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CPD OF NONNEGATIVE TENSORS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we mainly address the problem of Joint Eigenvalue Decomposition (JEVD) subject to nonnegative constraints on the eigenvalues of the matrices to be diagonalized. An efficient method based on the Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM) is designed. ADMM provides an elegant approach for handling nonnegativity constraints, while taking advantage of the structure of the objective function. Numerical tests on simulated matrices show the interest of the proposed method for low Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) values when the similarity transformation matrix is ill-conditioned. The ADMM was recently used for the Canonical Polyadic Decomposition (CPD) of nonnegative tensors leading to the ADMoM algorithm. We show through computer results that DIAG+, a semi-algebraic CPD method using our ADMM-based JEVD+ algorithm, will give a better estimation of factors than ADMoM in the presence of swamps. DIAG+ also appears to be less time-consuming than ADMoM when low-rank tensors of high dimensions are considered.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Canonical Polyadic Decomposition (CPD) of multi-way arrays plays an important role in various application areas such as medical diagnosis [1]. A large number of CPD methods were proposed [2–6]. Among them, semi-algebraic (or direct) methods showed a very good performance (e.g. fast convergence speed, robustness with respect to initialization and overfactoring) [7]. Semi-algebraic techniques aim at reformulating the CPD as a matrix factorization problem of lower dimension. For instance, the CFS (Closed Form Solution) [8] and DIAG (DIrect AlGorithm) [7] algorithms formulate the CPD as a JEVD (Joint EVD) problem while the SSD-CP (CP decomposition based on Simultaneous Schur Decomposition) method formulates it as a problem of joint upper triangularization by an orthogonal similarity [9].

In some applications such as fluorescence spectroscopy [7], the multi-way array to be decomposed and its loading matrices are nonnegative. Hence the need for efficient nonnegative CPD methods. Note that the use of nonnegativity was shown to ensure the existence of optimal solutions to the CPD approximation problem [10]. Then we may wonder whether the semi-algebraic CPD methods can be modified in order to take into account the nonnegativity of the data. If tensors are nonnegative, then it appears that the corresponding matrices to be jointly diagonalized or triangularized have nonnegative eigenvalues. In other words, modifying the CFS and DIAG techniques in order to take into account nonnegativity requires to solve the following JEVD+ problem:

Problem 1. Given $K$ semi-definite positive matrices $M^{(k)}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{R \times R}$, factorize them as $M^{(k)} = AD^{(k)}A^{-1}$ subject to:

$$\forall k \in \{1, \ldots, K\}, \quad D^{(k)} \in D^+$$

where $D^+$ is the subset of diagonal matrices of $\mathbb{R}^{R \times R}$ such that $\text{Diag}(D^+) = [0, +\infty[^R$.

In order to solve problem 1, we proposed an approach based on the Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM) [11]. ADMM provides an elegant approach for handling nonnegativity constraints, while taking advantage of the structure of the objective function. Numerical tests on simulated matrices show the interest of the proposed method for low Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) values when the similarity transformation matrix is ill-conditioned. The ADMM was recently used for the Canonical Polyadic Decomposition (CPD) of nonnegative tensors leading to the ADMoM algorithm [12]. We show through computer results that DIAG+, a semi-algebraic CPD method using our ADMM-based JEVD+ algorithm, will give a better estimation of factors than ADMoM in the presence of swamps. DIAG+ also appears to be less time-consuming than ADMoM when low-rank tensors of high dimensions are considered.

2. ALGORITHMS

The purpose of this section is first to show the interest in solving the JEVD+ problem for the CPD of nonnegative tensors.
Secondly, an efficient ADMM-based JEVD\(_+\) solution is proposed.

### 2.1. The CPD of nonnegative tensors

The Nonnegative CPD (NCPD) of a three-way array \(\mathcal{T} \in [0, +\infty]^{N_1 \times N_2 \times N_3}\) is given by:

\[
\mathcal{T} = \sum_{r=1}^{R} f_r^{(1)} \circ f_r^{(2)} \circ f_r^{(3)}
\]

where \(R = \text{rank}(\mathcal{T})\) denotes the rank of \(\mathcal{T}\) and where:

\[
\begin{align*}
F^{(1)} &= [f_1^{(1)}, \ldots, f_R^{(1)}] \\
F^{(2)} &= [f_1^{(2)}, \ldots, f_R^{(2)}] \\
F^{(3)} &= [f_1^{(3)}, \ldots, f_R^{(3)}]
\end{align*}
\]

are the so-called nonnegative loading matrices of \(\mathcal{T}\).

The first unfolding matrix \(T^{(1)}\) of size \((N_1 \times N_2 N_3)\) can be expressed as:

\[
T^{(1)} = F^{(1)} (F^{(3)} \circ F^{(2)})^T
\]

with:

\[
F^{(3)} \circ F^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1^{(3)} \circ f_1^{(2)}, \ldots, f_p^{(3)} \circ f_p^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
= \begin{bmatrix} \Phi^{(1)} F^{(2)}\top, \ldots, \Phi^{(N_3)} F^{(2)}\top \end{bmatrix}\top
\]

according to [7] where \(\Phi^{(n)}\) is a \((R \times R)\) diagonal matrix built from the \(n\)-th row of matrix \(F^{(3)}\). The Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) truncated at order \(R\) of \(T^{(1)}\) is given by:

\[
T^{(1)} = V \Sigma W^\top
\]

Then there is a non-singular matrix \(A\) of size \((R \times R)\) such that:

\[
\begin{align*}
V \Sigma &= A F^{(1)} A^{-1} \\
W^\top &= A (F^{(3)} \circ F^{(2)})^T
\end{align*}
\]

As shown in [7], \(W\) has the following matrix block structure:

\[
W = \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma^{(1)}, \ldots, \Gamma^{(N_3)} \end{bmatrix}\top
\]

where the \(N_3\) matrices \(\Gamma^{(n)}\) of size \((R \times N_2)\) are given by:

\[
\Gamma^{(n)} = A \Phi^{(n)} F^{(2)}\top
\]

Then we can define \((N_3)(N_3 - 1)\) matrices \(M^{(n_1, n_2)}\) as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
M^{(n_1, n_2)} &= \Gamma^{(n_1)} \Gamma^{(n_2)} A^{-1} \\
M^{(n_1, n_2)} &= A \Phi^{(n_1)} F^{(3)}(F^{(2)}\top)\top(\Phi^{(n_2)})^{-1} A^{-1} \\
M^{(n_1, n_2)} &= AD^{(n_1, n_2)} A^{-1}
\end{align*}
\]

where for each couple \((n_1, n_2)\), the \((R \times R)\) matrix \(D^{(n_1, n_2)}\) given by:

\[
D^{(n_1, n_2)} = \Phi^{(n_1)}(\Phi^{(n_2)})^{-1}
\]

is diagonal. Consequently, the DIAG algorithm [7] consists in reformulating the CPD problem (1) as the JEVD problem given by (13), which appears to be an optimization problem of smaller size. Once matrix \(A\) is computed, the matrices \(F^{(1)}\) and \(F^{(3)} \circ F^{(2)}\) can be derived from the SVD of \(T^{(1)}\) using equations (9) and (10). As explained in [7], the column vectors of \(F^{(3)}\) and \(F^{(2)}\) can be derived from the columns of \(F^{(3)} \circ F^{(2)}\) using the HOSVD [13].

By considering nonnegative loading matrices, it clearly appears from (14) that the \((N_3)(N_3 - 1)\) matrices \(M^{(n_1, n_2)}\) to be jointly diagonalized have nonnegative eigenvalues. Unfortunately, the JEVD methods [7, 14–16], such as the efficient Jacobi-like JDTM (Joint Diagonalization algorithm based on Targeting hyperbolic Matrices) technique based on the polar matrix factorization, did not take into account such a property. Consequently, let’s see in the following subsection how to overcome this drawback by proposing a nonnegative JEVD method.

### 2.2. An ADMM-based JEVD\(_+\) method

The JEVD\(_+\) problem (see problem 1 defined in introduction) can be reformulated as the following minimization problem:

\[
\text{minimize } A, B, C \quad \text{subject to } C = \tilde{C}
\]

with:

\[
\Psi(A, B, C) = ||X^{(1)} - A (C \circ B)^\top||_F^2 + \frac{\rho}{2}||AB^\top - I_R||_F^2 + \iota_{C+} (\tilde{C})
\]

where \(X^{(1)} = [M^{(1)}, \ldots, M^{(K)}]\) is the first unfolding matrix of a third order tensor \(X\) for which \(A, B\) and \(C\) are the three loading matrices, where the \(k\)-th row of \(C\) is the diagonal vector of \(D^{(k)}\) and where \(B = A^{-\top}\) with \(M^{(k)} = AD^{(k)} A^{-1}\) the \(k\)-th matrix to be jointly diagonalized (see problem 1). \(\iota_{C+}\) is the indicator function of set of \((K \times R)\) matrices with nonnegative components. The indicator of a set \(S\) of a Hilbert space \(\mathcal{H}\) is defined as \((\forall x \in \mathcal{H}) \iota_S (x) = 0\) if \(x \in S\), and \(+\infty\) otherwise.

The augmented Lagrangian function associated with (15) is given by

\[
L_{\rho} (A, B, C, \tilde{C}, \Lambda) = \Psi(A, B, C) + ||\Lambda \square (C - \tilde{C})||_F^2 + \frac{\rho}{2}||C - \tilde{C}||_F^2
\]

where the \((K \times R)\) matrix \(\Lambda\) is the matrix Lagrangian multiplier, where \(\square\) is Hadamard product operator and where the variable \(\rho \in [0, +\infty]\) is a penalty parameter for the linear equality constraints.
An ADMM-like algorithm for solving (15) is obtained by successively i) minimizing the augmented Lagrangian function (17) with respect to $A$, $B$, $C$ and $\tilde{C}$, one variable at a time while setting the others to their most recent values, and ii) updating the multiplier $\Lambda$ using an ascent gradient rule. By using (16) and (17), it turns out that the alternating minimizations of (17) have the following closed form solutions:

$$A = \left( X(1) (C \odot B) + \alpha B \right) 
\left( (C \odot B)^T (C \odot B) + \alpha B^T B \right)^{-1}$$

$$B = \left( X(2) (C \odot A) + \alpha A \right) 
\left( (C \odot A)^T (C \odot A) + \alpha A^T A \right)^{-1}$$

$$C = \left( X(3) (B \odot A) + \rho \tilde{C} - \Lambda \right) 
\left( (B \odot A)^T (B \odot A) + \rho I_R \right)^{-1}$$

$$\tilde{C} = P_C(C + \frac{1}{\rho} A)$$

where $X(2)$ and $X(3)$ are the second and the third unfolding matrix of $\mathcal{A}$, respectively, and where $P_C$ denote the projection onto a convex set $S$. The gradient of the augmented Lagrangian function $L_\rho$ with respect to the multiplier $\Lambda$ is given by $\rho(C - \tilde{C})$. Regarding the penalty parameter $\rho$, it is computed as explained in [12]:

$$\rho_{it+1} = \begin{cases} 
\tau(1) \rho_{it} & \text{if} \ |P_{it}|_F > \mu |D_{it}|_F \\
\rho_{it}/\tau(2) & \text{if} \ |D_{it}|_F > \mu |P_{it}|_F \\
\rho_{it} & \text{otherwise} 
\end{cases}$$

where $P_{it} = C_{it} - \tilde{C}_{it}$ and $D_{it} = \rho(\tilde{C}_{it} - \tilde{C}_{it-1})$ with $\mu > 1$, $\tau(1) > 1$ and $\tau(2) > 1$. As fas as $\alpha$ is concerned, we initialize it to 1 and we divide it by 2 every 10 iterations.

3. NUMERICAL RESULTS

Now, we investigate the behavior of the proposed JEVD$_+$ method and its use in the DIAG algorithm leading to the DIAG$_+$ technique.

To build simulated data sets, we firstly randomly generated $L = 100$ diagonal matrices $D^{(k)}$ and a non-singular matrix $A$ of size $(R \times R)$ with $R = 3$ by using a uniform distribution over $[0, 1]$ and a standard normal distribution, respectively. Then we built $L$ sets of $K$ matrices $M^{(k)}$ to be jointly diagonalized such that:

$$\forall k, \quad M^{(k)} = \frac{AD^{(k)}A^{-1}}{|AD^{(k)}A^{-1}|_F} + \frac{N^{(k)}}{|N^{(k)}|_F}$$

where $N^{(k)}$ models a Gaussian random noise and $\sigma$ allows us to adjust the noise power to the desired SNR. We vary the SNR value from 0 to 70 dB. The condition number of $A$ was adjusted by means of the following $\beta$ parameter:

$$\forall r > 1, \quad a_r = \beta a_1 + (1 - \beta) u_{0,1}$$

where $a_r$ denotes the $r$-th column vector of $A$ and where $u_{0,1}$ is a $R$-dimensional vector generated using a uniform distribution over $[0, 1]$. The $\beta$ parameter was fixed to 0.65.

Secondly, we randomly generated $L = 100$ loading matrices $F^{(1)}$, $F^{(2)}$ and $F^{(3)}$ of size $(N^{(1)} \times R)$, $(N^{(2)} \times R)$ and $(N^{(3)} \times R)$, respectively, by using a uniform distribution over $[0, 1]$ with $R = 2$ and $N^{(1)} = N^{(2)} = N^{(3)} = 100$. The condition number was also adjusted using the strategy described by (20). Two $\beta$ values were considered: $\beta = 0$ and $\beta = 0.45$.

Then we built $L$ sets of third order tensors $T$ to be canonically decomposed such that their first loading matrix $T^{(1)}$ is defined by:

$$T^{(1)} = \frac{F^{(1)}(F^{(3)} \odot F^{(2)})^T}{|F^{(1)}(F^{(3)} \odot F^{(2)})^T|_F} + \sigma \frac{Q^{(k)}}{|Q^{(k)}|_F}$$

where $Q^{(k)}$ models a Gaussian random noise and $\sigma$ allows us to adjust the noise power to the desired SNR. The SNR value was fixed to 100 dB.

Regarding the first performance criterion, we used an error between the calculated and actual matrices. More particularly, we computed the normalized Frobenius norm $m_G$ of the difference between the actual matrix $G$ and its estimate $\hat{G}$. Note that the indetermination up to scale and permutation was corrected before the computation of $m_G$. The second performance criterion was the CPU time. It is noteworthy that all experiments were run with Matlab R2014a on Intel® Xeon® 4-Core 2.8GHz, equipped with 32GB RAM.

Figures 1 and 2 display the median of the $m_C$ and $m_A$ criteria, respectively, at the output of the JDTM and JEVD$_+$ methods as a function of the SNR when the similarity transformation matrix is ill-conditioned. Thus figures 1 and 2 clearly show that both the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors are better estimated for low SNR values by taking into account the nonnegativity of the eigenvalues during the optimization procedure. More particularly, our ADMM-based JEVD$_+$ method gives better results than JDTM for SNR values below 40 dB.
Fig. 2. Median value of the $m_A$ criterion at the output of the JDTM and JEVD$_+$ methods as a function of SNR.

Table 1 compares the DIAG$_+$ method based on our ADMM-based JEVD$_+$ technique with ADMoM [12] in terms of performance for low-rank tensors of high dimensions. Note that the same stopping criteria were used for both ADMM procedures, say a threshold of $10^{-6}$ and a maximum number of iterations of 1000. When the three loading matrices are well-conditioned, both methods give a similar estimation accuracy while DIAG$_+$ is ten times faster than ADMoM. When the three loading matrices are ill-conditioned, not only DIAG$_+$ is still faster than ADMoM, but it estimates the loading matrices with a better accuracy. In fact, the DIAG procedure allows us to algebraically reformulate the original CPD problem as an optimization problem of smaller size, hence the gain of time. But it also allows us to reformulate the original CPD problem as a well-conditioned problem, hence the better robustness with respect to ill-conditioned loading matrices.

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Table 1. Performance of ADMoM versus DIAG$_+$.

4. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we showed how the ADMM algorithm could be used to compute the solution of the JEVD$_+$ problem and to handle the nonnegativity constraint of the eigenvalues of semi-definite positive matrices. Numerical tests have shown the good behavior of the proposed ADMM-based JEVD$_+$ approach for low SNR values when the similarity transformation matrix is ill-conditioned. The ADMM was recently used for the CPD of nonnegative tensors leading to the ADMoM algorithm [12]. We showed through computer results that DIAG$_+$, a semi-algebraic CPD method using our ADMM-based JEVD$_+$ algorithm, gave a better estimation of factors than ADMoM in the presence of swamps. DIAG$_+$ also appeared to be less time-consuming than ADMoM when low-rank tensors of high dimensions were considered.

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