

CSE 392/CS 395T/M 397C: Matrix and Tensor Algorithms for Data

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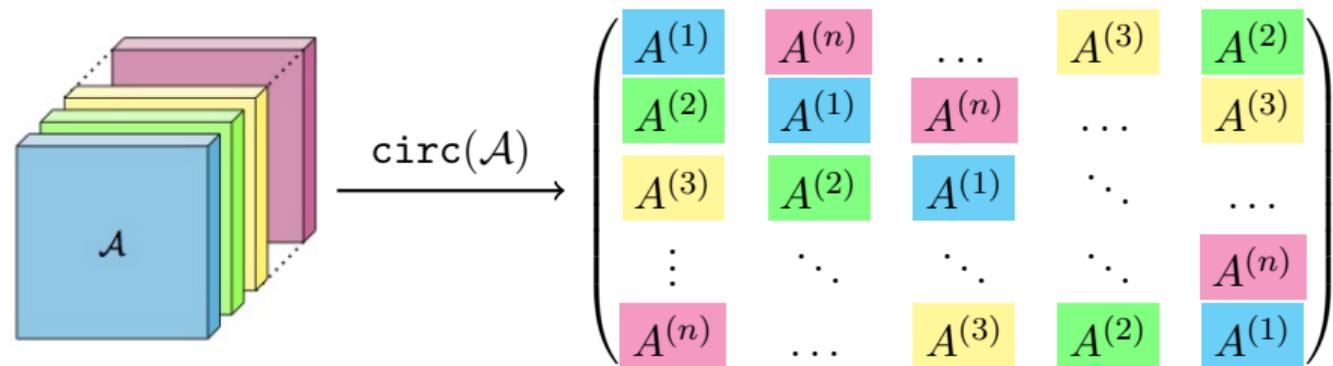
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Lecture 22: t-SVD, \star_M -product

1 t-SVD

2 \star_M -product

Recall: The t-product



The t-product is defined as:

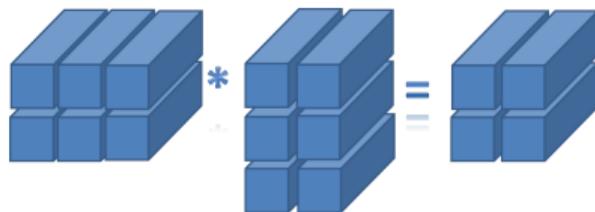
$$\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B} = \text{fold}(\text{circ}(\mathcal{A}) \cdot \text{unfold}(\mathcal{B})).$$

It is obvious that if \mathcal{A} is $m \times p \times n$, need \mathcal{B} to be $p \times k \times n$, and the result is $m \times k \times n$.

T-product

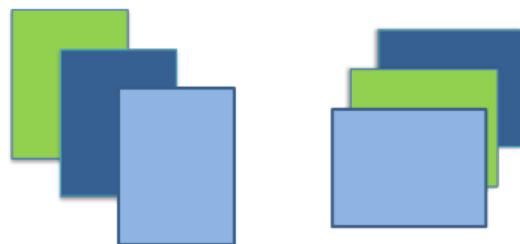
Block circulant block-diagonalized via 1D FFTs \Rightarrow The t-product can be **computed in-place** using FFTs:

- $\hat{\mathcal{A}} \leftarrow \text{fft}(\mathcal{A}, [], 3)$
- $\hat{\mathcal{B}} \leftarrow \text{fft}(\mathcal{B}, [], 3)$
- $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_{:, :, i} = \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{:, :, i} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{:, :, i}, i = 1, \dots, n$
- $\mathcal{C} = \text{ifft}(\hat{\mathcal{C}}, [], 3)$



Transpose and Orthogonality

$\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times m \times n} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell \times n}$ is obtained by transposing each frontal slice & reversing order of transposed frontal slices 2 through n .



$\mathcal{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m \times n}$ is **orthogonal** if $\mathcal{U}^\top * \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{I} = \mathcal{U} * \mathcal{U}^\top$.

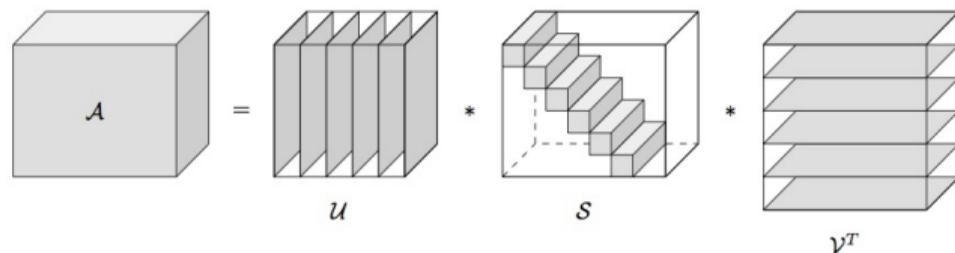
Can show **Frobenius norm invariance**: $\|\mathcal{U} * \mathcal{A}\|_F = \|\mathcal{A}\|_F$.

Exercise: show $(\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B})^\top = \mathcal{B}^\top * \mathcal{A}^\top$

Theorem: For $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell \times n}$ there exists a full tensor-SVD

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{U} * \mathcal{S} * \mathcal{V}^\top,$$

with $m \times m \times n$ **orthogonal** tensor \mathcal{U} , $\ell \times \ell \times n$ **orthogonal** tensor \mathcal{V} , and $m \times \ell \times n$ **f-diagonal** tensor \mathcal{S} ordered such that the singular tubes $\mathbf{s}_i = \mathcal{S}_{i,i,:}$ have $\|\mathbf{s}_1\|_F^2 \geq \|\mathbf{s}_2\|_F^2 \geq \dots$.

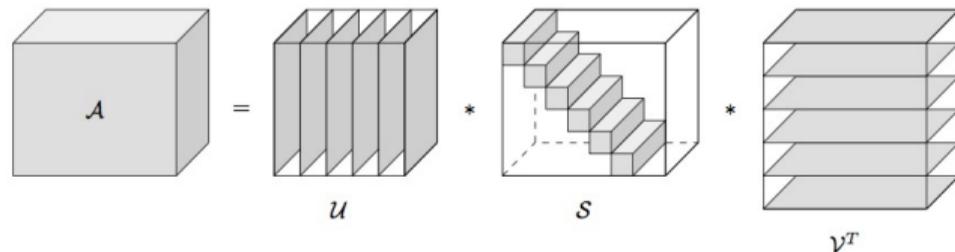


The **t-rank** is the number of non-zero tube-fibers in \mathcal{S} .

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Exercise: Prove the claim that the $\|\mathbf{s}_i\|_F^2$ are non-increasing.

The t-SVD can be computed efficiently (in parallel) by moving to the Fourier domain.

- Compute $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$
- For $i = 1, \dots, n$, find matrix SVD of each frontal slice: $\hat{\mathcal{U}}_{::,i} \hat{\mathcal{S}}_{::,i} \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{::,i}^H = \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{::,i}$
- To get $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{V}$, inverse FFT along tube fibers of $\hat{\mathcal{U}}, \hat{\mathcal{S}}, \hat{\mathcal{V}}$.

t-SVD and Optimality in Truncation

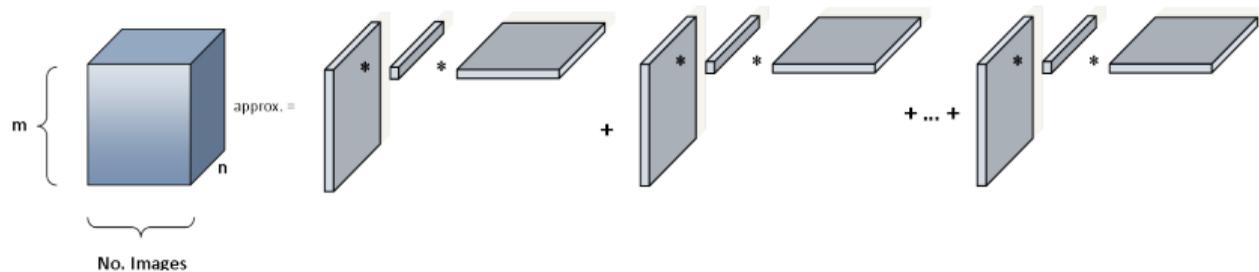
$\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p \times n}$. For $k < \min(m, p)$, define

$$\mathcal{A}_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathcal{U}_{:,i,:} * \left(\mathcal{S}_{i,i,:} * \mathcal{V}_{:,i,:}^\top \right) = \mathcal{U}_k * (\mathcal{S}_k * \mathcal{V}_k^\top)$$

Then

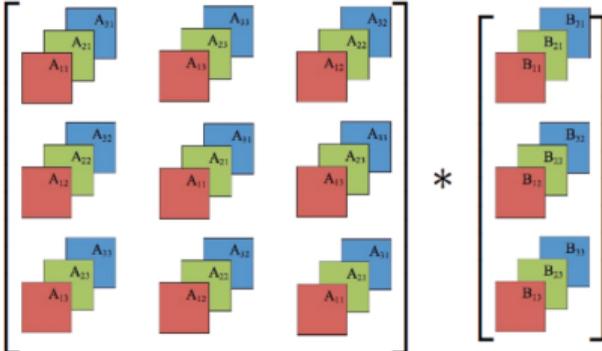
$$\mathcal{A}_k = \arg \min_{\tilde{\mathcal{A}} \in \Omega} \|\mathcal{A} - \tilde{\mathcal{A}}\|$$

where $\Omega = \{\mathcal{X} * \mathcal{Y} \mid \mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k \times n}, \mathcal{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times p \times n}\}$



Higher Dimensions

The t-product, and the t-SVD, generalize to higher dimensions through recursion¹.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A}_1 & \mathcal{A}_3 & \mathcal{A}_2 \\ \mathcal{A}_2 & \mathcal{A}_1 & \mathcal{A}_3 \\ \mathcal{A}_3 & \mathcal{A}_2 & \mathcal{A}_1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{B}_1 \\ \mathcal{B}_2 \\ \mathcal{B}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$


The diagram illustrates the t-product of a 3x3 tensor of 3x3x3 tensors with a 3x3x3 tensor. The first tensor is shown as a 3x3 grid of 3x3x3 tensors (red, green, blue blocks). The second tensor is shown as a 3x3x3 tensor (red, green, blue blocks). The result is a 3x3x3 tensor (red, green, blue blocks).

Treatment of change of pose or lighting information (as motion) \rightarrow 4D.

¹Martin, Shafer, LaRue, An Order-p Tensor Factorization with Applications in Imaging, SISC, 2013

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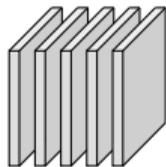
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Now we will show: Whole **family** of options of **tensor-tensor products** for which this is possible! Offers the option of tailoring the product to the type of data or operator at hand!

Recall Mode-3 Multiplication



$m \times p \times n$ tensor \mathcal{A}

Let \mathbf{M} be $r \times n$. To find $\mathcal{A} \times_3 \mathbf{M}$:

- Compute matrix-matrix product $\mathbf{M}\mathcal{A}_{(3)}$,
- Reshape the result to an $m \times p \times r$ tensor.

Equivalent to **applying** \mathbf{M} along tube fibers.

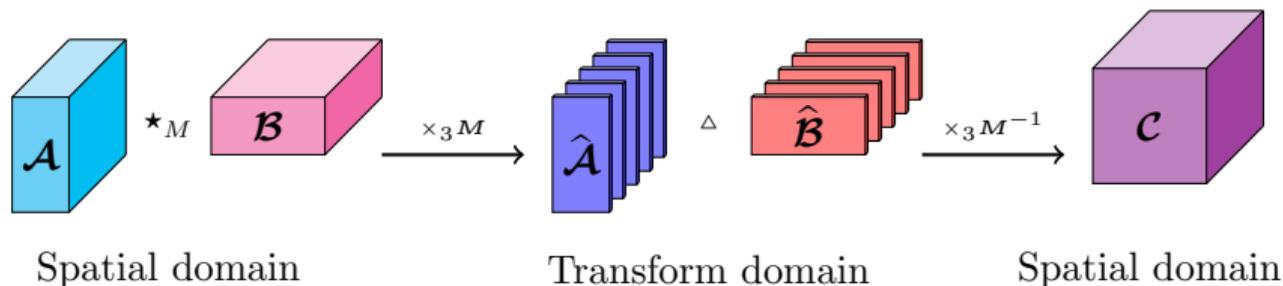
Star-M Product

Let \mathbf{M} be any invertible, $n \times n$ matrix. Then

$$\hat{\mathcal{A}} := \mathcal{A} \times_3 \mathbf{M} \text{ so that } \mathcal{A} = \hat{\mathcal{A}} \times_3 \mathbf{M}^{-1}.$$

Definition

Given any invertible, $n \times n$ \mathbf{M} , $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times p \times n}$ and $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times \ell \times n}$, $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{A} \star_M \mathcal{B}$ is defined via $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_{:::,i} = \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{:::,i} \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{:::,i}$.



If \mathbf{M} is the (unnormalized) DFT matrix, we recover the t-product framework!

Other Properties

Definition (Conjugate Transpose)

Given $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times p \times n}$ its $p \times m \times n$ **conjugate transpose** under \star_M \mathcal{A}^H is defined such that $(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}^H)^{(i)} = (\widehat{\mathcal{A}}^{(i)})^H$, $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Definition (Unitary/Orthogonal Tensors)

$\mathcal{Q} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m \times n}$ ($\mathcal{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m \times n}$) is called \star_M -unitary (\star_M -orthogonal) if

$$\mathcal{Q}^H \star_M \mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{I} = \mathcal{Q} \star_M \mathcal{Q}^H,$$

where H is replaced by transpose for real tensors. Note that \mathcal{I} also defined under \star_M .

Kernfeld, Kilmer, Aeron, LAA 2015

Entry-wise \mathbf{M} -product

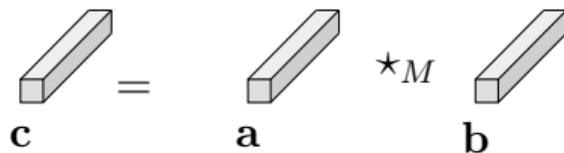
The diagram illustrates the entry-wise \mathbf{M} -product. On the left, a 3D rectangular block labeled \mathbf{c} is shown. To its right is an equals sign. Further right, another 3D rectangular block labeled \mathbf{a} is shown, followed by the symbol \star_M , and then a third 3D rectangular block labeled \mathbf{b} . This represents the equation $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \star_M \mathbf{b}$.

Tube fiber interpretation:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{c} &= \text{fold} \left((\mathbf{M}^{-1} \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{a}}) \mathbf{M}) \text{vec}(\mathbf{b}) \right) \\ &= \text{fold} \left((\mathbf{M}^{-1} \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{b}}) \mathbf{M}) \text{vec}(\mathbf{a}) \right)\end{aligned}$$

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Special Case: \mathbf{M} is DFT \Rightarrow convolution, circulant matrices

Matrix-mimeticity

Observation: overloading scalar products with \star_M in matrix-matrix algorithms gives product for larger dimensional tensors.

If \mathcal{A} is $m \times k \times n$ and \mathcal{B} is $k \times p \times n$, then \mathcal{C} is $m \times p \times n$, and

$$\vec{\mathcal{C}}_j = \sum_{i=1}^k \vec{\mathcal{A}}_i \star_M \mathbf{b}_{ij} \quad j = 1, \dots, p$$

Theorem

If \mathbf{M} a non-zero multiple of a unitary/orthogonal matrix^a

$$\|\mathbf{Q} \star_M \mathcal{A}\|_F = \|\mathcal{A}\|_F$$

^aKilmer, Horesh, Avron, Newman (2021)

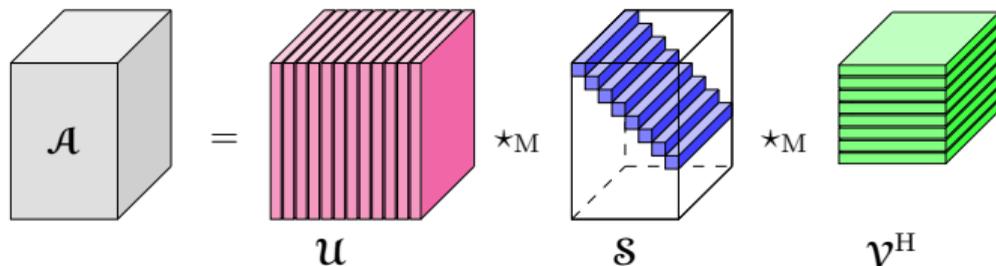
Tensor-tensor SVDs

Theorem (Kilmer, Horesh, Avron, Newman)

Let \mathcal{A} be a $m \times p \times n$ tensor and \mathbf{M} a non-zero multiple of a unitary/orthogonal matrix. The (full) \star_M tensor SVD (t-SVDM) is

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{U} \star_M \mathcal{S} \star_M \mathcal{V}^H = \sum_{i=1}^{\min(m,p)} \mathcal{U}_{:,i,:} \star_M \mathcal{S}_{i,i,:} \star_M \mathcal{V}_{:,i,:}^H$$

with \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V} \star_M -unitary, & $\|\mathcal{S}_{1,1,:}\|_F^2 \geq \|\mathcal{S}_{2,2,:}\|_F^2 \geq \dots$



$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathcal{A}} &\leftarrow \mathcal{A} \times_3 \mathbf{M} \\ i &= 1, \dots, n \\ [\widehat{\mathcal{U}}_{::,i}, \widehat{\mathcal{S}}_{::,i}, \widehat{\mathcal{V}}_{::,i}] &= \text{svd}(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}_{::,i}) \\ \mathcal{U} &= \widehat{\mathcal{U}} \times_3 \mathbf{M}^{-1}, \quad \mathcal{S} = \widehat{\mathcal{S}} \times_3 \mathbf{M}^{-1}, \quad \mathcal{V} = \widehat{\mathcal{V}} \times_3 \mathbf{M}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Perfectly (i.e. embarrassingly) parallelizable!

For **face** i , exist singular values $\hat{\sigma}_i^{(j)}$, $j = 1, \dots, \rho_i$

$\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p \times n}$. For $k < \min(m, p)$, and M as previously, define

$$\mathcal{A}_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathcal{U}_{:,i,:} \star_M \left(\mathcal{S}_{i,i,:} \star_M \mathcal{V}_{:,i,:}^\top \right)$$

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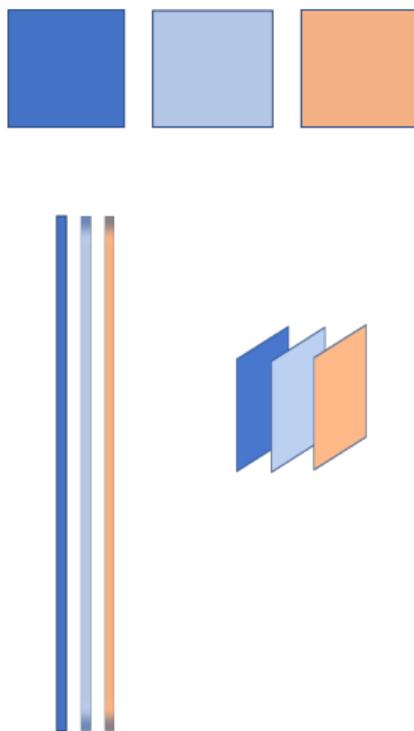
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Error: $\|\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{A}_k\|_F^2 = \sum_{j>k} \|\mathcal{S}_{j,j}\|_F^2 = c \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j>k} \hat{\sigma}_j^{(i)}$, c depends on M .

Data Comparison

In general, consider J pieces of 2D, $m \times n$ data. Storage as $mn \times J$ matrix \mathbf{A} or $m \times J \times n$ tensor \mathcal{A} . Which is more compressible?



Theoretical Result

Theorem (Kilmer, Horesh, Avron, Newman (2021))

Suppose \mathcal{A}_k is optimal k -term t -SVDM approximation to \mathcal{A} , and let \mathbf{A}_k is optimal k -term matrix SVD approximation to \mathbf{A} . Then

$$\|\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{A}_k\|_F \leq \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F,$$

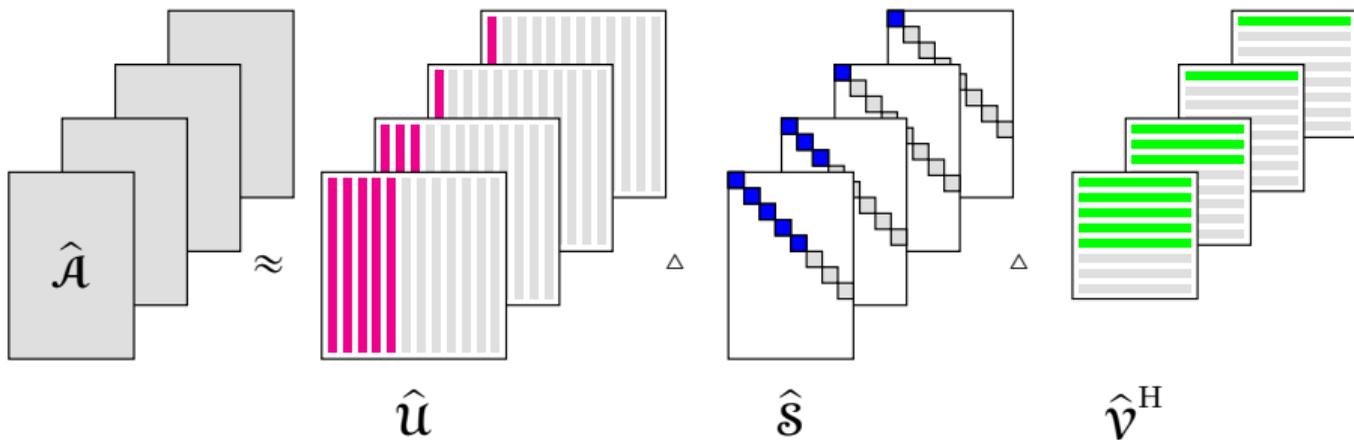
where **strict inequality is achievable**.

- Result works for **any** M that is multiple of unitary (orthogonal) matrix.
- Why? Takes advantage of **latent structure** in data.

Truncated t-SVDM ignores relative importance of faces.

Global approach: order $\hat{\sigma}_i^{(j)} := \hat{S}_{i,i,j}$, truncate on energy level.

Gives \mathcal{A}_ρ , with $\rho_i = \text{rank}(\hat{\mathcal{A}}^{(i)})$



Implicit rank = total number of non-zero $\hat{\sigma}_i^{(j)}$.

Theorem (Kilmer, Horesh, Avron, Newman, 2021)

Let \mathcal{A}_k be the t -SVDM t -rank k approximation to \mathcal{A} , and suppose its **implicit rank** is r . Define $\mu = \|\mathcal{A}_k\|_F^2 / \|\mathcal{A}\|_F^2$. There exists $\gamma \leq \mu$ such that the t -SVDM approximation, \mathcal{A}_ρ , obtained for this γ , has implicit rank less than or equal to the implicit rank of \mathcal{A}_k and

$$\|\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{A}_\rho\|_F \leq \|\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{A}_k\|_F \leq \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F.$$

- Matrix Mimetic properties make \star_M framework desirable - extensions of traditional matrix-based algorithms are possible
- Orientation dependent approach (not blackbox)
- Theoretical analysis comparing to matrix-based and other tensor based approaches is now possible, in third order.
- Algorithmic extensions to higher-order, but theory?
- **Exercise** Sequential t-SVD – what might this look like?
- Randomized methods more directly applicable.
- \mathbf{M} learned/tailored to data

Matlab Demo