

# Nonnegative Matrix Factorization: Algorithms and Applications

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- $\min_{W \geq 0, H \geq 0} \|A - WH\|_F$
- Nonconvex
- $W$  and  $H$  not unique ( e.g.  $\hat{W} = WD \geq 0$ ,  $\hat{H} = D^{-1}H \geq 0$  )

Notation:  $\mathbb{R}_+$ : nonnegative real numbers

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- $\min_{W \geq 0, H \geq 0} \|A - WH\|_F$
- NMF improves the approximation as  $k$  increases:  
If  $\text{rank}_+(A) > k$ ,

$$\min_{W_{k+1} \geq 0, H_{k+1} \geq 0} \|A - W_{k+1}H_{k+1}\|_F < \min_{W_k \geq 0, H_k \geq 0} \|A - W_kH_k\|_F,$$

$W_i \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times i}$  and  $H_i \in \mathbb{R}_+^{i \times n}$

- But SVD does better: if  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ , then  
 $\|A - U_k\Sigma_k V_k^T\|_F \leq \min \|A - WH\|_F$ ,  $W \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times k}$  and  $H \in \mathbb{R}_+^{k \times n}$
- So Why NMF? Dimension Reduction with  
**Better Interpretation/Lower Dim. Representation for Nonnegative Data.**

- $rank_+(A)$ , is the smallest integer  $k$  for which there exist  $V \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times k}$  and  $U \in \mathbb{R}_+^{k \times n}$  such that  $A = VU$ .  
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- (Perron-Frobenius) There are nonnegative left and right singular vectors  $u_1$  and  $v_1$  of  $A$  associated with the largest singular value  $\sigma_1$ .
- rank 1 SVD of  $A$  = best rank-one NMF of  $A$

# Applications of NMF

- Text mining
  - Topic model: NMF as an alternative way for PLSI (Gaussier et al., 05; Ding et al., 08)
  - Document clustering (Xu et al., 03; Shahnaz et al., 06)
  - Topic detection and trend tracking, email analysis (Berry et al., 05; Keila et al., 05; Cao et al., 07)
- Image analysis and computer vision
  - Feature representation, sparse coding (Lee et al., 99; Guillamet et al., 01; Hoyer et al., 02; Li et al. 01)
  - Video tracking (Bucak et al., 07)
- Social network
  - Community structure and trend detection (Chi et al., 07; Wang et al., 08)
  - Recommendation system (Zhang et al., 06)
- Bioinformatics-microarray data analysis (Brunet et al., 04, H. Kim and Park, 07)
- Acoustic signal processing, blind source separating (Cichocki et al., 04)
- Financial data (Drakakis et al., 08)
- Chemometrics (Andersson and Bro, 00)
- and SO MANY MORE...

# Algorithms for NMF

- Multiplicative update rules: Lee and Seung, 99
- Alternating least squares (ALS): Berry et al 06
- Alternating nonnegative least squares (ANLS)
  - Lin, 07, Projected gradient descent
  - D. Kim et al., 07, Quasi-Newton
  - H. Kim and Park, 08, Active-set
  - J. Kim and Park, 08, Block principal pivoting
- Other algorithms and variants
  - Cichocki et al., 07, Hierarchical ALS (HALS)
  - Ho, 08, Rank-one Residue Iteration (RRI)
  - Zdunek, Cichocki, Amari 06, Quasi-Newton
  - Chu and Lin, 07, Low dim polytope approx.
  - Other rank-1 downdating based algorithms (Vavasis,...)
  - C. Ding, T. Li, tri-factor NMF, orthogonal NMF, ...
  - Cichocki, Zdunek, Phan, Amari: NMF and NTF: Applications to Exploratory Multi-way Data Analysis and Blind Source Separation, Wiley, 09
  - Andersson and Bro, Nonnegative Tensor Factorization, 00
  - And SO MANY MORE...

# Block Coordinate Descent (BCD) Method

- A constrained nonlinear problem:

$$\min f(x) \text{ (e.g., } f(W, H) = \|A - WH\|_F)$$

subject to  $x \in X = X_1 \times X_2 \times \cdots \times X_p$ ,

where  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p)$ ,  $x_i \in X_i \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ .

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- **Th. (Bertsekas, 99):** Suppose  $f$  is continuously differentiable over the Cartesian product of closed, convex sets  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p$  and suppose for each  $i$  and  $x \in X$ , the **minimum** for

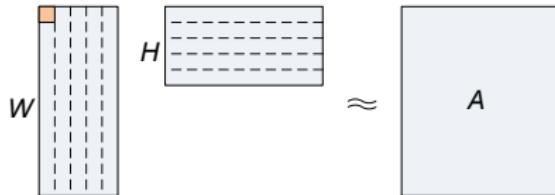
$$\min_{\xi \in X_i} f(x_1^{(k+1)}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{(k+1)}, \xi, x_{i+1}^{(k)}, \dots, x_p^{(k)})$$

is **uniquely** attained. Then every limit point of the sequence generated by the BCD method  $\{x^{(k)}\}$  is a stationary point.

NOTE: Uniqueness not required when  $p = 2$  (Grippo and Sciandrone, 00).



# BCD with $k(m + n)$ Scalar Blocks



- Minimize functions of  $w_{ij}$  or  $h_{ij}$  while all other components in  $W$  and  $H$  are fixed:

$$w_{ij} \leftarrow \arg \min_{w_{ij} \geq 0} \left\| (r_i^T - \sum_{k \neq j} w_{ik} h_k^T) - w_{ij} h_j^T \right\|_2$$

$$h_{ij} \leftarrow \arg \min_{h_{ij} \geq 0} \left\| (a_j - \sum_{k \neq i} w_k h_{kj}) - w_i h_{ij} \right\|_2$$

where  $W = (w_1 \ \dots \ w_k)$ ,  $H = \begin{pmatrix} h_1^T \\ \vdots \\ h_k^T \end{pmatrix}$  and

$$A = (a_1 \ \dots \ a_n) = \begin{pmatrix} r_1^T \\ \vdots \\ r_m^T \end{pmatrix}$$

- Scalar quadratic function, closed form solution.

# BCD with $k(m + n)$ Scalar Blocks

- Lee and Seung (01)'s multiplicative updating (MU) rule

$$w_{ij} \leftarrow w_{ij} \frac{(AH^T)_{ij}}{(WHH^T)_{ij}} , \quad h_{ij} \leftarrow h_{ij} \frac{(W^T A)_{ij}}{(W^T W H)_{ij}}$$

- Derivation based on gradient-descent form:

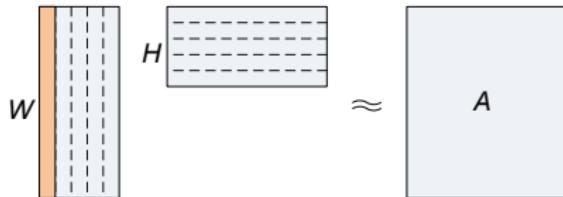
$$\begin{aligned} w_{ij} &\leftarrow w_{ij} + \frac{w_{ij}}{(WHH^T)_{ij}} \left[ (AH^T)_{ij} - (WHH^T)_{ij} \right] \\ h_{ij} &\leftarrow h_{ij} + \frac{h_{ij}}{(W^T W H)_{ij}} \left[ (W^T A)_{ij} - (W^T W H)_{ij} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Rewriting of the solution of coordinate descent:

$$\begin{aligned} w_{ij} &\leftarrow \left[ w_{ij} + \frac{1}{(HH^T)_{jj}} \left( (AH^T)_{ij} - (WHH^T)_{ij} \right) \right]_+ \\ h_{ij} &\leftarrow \left[ h_{ij} + \frac{1}{(W^T W)_{ii}} \left( (W^T A)_{ij} - (W^T W H)_{ij} \right) \right]_+ \end{aligned}$$

- In MU, conservative steps are taken to ensure nonnegativity.  
Bertsekas' Th. on convergence is not applicable to MU.

# BCD with $2k$ Vector Blocks



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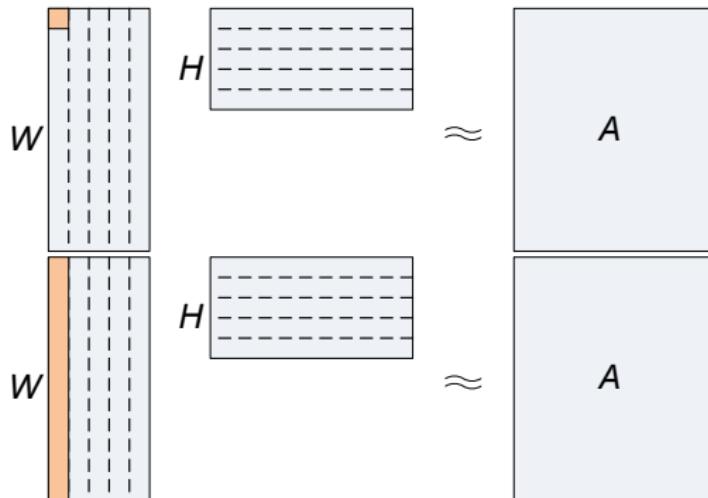
$$\|A - \sum_{j=1}^k w_j h_j^T\|_F = \|(A - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k w_j h_j^T) - w_i h_i^T\|_F = \|R^{(i)} - w_i h_i^T\|_F$$

$$w_i \leftarrow \arg \min_{w_i \geq 0} \|R^{(i)} - w_i h_i^T\|_F$$

$$h_i \leftarrow \arg \min_{h_i \geq 0} \|R^{(i)} - w_i h_i^T\|_F$$

- Each subproblem has the form  $\min_{x \geq 0} \|cx^T - G\|_F$  and has a **closed form solution**  $x = [\frac{G^T c}{c^T c}]_+$  !  
**Hierarchical Alternating Least Squares (HALS)** (Cichocki et al, 07, 09),  
(actually HA-NLS)  
**Rank-one Residue Iteration (RRI)** (Ho, 08)

# BCD with Scalar Blocks vs. $2k$ Vector Blocks



- In scalar BCD,  $w_{1j}, w_{2j}, \dots, w_{mj}$  can be computed independently. Also,  $h_{i1}, h_{i2}, \dots, h_{in}$  can be computed independently.  
→ scalar BCD  $\Leftrightarrow$   $2k$  vector BCD in NMF

# Successive Rank-1 Deflation in SVD and NMF

- Successive rank-1 deflation works for SVD but not for NMF

$$A - \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T \approx \sigma_2 u_2 v_2^T?$$

$$A - w_1 h_1^T \approx w_2 h_2^T?$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The sum of two successive best rank-1 nonnegative approx. is

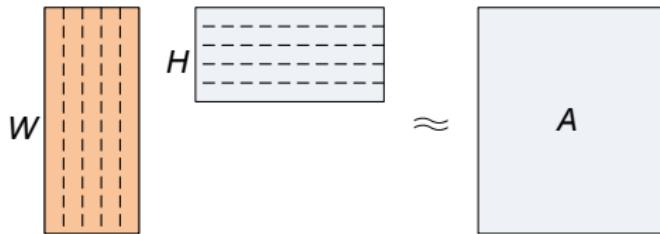
$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The best rank-2 nonnegative approx. is

$$WH = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- NOTE:  $2k$  vector BCD  $\neq$  successive rank-1 deflation for NMF

# BCD with 2 Matrix Blocks



- Minimize functions of  $W$  or  $H$  while the other is fixed:

$$W \leftarrow \arg \min_{W \geq 0} \|H^T W^T - A^T\|_F$$

$$H \leftarrow \arg \min_{H \geq 0} \|WH - A\|_F$$

- Alternating Nonnegativity-constrained Least Squares (ANLS)
- No closed form solution.
  - Projected gradient method (Lin, 07)
  - Projected quasi-Newton method (D. Kim et al., 07)
  - Active-set method (H. Kim and Park, 08)
  - Block principal pivoting method (J. Kim and Park, 08)
- ALS (M. Berry et al. 06) ??

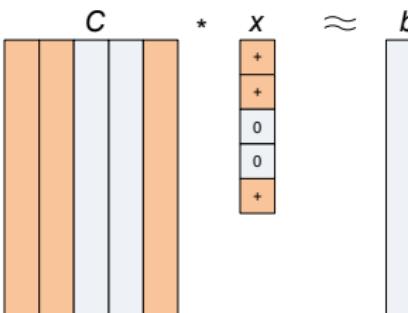
$$\text{NLS} : \min_{X \geq 0} \|CX - B\|_F^2 = \sum \min_{x_i} \|Cx_i - b_i\|_2^2$$

## Nonnegativity-constrained Least Squares (NLS) problem

- **Projected Gradient** method (Lin, 07)  $x^{(k+1)} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_+(x^{(k)} - \alpha_k \nabla f(x^{(k)}))$ 
  - \*  $\mathcal{P}_+(\cdot)$ : Projection operator to the nonnegative orthant
  - \* Back-tracking selection of step  $\alpha_k$
- **Projected Quasi-Newton** method (Kim et al., 07)  
$$x^{(k+1)} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} y \\ z_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{P}_+ [y^{(k)} - \alpha D^{(k)} \nabla f(y^{(k)})] \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
  - \* Gradient scaling only for nonzero variables
- These do not fully exploit the structure of the NLS problems in **NMF**
- **Active Set** method (H. Kim and Park, 08)  
Lawson and Hanson (74), Bro and De Jong (97), Van Benthem and Keenan (04)
- **Block principal pivoting method** (J. Kim and Park, 08)  
linear complementarity problems (LCP) (Judice and Pires, 94)

# Active-set type Algorithms for $\min_{x \geq 0} \|Cx - b\|_2, C : m \times k$

- KKT conditions:  $y = C^T Cx - C^T b$   
 $y \geq 0, \quad x \geq 0, \quad x_i y_i = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k$
- If we know  $P = \{i | x_i > 0\}$  in the solution in advance  
then we only need to solve  $\min \|C_P x_P - b\|_2$ , and the rest of  $x_i = 0$ , where  $C_P$ : columns of  $C$  with the indices in  $P$

$$\begin{array}{c} C \\ \times \\ x \end{array} \approx b$$


The diagram shows a matrix  $C$  with four columns. The first and fourth columns are orange, while the second and third are light blue. To the right of  $C$  is a multiplication symbol  $\times$ . To the right of  $\times$  is a vector  $x$  with six entries. The first, third, and fifth entries are orange with a '+' sign, indicating they are active (non-zero). The second, fourth, and sixth entries are light blue with a '0' sign, indicating they are inactive (zero). To the right of  $x$  is an approximation symbol  $\approx$ . To the right of  $\approx$  is a vector  $b$ , which is light blue, representing the result of the multiplication.

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- Active set method (Lawson and Hanson 74)
  - $E = \{1, \dots, k\}$  (i.e.  $x = 0$  initially),  $P = \text{null}$
  - Repeat while  $E$  not null and  $y_i < 0$  for some  $i$ 
    - Exchange indices between  $E$  and  $P$  while keeping feasibility and reducing the objective function value
- Block Principal Pivoting method (Portugal et al. 94 MathComp):
  - Lacks any monotonicity or feasibility but finds a correct active-passive set partitioning.
  - Guess two index sets  $P$  and  $E$  that partition  $\{1, \dots, k\}$
  - Repeat
    - Let  $x_E = 0$  and  $x_P = \arg \min_{x_P} \|Cx_P - b\|_2^2$   
Then  $y_E = C_E^T(C_P x_P - b)$  and  $y_P = 0$
    - If  $x_P \geq 0$  and  $y_E \geq 0$ , then optimal values are found.  
Otherwise, update  $P$  and  $E$ .

# How block principal pivoting works

$k = 10$ , Initially  $P = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $E = \{6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

Update by  $C_P^T C_P x_P = C_P^T b$ , and  $y_E = C_E^T (C_P x_P - b)$

P		0
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P		0
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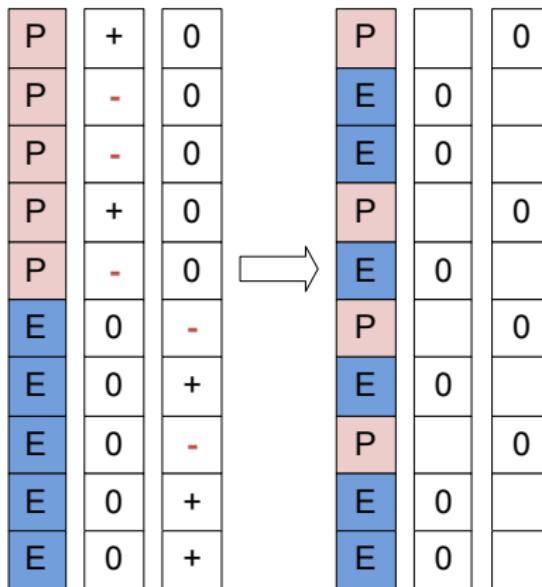
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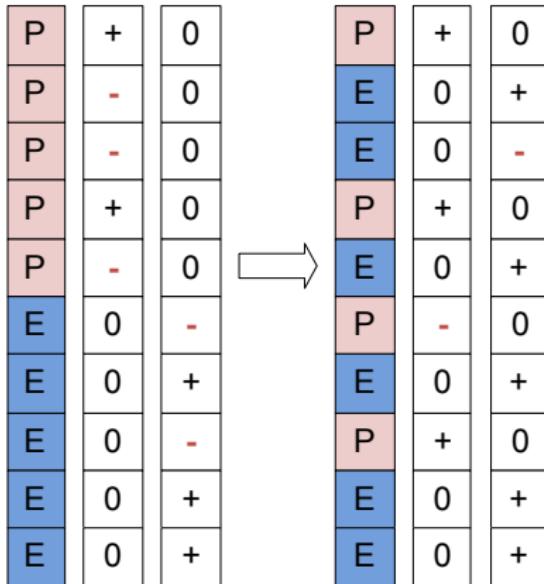
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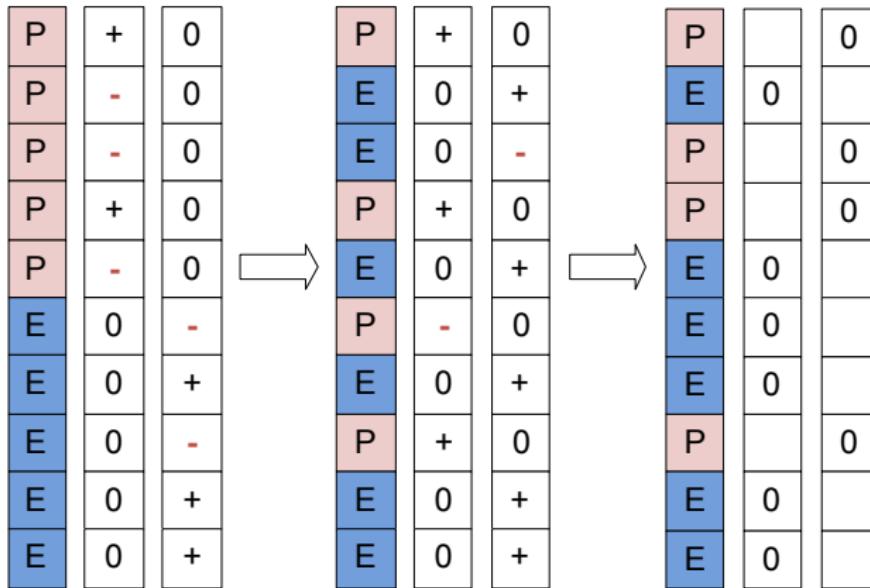
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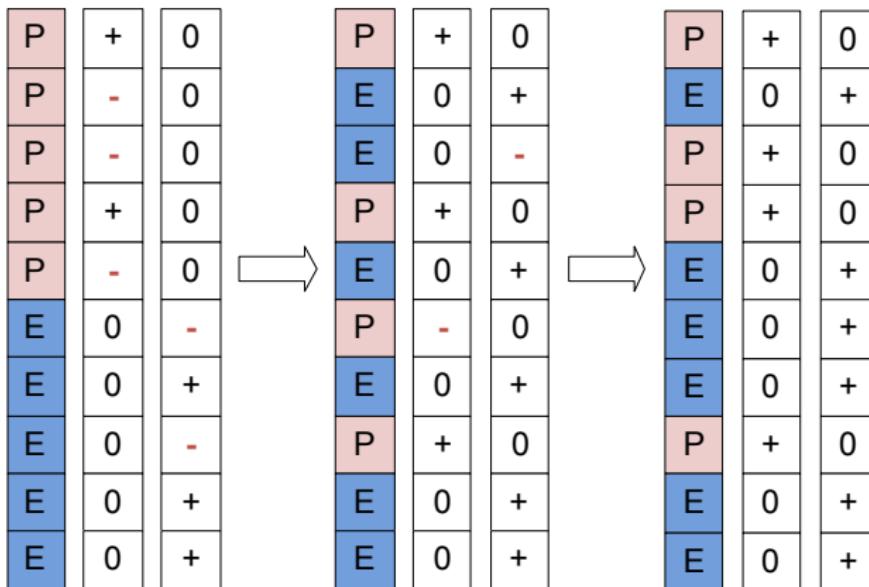
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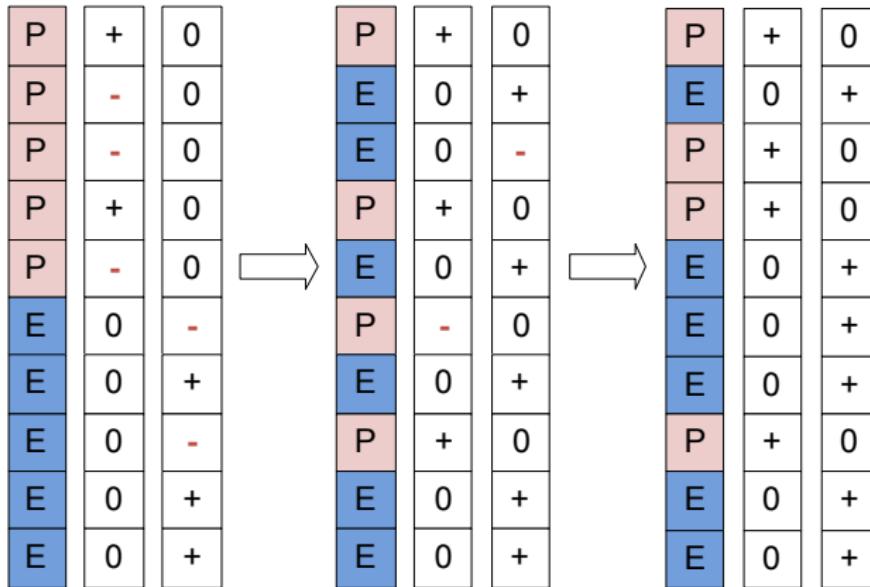
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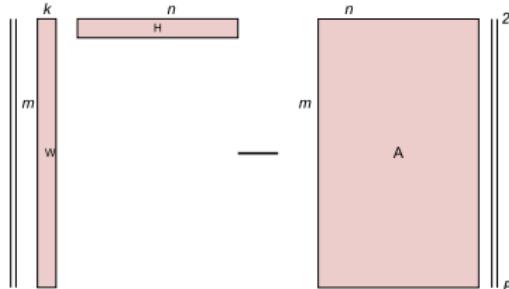


Solved

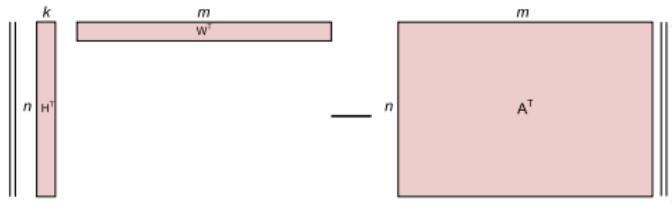
# Refined Exchange Rules

- Active set algorithm is a special instance of single principal pivoting algorithm (H. Kim and Park, SIMAX 08)
- Block exchange rule without modification does not always work.
  - The residual is not guaranteed to monotonically decrease. Block exchange rule may cycle (although rarely).
  - Modification: if the block exchange rule fails to decrease the number of infeasible variables, use a backup exchange rule
  - With this modification, block principal pivoting algorithm finds the solution of NLS in a finite number of iterations.

- Matrix is long and thin, solutions vectors short, many right hand side vectors.
- $\min_{H \geq 0} \|WH - A\|_F^2$



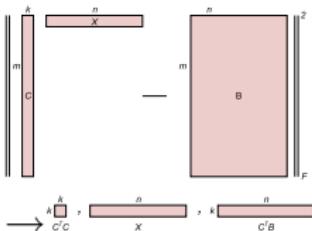
- $\min_{W \geq 0} \|H^T W^T - A^T\|_F^2$



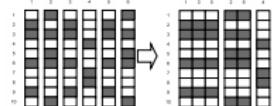
- Precompute  $C^T C$  and  $C^T B$

Update  $x_P$  and  $y_E$  by  $C_P^T C_P x_P = C_P^T b$  and  $y_E = C_E^T C_P x_P - C_E^T b$   
 All coefficients can be retrieved from  $C^T C$  and  $C^T B$

- $C^T C$  and  $C^T B$  is small. Storage is not a problem.



- Exploit common  $P$  and  $E$  sets among col. in  $B$  in each iteration.  
 $X$  is flat and wide.  $\rightarrow$  More common cases of  $P$  and  $E$  sets.



- Proposed algorithm for NMF (ANLS/BPP):  
 ANLS framework + Block principal pivoting algorithm for NLS  
 with improvements for multiple right-hand sides

# Sparse NMF and Regularized NMF

- Sparse NMF (for sparse  $H$ ) (H. Kim and Park, Bioinformatics, 07)

$$\min_{W,H} \left\{ \|A - WH\|_F^2 + \eta \|W\|_F^2 + \beta \sum_{j=1}^n \|H(:,j)\|_1^2 \right\}, \forall ij, W_{ij}, H_{ij} \geq 0$$

ANLS reformulation (H. Kim and Park, 07) : alternate the following

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{H \geq 0} & \left\| \begin{pmatrix} W \\ \sqrt{\beta} e_{1 \times k} \end{pmatrix} H - \begin{pmatrix} A \\ 0_{1 \times n} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_F^2 \\ \min_{W \geq 0} & \left\| \begin{pmatrix} H^T \\ \sqrt{\eta} I_k \end{pmatrix} W^T - \begin{pmatrix} A^T \\ 0_{k \times m} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Regularized NMF (Pauca, et al. 06) :

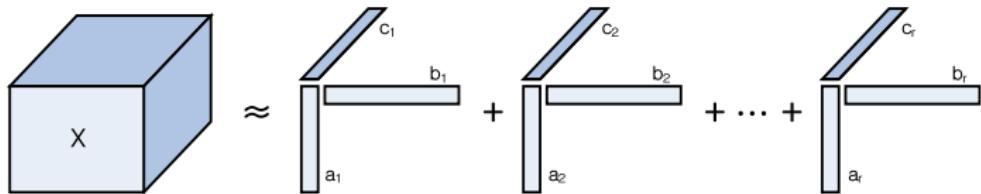
$$\min_{W,H} \left\{ \|A - WH\|_F^2 + \eta \|W\|_F^2 + \beta \|H\|_F^2 \right\}, \forall ij, W_{ij}, H_{ij} \geq 0.$$

ANLS reformulation : alternate the following

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{H \geq 0} & \left\| \begin{pmatrix} W \\ \sqrt{\beta} I_k \end{pmatrix} H - \begin{pmatrix} A \\ 0_{k \times n} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_F^2 \\ \min_{W \geq 0} & \left\| \begin{pmatrix} H^T \\ \sqrt{\eta} I_k \end{pmatrix} W^T - \begin{pmatrix} A^T \\ 0_{k \times m} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Nonnegative PARAFAC

- Consider a 3-way Nonnegative Tensor  $\mathbf{T} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times n \times p}$  and its PARAFAC  $\min_{A,B,C \geq 0} \|\mathbf{T} - [[ABC]]\|_F^2$  where  $A \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times k}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times k}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}_+^{p \times k}$ .
- The loading matrices ( $A, B$ , and  $C$ ) can be iteratively estimated by an NLS algorithm such as block principal pivoting method.



- Iterate until a stopping criteria is satisfied:

- $\min_{A \geq 0} \|Y_{BC}A^T - T_{(1)}\|_F$

- $\min_{B \geq 0} \|Y_{AC}B^T - T_{(2)}\|_F$

- $\min_{C \geq 0} \|Y_{AB}C^T - T_{(3)}\|_F$  where

$$Y_{BC} = B \odot C \in \mathbb{R}^{(np) \times k}, \quad T_{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^{(np) \times m},$$

$$Y_{AC} = A \odot C \in \mathbb{R}^{(mp) \times k}, \quad T_{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^{(mp) \times n},$$

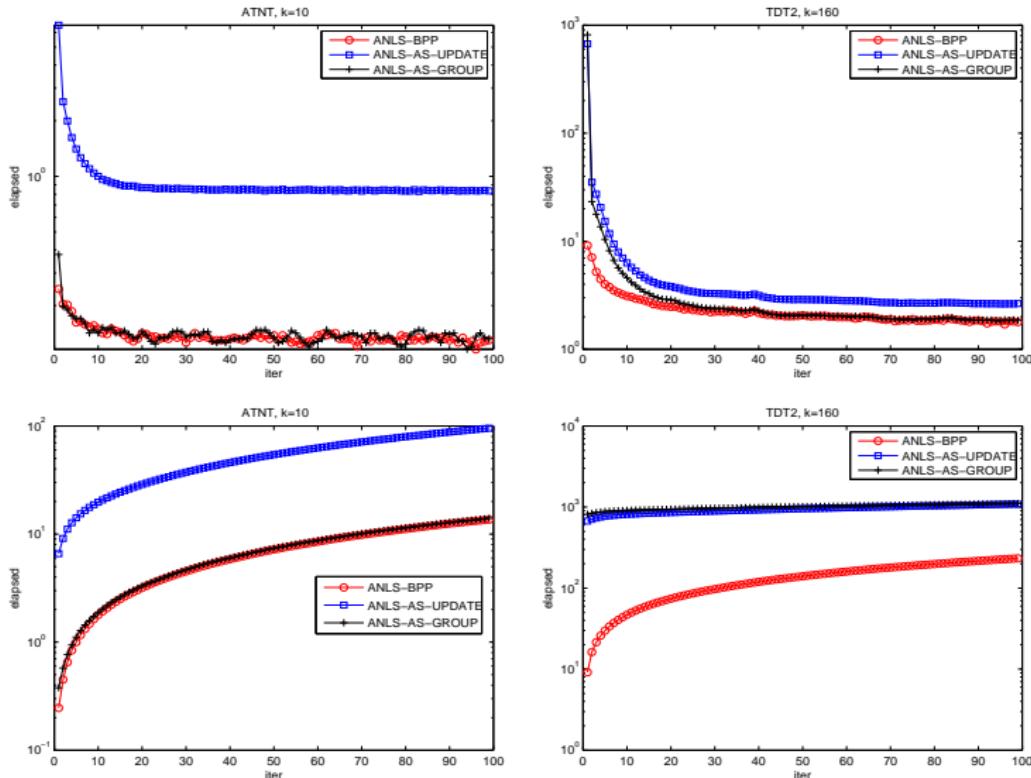
$Y_{AB} = A \odot B \in \mathbb{R}^{(mn) \times k}$ ,  $T_{(3)} \in \mathbb{R}^{(mn) \times p}$  unfolded matrices,  
and  $F \odot G_{(mn) \times (k)} = [f_1 \otimes g_1 \quad f_2 \otimes g_2 \quad \cdots \quad f_k \otimes g_k]$  is the  
Khatri-Rao product of  $F \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$  and  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ .

- Matrices are longer and thinner, ideal for ANLS/BPP.
- Can be similarly extended to higher order tensors.

## NMF Algorithms Compared

Name	Description	Author
ANLS-BPP	ANLS / block principal pivoting	J. Kim and HP 08
ANLS-AS	ANLS / active set	H. Kim and HP 08
ANLS-PGRAD	ANLS / projected gradient	Lin 07
ANLS-PQN	ANLS / projected quasi-Newton	D. Kim et al. 07
HALS	Hierarchical ALS	Cichocki et al. 07
MU	Multiplicative updating	Lee and Seung 01
ALS	Alternating least squares	Berry et al. 06

# Active-set vs. Block principal pivoting (J. Kim and Park, 2011)

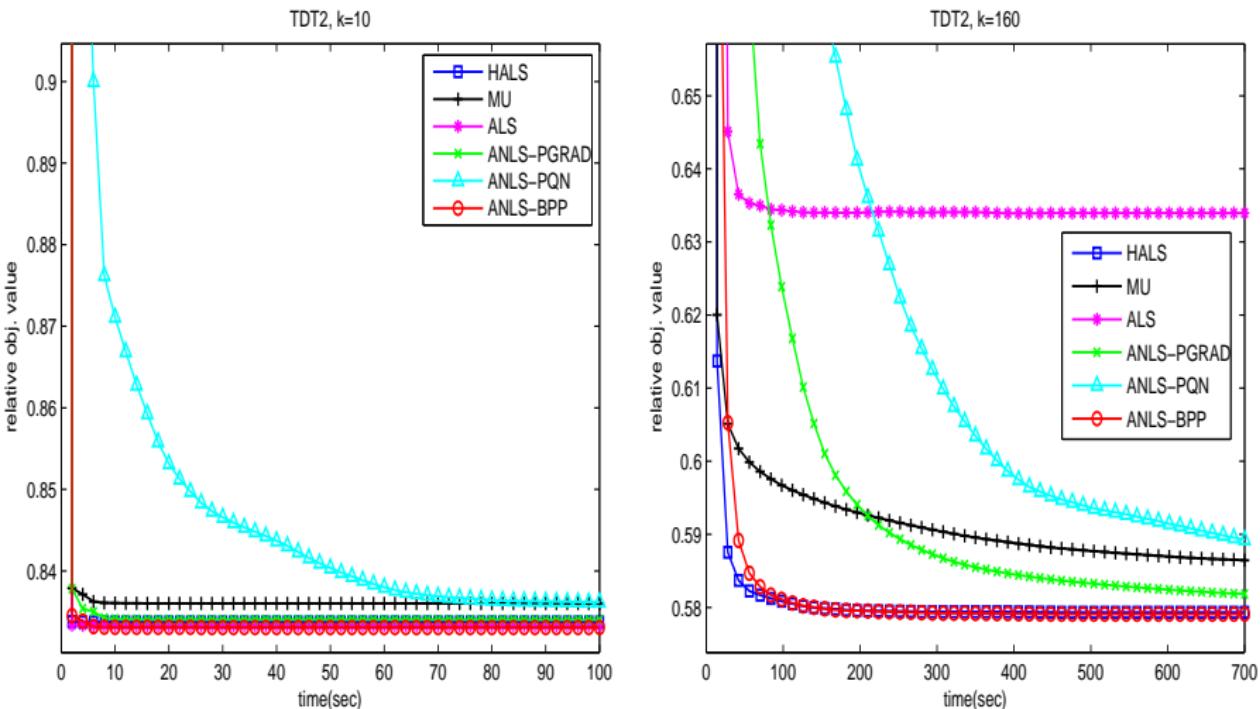


ATNT image data:  $10,304 \times 400$ ,  $k = 10$ , TDT2 text data:  $19,009 \times 3,087$ ,  $k = 160$

Top: time per iteration, bottom: cumulative time

# Residual vs. Execution time

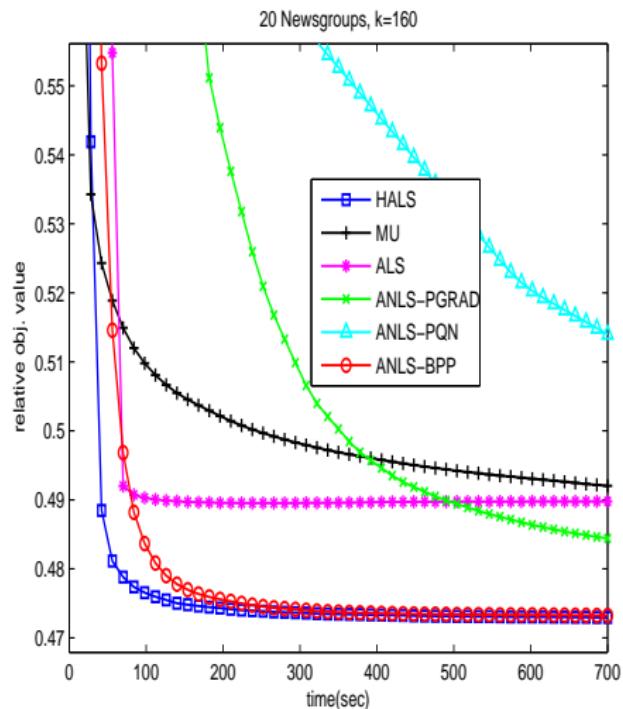
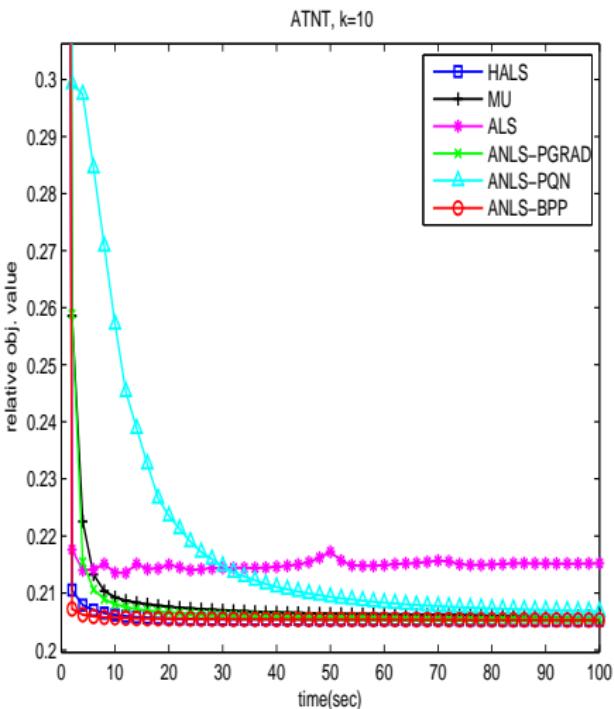
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# Residual vs. Execution time

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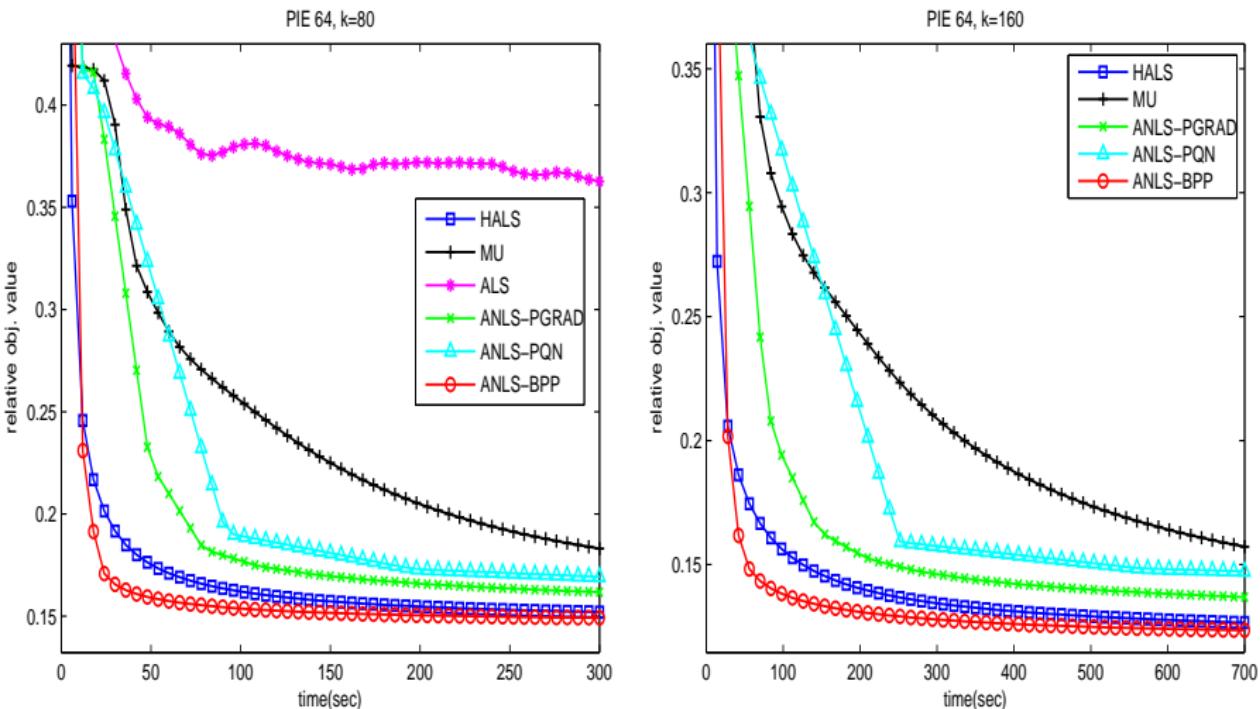


ATNT image data:  $10,304 \times 400$ ,  $k = 10$  and

20 Newsgroups text data:  $26,214 \times 11,314$ ,  $k = 160$

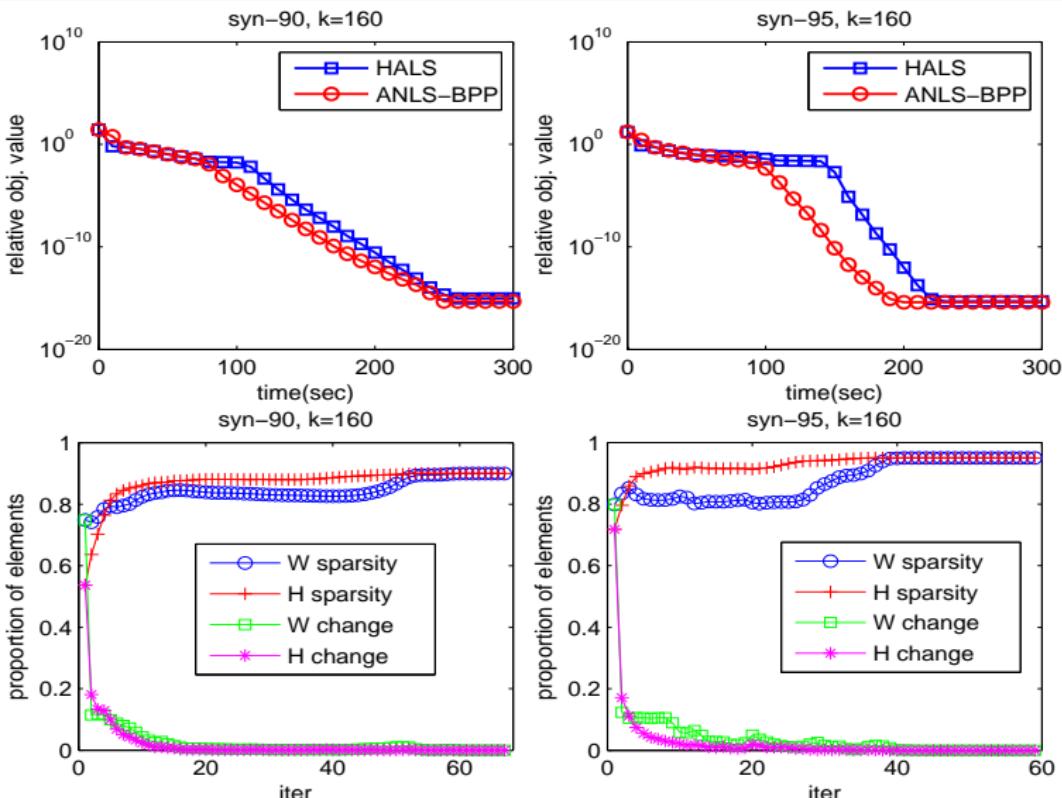
# Residual vs. Execution time

(J. Kim and Park, 2011)



PIE 64 image data:  $4,096 \times 11,554$ ,  $k = 80$  and  $k = 160$

# BPP vs HALS : Influence of Sparsity (J. Kim and Park, 2011)



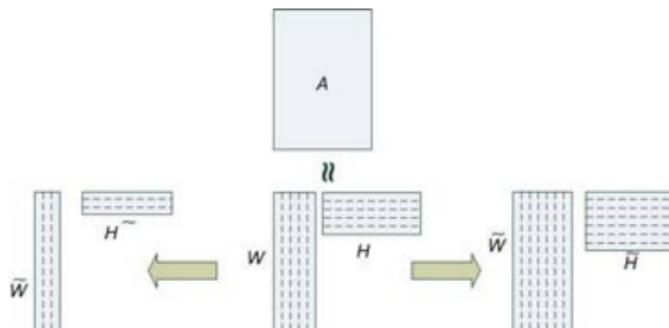
Synthetic data  $10,000 \times 2,000$  created by factors with different sparsities

Left: 90% sparsity, Right: 95% sparsity

# Adaptive NMF for Varying Reduced Rank $k \rightarrow \tilde{k}$

(He, Kim, Cichocki, and Park, in preparation)

- Given  $(W, H)$  with  $k$ , how to compute  $(\tilde{W}, \tilde{H})$  with  $\tilde{k}$  fast?
- E.g., model selection for NMF clustering



## AdaNMF

- Initialize  $\tilde{W}$  and  $\tilde{H}$  using  $W$  and  $H$ 
  - If  $\tilde{k} > k$ , compute NMF for  $A - WH \approx \Delta W \Delta H$ . Set  $\tilde{W} = [W \ \Delta W]$  and  $\tilde{H} = [H; \Delta H]$
  - If  $\tilde{k} < k$ , initialize  $\tilde{W}$  and  $\tilde{H}$  with  $\tilde{k}$  pairs of  $(w_i, h_i)$  with largest  $\|w_i h_i^T\|_F = \|w_i\|_2 \|h_i\|_2$
- Update  $\tilde{W}$  and  $\tilde{H}$  using HALS algorithm.

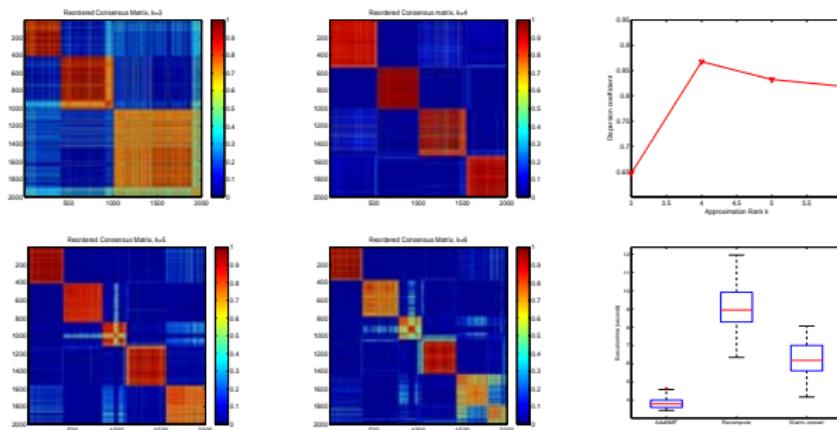
# Model Selection in NMF Clustering

(He, Kim, Cichocki, and Park, in preparation)

- Consensus matrix based on  $A \approx WH$ :

$$C_{ij}^t = \begin{cases} 0 & \max(H(:, i)) = \max(H(:, j)) \\ 1 & \max(H(:, i)) \neq \max(H(:, j)) \end{cases}, \quad t = 1, \dots, I$$

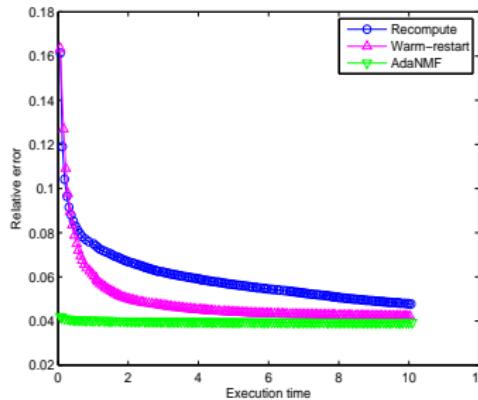
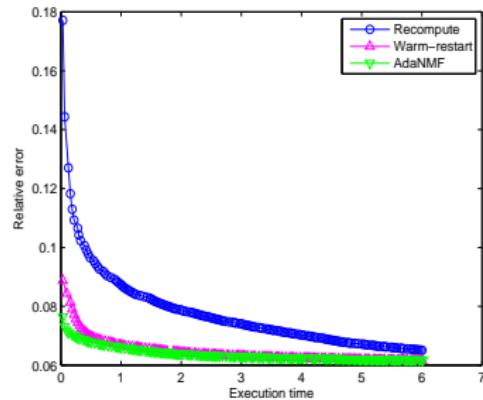
- Dispersion coefficient  $\rho(k) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n 4(C_{ij} - \frac{1}{2})^2$ , where  $C = \frac{1}{I} \sum C^t$



Clustering results on MNIST digit images ( $784 \times 2000$ ) by AdaNMF with  $k = 3, 4, 5$  and  $6$ . Averaged consensus matrices, dispersion coefficient, execution time

# Adaptive NMF for Varying Reduced Rank

(He, Kim, Cichocki, and Park, in preparation)



Relative error vs. exec. time of AdaNMF and “recompute”. Given an NMF of  $600 \times 600$  synthetic matrix with  $k = 60$ , compute NMF with  $\tilde{k} = 50, 80$ .

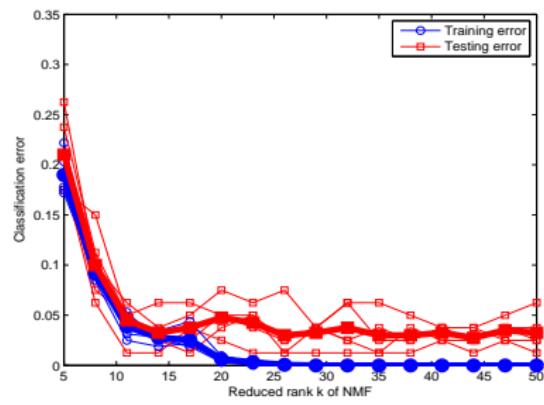
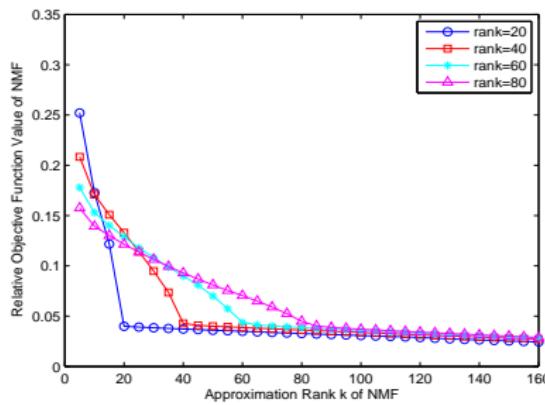
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**Theorem:** For  $A \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times n}$ , If  $\text{rank}_+(A) > k$ , then

$$\min \|A - W^{(k+1)}H^{(k+1)}\|_F < \min \|A - W^{(k)}H^{(k)}\|_F,$$

where  $W^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times i}$  and  $H^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{i \times n}$ .

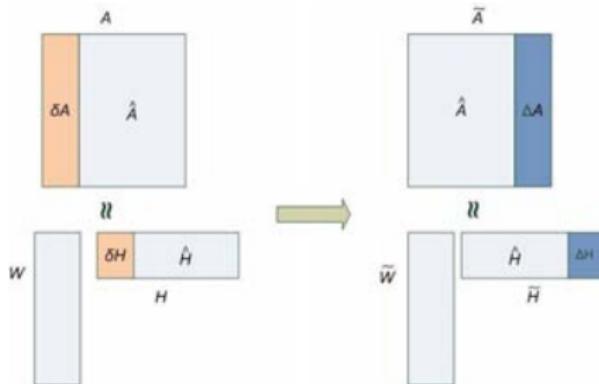


Rank path on synthetic data set: relative residual vs.  $k$

ORL Face image ( $10304 \times 400$ ) classification errors (by LMNN) on training and testing set vs.  $k$ .

$k$ -dim rep.  $H_T$  of training data  $T$  by BPP  $\min_{H_T \geq 0} \|WH_T - T\|_F$

- Given an NMF  $(W, H)$  for  $A = [\delta A \hat{A}]$ , how to compute NMF  $(\tilde{W}, \tilde{H})$  for  $\tilde{A} = [\hat{A} \Delta A]$  fast?  
(Updating and Downdating)



## DynNMF (Sliding Window NMF)

- Initialize  $\tilde{H}$  as follows:
  - Let  $\hat{H}$  be the remaining columns of  $H$ .
  - Solve  $\min_{\Delta H \geq 0} \|W\Delta H - \Delta A\|_F^2$  using block principal pivoting
  - Set  $\tilde{H} = [\hat{H} \Delta H]$
- Run HALS on  $\tilde{A}$  with initial factors  $\tilde{W} = W$  and  $\tilde{H}$



PET2001 data with 3064 images from a surveillance video.  
DynNMF on  $110,592 \times 400$  data matrix each time, with 100 new columns and 100 obsolete columns. The residual images track the moving vehicle in the video.

- Clustering and Lower Rank Approximation are related.

NMF for Clustering: Document (Xu et al. 03), Image (Cai et al. 08), Microarray (Kim & Park 07), etc.

- Equivalence of objective functions between k-means and NMF:

(Ding, et al., 05; Kim & Park, 08)

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n \|a_i - w_{S_i}\|_2^2 = \min \|A - WH\|_F^2$$

$S_i = j$  when  $i$ -th point is assigned to  $j$ -th cluster ( $j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ )

k-means:  $W$ :  $k$  cluster centroids,  $H \in \mathbf{E}$

NMF:  $W$  : basis vectors for rank- $k$  approximation,

$H$ : representation of  $A$  in  $W$  space

( $\mathbf{E}$ : matrices whose columns are columns of an identity matrix )

**NOTE: The equivalence of obj. functions holds when  $H \in \mathbf{E}$ ,  $A \geq 0$ .**

# NMF and K-means

$$\min \|A - WH\|_F^2 \text{ s.t. } H \in \mathbf{E}$$

- Paths to solution:
  - K-means: Expectation-Minimization
  - NMF: Relax the condition on  $H$  to  $H \geq 0$  with orthogonal rows or  $H \geq 0$  with sparse columns - soft clustering

TDT2 text data set: (clustering accuracy aver. among 100 runs)

# clusters	2	6	10	14	18
K-means	0.8099	0.7295	0.7015	0.6675	0.6675
NMF/ANLS	0.9990	0.8717	0.7436	0.7021	0.7160

Sparsity constraint improves clustering result (J. Kim and Park, 08):

$$\min_{W \geq 0, H \geq 0} \|A - WH\|_F^2 + \eta \|W\|_F^2 + \beta \sum_{j=1}^n \|H(:, j)\|_1^2$$

# of times achieving optimal assignment

(a synthetic data set, with a clear cluster structure):

$k$	3	6	9	12	15
NMF	69	65	74	68	44
SNMF	100	100	100	100	97

NMF and SNMF much better than k-means in general.

Equivalence of objective functions is not enough to explain the clustering capability of NMF:

- NMF is more related to spherical k-means, than to k-means  
→ NMF shown to work well in text data clustering

Symmetric NMF:  $\min_{S \geq 0} \|A - SS^T\|_F$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$  : affinity matrix

- Spectral clustering → Eigenvectors (Ng et al. 01), A normalized if needed, Laplacian,...
- Symmetric NMF (Ding et al.) → can handle nonlinear structure, and  
 $S \geq 0$  naturally captures a cluster structure in  $S$

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- NMF for clustering and semi-supervised clustering
- NMF and probability related methods
- NMF and geometric understanding
- NMF algorithms for large scale problems, parallel implementation? GPU?
- Fast NMF with other divergences (Bregman and Csiszar divergences)
- NMF for blind source separation? Uniqueness?
- More theoretical study on NMF especially for foundations for computational methods

NMF Matlab codes and papers available at  
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