

## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 What are Tensor Networks?

- A network that works on tensors
- Alternative formulation to the standard, cumbersome algebraic tensor representation
- Conceived by Roger Penrose in 1971 “It now ceases to be important to maintain a distinction between upper and lower indices”
- Instrumental in tensor computation and analysis
- Nodes (or vertices) represent individual tensors
- Edges are (typically) non-directed and represent tensor index
- Connected (standard) edges represent (Einstein) summation over an index
- Free (dangling) indices depicted as edges attached to a single vertex
- Self-connecting edge (from a tensor to itself) represents trace operation
- Number of edges on nodes indicate the order of the tensor

### 1.2 Tensor Networks Applications

The examples are shown in Figure 1.

### 1.3 How Powerful are Tensor Networks?

- Tensor networks invariants / isomorphism offers means to analyze and identify (space and time complexity) structure in high dimensional computation
- Such embarrassment can happen to anyone, unless one appreciates the power of tensor networks...

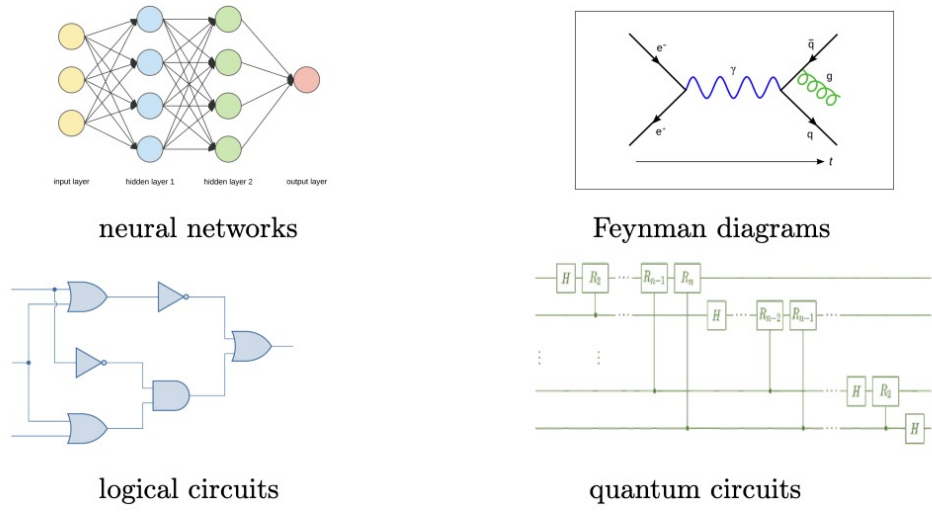


Figure 1: Some examples of tensor networks

## 2 Tensor Network

### 2.1 Tensor Network - Tensor Product

- Multiple disconnected tensors in the same diagram → multiplied by tensor product

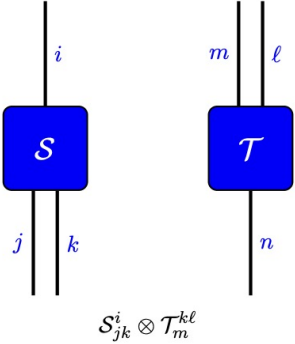


Figure 2: Demonstration of Tensor Product

### 2.2 Tensor Networks Invariants - Planar Deformation

- What is the difference between the networks in Figure 3?
- These networks are **isomorphic**.
- Tensors can freely roam past each other (planar deformation)

$$(\mathbb{K} \otimes B)(A \otimes \mathbb{K}) = A \otimes B = (A \otimes \mathbb{K})(\mathbb{K} \otimes B)$$

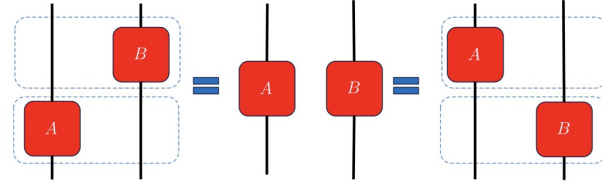


Figure 3: Isomorphic networks.

### 2.3 Tensor Networks Invariants - Planar Deformation

The networks are equivalent in Figure 4.

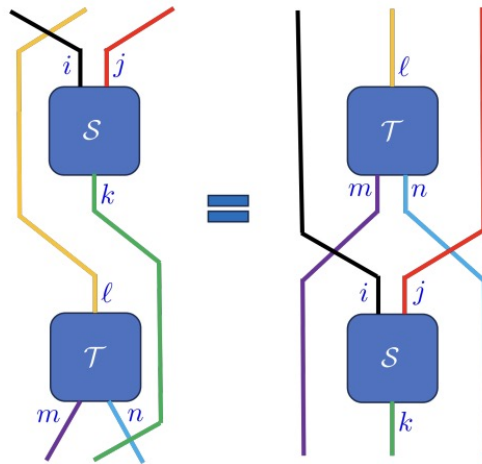


Figure 4: Equivalent networks.

### 2.4 Tensor Networks Transposition

Edge swapping is akin to index swap (transposition in matrices) as demonstrated in Figure 5.

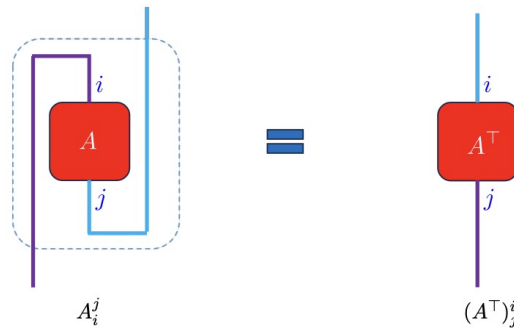


Figure 5: Tensor Networks Transposition - Index Swap

Tensor networks are indifferent to edges “detours” as demonstrated in Figure 6.

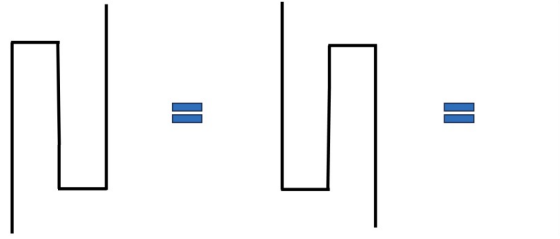


Figure 6: Tensor Networks Transposition - Detours

## 2.5 Tensor Networks - Penrose Duality

- **Penrose Duality** - bijection induced by bending wires
- Specific tensors (wire, cup, cap) play the role of **Kronecker's delta** and enable:
  - Tensor index contraction by diagrammatic connection
  - Raising and lowering indices
  - Represent duality between maps, states and linear transformations

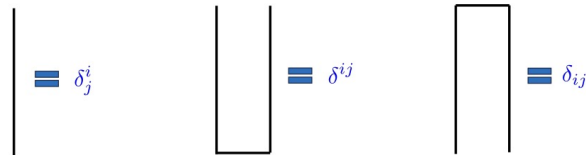


Figure 7: Penrose Duality

## 2.6 Anti-Symmetry

- A tensor is fully anti-symmetric if swapping any pair of indices changes its sign.
- For example in 2D:

$$A_{ij} = -A_{ji}$$

- The  $\epsilon_{ij}$  tensor is used to represent the fully anti-symmetric Levi-Civita symbol

$$\epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 3 Tensor Networks Contractions

### 3.1 Tensor Networks Contractions - Vector-Vector

- How do tensors interact?

- Represents a dot-product between two vectors which entails a scalar.
- Edge contraction implies summation over the joint index.

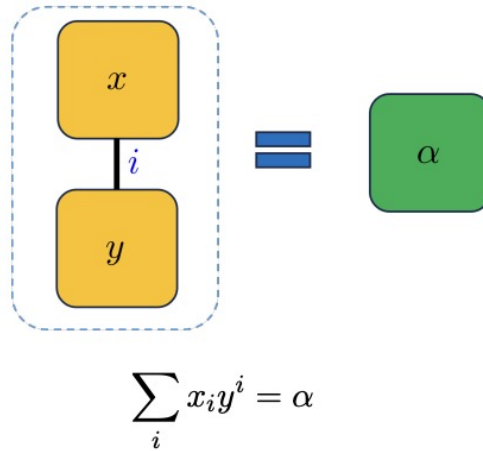


Figure 8: Tensor Networks Contractions - Vector-Vector

### 3.2 Tensor Networks Contractions - Matrix-Vector

- How does a matrix and a vector contract?
- Matrix-vector from a tensor network perspective is effectively a vector.

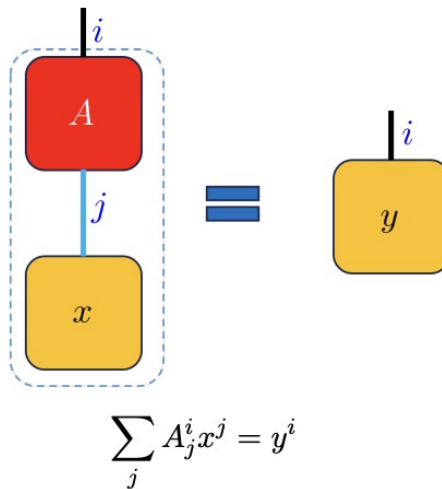


Figure 9: Tensor Networks Contractions - Matrix-Vector

### 3.3 Tensor Networks Contractions - Matrix-Matrix

- Similarly, matrix-matrix contraction over a single edge entails a matrix (matrix-matrix product).

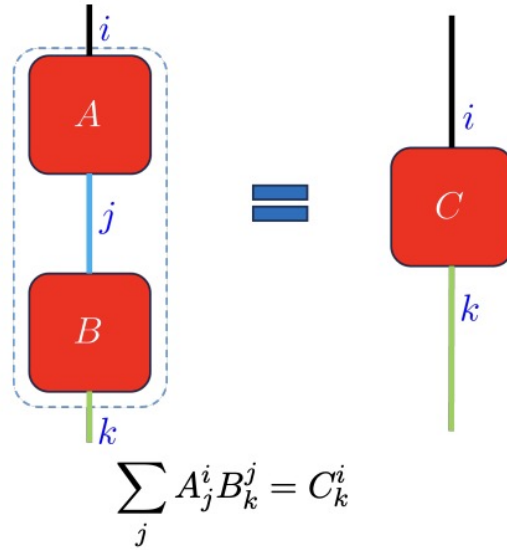


Figure 10: Tensor Networks Contractions - Matrix-Matrix

### 3.4 Tensor Networks Contractions - Tensor-Tensor

- How do tensors interact with other tensors?
- Two  $3^{rd}$  degree tensors contracted by 2 indices form a matrix

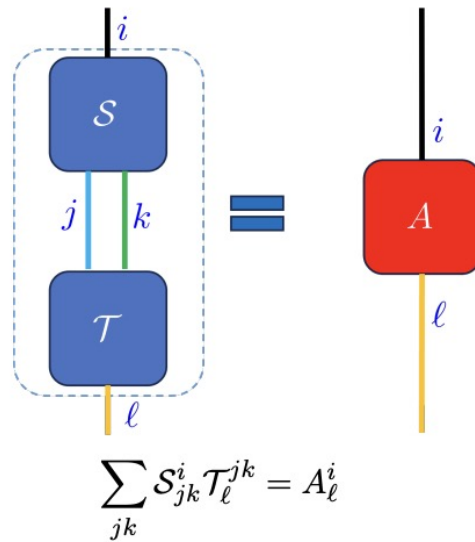


Figure 11: Tensor Networks Contractions - Tensor-Tensor

- What would such contraction yield?
- Four  $3^{rd}$  order tensors, where all edges contracted, entails a scalar.

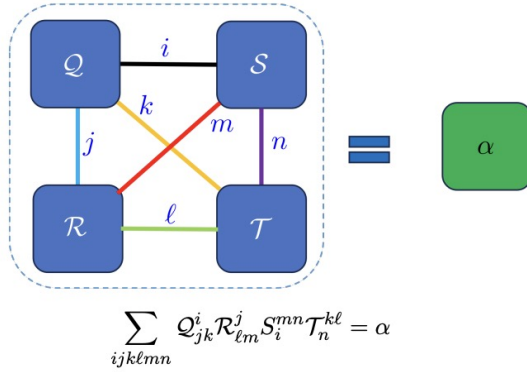


Figure 12: Tensor Networks Contractions - Tensor-Tensor

### 3.5 Tensor Networks Contractions - Trace

- What contraction of a tensor to itself means?

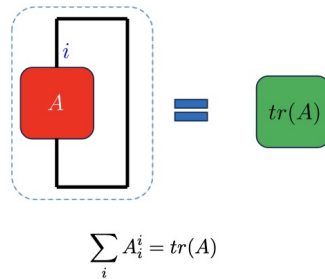


Figure 13: Tensor Networks Contractions - Trace

- What contraction of a matrix product to itself means?

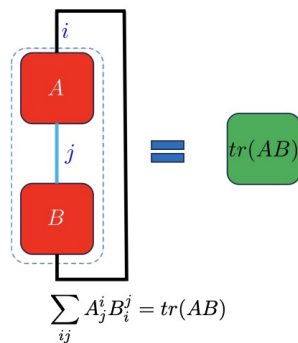


Figure 14: Tensor Networks Contractions - Trace

### 3.6 Tensor Networks Contractions - Partial Trace

- What partial contraction of a tensor product to itself means?

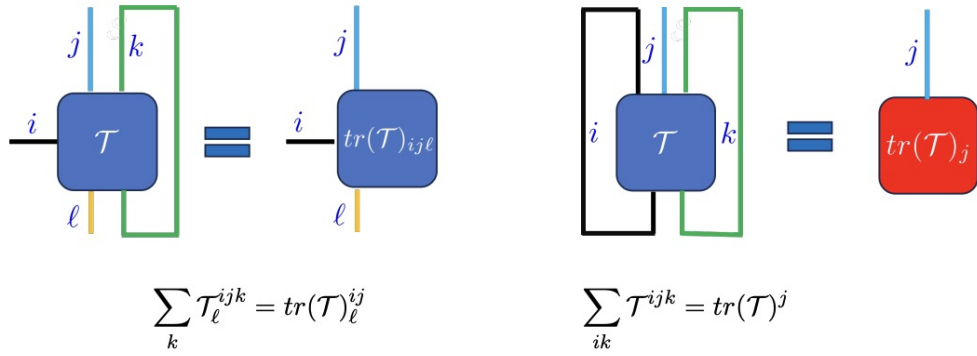


Figure 15: Tensor Networks Contractions - Partial Trace

### Tensor Networks Contractions - Trace Cyclicity

- How can we prove trace cyclicity?
- Trivially proven with tensor networks due to rotational invariance of the network (graph isomorphism).

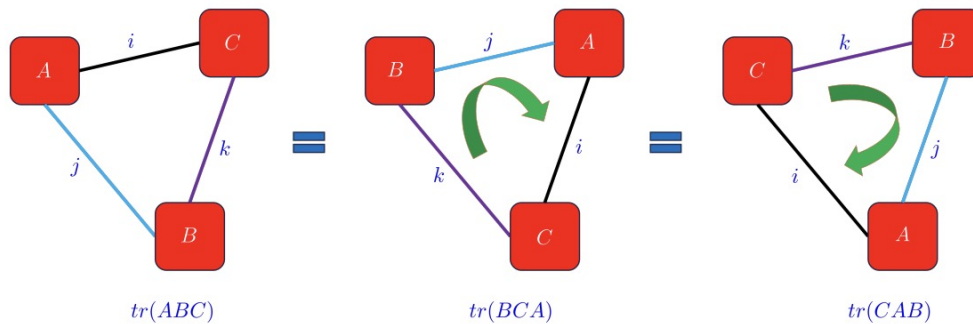


Figure 16: Tensor Networks Contractions - Trace Cyclicity

- How is it related to sketching and low rank approximations and tensor algebra?
- Split - inverse form of tensor contraction

### 3.7 Tensor Networks - Splits and Low-Rank Approximation

- Can we always split?
  - Can always compute SVD on matrices.
- How do we extend this to tensors?
  - Vectorize and then employ matrix SVD



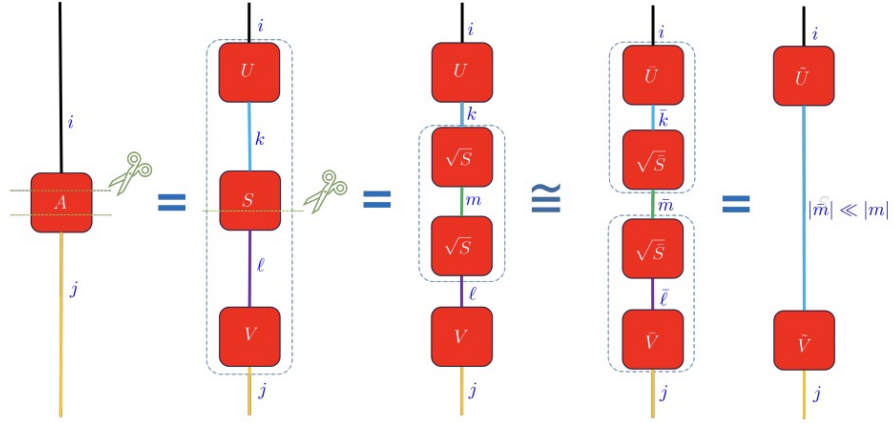


Figure 17: Split

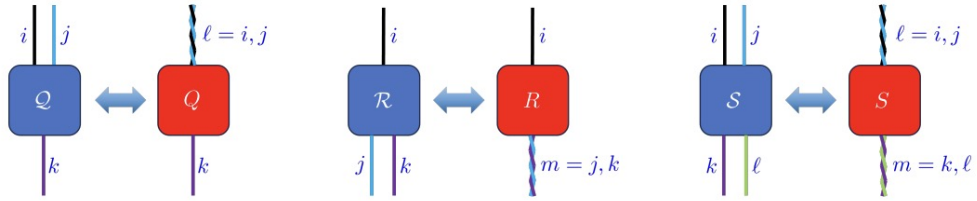


Figure 18: Vectorize and then employ matrix SVD

– And conduct native tensor decomposition ...

$$\mathcal{T} = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \otimes q_i$$

$$\mathcal{T} = U \cdot G \cdot Q$$

$$\mathcal{T} = U \cdot S \cdot V^T$$

Figure 19: Tensor Decompositions