

1. Tensor decomposition

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$$X = \sum_{i,j=1}^K \lambda_i \lambda_j \vec{a}_i (\vec{c}_i \otimes_{\text{Kro}} \vec{b}_i)^\top (\vec{c}_j \otimes_{\text{Kro}} \vec{b}_j) \vec{a}_j^\top$$

From the definition of the Kronecker product, we have that $(\vec{c}_i \otimes_{\text{Kro}} \vec{b}_i)^\top (\vec{c}_j \otimes_{\text{Kro}} \vec{b}_j) = (\vec{c}_i^\top \vec{c}_j) (\vec{b}_i^\top \vec{b}_j)$. Using the orthogonality of \vec{b}_i 's, and the assumption that the vectors are unit norm, we find:

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i^2 \vec{a}_i \vec{a}_i^\top \tag{1}$$

Since \vec{a}_i 's are orthogonal, (1) is the spectral decomposition of X , thus X has rank K .

From the tensor T , we can find the matrix X . Computing spectral decomposition of X , we find λ_i^2 , and the vectors \vec{a}_i 's. Since, λ_i 's are assumed to be positive, we can find λ_i 's.

2. Form the mode-2 matricization of T , which can be expressed as:

$$T_{(2)} = \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i \vec{b}_i (\vec{a}_i \otimes_{\text{Kro}} \vec{c}_i)^\top$$

Then, compute the matrix $Y = T_{(2)} T_{(2)}^\top$. Following the same steps as in the previous part, the spectral decomposition of Y is:

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i^2 \vec{b}_i \vec{b}_i^\top$$

Therefore, \vec{b}_i 's can be recovered as the eigenvectors of Y .

3. For each $1 \leq i \leq K$, we consider the following linear transformation of T :

$$T(\vec{a}_i, \vec{b}_i, \cdot) = \sum_{j=1}^K \lambda_j (\vec{a}_i^\top \vec{a}_j) (\vec{b}_i^\top \vec{b}_j) \vec{c}_j = \lambda_i \vec{c}_i$$

where in the last equality we used the orthogonality assumption of \vec{a}_i 's (or \vec{b}_i 's). Since, we know λ_i , we can find \vec{c}_i from the above transformation.