Tensor denoising and completion based on ordinal observations

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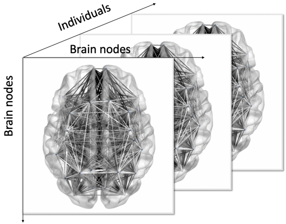

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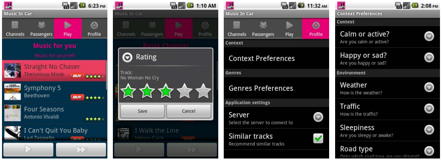

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- Two challenges for ordinal tensor model.
  1. The entries do not belong to exponential family distribution.
  2. The observation contains less information - neither the underlying signal nor the quantization operator is unknown.

Summary of our contribution

- We establish the recovery theory for signal tensors and quantization operators simultaneously from observed ordinal tensor data.
- Let $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d\times\cdots\times d}$ be an order-K, L-level ordinal tensor.

	Bhaskar (2016)	Ghadermarzy et al. (2018)	This paper
Higher-order tensors ($K \geq 3$)	✗	✓	✓
Multi-level categories ($L \geq 3$)	✓	✗	✓
Error rate for tensor denoising	d^{-1} for $K=2$	$d^{-(K-1)/2}$	$d^{-(K-1)}$
Optimality guarantee	unkonwn	✗	✓
Sample complexity for completion	d^K	Kd	Kd

- Preprint: https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.06524
- Software: https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/tensorordinal/index.html

Probabilistic model: a cumulative link model

- $[L] = \{1, 2, \cdots, L\}$ denotes the ordinal level.
- Let $\mathcal{Y} = [\![y_\omega]\!] \in [L]^{d_1 \times \cdots \times d_K}$ be an ordinal tensor. The entries y_ω are independently distributed with cumulative probabilities:

$$\mathbb{P}(y_\omega \leq \ell | \boldsymbol{b}, \Theta) = f(b_\ell - \theta_\omega), \quad \text{for all } \ell \in [L-1]. \tag{1}$$

ex) $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{1+e^x}$ is a logistic link.

- The additive, cumulative model enjoys two key properties for ordinal tensor data.
- If f is a cumulative function,

$$\mathbb{P}(y_\omega = \ell) = f(b_\ell - \theta_\omega) - f(b_{\ell-1} - \theta_\omega) = \mathbb{P}(b_{\ell-1} < y^*_\omega \leq b_\ell),$$

where $\epsilon_\omega \overset{i.i.d}{\sim} f$ and $y^*_\omega = \theta_\omega + \epsilon_\omega$.

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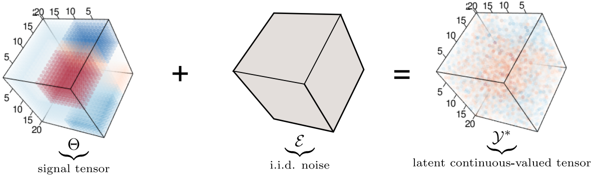

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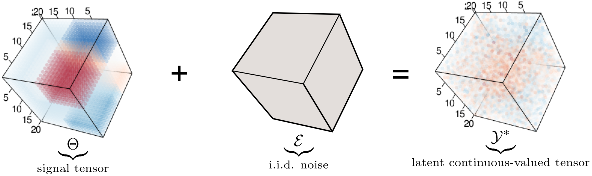
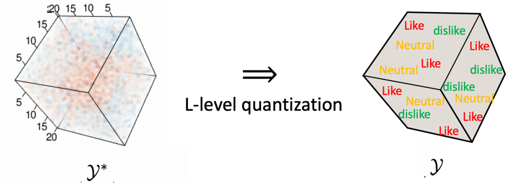


- Given intervals from the cut-off points vector $\boldsymbol{b}$.



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y_\omega = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } y^*_\omega \in (-\infty, b_1], \\ 2, & \text{if } y^*_\omega \in (b_1, b_2], \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ L, & \text{if } y^*_\omega \in (b_{L-1}, \infty), \end{cases}
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Probabilistic model: assumptions on Θ

- The parameter Θ admits the Tucker decomposition:

$$\Theta = \mathcal{C} \times_1 \boldsymbol{M}_1 \times_2 \cdots \times_K \boldsymbol{M}_K,$$

  where $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{r_1 \times \cdots r_K}$ is a core tensor, $\boldsymbol{M}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{d_k \times r_k}$ are factor matrices.
- Entries of Θ are uniformly bounded in magnitude by a constant $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+$.

Rank constrained M-estimation

- Let $\Omega \subset [d_1] \times \cdots \times [d_K]$ denote the set of observed indices. Ω could be the full set or incomplete set (for completion).
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{Y},\Omega}(\Theta, \boldsymbol{b}) = \sum_{\omega\in\Omega} \sum_{\ell\in[L]} \left\{ \mathbb{1}_{\{y_\omega=\ell\}} \log \left[f(b_\ell - \theta_\omega) - f(b_{\ell-1} - \theta_\omega) \right] \right\}.$$

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- We propose a rank-constrained maximum likelihood estimation for Θ.

$$(\hat{\Theta}, \hat{\boldsymbol{b}}) = \arg\max_{\Theta \in \mathcal{P}, \boldsymbol{b} \in \mathcal{B}} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{Y},\Omega}(\Theta, \boldsymbol{b}) \quad \text{where,}$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \{\Theta \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times \cdots \times d_K} : \text{rank}(\mathcal{P}) \le \boldsymbol{r},\ \|\Theta\|_\infty \le \alpha,\ \underbrace{\langle \Theta, \mathcal{J} \rangle = 0}_{\text{identifiability condition}} \},$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\boldsymbol{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{L-1} : \|\boldsymbol{b}\|_\infty \le \beta,\ \min_\ell (b_\ell - b_{\ell-1}) \ge \Delta > 0\}.$$

Here, $\mathcal{J} = [\![1]\!] \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times \cdots \times d_K}$ denotes a tensor of all ones.

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Statistical convergence (L. and Wang, 2020)

With very high probability, our estimator $\hat{\Theta}$ satisfies

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\Theta}, \Theta^{\text{true}}) \leq \min\left(4\alpha^2,\ c_1 r_{\max}^{K-1} \frac{\sum_k d_k}{\prod_k d_k}\right),$$

where $c_1 = c(f, K) > 0$ is a constant.

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Minimax lower bound (L. and Wang, 2020)

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$$\inf_{\hat{\Theta}\in\mathcal{P}} \sup_{\Theta^{\text{true}}\in\mathcal{P}} \mathbb{P}\left\{ \text{MSE}(\hat{\Theta}, \Theta^{\text{true}}) \geq c \min\left(\alpha^2,\ C r_{\max} \frac{d_{\max}}{\prod_k d_k} \right) \right\} \geq \frac{1}{8},$$

where $C = C(\alpha, L, f, \boldsymbol{b}) > 0$ and $c > 0$ are constants independent of tensor dimension and the rank.

- So our estimation bound is rate-optimal.

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Sample complexity (L. and Wang, 2020)

Let $\{y_\omega\}_{\omega\in\Omega}$ be the ordinal observation, where Ω is chosen at random with replacement according to a probability distribution Π. Then, with very high probability,

$$\|\Theta - \hat{\Theta}\|_{F,\Pi}^2 \to 0, \quad \text{as} \quad \frac{|\Omega|}{\sum_k d_k} \to \infty.$$

  - The number of free parameters is roughly on the order of $\sum_k d_k$.
  - The sample complexity $|\Omega| \gg \mathcal{O}(\sum_k d_k)$ is almost optimal.

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Algorithm: Alternating optimization

Result: Estimated Θ, together with core tensor and factor matrices

Random initialization;

Repeat until converge;

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\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{C}^{(n)} &= \arg\max_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{Y},\Omega}(\mathcal{C},\mathcal{M}_1^{(n-1)},\cdots,\mathcal{M}_k^{(n-1)},\boldsymbol{b}^{(n-1)}).\\
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\end{aligned}
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end

Simulations

- The decay in the error appears to behave on the order of d^{-2} when $K = 3$.
- A larger estimation error is observed when the signal is too small or large.
- There is a big improvement from $L = 2$ to $L \geq 3$.

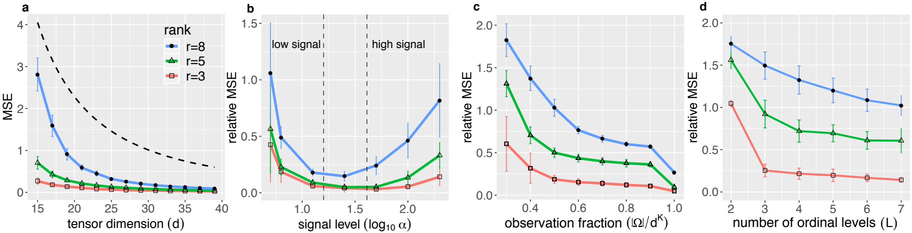
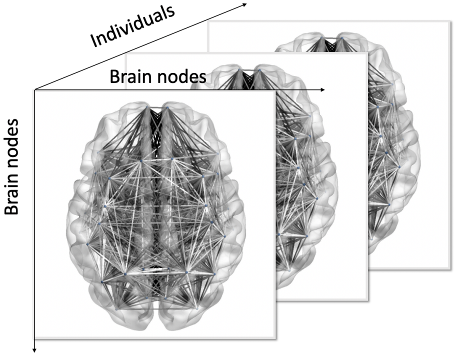


Figure: the relative MSE $= \|\hat{\Theta} - \Theta^{\text{true}}\|_F / \|\Theta^{\text{true}}\|_F$ for better visualization.

Data application: Human Connectome Project (HCP)

- An ordinal tensor consisting of structural connectivities among 68 brain nodes for 136 individuals.
- Each entry $y_\omega \in \{\text{high}, \text{moderate}, \text{low}\}$.



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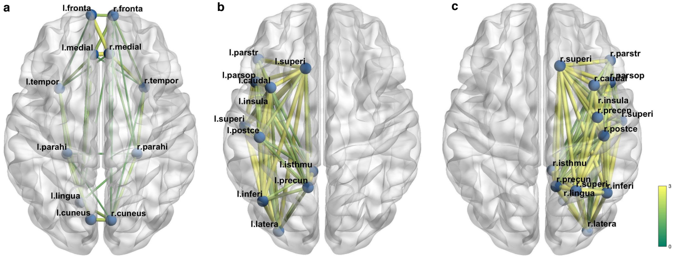

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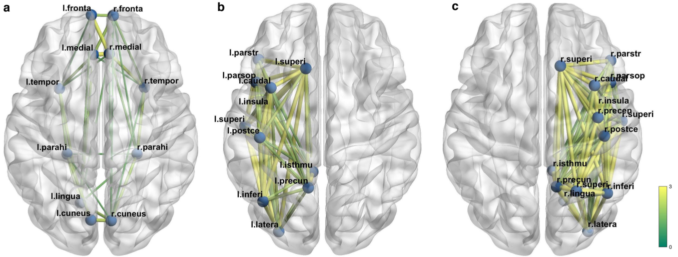
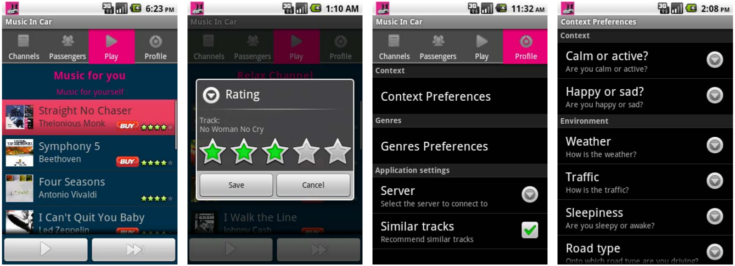


- The small clusters represent local regions driving by similar nodes.

Data application: InCarMusic

- A tensor recording the ratings of 139 songs from 42 users on 26 contexts (Baltrunas et al., 2011).
- Each entry is a rating on a scale of 1 to 5 ($y_\omega \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$).



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- Our method achieves lower prediction error than others.

Method		Ordinal-T (ours)	Continuous-T	1bit-sign-T
HCP	MAD	0.1607 (0.005)	0.2530 (0.0002)	0.3566 (0.0010)
	MCR	0.1606 (0.005)	0.1599 (0.0002)	0.1563 (0.0010)
InCarMusic	MAD	1.37 (0.039)	2.39 (0.152)	1.39 (0.003)
	MCR	0.59 (0.009)	0.94 (0.027)	0.81 (0.005)

Table: Comparison of prediction error based on cross-validation (10 repetitions, 5 foldes). Standard errors are reported in parentheses. MAD: mean absolute error; MCR: misclassification error.

Summary

- We propose a cumulative probabilistic model for ordinal tensor observations.
- The model achieves optimal convergence rate and nearly optimal sample complexity.
- The model has good interpretation and prediction performance in HCP and InCarMusic application.
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