

# Probabilistic Bounds

on Best Rank-One Approximation Ratio

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# Tensors I: Distances

$$\mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$$

space of tensors  $\mathbb{K}^n := \mathbb{K}^{n_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{K}^{n_d}$

i.e. of multilinear maps  $T: \mathbb{K}^{n_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{K}^{n_d} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$

$$\text{of the form } T(x^1, \dots, x^d) = \sum t_{i_1, \dots, i_d} x_{i_1}^1 \dots x_{i_d}^d$$

Frobenius product & norm

$$\langle T, T \rangle := \sum \overline{t_{i_1, \dots, i_d}} t_{i_1, \dots, i_d}$$

$$\|T\| := \sqrt{\langle T, T \rangle}$$

← How to measure distances between tensors

# Tensors II: Rank-one tensors

$$x^i \in \mathbb{S}(\mathbb{K}^{n_i}) \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{K}$$

$$\lambda x^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x^d := \left( \lambda x_{i_1}^1 \dots x_{i_d}^d \right)$$

Easy to store!  $1 + \sum n_i$  vs  $\prod n_i$  numbers

THM. Given  $T \in \mathbb{K}^{n_i}$ , then

there are  $\lambda_1 x_1^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_1^d, \dots, \lambda_r x_r^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_r^d$   
s.t.

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i x_i^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i^d$$

minimum such  $r =: \text{rank } T$

# Tensors III: Best Rank-One Approximation

$T \in \mathbb{K}^n$  might not be rank-one

Best Rank-One Approx( $T$ ):  $= \arg \min_{\lambda \in \mathbb{K}} \min_{x^i \in S(\mathbb{K}^{n_i})} \|T - \lambda x^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x^d\|$

Q: How good is this best rank-one approximation?

$$\min \|T - \lambda x^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x^d\| = \|T\| \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{\|T\|_{\infty}}{\|T\|} \right)^2}$$

where  $\|T\|_{\infty} = \max_{x^i \in S(\mathbb{K}^{n_i})} |T(x^1, \dots, x^d)|$

# Tensors IV: Best Rank-One Approx. Ratio

$$A(\mathbb{K}^n) := \min_{T \in \mathbb{K}^n} \frac{\|T\|_{\infty}^{\mathbb{K}}}{\|T\|} \in [0, 1]$$

Worst Relative Error  
of Best Rank-One Approx.  $= \sqrt{1 - A(\mathbb{K}^n)^2}$

Obs.

$$A(\mathbb{K}^n) \leq \max_{T \in \mathbb{K}^n} \frac{\|T\|_{\infty}^{\mathbb{K}}}{\|T\|}$$

# Tensors V: Main Theorem

$$d \geq 3 \quad n_1, \dots, n_d \geq 2$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\min_i \prod_{j \neq i} n_j}} \ll A(\mathbb{K}^n) \ll \frac{32 \sqrt{d \ln d}}{\sqrt{\min_i \prod_{j \neq i} n_j}}$$

But... this was known!

What's new?

# Symmetric Tensors I

$$T \in (\mathbb{K}^n)^{\otimes d}$$

$$T \text{ sym} : \Leftrightarrow \forall \sigma \in \Sigma_n \quad \forall x^i \in \mathbb{K}^n$$

$$T(x^1, \dots, x^d) = T(x^{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x^{\sigma(d)})$$

space of sym. tensors

$$\text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{K}^n) \subseteq (\mathbb{K}^n)^{\otimes d}$$

# Symmetric Tensors II:

Polynomials in disguise

$$T \in \text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{K}^n) \longleftrightarrow g \in P_{d,n}$$

↖ homogeneous  
d deg  
n var

$$\langle T, x \otimes \dots \otimes x \rangle = g(x)$$

Frob

$$\langle g, g \rangle = \sum_{\alpha} \binom{d}{\alpha}^{-1} g_{\alpha} g_{\alpha}$$

Weyl

$$\|g\|_{\infty}^{\mathbb{K}} = \max_{x \in S(\mathbb{K}^n)} |g(x)|$$

$L^{\infty}$ -norm



# Sym. Tensors III: Rank-One Sym Tensors

$$\lambda x \otimes \cdots \otimes x \iff \lambda \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i X_i \right)^d$$

THM. Given  $g \in P_{d,n}$ , then there are rank-one sym tensors  $\lambda_1 \left( \sum_j a_j^1 X_j \right)^d, \dots, \lambda_r \left( \sum_j a_j^r X_j \right)^d$  s.t.

$$g = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i \left( \sum_j a_j^i X_j \right)^d$$

min such  $r$   
= symrank  $g$

⚠ symrank  $\neq$  rank

# Sym. Tensors IV:

## Sym Best-One Approximation

$$\operatorname{arg\,min}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{K} \quad x \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{K}^n)} \left\| \mathcal{g} - \lambda \left( \sum_i x_i X_i \right)^d \right\|$$

↓ Error

$$\min \left\| \mathcal{g} - \lambda \left( \sum_i x_i X_i \right)^d \right\| = \left\| \mathcal{g} \right\| \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{\left\| \mathcal{g} \right\|_{\infty}}{\left\| \mathcal{g} \right\|} \right)^2}$$

# Sym. Tensors V:

Sym. Best Rank-One Approx. Ratio

$$A(\text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{K}^n)) := \min \frac{\|F\|_{\infty}^{\mathbb{K}}}{\|F\|} \in [0, 1]$$

Worst Relative Error  
of Sym. Best Rank-One Approx.

$$= \sqrt{1 - A(\text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{K}^n))^2}$$

Obs.

$$A(\text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{K}^n)) \leq \max_{F \in P_{n,d}} \frac{\|F\|_{\infty}^{\mathbb{K}}}{\|F\|}$$

# Sym. Tensors VI: Main Theorem $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$d \geq 3 \quad n \geq 2$$

$$\max \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}^d} \binom{d+n-1}{n-1}^{-1/2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^{d-1}}} \right\}$$

$\wedge$

$$A(\text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{R}^n))$$

$\wedge$

$$24 \sqrt{\frac{n \ln d}{\binom{d+n/2-1}{d}}}$$

Comes from  
non-sym  
case

# Sym. Tensors VI: Main Theorem $\mathbb{C}$

$$d \geq 3 \quad n \geq 2$$

$$\max \left\{ \binom{d+n-1}{n-1}^{-1/2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^{d-1}}} \right\}$$

$\wedge$

$$A(\text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{C}^n))$$

$\wedge$

$$36 \sqrt{\frac{n \ln d}{\binom{d+n-1}{d}}}$$

# Sym Tensors VII: $n \gg d$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n^{d-1}}}$$

$$\wedge$$
$$A(\text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{K}^n))$$

$$\wedge$$

$$36 \frac{\sqrt{d! n^d}}{\sqrt{n^{d-1}}}$$

# Sym. Tensors VIII

$d \gg n$  [Fix  $n, d \rightarrow \infty$ ]

$$\sqrt{\frac{(n-1)!}{2^d d^{n-1}}} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{d}\right)\right)$$

∧

$$A(\text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{R}^n))$$

∧

$$48 \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)! \ln d}{2^d d^{\frac{n}{2}-1}}} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{d}\right)\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)! := \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{(n-1)!}{d^{n-1}}} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{d}\right)\right)$$

∧

$$A(\text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{C}^n))$$

∧

$$36 \sqrt{\frac{n! \ln d}{d^{n-1}}} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{d}\right)\right)$$

# Sym Tensors IX: A special case

$$d = 3$$

$$A(\text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)) \leq \mathcal{O}(n^{-0.584\dots}) \quad (\text{Li \& Zhao, 2020})$$

$$\leq \mathcal{O}(n^{-1}) \quad (\text{Kozharov \& T.C., 2022+})$$



We also have results

For partially sym. tensors

... aka multihom polynomials

How do we get our results? I  
(real sym. case)

THM. Let  $n \geq 2$  and  $F: S^{n-1} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$   
a random Lipschitz function whose  
Lipschitz constant,  $\text{Lip}(F)$ , satisfies  
for some  $L \geq 1$ ,

$$\text{Lip}(F) \leq L \max_{x \in S^{n-1}} F(x),$$

Then for  $t > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}_F \left( \max_{x \in S^{n-1}} F(x) \geq t \right) \leq \frac{e^{2n} L^{n-1}}{\sqrt{n-1}} \max_{x \in S^{n-1}} \mathbb{P}_F \left( F(x) \geq \frac{t}{2} \right)$$

How do we get our results? II  
 (real sym. case)

$$F(x) = \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|} \quad \text{Kellogg's Thm} \Rightarrow L = d$$

$$\mathbb{P}_f \left( \frac{\|f\|_\infty}{\|f\|} \geq t \right) \leq \frac{e^{2n} d^{n-1}}{\sqrt{n-1}} \max_{x \in S^{n-1}} \mathbb{P}_f \left( \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|} \geq \frac{t}{2} \right)$$

For  $f$  Kostlan random polynomial, we can estimate!

How do we get our results? III

We reduce estimating tails

of the maximum of a random map

to estimating tails

of an arbitrary evaluation

of such random map

# How do we get our results? IV

↪ Evaluation of  $f$  at  $x$

Prop. Let  $P: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow V$  be an orthogonal projection onto a  $k$ -dim subspace  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  std Gaussian.

Then for  $t \geq 0$

$$\mathbb{P}_x \left( \frac{\|Px\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \geq t \right) \leq 2 \exp \left( - \frac{Nt^2}{4e^{k+\frac{1}{\omega}}} \right)$$

↪  $\frac{\|Px\|_2}{\|x\|_2}$

subgaussian

(bounds for exp)

How do we get our results?  $V$

- Lower bounds follow from norm inequalities
- For some upper bounds, we need  $f$  random harmonic

Thank you for your attention!

Dziękuję za uwagę!

Any question?