 4p^{1/6} \rfloor$
- Strong scaling: dimension $s = 50$ and rank $R = 6$
- First step of PP (setup) costs slightly more than ALS sweep
- Middle steps (subsequent approximations) up to **10X** faster

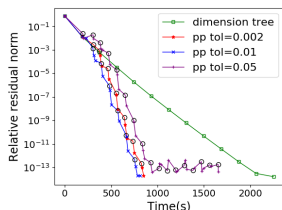
Results for Synthetic Tensors



(a) Random tensor on 1 node



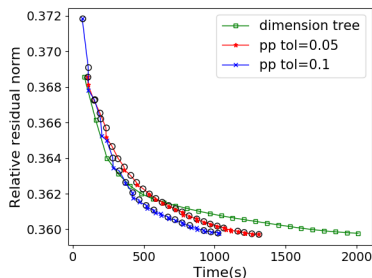
(b) Random tensor on 16 nodes



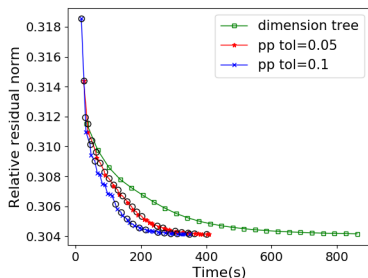
(c) Random tensor on 256 nodes

- Order 6 tensor, dimension $s = \lfloor 32p^{1/6} \rfloor$ and rank $R = \lfloor 4p^{1/6} \rfloor$
- Low-rank with random factor matrices
- Overall convergence up to 3X faster
- Better performance for larger tensors

Results for Real Tensors (CP)



(a) Coil Dataset



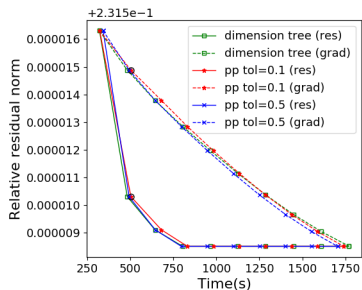
(b) Time-Lapse Dataset

- Coil Dataset⁵ dimension: $128 \times 128 \times 3 \times 7200$
- Time-Lapse Dataset⁶ dimension: $1024 \times 1344 \times 33 \times 9$
- Single node (KNL) execution with MPI
- Overall convergence up to **2.5X** faster

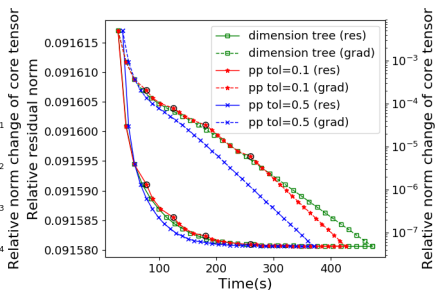
⁵S. A. Nene, S. K. Nayar, and H. Murase. Columbia object image library (coil-100)

⁶S. M. Nascimento, K. Amano, and D. H. Foster. Vision Research, 2016

Results for Real Tensors (Tucker)



(a) Coil Dataset



(b) Time-Lapse Dataset

- Coil Dataset dimension: $128 \times 128 \times 3 \times 7200$
- Time-Lapse Dataset dimension: $1024 \times 1344 \times 33 \times 9$
- Overall convergence up to **1.3X** faster
- Better performance for larger tensors

Summary and Conclusion

- Introduced new **pairwise perturbation** algorithm to approximate ALS in CP and Tucker decomposition
- Approximate sweep faster for CP by factor of $O(s^{N-2})$ and for Tucker by factor of $O(s^{N-2}/R^{N-2})$
- Error scales with change to factor matrices from first PP step
- For Tucker stronger error bounds hold since generally computed result (core tensor) is large in norm
- Both CP and Tucker ALS with dimension trees and with PP implemented using Cyclops⁷
- Speed-ups of about 3X for a range of problems on Stampede2 (thanks XSEDE/TACC!)
- For pseudocodes, analysis, and results, see arXiv:1811.10573

⁷<https://github.com/LinjianMa/pairwise-perturbation>