# Stat 212b:Topics in Deep Learning Lecture 24 

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## Objective

- Tensor Decompositions and Deep Learning
- Optimality certificates
- Learning with high-order score function.
- Hierarchical Tensor Decompositions
- Spin Glasses and Deep Learning
- Richard Zhang: "Colorful Image Colorization"
-Hoang Duong: "Learning Polynomial Factorization"


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- A particularly famous instance is the matrix factorization problem:
$\min _{U, V} \ell\left(Y, U V^{T}\right)+\mathcal{R}(U, V), Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}, V \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$.
- Low-rank factorizations (e.g. PCA)
- Sparse factorizations (Dictionary Learning, NMF)


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- This produces an optimality certificate: we use a surrogate convex problem to obtain a guarantee that a non-convex problem is solved optimally.


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- We consider

$$
\min _{\Theta^{1}, \ldots, \Theta^{d}} \ell\left(Y, \Phi_{r}\left(\Theta^{1}, \ldots, \Theta^{d}\right)\right)+\lambda \mathcal{R}\left(\Theta^{1}, \ldots, \Theta^{d}\right)
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Key assumption: $\mathcal{R}$ is positively homogeneous of the same degree as $\Phi$.

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Examples
Matrices:

$$
\Phi(U, V)=U V^{T}=\sum_{i=1}^{r} U_{i} V_{i}^{T}\left(\phi\left(U_{i}, V_{i}\right)=U_{i} V_{i}^{T}\right)
$$

Higher-order Tensors:

figure credit: R.Vidal
$\phi\left(\Theta_{i}^{1}, \ldots, \Theta_{i}^{d}\right)=\Theta_{i}^{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \Theta_{i}^{d}$.


Candecomp/Parafac (CP) Tensor decomposition.

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## ReLU Network:

ReLU Network with One Hidden Layer


Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)
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$$
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Multilayer ReLU Parallel Network
figure credit: R. Vidal

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- This is generalized to
$\mathcal{R}(\Theta)=\min _{\Theta^{1}, \ldots, \Theta^{d}} \sum_{i \leq r} g\left(\Theta_{i}^{1}, \ldots, \Theta_{i}^{d}\right)$, s.t. $\Phi_{r}\left(\Theta^{1}, \ldots, \Theta^{d}\right)=\Theta$.
- Proposition [H-V]: $\mathcal{R}$ is convex.

Also, if $g$ is positively homogeneous of degree $s$, so is $\mathcal{R}$.

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- Global optimality certificate for a broad class of nonconvex optimization problems, including some form of deep learning architectures.
- Q: How to use this certificate in practice?


## Adaptation to Deep Models

- Pros
- Global optimality certificate, easy to check
- Inclues nonlinear models as long as they are homogeneous.
- Provides a possible meta-algorithm: increase the lifting value $r$ progressively is local optimum does not very condition.
- Cons
- How much do we need to increase $r$ in practice?
-How stringent is the homogenous regularization condition?


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- Q: Given training samples $\left\{\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right) ; y_{i}=f_{0}\left(x_{i}\right)\right\}_{i \leq n}$, can we estimate the parameters $a_{2}, A_{1}, b_{1}, b_{2}$ with provable risk?
- Q: Using a computationally efficient algorithm?


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Def: The $m$-th order score function $S_{m}(x)$ is the $m$-th order tensor

$$
S_{m}(x)=(-1)^{m} \frac{\nabla^{m} p(x)}{p(x)} .
$$

Proposition: If $f(x)=\mathbb{E}(y \mid x)$, then

$$
\mathbb{E}\left(y \cdot S_{3}(x)\right)=\mathbb{E}\left(\nabla^{3} f(x)\right) .
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## Breaking the Perils of (...)

[Janzamin, Sedghi, Anandkumar] - Learning generalization bound in the "realizable" setting:

Theorem: The tensor algorithm NN-Lift learns the target function $\mathbb{E}(y \mid x)=f_{0}(x)$ up to error $\epsilon$ when the number of samples is of the order of

$$
n \geq O\left(\frac{k d^{3}}{\epsilon^{2}} \frac{\lambda_{\max }\left(A_{1}\right)^{2}}{\lambda_{\min }\left(A_{1}\right)^{6}}\right) .
$$

( $k$ : size of hidden layer)
( $d$ : input dimension)

- Comments:
- Polynomial sample complexity.
- Algorithm has polynomial complexity as well.
-Extension to non-realizable setting (see paper for details).


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- Pros
- Statistical Guarantees that also incorporate computational feasibility.
- Learning is essentially reduced to finding low-rank tensor factorizations.
- Cons
- very strong hypothesis: knowledge of $p(x)$.
- only a particular Neural network architecture (one hidden layer so far).
- restrictive class of nonlinearities? : the proof requires

$$
\mathbb{E}\left(\sigma^{\prime \prime \prime}(z)\right), \mathbb{E}\left(\sigma^{\prime \prime}(z)\right)
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& \Phi\left(x^{k}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{M} .
\end{aligned}
$$

- Aggregate features by combining high-order information:

$$
p(y \mid x)=\sum_{d_{1}, \ldots d_{N}=1}^{M} A_{d_{1}, \ldots, d_{N}}^{y} \prod_{i=1}^{N} \Phi_{d_{i}}\left(x^{i}\right),
$$

$A^{y}: N$-th order tensor of dimensions $M_{k}=M$.

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- The resulting model is a shallow network:

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- Hierarchical-Tucker (HT) decompositions:

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& \cdots \\
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\end{aligned}
$$

- Corresponds to a deep representation with $L=\log N$ layers.


## Deep Nets and Hierarchical Tensor Decompositions

- In both decompositions, given enough terms, any tensor can be approximated arbitrarily well.
- Depth efficiency question: for tensors that require a polynomial size in the HT decomposition, how many parameters in the CP representation do we need?
- and vice-versa?


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- The HT space with rank $r$ blocks has $O\left(r^{2} N\right)$ parameters.
- Besides a negligible set, all functions that can be realized by a polynomially sized HT model require exponential size in order to be approximated by a CP model.
- The converse is not true: a CP model of size $O(N M K)$ can be represented in HT with
$O(N K \max (K, M)) \simeq O\left(N K^{2}\right)$


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- Pros
- Framework that explains that depth efficiency is universal: all hierarchical decompositions require exponentially more effort to parametrize using non-hierarchical factorizations.
- Role of Convolution: weight sharing in a CP decomposition reduces to symmetric tensors. Not the case in the HT decomposition.
- Cons
- Nonlinearities are multiplicative in this model: numerically and statistically unstable. Logarithms do not fully resolve unstability.
- Approximation error results. Interplay with estimation and optimization error?


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$$
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- Homogeneous polynomial on $\Theta$.
- Q:What about a ReLU network instead?


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- Now some paths will be stopped: $: \rho(z)=\max (0, z)$

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$$
\text { - } p=\left(l_{0}, \ldots, l_{K}\right), \tilde{p}=\left(l_{0}, \ldots, l_{K-1}\right)
$$

$$
\pi(p, x, \Theta)=\pi(\tilde{p}, x, \Theta) \cdot\left(\sum_{p^{\prime} \in \tilde{\mathcal{P}} ; p^{\prime}(K)=p(K)} \pi\left(p^{\prime}, x, \Theta\right) \prod_{k<K} \Theta_{k}^{p^{\prime}(k), p^{\prime}(k+1)}>0\right)
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- Biases produce low-order terms (we ignore them for now)


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- Loss becomes
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\begin{aligned}
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& +\sum_{p, p^{\prime} \in \mathcal{P}} Q\left(X, \Theta, p, p^{\prime}\right) \prod_{k \leq K} \Theta_{k}^{p(k), p(k+1)} \Theta_{k}^{p^{\prime}(k), p^{\prime}(k+1)}, \text { with }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
q(X, Y, \Theta, p)=\mathbb{E}_{X, Y}\left(\pi(p, X, \Theta) Y^{p(K)} X^{p(1)}\right)
$$

$$
Q\left(X, \Theta, p, p^{\prime}\right)=\mathbb{E}_{X}\left(\pi(p, X, \Theta) \pi\left(p^{\prime}, X, \Theta\right) X^{p(1)} X^{p^{\prime}(1)}\right)
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- The loss "looks" like a polynomial in $\Theta$ provided we break the dependency of $\pi(p, x, \Theta)$ with respect to $\Theta$.
-It means that thresholding is independent of $\Theta$.
- For large enough $n$ (assuming iid samples), it results that

$$
\begin{gathered}
q(X, Y, p) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_{p}, \sigma_{p}^{2}\right) \\
Q\left(X, p, p^{\prime}\right) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_{p, p^{\prime}}, \sigma_{p, p^{\prime}}^{2}\right),
\end{gathered}
$$

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- Furthermore, if one also assumes redundancy (weights shared across layers), uniformity (same weights are not used too often along surviving paths) and normalized weights, authors arrive at

$$
E(\Theta) \simeq \mathcal{L}_{\Lambda, K}(\Theta)=\frac{1}{\Lambda^{(K-1) / 2}} \sum_{l_{1}, \ldots, l_{K}=1}^{\Lambda} Z_{l_{1}, \ldots, l_{K}} \Theta_{l_{1}} \ldots \Theta_{l_{K}},
$$

$\mathcal{L}_{H}(\Theta)$ : Hamiltonian of the $H$-spin spherical spin glass model.

$$
\text { with }\|\Theta\|^{2}=\Lambda
$$

$$
Z_{p} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sigma^{2}\right) .
$$

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- As $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$, the distributions concentrate along different bands: each index concentrates in different bands.

As $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$, the number of local minima dominate the rest of the indices.


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- See also:
- "The effect of Gradient Noise on the Energy Landscape of Deep Networks", Chaudhari \& Soatto. They study exterior magnitude field and its associated smoothing annealing schemes to reduce number of critical points.
- "Explorations on high dimensional landscapes", Sagun, Guney, Ben Arous, LeCun. Study the existence of a narrow band containing the bulk of the critical points of deep energy landscapes in the highdimensional setting.


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- Pros
- Macroscopic picture that explains some of the behavior of stochastic gradient descent on deep neural networks.
- Analysis tools from Random Matrix theory that explain non-local behavior and might complement invariance/symmetry arguments.
- Cons
- The simplifications on the model are very strong.
- Does not inform about the role of convolutions in the energy landscape
- Does not really inform about the role of depth in the optimization.

