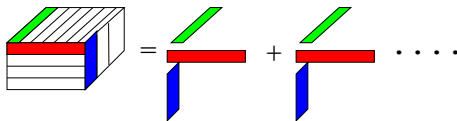
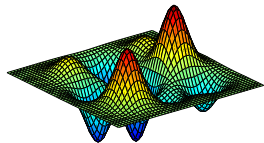


Guaranteed Non-convex Machine Learning Using Tensor Methods

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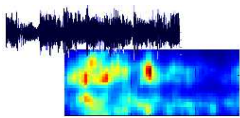
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Success of Supervised Learning

- Learn $p(y|x)$ from labeled samples $\{(x_i, y_i)\}$.
- Extract **relevant features** from large amounts of **labeled data**.



Image classification



Speech recognition



Text processing

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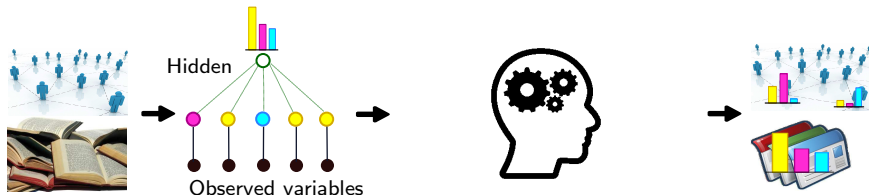
Missing Link in AI: Unsupervised Learning

- Learn $p(x)$ from unlabeled samples $\{x_i\}$.
- Discover **latent variables** related to observed variable x .
- Human vs. Machine Learning: Make discoveries automatically.



Unsupervised Learning via Probabilistic Models

Data → Model → Learning Algorithm → Predictions



Challenges in High dimensional Learning

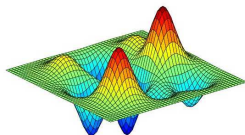
- Dimension of $x \gg$ dim. of latent variable h .
- Learning is like finding needle in a haystack.
- Computationally & statistically challenging.



Overview of Unsupervised Learning Methods

Goal: learn model parameters θ from observations x .

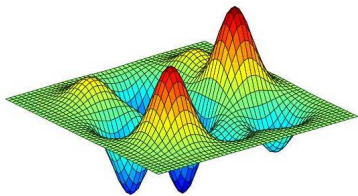
- Maximum likelihood: $\max_{\theta} p(x; \theta)$.
- **Non-convex**: stuck in local optima.
- Curse of dimensionality: **Exponential** no. of critical points.
- Heuristics: Expectation Maximization, Variational Inference
- Other mechanisms such as **Generative Adversarial Nets** also non-convex.



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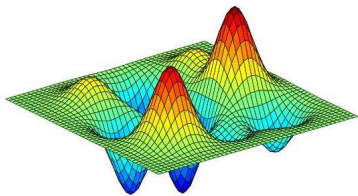
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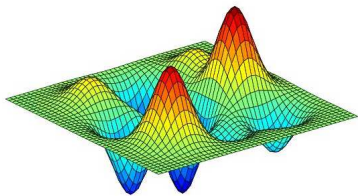
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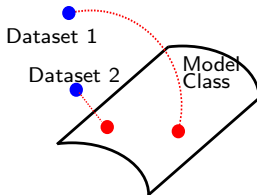
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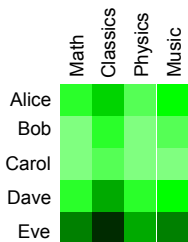
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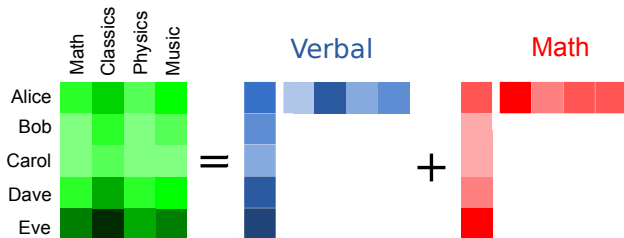
Matrix Decomposition: Discovering Latent Factors



- List of scores for students in different tests
- Learn **hidden factors** for **Verbal** and **Mathematical** Intelligence [C. Spearman 1904]

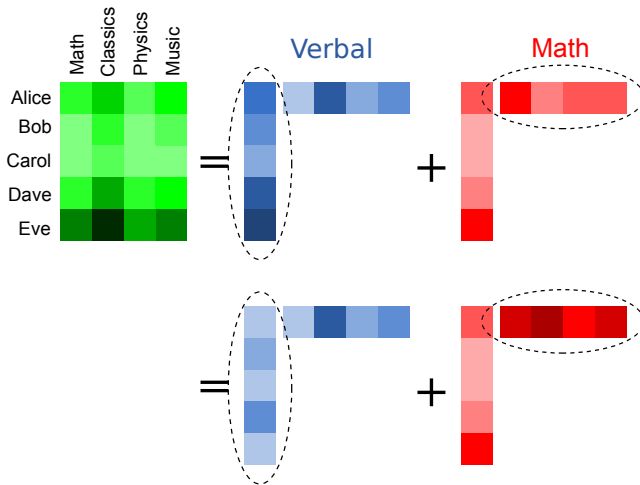
$$\text{Score}(\text{student}, \text{test}) = \text{student}_{\text{verbal-intlg}} \times \text{test}_{\text{verbal}} + \text{student}_{\text{math-intlg}} \times \text{test}_{\text{math}}$$

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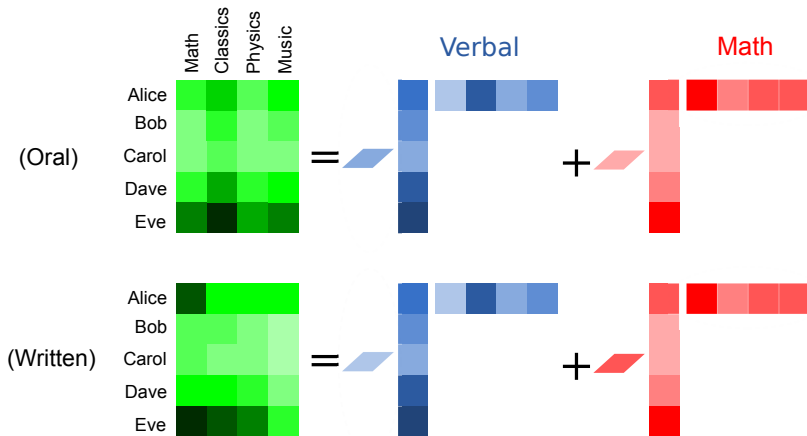
- Identifying **hidden factors** influencing the observations
- Characterized as **matrix decomposition**

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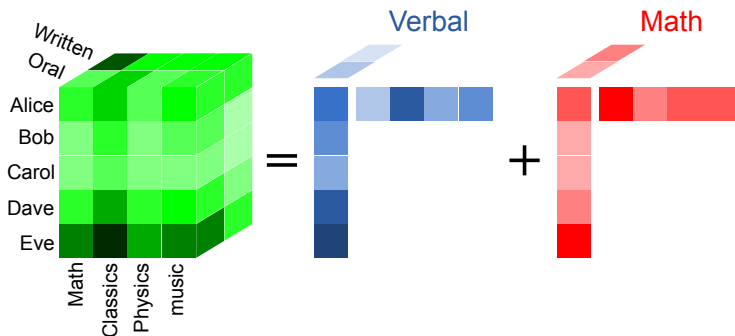
- Decomposition is **not** necessarily **unique**.
- Decomposition cannot be **overcomplete**.

Tensor: Shared Matrix Decomposition



- **Shared** decomposition with different scaling factors
- Combine matrix slices as a **tensor**

Tensor Decomposition



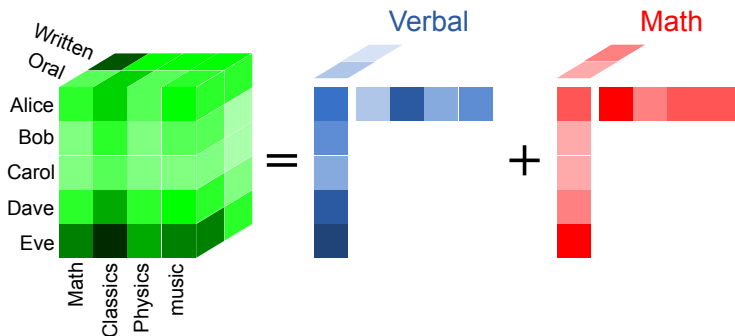
- Outer product notation:

$$T = u \otimes v \otimes w + \tilde{u} \otimes \tilde{v} \otimes \tilde{w}$$

$$\Updownarrow$$

$$T_{i_1, i_2, i_3} = u_{i_1} \cdot v_{i_2} \cdot w_{i_3} + \tilde{u}_{i_1} \cdot \tilde{v}_{i_2} \cdot \tilde{w}_{i_3}$$

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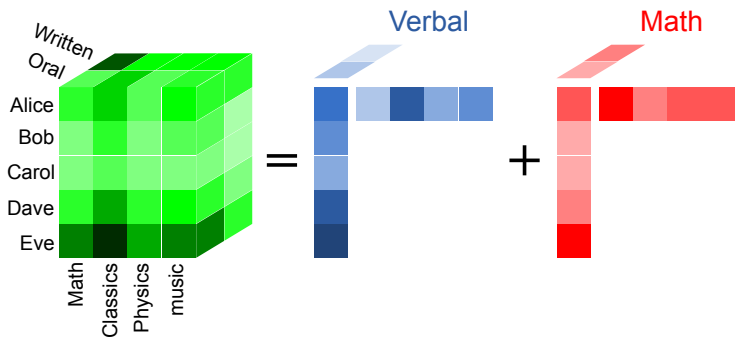


Uniqueness of Tensor Decomposition [J. Kruskal 1977]

- Above tensor decomposition: **unique** when rank one pairs are **linearly independent**
- Matrix case: when rank one pairs are **orthogonal**



Tensor Decomposition



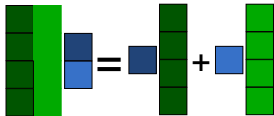
Finding Best Tensor Decomposition? Overcome Non-convexity?

Notion of Tensor Contraction

Extends the notion of matrix product

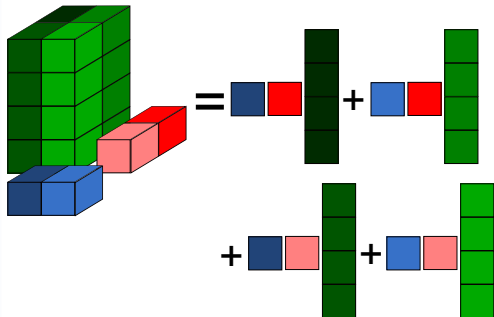
Matrix product

$$Mv = \sum_j v_j M_j$$

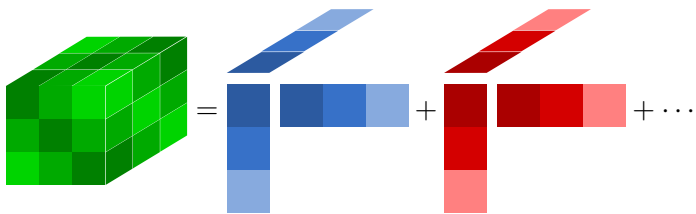


Tensor Contraction

$$T(u, v, \cdot) = \sum_{i,j} u_i v_j T_{i,j,\cdot}$$



Symmetric Tensor Decomposition



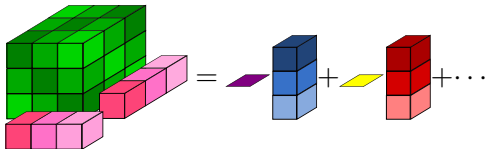
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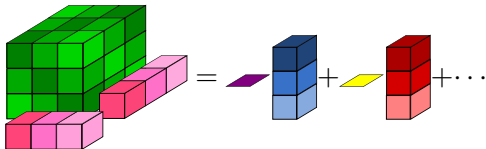


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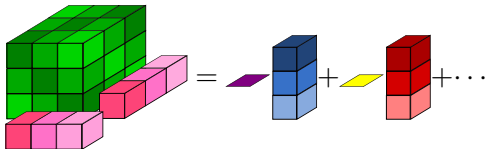


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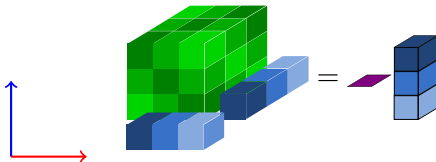
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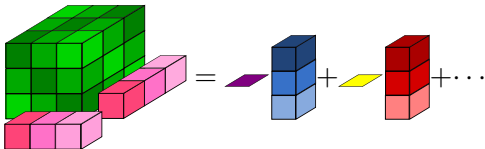


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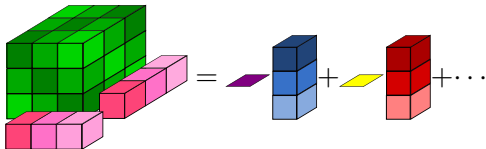
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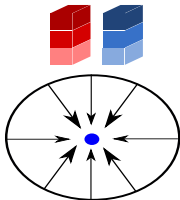


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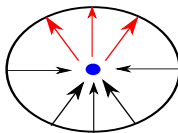
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Stable



Unstable

Other stationary points

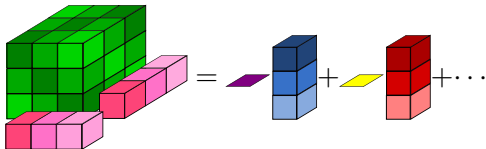


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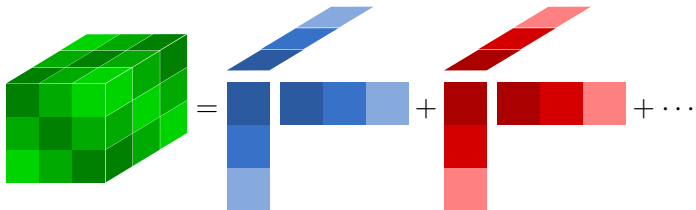
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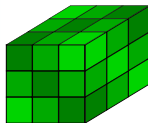


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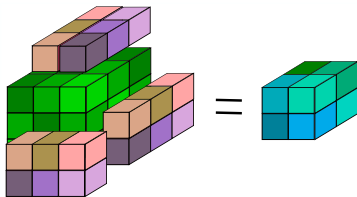


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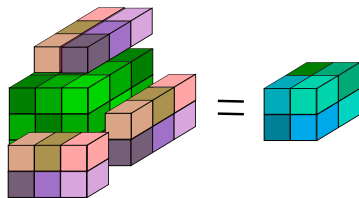
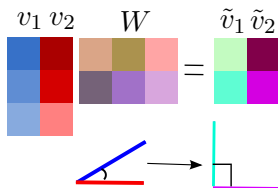


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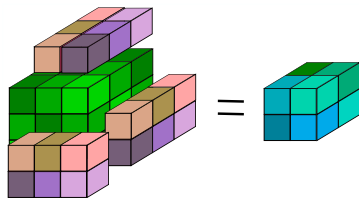
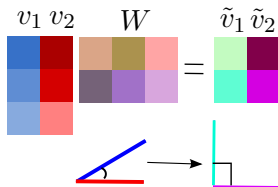


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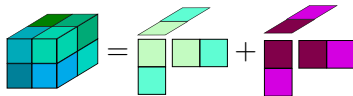
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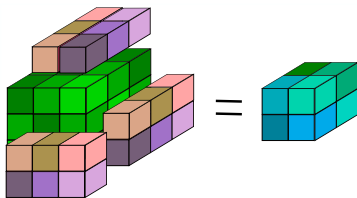
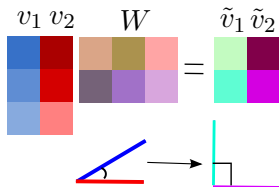
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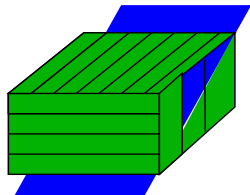


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Find W using SVD of Matrix Slice

$$M = T(\cdot, \cdot, \theta) =$$

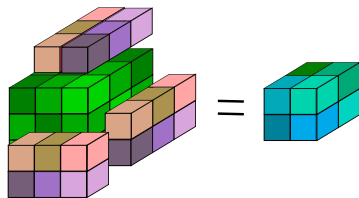
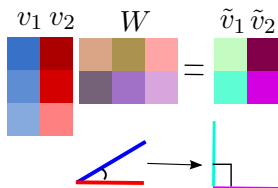
Diagram showing the decomposition of a matrix slice M into two products. The first product is a 3x2 matrix of colored squares (green, purple, cyan, magenta) multiplied by a 2x2 matrix of colored squares (blue, purple, cyan, magenta). The second product is a 3x2 matrix of colored squares (pink, red, brown, purple, pink) multiplied by a 2x2 matrix of colored squares (red, purple, cyan, magenta).



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Orthogonalization: invertible when v_i 's linearly independent.

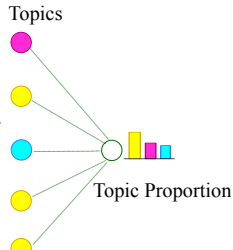
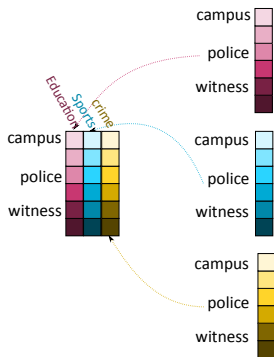
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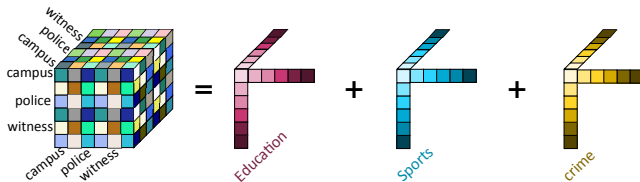
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Tensor Methods for Topic Modeling

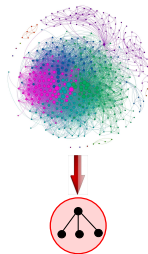
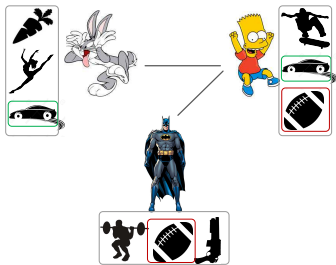


- Topic-word matrix $\mathbb{P}[\text{word} = i | \text{topic} = j]$
- Linearly independent columns

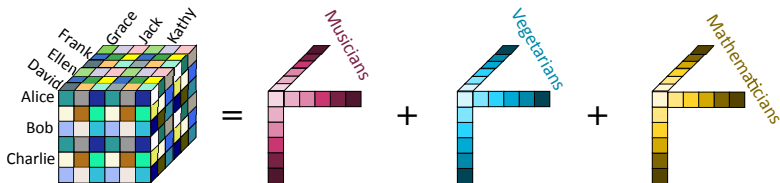
Moment Tensor: Co-occurrence of Word Triplets



Extracting Communities in Social Networks



Moment Tensor: Common Friends among Node Triplets

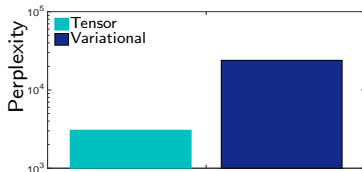
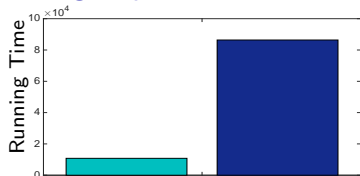


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Tensors vs. Variational Inference

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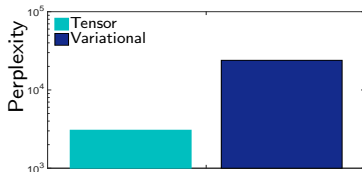
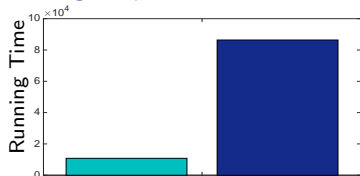
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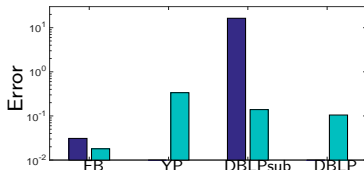
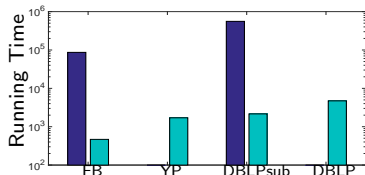
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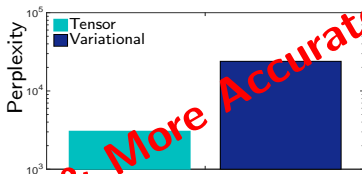
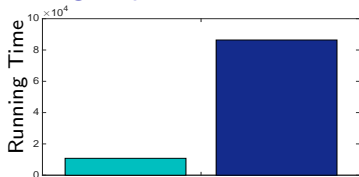
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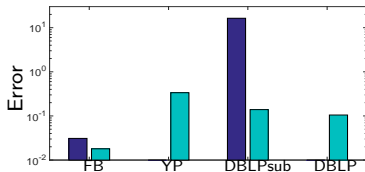
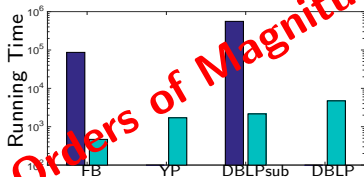
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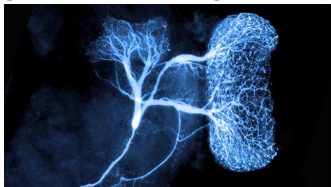
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Learning Representations

Sparse coding prevalent in neural signaling.

Neural sparse coding
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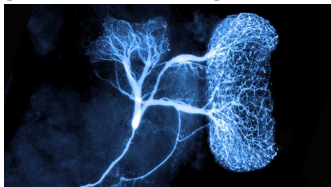
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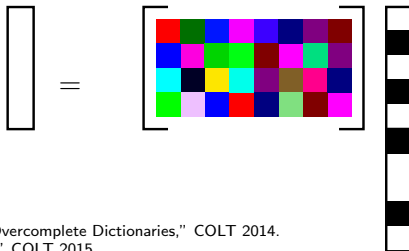
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Sparse coding prevalent in neural signaling.

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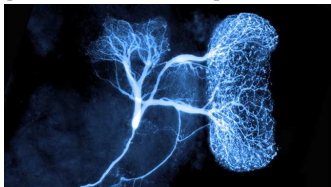
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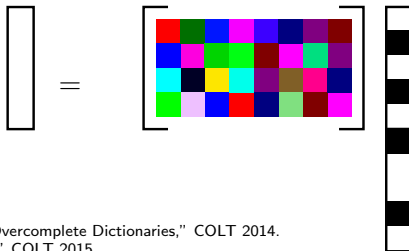
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Contribution: learn overcomplete incoherent dictionaries

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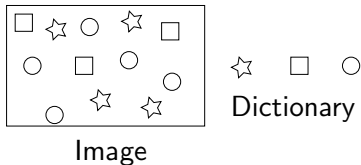
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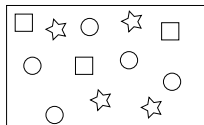
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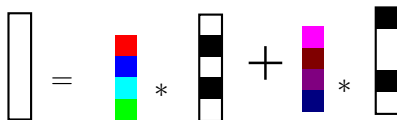


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Dictionary

Convolutional Model



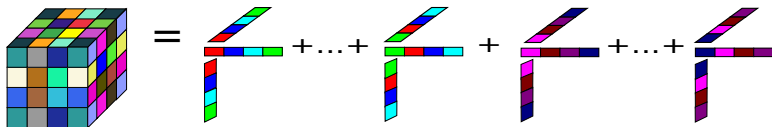
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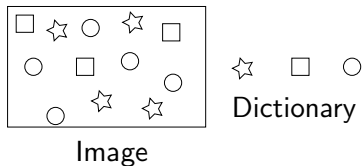
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Efficient Tensor Decomposition with Shifted Components



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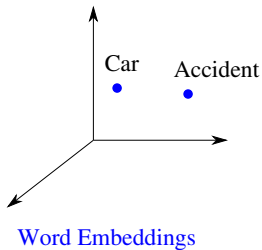


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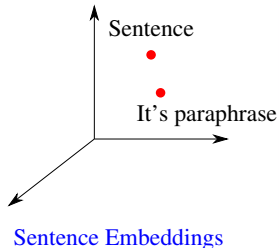
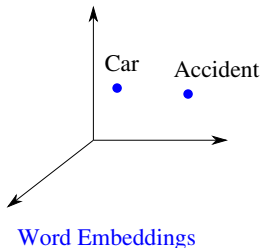
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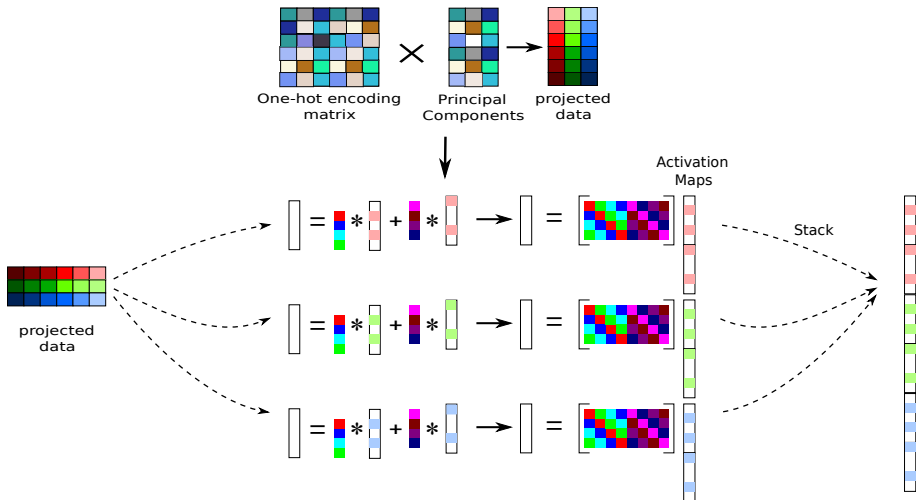


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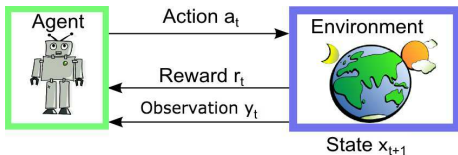
Method	F score	No. of samples
Vector Similarity (Baseline)	75%	$\sim 4k$
Tensor (Proposed)	81%	$\sim 4k$
Skipthought (RNN)	82%	$\sim 74\text{mil}$

- **Unsupervised** learning of embeddings.
- No outside info for tensor vs. large book corpus (**74 million**) for skipthought
- Similar story with **holographic embeddings for knowledge bases** by M. Nickel et al.

Reinforcement Learning of Partially Observable Markov Decision Process

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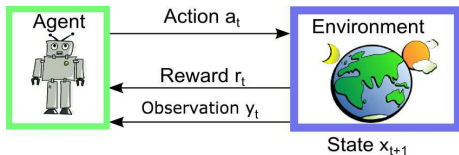
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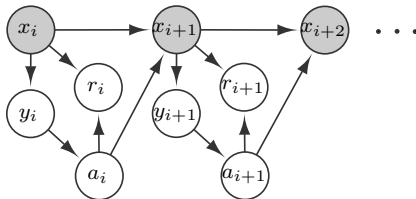
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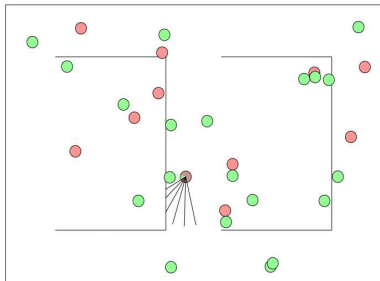
Partially Observable Markov Decision Process

- Design of tensor algorithms under **memoryless policies**
- **Guaranteed regret bounds: comparable to fully observed environment.**

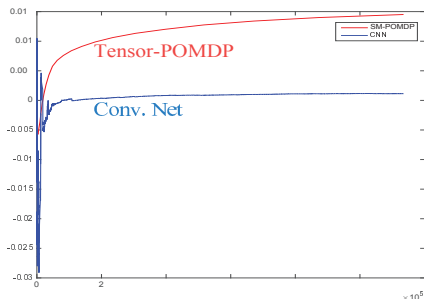


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Playing Atari Game

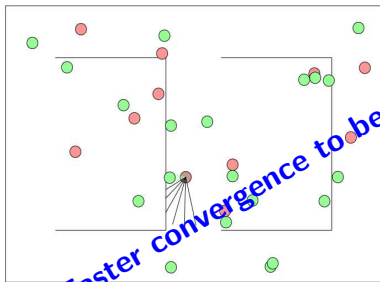


Average Reward vs. Time.

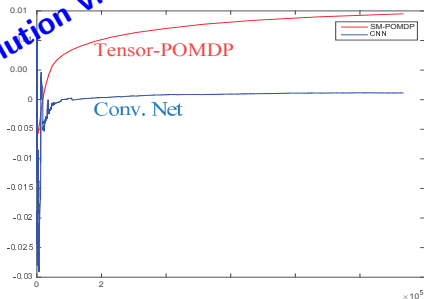


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Faster convergence to better solution via tensor methods.



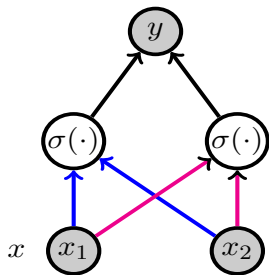
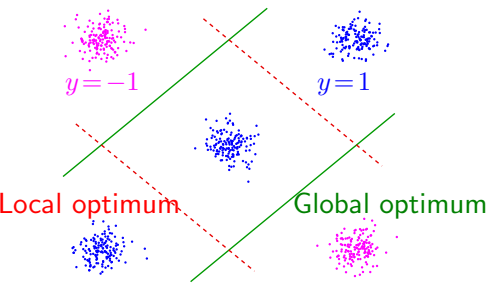
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Local Optima in Backpropagation

“..few researchers dare to train their models from scratch.. small miscalibration of initial weights leads to vanishing or exploding gradients.. poor convergence..*”

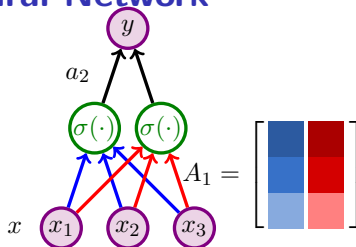


Exponential (in dimensions) no. of local optima for backpropagation

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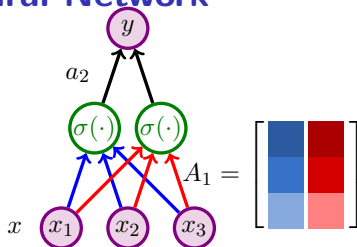


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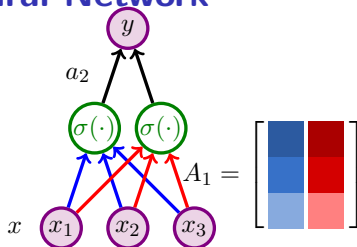
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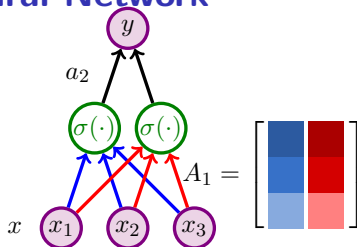
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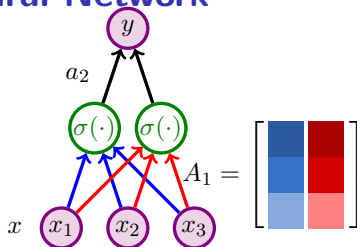
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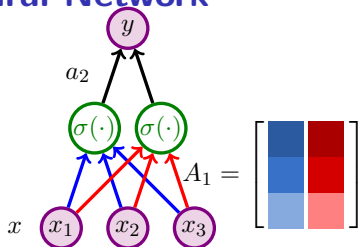
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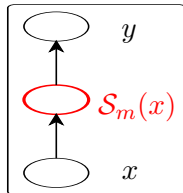
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Given input pdf $p(\cdot)$,

$$\mathcal{S}_m(x) := (-1)^m \frac{\nabla^{(m)} p(x)}{p(x)}.$$

Gaussian $x \Rightarrow$ Hermite polynomials.



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Tensorizing Neural Networks

- Multi-linear representation of dense layers of CNNs.
 - ▶ **Tensor train** format for low rank approximation of weight matrix.
- Compact representation: solves **memory problem**.

$$Y(i_1, i_2 \dots) = \sum_{j_1, j_2 \dots} G(i_1, j_1) G(i_2, j_2) \dots X(j_1, j_2 \dots)$$

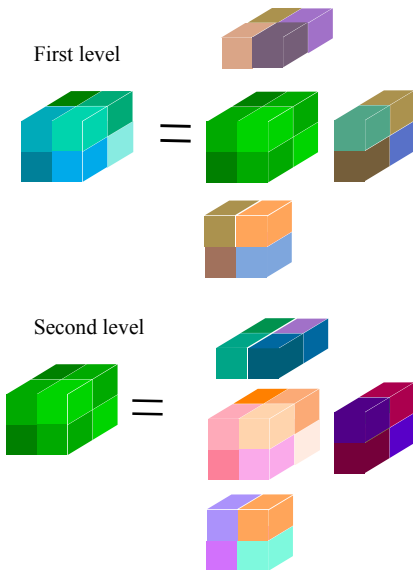


Results on ImageNet

- **Compression rate 200,000!**
- Negligible performance loss.

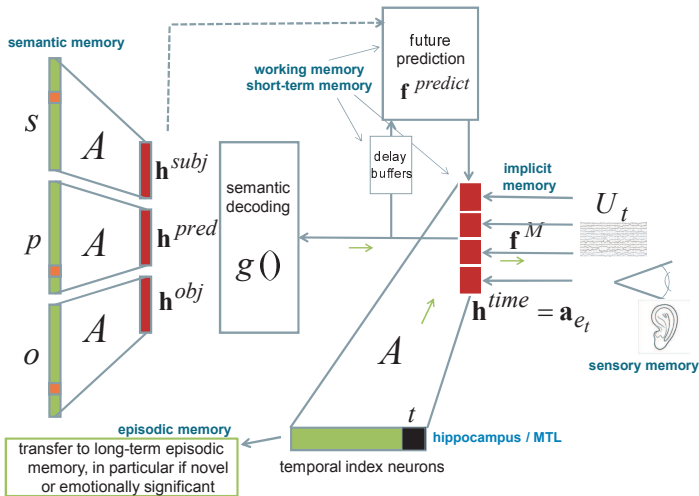
Tensor Analysis for Expressive Power

- **Hierarchical Tucker** tensors for representing arithmetic conv nets.
- Employs **locality**, **sharing** and **pooling**.
- **Exponentially more parameters in shallow net vs. deep net.**



Tensors in Memory Embeddings

Human Memory Model. Semantic decoding through **Tensor Tucker**.



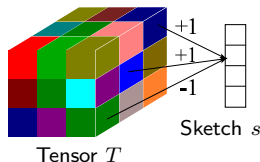
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Scaling up and Deploying Tensor Methods

Scaling up

- Dimensionality reduction through **sketching**.
- Communication efficient methods.



Deployment

- Multi-platform support: CPU, GPU, Cloud, FPGA ...
- **Extended BLAS kernels:** Beyond linear algebra.
- **Many deep learning operations involve tensor contractions.**

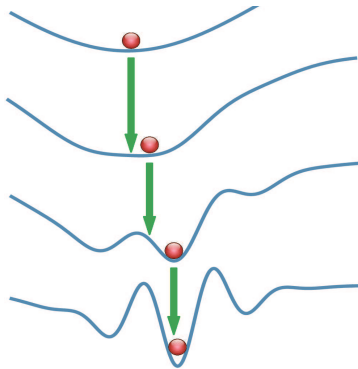
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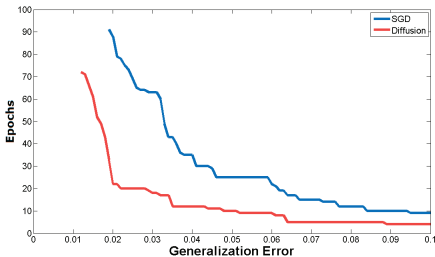
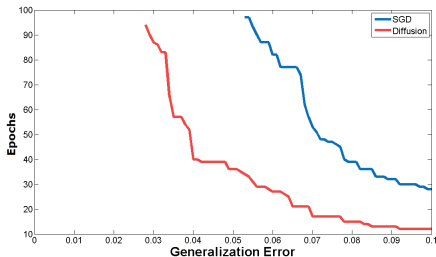
- Global approach vs. local search.
- Unified guarantees for non-convex problems?



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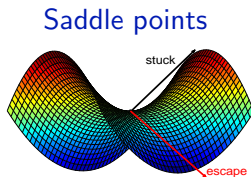
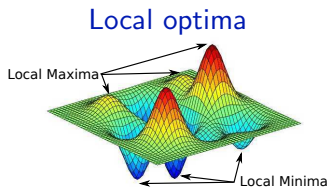
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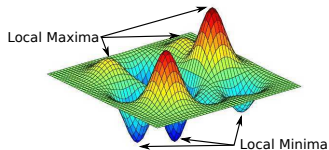
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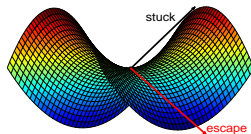
Contribution: First method to escape third order saddle

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Local optima



Saddle points



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