

Implementing Tensor Methods: Application to Community Detection

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Recap: Basic Tensor Decomposition Method

Toy Example in MATLAB

- Simulated Samples: Exchangeable Model
- Whiten The Samples
 - Second Order Moments
 - Matrix Decomposition
- Orthogonal Tensor Eigen Decomposition
 - Third Order Moments
 - Power Iteration

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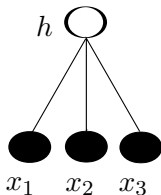
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Generate Samples Snippet

```
for t = 1 : n
    % generate h for this sample
    h_category=(rand()>0.5) + 1;
    h(t,h_category)=1;
    transition_cum=cumsum(A_true(:,h_category));
    % generate x1 for this sample | h
    x_category=find(transition_cum > rand(),1);
    x1(t,x_category)=1;
    % generate x2 for this sample | h
    x_category=find(transition_cum > rand(),1);
    x2(t,x_category)=1;
    % generate x3 for this sample | h
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    x3(t,x_category)=1;
end
```

Whiten The Samples

Second Order Moments

- $M_2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_t x_1^t \otimes x_2^t$

Whitening Matrix

- $W = U_w L_w^{-0.5},$
 $[U_w, L_w] = \text{k-svd}(M_2)$

Whiten Data

- $y_1^t = W^T x_1^t$

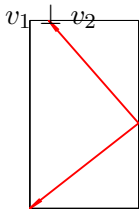
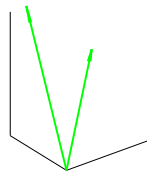
Orthogonal Basis

- $V = W^T A \rightarrow V^T V = I$

Whitening Snippet

```
fprintf('The second order moment M2:');  
M2 = x1'*x2/n  
[Uw, Lw, Vw]= svd(M2);  
fprintf('M2 singular values:'); Lw  
W = Uw(:,1:k)* sqrt(pinv(Lw(1:k,1:k)));  
y1 = x1 * W; y2 = x2 * W; y3 = x3 * W;
```

$a_1 \not\perp a_2$



Orthogonal Tensor Eigen Decomposition

Third Order Moments

$$T = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t \in [n]} y_1^t \otimes y_2^t \otimes y_3^t \approx \sum_{i \in [k]} \lambda_i v_i \otimes v_i \otimes v_i, \quad V^\top V = I$$

Gradient Ascent

$$T(I, v_1, v_1) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t \in [n]} \langle v_1, y_2^t \rangle \langle v_1, y_3^t \rangle y_1^t \approx \sum_i \lambda_i \langle v_i, v_1 \rangle^2 v_i = \lambda_1 v_1.$$

- v_i are **eigenvectors** of tensor T .

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$$T \leftarrow T - \sum_j \lambda_j v_j^{\otimes 3}, \quad v \leftarrow \frac{T(I, v, v)}{\|T(I, v, v)\|}$$

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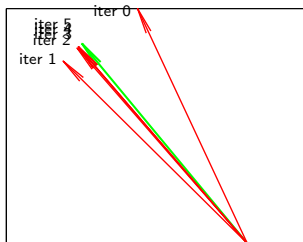
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    for iter = 1 : Maxiter
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Green: Groundtruth

Red: Estimation at each iteration

Resources for this talk

Agenda

- Applying tensor methods for learning hidden communities in networks.
- Issues in implementation and results on real datasets.

Papers

- “Fast Detection of Overlapping Communities via Online Tensor Methods” by F. Huang, U. N. Niranjan, M. U. Hakeem, A., Preprint, Sept. 2013.
- “Tensor Decompositions on REEF,” F. Huang, S. Matushevych, N. Karampatziakis, P. Mineiro, A. , under preparation.

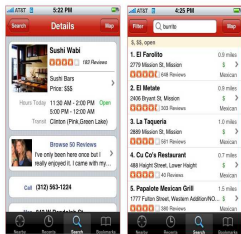
Code

- GPU and CPU codes: [github.com/FurongHuang/
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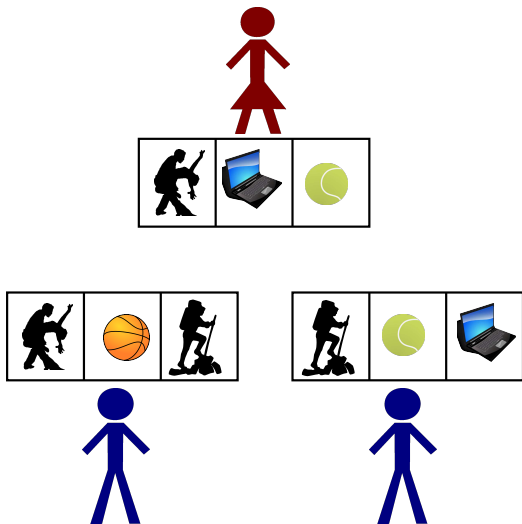
- Network of social ties, e.g. friendships, co-authorships
- **Hidden:** communities of actors.

Recommender Systems

- **Observed:** Ratings of users for various products.
- **Goal:** New recommendations.
- **Modeling:** User/product groups.

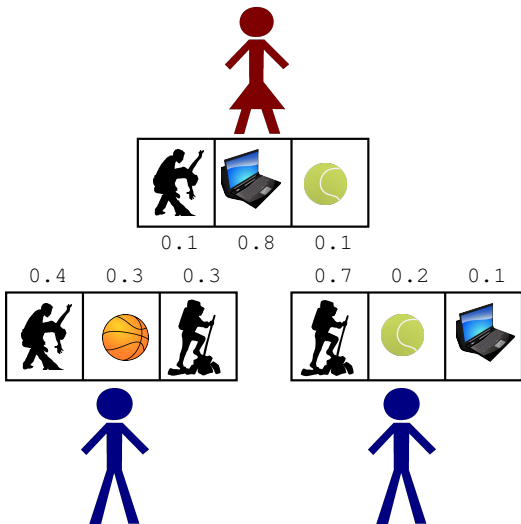
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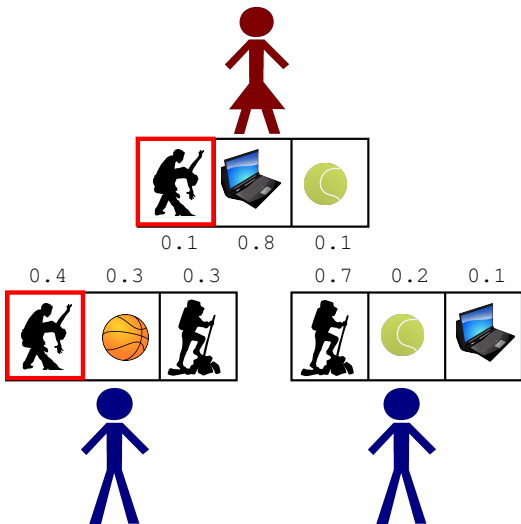
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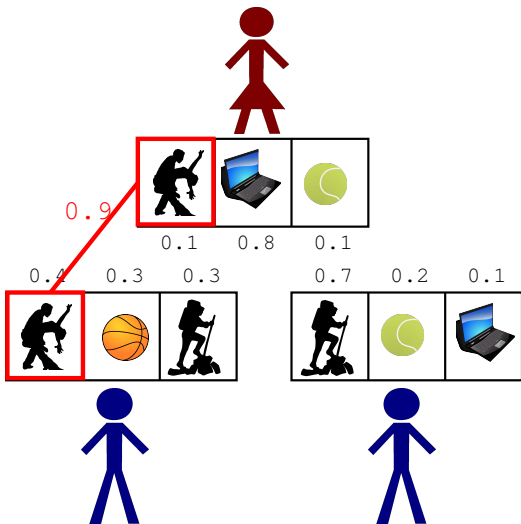
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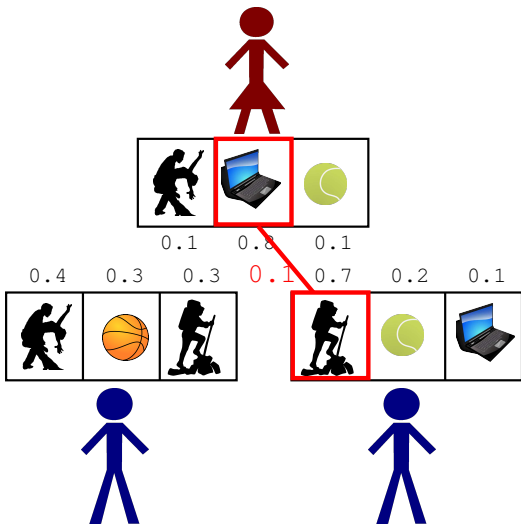
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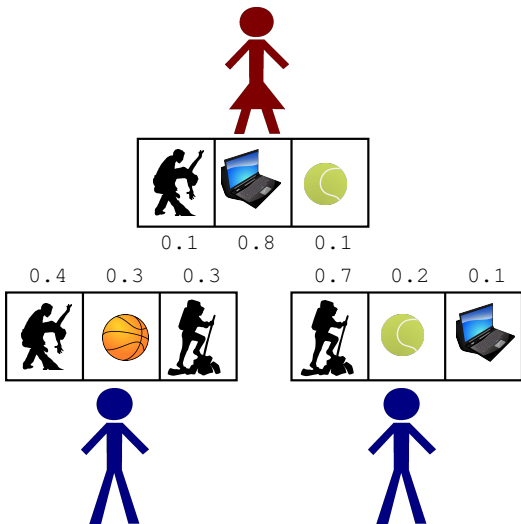
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- Edges **conditionally independent** given community memberships:
 $G_{i,j} \perp\!\!\!\perp G_{a,b} | \pi_i, \pi_j, \pi_a, \pi_b.$
- Edge probability **averaged** over community memberships

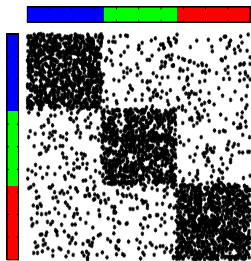
$$\mathbb{P}[G_{i,j} = 1 | \pi_i, \pi_j] = \mathbb{E}[G_{i,j} | \pi_i, \pi_j] = \pi_i^\top P \pi_j.$$

- $P \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$: average edge connectivity for pure communities.

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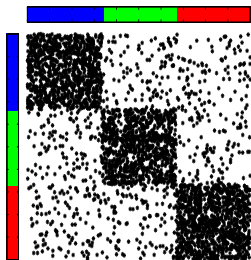
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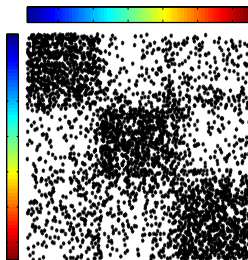
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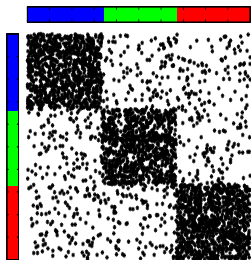
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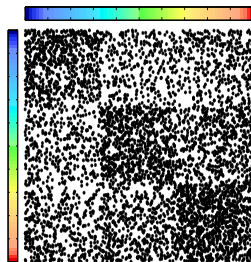
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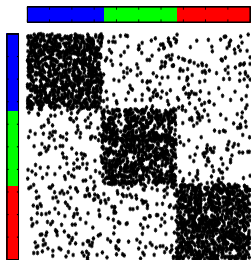
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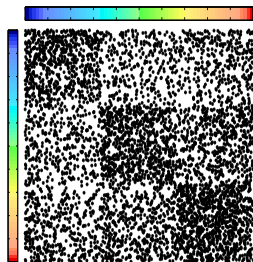
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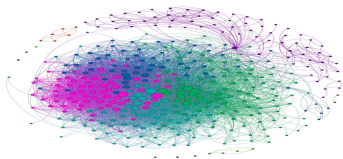


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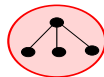
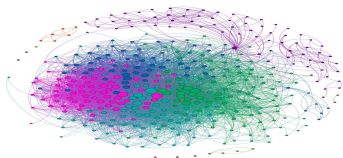
Unifying Assumption

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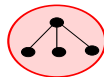
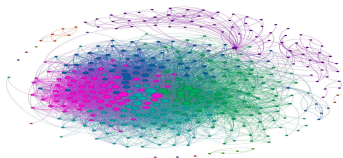
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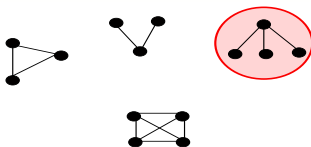
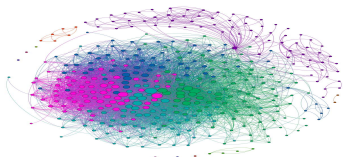


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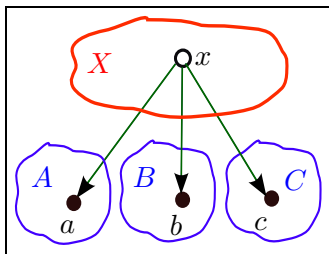
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3-Star Count Tensor

$$\tilde{M}_3(a, b, c) = \frac{1}{|X|} \# \text{ of common neighbors in } X$$

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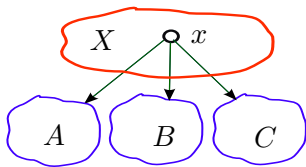
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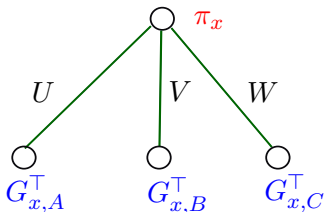
Multi-view Representation

- **Conditional independence** of the three views
- π_x : community membership vector of node x .

3-stars



Graphical model



- **Linear Multiview Model:**

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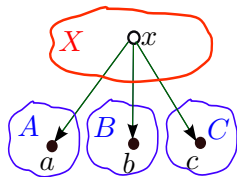
Second and Third Order Moments

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- $\hat{M}_3 := \frac{1}{|X|} \sum_x \left[G_{x,A}^\top \otimes Z_B G_{x,B}^\top \otimes Z_C G_{x,C}^\top \right] - \text{shift}$

Symmetrize Transition Matrices

- $\text{Pairs}_{C,B} := G_{X,C}^\top \otimes G_{X,B}^\top$
 - $Z_B := \text{Pairs}(A, C) (\text{Pairs}(B, C))^\dagger$
 - $Z_C := \text{Pairs}(A, B) (\text{Pairs}(C, B))^\dagger$
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Overview of Tensor Method

- Whiten data via SVD of $\hat{M}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.
- Estimate the third moment $\hat{M}_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times n}$ and whiten it implicitly to obtain T .
- Run power method (gradient ascent) on T .
- Apply post-processing to obtain communities.
- Compute error scores and validate with ground truth (if available).

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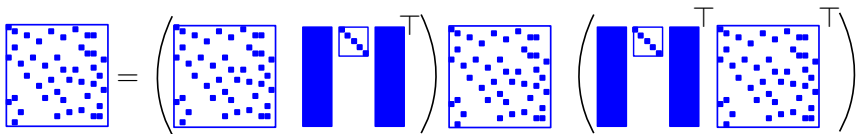
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- Column selection matrix: **random signs** $S \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times \tilde{k}}$ for **sparse** M_2 .
- $Q = \text{orth}(M_2 S)$, $Z = (M_2 Q)^T M_2 Q$
- $[U_z, L_z, V_z] = \text{SVD}(Z)$ % $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$
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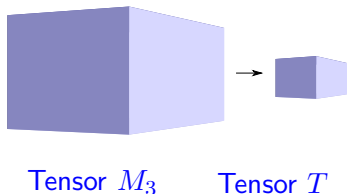
- For exact rank- k SVD of $n \times n$ matrix: $O(n^2 k)$.
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Time Complexity $O(nsk/c + k^3)$

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Using Whitening to Obtain Orthogonal Tensor



Multi-linear transform

- $M_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times n}$ and $T \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k \times k}$.
- $T = M_3(W, W, W) = \sum_i w_i (W^\top a_i)^{\otimes 3}$.
- $T = \sum_{i \in [k]} w_i \cdot v_i \otimes v_i \otimes v_i$ is orthogonal.
- Dimensionality reduction when $k \ll n$.

Batch Gradient Descent

Power Iteration with Deflation

$$T \leftarrow T - \sum_j \lambda_j v_j^{\otimes 3}, \quad v_i \leftarrow \frac{T(I, v_i, v_i)}{\|T(I, v_i, v_i)\|}, j < i$$

Alternating Least Squares

$$\min_{\sigma, A, B, C} \left\| T - \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i A(:, i) \otimes B(:, i) \otimes C(:, i) \right\|_F^2$$

such that $A^\top A = I$, $B^\top B = I$ and $C^\top C = I$.

Challenges:

Requires forming the tensor/passing over data in each iteration

Stochastic (Implicit) Tensor Gradient Descent

Whitened third order moments:

$$T = M_3(W, W, W).$$

Objective:

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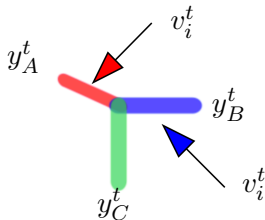
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Orthogonality cost vs Correlation Reward

Stochastic (**Implicit**) Tensor Gradient Descent

Updating Equation

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Never form the tensor explicitly; multilinear operation on implicit tensor.

Space: $O(k^2)$, Time: $O(k^3/c) \times$ iterations with c cores.

Unwhitening

Post Processing for memberships

- Λ : eigenvalues. Φ : eigenvectors.
- G : adjacency matrix, γ : normalization.
- W : Whitening Matrix.

$$\hat{\Pi}_{A^c} = \text{diag}(\gamma)^{1/3} \text{diag}(\Lambda)^{-1} \Phi^T W^T G_{A,A^c},$$

where $A^c := X \cup B \cup C$.

- Threshold the values.

Space Complexity $O(nk)$

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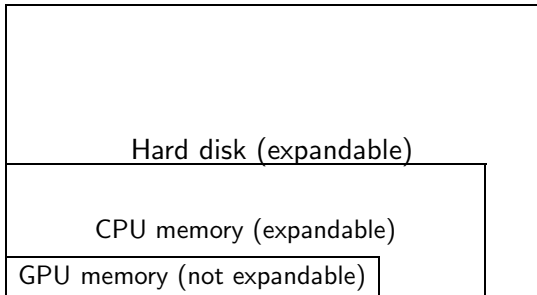
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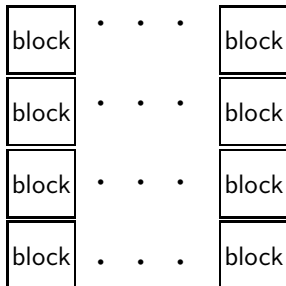
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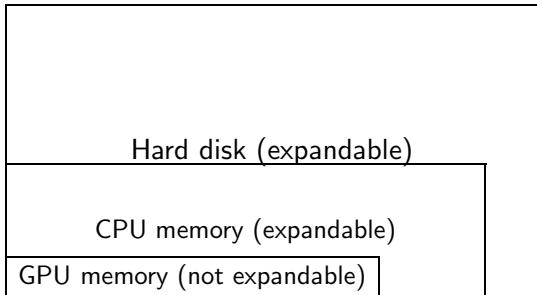


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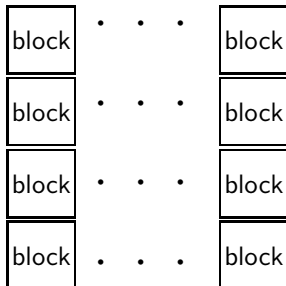
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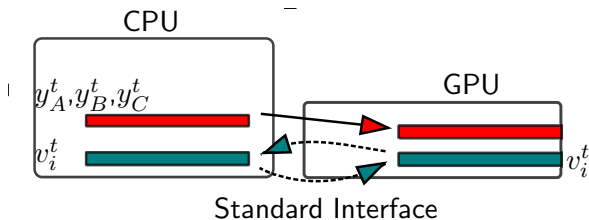
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- CPU: Sparse Representation, Expandable Memory
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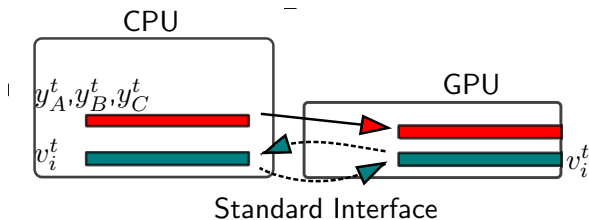


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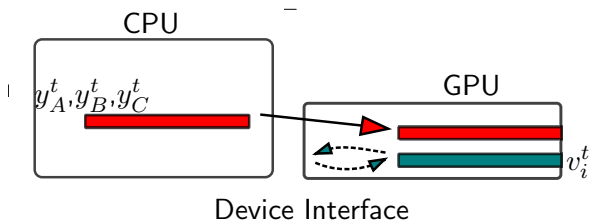
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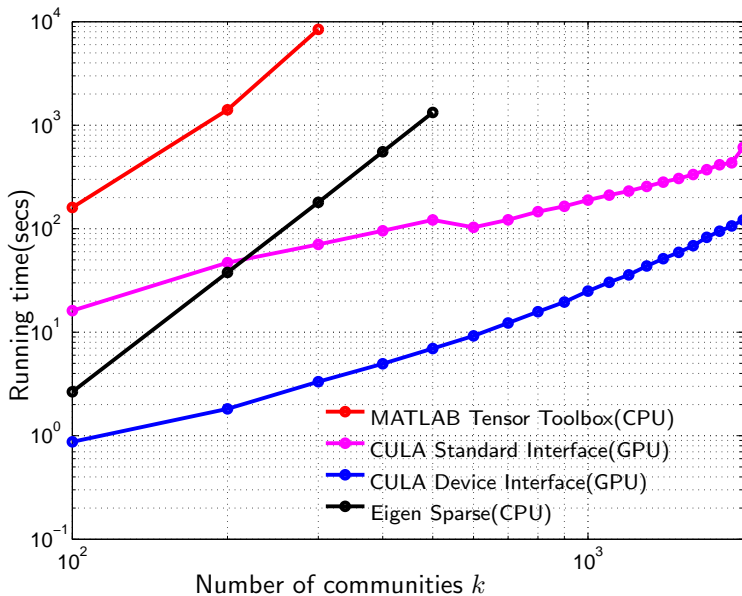
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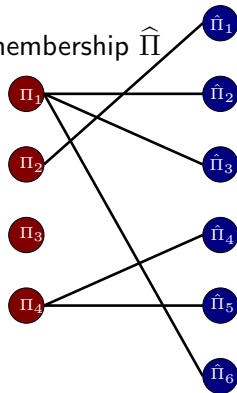
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Evaluation Metrics

- Recovery Ratio: % of ground-truth com recovered
- Error Score: $\mathcal{E} := \frac{1}{nk} \sum \{\text{paired membership errors}\}$
$$= \frac{1}{k} \sum_{(i,j) \in E_{\{P_{\text{val}}\}}} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{x \in |X|} |\widehat{\Pi}_i(x) - \Pi_j(x)| \right\}$$

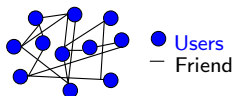
Insights

- l_1 norm error between $\widehat{\Pi}_i$ and the corresponding paired Π_j
- false pairings penalization
too many falsely discovered pairings, error > 1

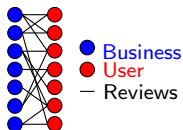
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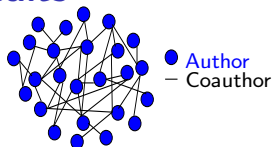
Summary of Results



Facebook
 $n \sim 20k$



Yelp
 $n \sim 40k$



DBLP(sub)
 $n \sim 1 \text{ million} (\sim 100k)$

Error (\mathcal{E}) and Recovery ratio (\mathcal{R})

Dataset	\hat{k}	Method	Running Time	\mathcal{E}	\mathcal{R}
Facebook(k=360)	500	ours	468	0.0175	100%
Facebook(k=360)	500	variational	86,808	0.0308	100%
Yelp(k=159)	100	ours	287	0.046	86%
Yelp(k=159)	100	variational	N.A.		
DBLP sub(k=250)	500	ours	10,157	0.139	89%
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DBLP(k=6000)	100	ours	5407	0.105	95%

Thanks to Prem Gopalan and David Mimno for providing variational code.

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Lowest error business categories & largest weight businesses

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Bridgeness: Distance from vector $[1/\hat{k}, \dots, 1/\hat{k}]^T$

Top-5 bridging nodes (businesses)

Business	Categories
Four Peaks Brewing	Restaurants, Bars, American, Nightlife, Food, Pubs, Tempe
Pizzeria Bianco	Restaurants, Pizza, Phoenix
FEZ	Restaurants, Bars, American, Nightlife, Mediterranean, Lounges, Phoenix
Matt's Big Breakfast	Restaurants, Phoenix, Breakfast & Brunch
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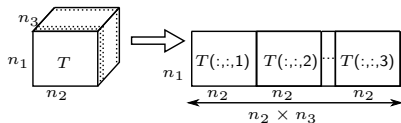
Review of linear algebra

Tensor Modes

- Analogy to Matrix Rows and Matrix Columns.
- For an order-d tensor $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_d}$:
 - mode-1 has dimension n_1 ,
 - mode-2 has dimension n_2 , and so on.

Tensor Unfolding

In a mode-k unfolding, the mode-k fibers are assembled to produce an n_k -by- N/n_k matrix where $N = n_1 \dots n_d$.



- Mode-1 Unfolding of $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{111} & a_{121} & a_{112} & a_{122} \\ a_{211} & a_{221} & a_{212} & a_{222} \end{bmatrix}$

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- Alternating Least Square is the solution:

$$A' \leftarrow T_a f(C, B) \left(C^\top C \star B^\top B \right)^\dagger$$

$$B' \leftarrow T_b f(C, A') \left(C^\top C \star A'^\top A' \right)^\dagger$$

$$C' \leftarrow T_c f(B', A') \left(B'^\top B' \star A'^\top A' \right)^\dagger$$

where T_a is the mode-1 unfolding of T , T_b is the mode-2 unfolding of T , and T_c is the mode-3 unfolding of T .

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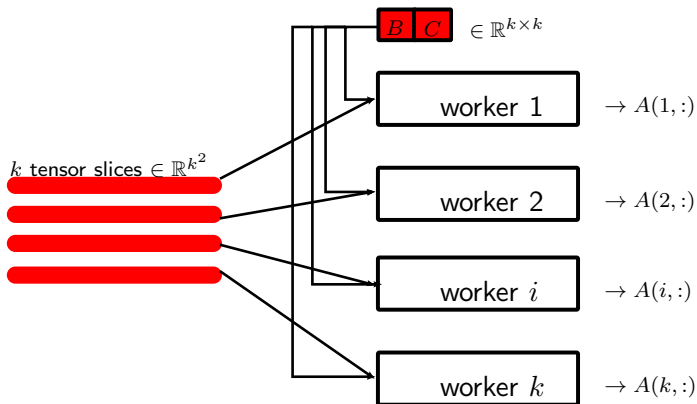
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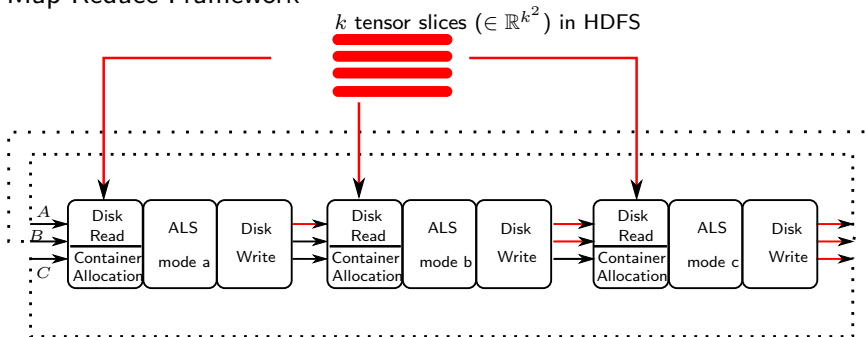
Update Rows Independently



Challenges II

Communication and System Architecture Overhead

- Map-Reduce Framework

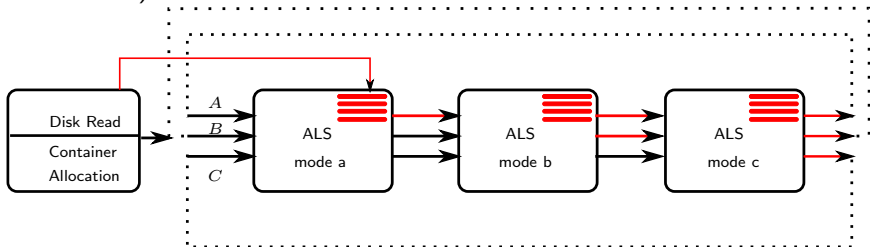


- Overhead: Disk reading, Container Allocation, Intense Key/Value Design

Challenges II

Solution: REEF

- Big data framework called REEF (Retainable Evaluator Execution Framework)



- Advantage: Open source distributed system with one time container allocation , keep the tensor in memory

Correctness

Evaluation Score

$$\text{perplexity} := \exp \left(- \frac{\sum_i \log\text{-likelihood in doc } i}{\sum_i \text{words in doc } i} \right)$$

New York Times Corpus

- Documents $n = 300,000$
- Vocabulary $d = 100,000$
- Topics $k = 100$

	Stochastic Variational Inference	Tensor Decomposition
Perplexity	4000	3400

SVI drawbacks:

- Hyper parameters
- Learning rate
- Initial points

Running Time

Computational Complexity

Complexity	Whitening	Tensor Slices $(1, \dots, k)$	ALS
Time	$O(k^3)$	$O(k^2)$ per slice	$O(k^3)$
Space	$O(kd)$	$O(k^2)$ per slice	$O(k^2)$
Degree of Parallelism	∞	∞ per slice	k
Communication	$O(kd)$	$O(k^2)$	$O(k^2)$

	SVI	1 node Map Red	1 node REEF	4 node REEF
overall	2 hours	4 hours 31 mins	68 mins	36 mins
Whiten		16 mins	16 mins	16 mins
Matricize		15 mins	15 mins	4 mins
ALS		4 hours	37 mins	16 mins

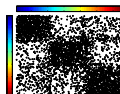
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Guaranteed Learning of Latent Variable Models

- Guaranteed to recover correct model
- Efficient **sample** and **computational** complexities
- Better performance compared to **EM**, **Variational Bayes** etc.
- **Tensor** approach: mixed membership communities, topic models, latent trees...



In practice

- Scalable and **embarrassingly parallel**: handle large datasets.
- Efficient performance: **perplexity** or **ground truth** validation.

Theoretical guarantees and promising practical performance