



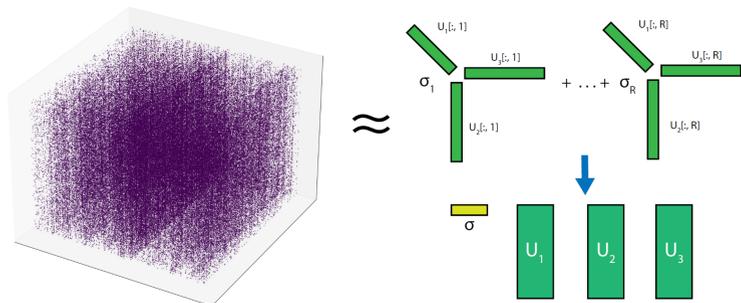
Fast Exact Leverage Score Sampling from Khatri-Rao Products with Applications to Tensor Decomposition

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Sparse Tensor Decomposition and Khatri-Rao Products

Motivating Application: Given an $(N + 1)$ -dimensional sparse tensor \mathcal{T} , compute an approximate **Candecomp / PARAFAC decomposition**:



Decomposition of rank R consists of factor matrices $U_j \in \mathbb{R}^{I_j \times R}$, $1 \leq j \leq N + 1$ to store the outer product components, vector $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}^R$ to store generalized singular values. Want to capture values of nonzero entries AND locations of zero entries. Problem is **non-convex** and **NP-hard**.

Alternating Least-Squares (ALS): Iteratively optimize one factor at a time while keeping the others constant (also called block coordinate descent). Optimization problem for U_{N+1} is an **overdetermined linear least-squares problem**

$$\min_X \|AX - B\|_F \quad (1)$$

where $A = U_N \odot \dots \odot U_1$, B is a sparse matrix. \odot denotes a **Khatri-Rao Product (KRP)**, a **column-wise Kronecker Product** of two matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} aw & bx \\ cw & dx \\ ay & bz \\ cy & dz \end{bmatrix}$$

Least-squares problems of this form also arise in PDE-inverse problems, signal processing, and compressed sensing.

Leverage Score Sampling

Problem: Design matrix A from Equation (1) has $\prod_{j=1}^N I_j$ rows. May not even fit in memory!

Solution: Generate **random sampling matrix** S with $J \ll \prod_{j=1}^N I_j$ rows, solve

$$\min_{\tilde{X}} \|SA\tilde{X} - SB\|_F.$$

Choosing S as a sampling matrix preserves sparsity of B . To guarantee residual within $(1 + \varepsilon)$ of true minimum w.h.p. $(1 - \delta)$, sample $\tilde{O}(R/(\varepsilon\delta))$ rows proportional to **leverage scores**:

$$\ell_i = A[i, :] (A^T A)^+ A[i, :]^T$$

Central Challenge: How do we sample rows according to the leverage score distribution of A when even materializing A is too expensive?

Our Contributions

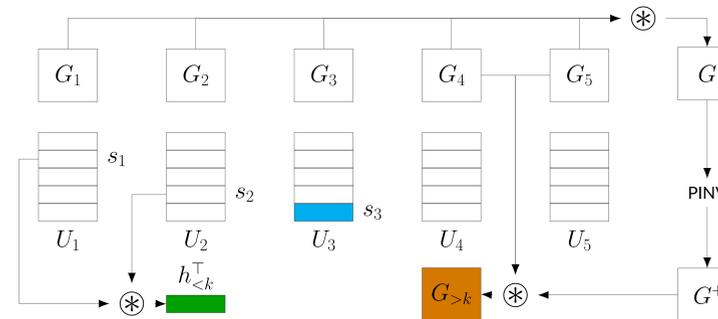
We build a data structure to sample rows from the exponentially tall matrix A in time **logarithmic** in its row count and quadratic in its column count from the **exact** leverage score distribution. To decompose an $(N + 1)$ -dimensional tensor, our method achieves **the lowest asymptotic runtime for sketched CP decomposition compared to recent SOTA methods**.

Method	Complexity per ALS Round
CP-ALS [1]	$N(N + I)I^N R$
CP-ARLS-LEV [2]	$N(R + I)R^{N+1}/(\varepsilon\delta)$
TNS-CP [3]	$N^3 I R^3 / (\varepsilon\delta)$
GTNE [4]	$N^2(N^{1.5}R^{3.5}/\varepsilon^3 + IR^2)/\varepsilon^2$
STS-CP (ours)	$N(NR^3 \log I + IR^2)/(\varepsilon\delta)$

Our method accelerates decomposition of sparse tensors with **billions of nonzero entries**.

Methodology

Sample rows from U_1, \dots, U_N in sequence, each conditioned on the last.

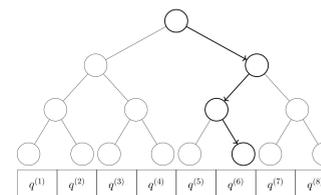


Conditional Distribution: $q[s_k] = p(\hat{s}_k = s_k | \hat{s}_{<k} = s_{<k}) \propto \langle h_{<k} h_{<k}^T, U_k[s_k, :]^T U_k[s_k, :], G_{>k} \rangle$

Sampling Procedure: Sample $r \sim \text{Unif}[0, 1]$, find “containing bin” of width q_j via **binary search**.

Root: branch right iff $\sum_{j=0}^{I_k/2} q[j] < r$

Level 2: branch right iff $\sum_{j=0}^{I_k/2} q[j] + \sum_{j=I_k/2}^{3I_k/4} q[j] < r \dots$



Key: For nodes v in search tree corresponding to row interval $[S_0(v), S_1(v)]$ (up to level $\log(I_k/R)$), compute and store “partial gram matrix”:

$$G^v = \sum_{i=S_0(v)}^{S_1(v)} U_k[i, :]^T U_k[i, :]$$

Construction runtime is $O(I_k R^2)$ with storage requirement $O(I_k R)$. During sampling, computing the branch decision at each internal node costs $O(R^2)$ with cached partial gram matrices. $O(R^3)$ work required below level $\log(I_k/R)$, but can improve to $O(R^2 \log R)$ (see paper). Total time per sample is $O(R^2 \log I_k)$.

Runtime Benchmarks

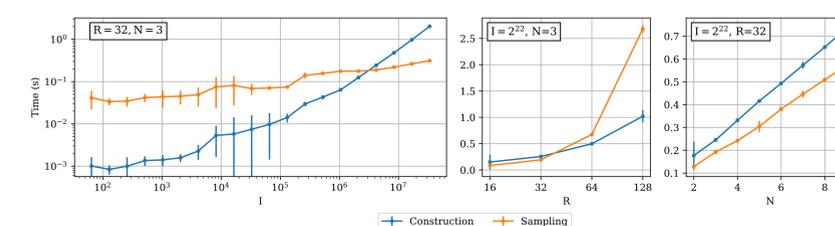


Figure 1. Average Time to Construct Data Structure and Draw 50,000 Samples from Khatri-Rao Product.

Sparse Tensor Experiments

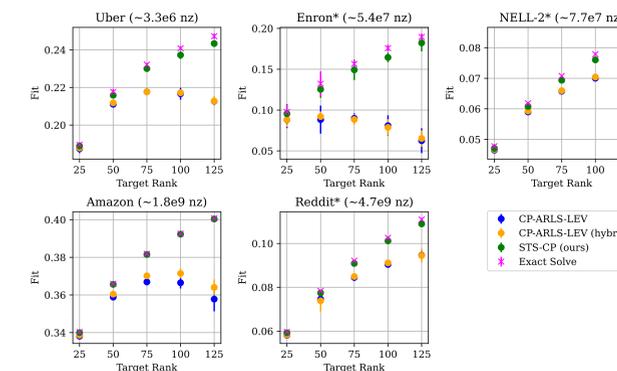


Figure 2. Accuracy Achieved by CP-ARLS-LEV, STS-CP, and Exact ALS on Sparse Tensor Decomposition, $J = 2^{16}$ samples for randomized algorithms.

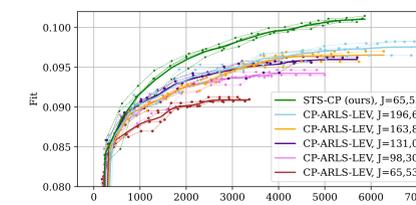


Figure 3. Fit vs. Time, Reddit Tensor (4.8 billion nonzeros) for CP-ARLS-LEV and STS-CP (ours). Thick lines are averages of individual traces.

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