



# An Introduction to Multilinear Algebra Based Independent Component Analysis

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## Overview

- Problem definition
- Multilinear algebra: notation
- Basics of Higher-Order Statistics
- Prewhitening-based computation: general scheme
- Specific prewhitening-based multilinear algorithms
- A higher-order-only scheme
- A variant for coloured sources
- Dimensionality reduction
- Conclusions

# Independent Component Analysis (ICA)

**Model:**

$$Y = \mathbf{M}X + N$$

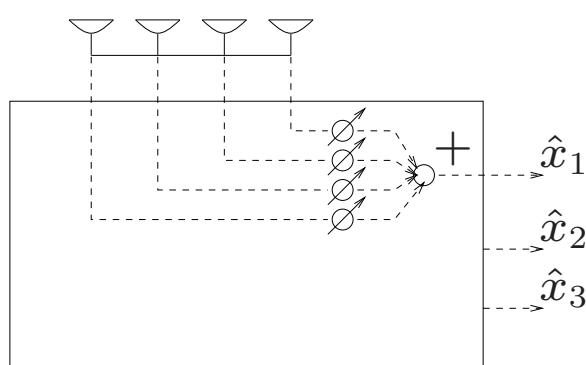
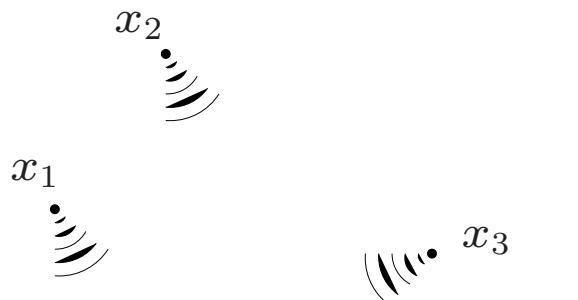
$$(P \times 1) \quad (P \times R)(R \times 1) \quad (P \times 1)$$

**Assumptions:**

- columns of  $\mathbf{M}$  are linearly independent
- components of  $X$  are statistically independent

**Goal:**

Identification of  $\mathbf{M}$  and/or reconstruction of  $X$  while observing only  $Y$



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# Independent Component Analysis (ICA)

Disciplines:

statistics, neural networks, information theory, *linear and multilinear algebra*, . . .

Indeterminacies:

ordering and scaling of the columns ( $Y = \mathbf{M}X$ )

Uncorrelated vs independent:

$X, Y$  are uncorrelated iff  $E\{XY\} = 0$

$X, Y$  are independent iff  $p_{XY}(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$

statistical independence implies:

- the variables are uncorrelated
- additional conditions on the HOS

| Condition     | Identification            | Tool           |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| $X_i$ uncorr. | column space $\mathbf{M}$ | matrix EVD/SVD |
| $X_i$ indep.  | $\mathbf{M}$              | tensor EVD/SVD |

## Applications

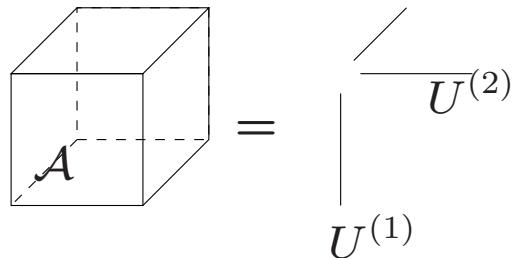
- Speech and audio
- Image processing
  - feature extraction, image reconstruction, video
- Telecommunications
  - OFDM, CDMA, ...
- Biomedical applications
  - functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging, electromyogram,
  - electro-encephalogram, (fetal) electrocardiogram,
  - mammography, pulse oximetry, (fetal) magnetocardiogram,
  - ...
- Other applications
  - text classification, vibratory signals generated by termites (!), electron energy loss spectra, astrophysics, ...

## Multilinear algebra: notation

- Outer product:  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow c_{ijklm} = a_{ij}b_{klm}$

E.g.  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}^T = \mathbf{U} \circ \mathbf{V}$

$$\mathbf{U}^{(3)}$$



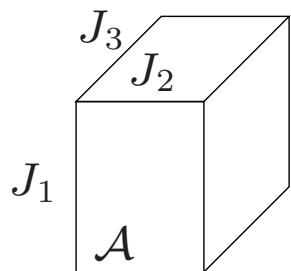
$$\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{U}^{(1)} \circ \mathbf{U}^{(2)} \circ \mathbf{U}^{(3)}$$

- Matrix multiplication:

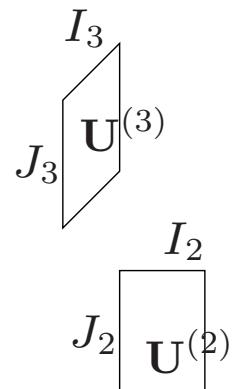
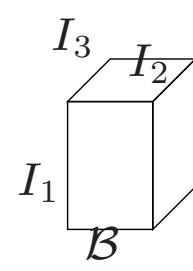
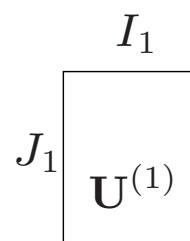
$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B} \times_2 \mathbf{U} \Leftrightarrow a_{ijk} = \sum_p b_{ipk} u_{jp}$$

E.g.  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{V}^T = \mathbf{S} \times_1 \mathbf{U} \times_2 \mathbf{V}$

[Tucker '64]



$$=$$



$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B} \times_1 \mathbf{U}^{(1)} \times_2 \mathbf{U}^{(2)} \times_3 \mathbf{U}^{(3)}$$

## HOS definitions

Moments and cumulants of a random variable:

| <i>Moments</i>                                | <i>Cumulants</i>  |
|---|---|
| $M_1^X = E\{X\}$<br>“mean” ( $m_X$ )          | $C_1^X = E\{X\}$<br>“mean”                                |
| $M_2^X = E\{X^2\}$<br>“correlation” ( $R_X$ ) | $C_2^X = E\{(X - m_X)^2\}$<br>“variance” ( $\sigma_X^2$ ) |
| $M_3^X = E\{X^3\}$                            | $C_3^X = E\{(X - m_X)^3\}$                                |
| $M_4^X = E\{X^4\}$                            | $C_4^X = E\{(X - m_X)^4\} - 3\sigma_X^4$                  |

## Moments and cumulants of a set of random variables:

Moments:

$$(\mathcal{M}_x^{(N)})_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_N} = \text{Mom}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_N}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E\{x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_N}\}$$

Cumulants:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{c}_x)_i &= \text{Cum}(x_i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E\{x_i\} \\ (\mathbf{C}_x)_{i_1 i_2} &= \text{Cum}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E\{x_{i_1} x_{i_2}\} \\ (\mathcal{C}_x^{(3)})_{i_1 i_2 i_3} &= \text{Cum}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E\{x_{i_1} x_{i_2} x_{i_3}\} \\ (\mathcal{C}_x^{(4)})_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} &= \text{Cum}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}, x_{i_4}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E\{x_{i_1} x_{i_2} x_{i_3} x_{i_4}\} \\ &\quad - E\{x_{i_1} x_{i_2}\} E\{x_{i_3} x_{i_4}\} \\ &\quad - E\{x_{i_1} x_{i_3}\} E\{x_{i_2} x_{i_4}\} \\ &\quad - E\{x_{i_1} x_{i_4}\} E\{x_{i_2} x_{i_3}\} \end{aligned}$$

Order  $\geq 2$ :  $x_i \leftarrow x_i - E\{x_i\}$

Multivariate case: e.g. moments:

$$\implies \left\{ \begin{array}{lll} 1 : & m_X & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E\{X\} \\ & & \rightarrow \text{vector} \\ 2 : & \mathbf{R}_X & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E\{XX^T\} \\ & & \rightarrow \text{matrix} \\ 3 : & \mathcal{M}_3^X & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E\{X \circ X \circ X\} \\ & & \rightarrow \text{3rd order tensor} \\ 4 : & \mathcal{M}_4^X & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E\{X \circ X \circ X \circ X\} \\ & & \rightarrow \text{4th order tensor} \end{array} \right.$$

## HOS properties

**Multilinearity:** for  $\tilde{X} = \mathbf{A} \cdot X$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_N^{\tilde{X}} &= \mathcal{M}_N^X \times_1 \mathbf{A} \times_2 \mathbf{A} \dots \times_N \mathbf{A} \\ \mathcal{C}_N^{\tilde{X}} &= \mathcal{C}_N^X \times_1 \mathbf{A} \times_2 \mathbf{A} \dots \times_N \mathbf{A}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{E.g. } E\{\tilde{X}\tilde{X}^T\} = \mathbf{A} \cdot E\{XX^T\} \cdot \mathbf{A}^T$$

**Symmetry:**

$$\text{Mom}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_I) = \text{Mom}(X_{P(1)}, X_{P(2)}, \dots, X_{P(I)})$$

$$\text{Cum}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_I) = \text{Cum}(X_{P(1)}, X_{P(2)}, \dots, X_{P(I)})$$

→ supersymmetric higher-order tensors

**Even distribution:** odd moments and cumulants = 0

**Partitioning of independent variables:**

$$\text{Cum}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_I) = 0$$

Stochastic vector of which components are mutually independent: cumulant tensor = diagonal

Moments: e.g.  $\text{Mom}(x, x, y, y) = E\{x^2\} \cdot E\{y^2\} \neq 0$

## Non-Gaussianity:

Higher-order cumulants of a Gaussian variable are 0

Higher-order cumulants are blind to additive Gaussian noise:

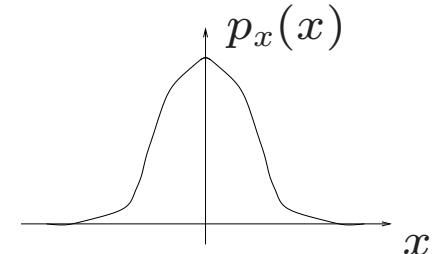
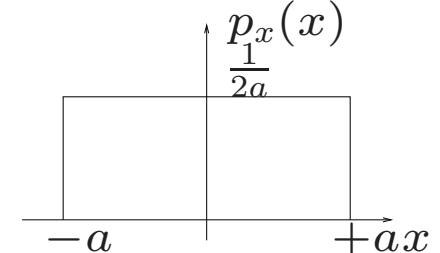
$$\text{for } \hat{x} = x + n: \mathcal{C}_{\hat{x}}^{(N)} = \mathcal{C}_x^{(N)} + \mathcal{C}_n^{(N)} = \mathcal{C}_x^{(N)}$$

## Estimation:

Higher order: - harder to estimate  
- more entries

⇒ (third- and) fourth-order cumulants

## HOS example

| <b>Gaussian distribution</b>  |             |  |
|---|-------------|--|
|    |             | $p_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$ |
| $n$   | $m_x^{(n)}$ | $c_x^{(n)}$  |
| 1   | 0           | 0  |
| 2   | $\sigma^2$  | $\sigma^2$   |
| 3   | 0           | 0  |
| 4   | $3\sigma^4$ | 0  |
| <b>Uniform distribution</b>   |             |  |
|  |             | $p_x(x) = \frac{1}{2a} \quad (x \in [-a, +a])$                                 |
| $n$   | $m_x^{(n)}$ | $c_x^{(n)}$  |
| 1   | 0           | 0  |
| 2   | $a^2/3$     | $a^2/3$  |
| 3   | 0           | 0  |
| 4   | $3a^4/5$    | $-2a^4/15$   |

## ICA: basic equations

Model:

$$Y = \mathbf{M}X$$

Second order:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{C}_2^Y &= E\{YY^T\} \\ &= \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{C}_2^X \cdot \mathbf{M}^T \\ &= \mathbf{C}_2^X \times_1 \mathbf{M} \times_2 \mathbf{M}\end{aligned}$$

uncorrelated sources:  $\mathbf{C}_2^X$  is diagonal  
“diagonalization by congruence”

$$\boxed{\mathbf{C}_2^Y} = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{M_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{M_2} + \dots + \frac{\sigma_R^2}{M_R}$$

Higher order:

$$\mathcal{C}_4^Y = \mathcal{C}_4^X \times_1 \mathbf{M} \times_2 \mathbf{M} \times_3 \mathbf{M} \times_4 \mathbf{M}$$

independent sources:  $\mathcal{C}_4^X$  is diagonal  
“CANDECOMP / PARAFAC”

$$\boxed{\mathcal{C}_4^Y} = \frac{M_1}{M_1} + \frac{M_2}{M_2} + \dots + \frac{M_R}{M_R}$$

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## Prewhitening-based computation

Model:

$$Y = MX$$

First order:

$$0 = 0$$

Second order:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}_2^Y &= E\{YY^T\} \\ &= \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{C}_2^X \cdot \mathbf{M}^T \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{M}^T \\ &= \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{M}^T \\ &= (\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{Q}) \cdot (\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{Q})^T \end{aligned}$$

“square root”  
EVD, Cholesky, . . .

Remark: PCA:

$$\text{SVD of } \mathbf{M}: \quad \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{V}^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C}_2^Y &= (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}) \cdot (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{S})^T \\ &= \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{S}^2 \cdot \mathbf{U}^T \end{aligned}$$

## Prewhitening-based computation (2)

Matrix factorization:

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{Q}$$

Second order:

$$\mathbf{C}_2^Y = \mathbf{C}_2^X \times_1 \mathbf{M} \times_2 \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{T}^T$$

$$\text{Whitened r.v. } Z = \mathbf{Q}X = \mathbf{T}^{-1}Y$$

Higher order: ICA:

$$\mathbf{Q} \prec \mathcal{C}_3^Y \text{ or } \mathcal{C}_4^Y$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{C}_4^Y &= \mathcal{C}_4^X \times_1 \mathbf{M} \times_2 \mathbf{M} \times_3 \mathbf{M} \times_4 \mathbf{M} \\ \mathcal{C}_4^Z &= \mathcal{C}_4^Y \times_1 \mathbf{T}^{-1} \times_2 \mathbf{T}^{-1} \times_3 \mathbf{T}^{-1} \times_4 \mathbf{T}^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}_4^Z &= \mathcal{C}_4^X \times_1 \mathbf{Q} \times_2 \mathbf{Q} \times_3 \mathbf{Q} \times_4 \mathbf{Q}\end{aligned}$$

“multilinear supersymmetric EVD”

“supersymmetric completely orthogonal rank decomposition”

“CANDECOMP/PARAFAC with orthogonality and symmetry constraints”

Source cumulant is theoretically diagonal

An arbitrary supersymmetric tensor cannot be diagonalized

$\Rightarrow$  different solution strategies

## PCA versus ICA

ICA = higher-order fine-tuning of PCA:

### PCA

2nd-order

matrix EVD

uncorrelated sources

column space  $\mathbf{M}$

always possible

### ICA

higher-order

tensor EVD

independent sources

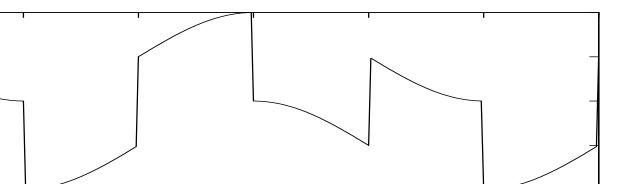
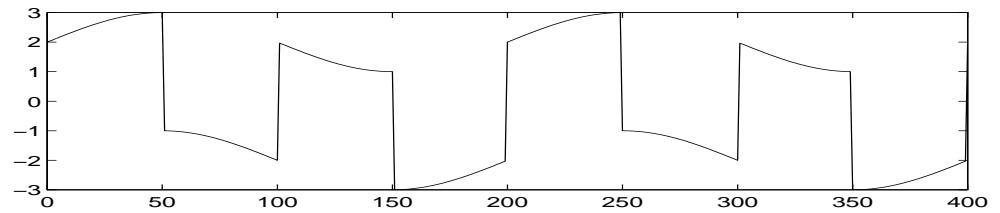
$\mathbf{M}$  itself

depends on context

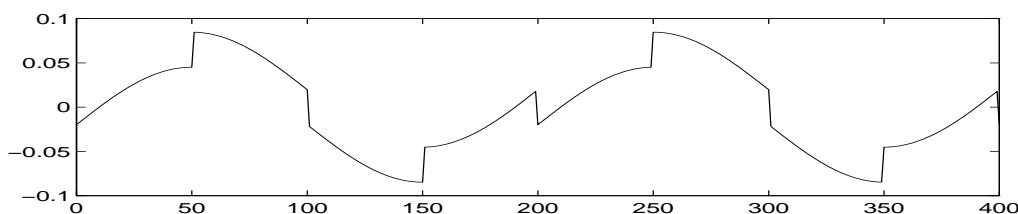
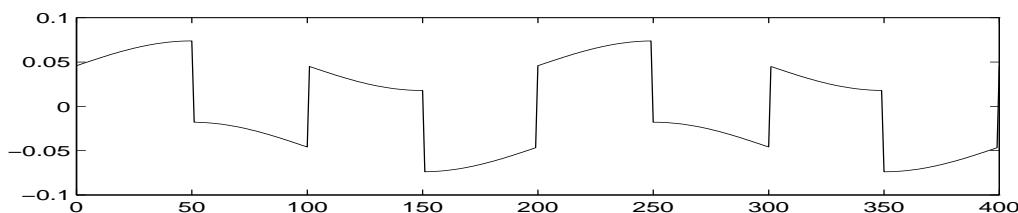
Computational cost:

cumulant estimation and diagonalization

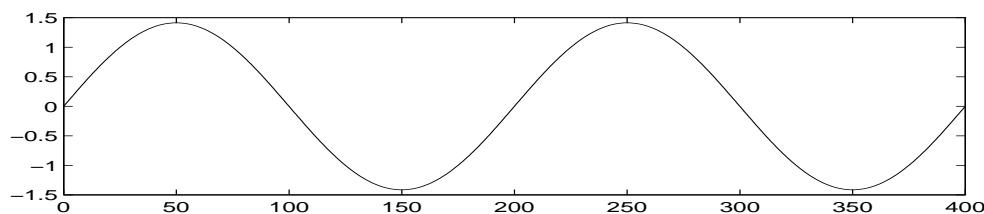
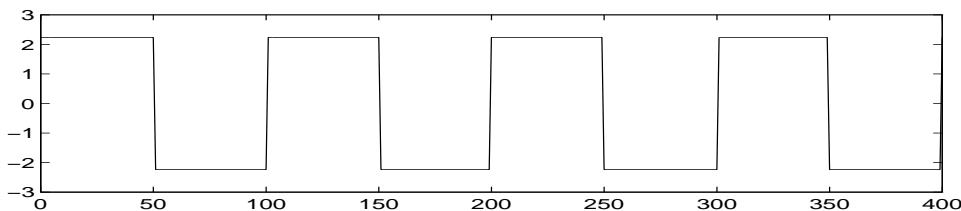
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Observations

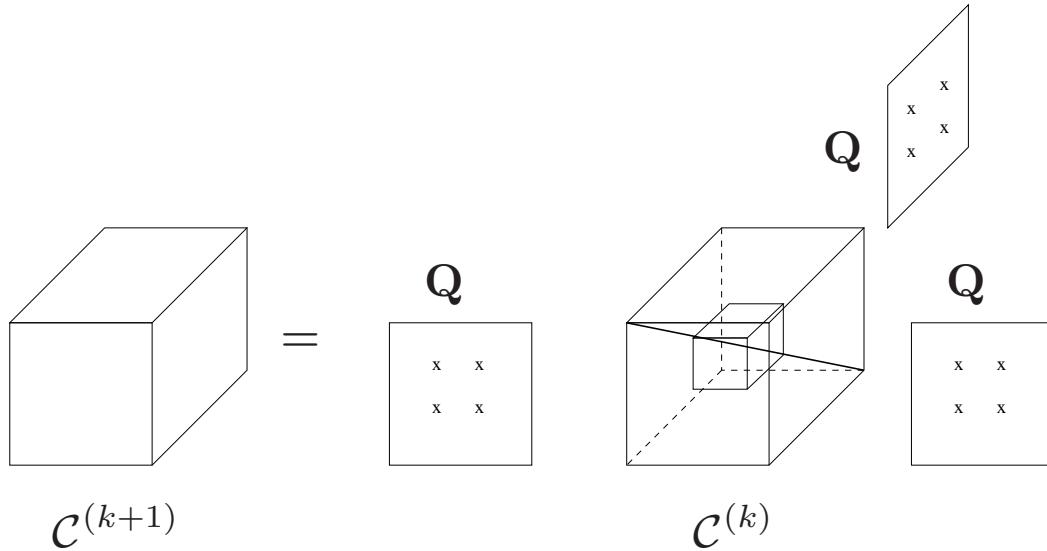


Sources estimated with PCA



Sources estimated with ICA

## Algorithm 1: maximal diagonality



- Maximize energy on the diagonal by Jacobi-iteration
- Determination of optimal rotation angle:

|         |         |                           |
|---------|---------|---------------------------|
| order 3 | real    | roots polynomial degree 2 |
| order 3 | complex | roots polynomial degree 3 |
| order 4 | real    | roots polynomial degree 4 |
| order 4 | complex | -                         |

[Comon '94, De Lathauwer '01]

## Algorithm 2: simultaneous EVD

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{C}^Z &= \frac{\sqrt{Q_1}}{Q_1} + \frac{\sqrt{Q_2}}{Q_2} + \dots + \frac{\sqrt{Q_R}}{Q_R} \\
 &= \boxed{\phantom{000}} \quad \boxed{\text{3D cube}} \quad \boxed{\phantom{000}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Maximize energy on the diagonals by Jacobi-iteration
- Determination of optimal rotation angle:  
 real roots polynomial degree 2  
 complex roots polynomial degree 3

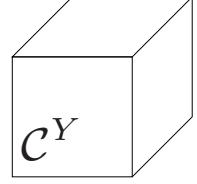
[Cardoso '94 (JADE)]

## Higher-order-only approach

$$Y = \mathbf{M}X$$

$$\mathcal{C}_4^Y = \mathcal{C}_4^X \times_1 \mathbf{M} \times_2 \mathbf{M} \times_3 \mathbf{M} \times_4 \mathbf{M}$$

$\mathcal{C}_4^X$  is diagonal  $\rightarrow$  CANDECOMP / PARAFAC

$$\mathcal{C}^Y = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} M_1 & M_2 & M_R \\ \hline M_1 & M_2 & M_R \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} M_1 \\ \hline \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{c} M_2 \\ \hline \end{array} \right] + \dots + \left[ \begin{array}{c} M_R \\ \hline \end{array} \right]$$


## Soft whitening

$$\boxed{\mathbf{C}_2^Y} = \boxed{\overline{M_1}} + \boxed{\overline{M_2}} + \dots + \boxed{\overline{M_R}}$$

$M_1 \quad M_2 \quad M_R$

$$= \boxed{\mathbf{M}} \quad \boxed{\diagdown} \quad \boxed{\mathbf{M}^T}$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{C}^Y} = \boxed{\overline{M_1}} + \boxed{\overline{M_2}} + \dots + \boxed{\overline{M_R}}$$

$M_1 \quad M_2 \quad M_R$

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$$= \boxed{\quad} \quad \boxed{\quad} \quad \boxed{\quad}$$

→ combine 2nd and HO information in a single tensor

[Yeredor '02]

## A variant for coloured sources

**Condition:** sources mutually uncorrelated, but individually correlated in time

Basic equations:

$$\mathbf{C}_2^Y(0) = E\{Y(t)Y(t)^T\}$$

$$= \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{C}_2^X(0) \cdot \mathbf{M}^T$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{C}_2^Y(0)} = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{M_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{M_2} + \dots + \frac{\sigma_R^2}{M_R}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_2^Y(\tau) = E\{Y(t)Y(t+\tau)^T\}$$

$$= \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{C}_2^X(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{M}^T$$

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{C}(\tau_K) \\ \mathbf{C}(\tau_1) \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{3D cube} \\ \text{3D cube} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{2D square} \\ \text{3D cube} \\ \text{2D square} \end{matrix}$$

$$= \frac{U_1}{M_1} + \frac{U_2}{M_2} + \dots + \frac{U_R}{M_R}$$

[Belouchrani et al. '97 (SOBI)]

## Large mixtures: more sensors than sources

Applications:

EEG, MEG, NMR, hyper-spectral image processing,  
data analysis, . . .

Prewhitening-based algorithms:

$$\begin{array}{lll} Y & = & \mathbf{M}X \\ (P \times 1) & & (P \times R)(R \times 1) & (P \gg R) \end{array}$$

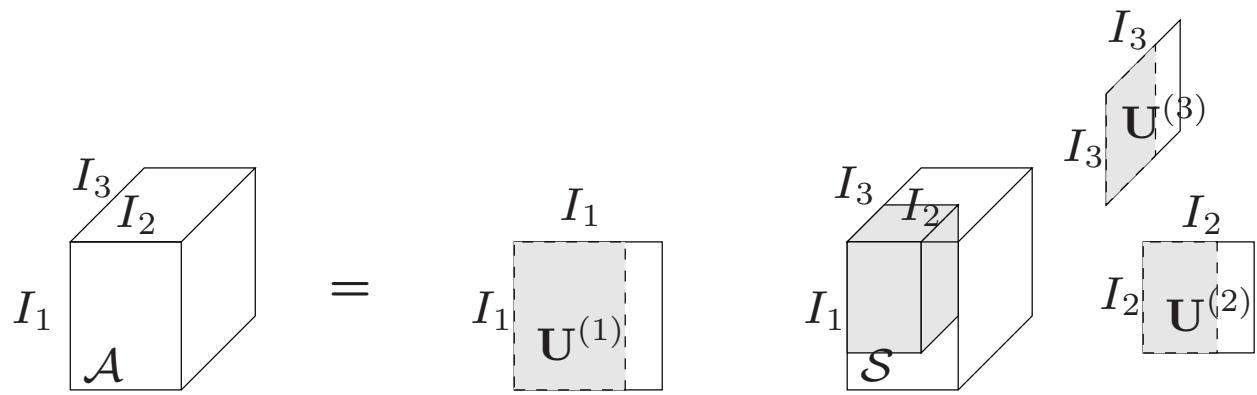
$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathbf{M} & = & \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{V}^T \\ (P \times R) & & (P \times R)(R \times R)(R \times R) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} Z & = & \mathbf{S}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{U}^T Y \\ Z & = & \mathbf{V}^T X \\ (R \times 1) & & (R \times R)(R \times 1) \end{array}$$

## Large mixtures: more sensors than sources (2)

Algorithms without prewhitening:

best rank- $(R_1, R_2, \dots, R_N)$  reduction



orthogonal iteration:

[Kroonenberg '83, De Lathauwer '00]

Rayleigh quotient iteration:

[Zhang and Golub '01, De Lathauwer '04]

## Large mixtures: many sensors and sources

Gauss-Newton method for simultaneous matrix diagonalization

[*van der Veen '01*]

## Conclusion

- PCA: directions of extremal oriented energy  
ICA: directions of statistically independent contributions
- Independence is a stronger condition than uncorrelatedness → unique solution
- Solution by means of multilinear algebra:
  - maximal diagonality
  - simultaneous EVD
  - CANDECOMP/PARAFAC with symmetry constraint
- Broad application domain
- Generalizations for convolutive mixtures