# Kruskal's uniqueness condition for Candecomp/Parafac

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# Candecomp/Parafac (CP)

- $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$  is a real-valued  $I \times J \times K$  array with slices  $\mathbf{X}_k$
- The CP model of  $\mathbf{X}$  with R factors is

$$X_k = A C_k B^T + E_k k = 1, ..., K$$

- Component matrices A (I×R), B (J×R) and
  C (K×R) with diagonals of C<sub>k</sub> as rows
- CP is also written as  $\underline{\mathbf{X}} = \sum_{r=1}^{R} \mathbf{a}_r \circ \mathbf{b}_r \circ \mathbf{c}_r + \underline{\mathbf{E}}$

# Uniqueness in CP

- Uniqueness is studied for a fixed residual array
  ←→ fixed fitted model array
- A CP solution can only be unique up to rescaling/counterscaling and jointly permuting columns of A, B and C (*essential uniqueness*)
- Kruskal's condition (1977) for essential uniqueness:

 $2R + 2 \le k_{\mathbf{A}} + k_{\mathbf{B}} + k_{\mathbf{C}}$ 

 k-rank of A = max number k such that every set of k columns of A is linearly independent Let (A,B,C) and (D,E,F) be two full CP decompositions of array  $\underline{X}$ , both with R components. If

$$2R + 2 \le k_{\rm A} + k_{\rm B} + k_{\rm C}$$
, (K)

then there exists a unique permutation matrix  $\Pi$  and unique diagional matrices  $\Lambda_a$ ,  $\Lambda_b$ ,  $\Lambda_c$  such that

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A} \, \mathbf{\Pi} \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{a} \qquad \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B} \, \mathbf{\Pi} \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{b} \qquad \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{C} \, \mathbf{\Pi} \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{c}$$
  
and 
$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_{a} \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{b} \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{c} = \mathbf{I}_{R}$$

# Kruskal's Permutation Lemma

Let **C** and **F** be  $K \times R$  matrices and let  $k_{\mathbf{C}} \ge 2$ .

Suppose the following condition holds:

If a vector **y** is orthogonal to  $h \ge \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{F}) - 1$  columns of **F**, then **y** is orthogonal to at least *h* columns of **C**.

Then there exists a unique permutation matrix  $\Pi$  and a unique diagional matrix  $\Lambda$  such that

## $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{\Pi} \mathbf{\Lambda}$

# Proof of Kruskal's Uniqueness Theorem

Two CP solutions (**A**,**B**,**C**) and (**D**,**E**,**F**), and (K) holds.

Step 1 (K) → 
$$k_{A} \ge 2$$
  $k_{B} \ge 2$   $k_{C} \ge 2$   
(K) → (A  $\circ$  B) and (C  $\circ$  A) and (B  $\circ$  C)  
have full column rank

- <u>Step 2</u> (K) → condition of Permutation Lemma for  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{D})$  and  $(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{E})$  and  $(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{F})$
- $\Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A} \, \mathbf{\Pi}_{a} \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{a} \qquad \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B} \, \mathbf{\Pi}_{b} \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{b} \qquad \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{C} \, \mathbf{\Pi}_{c} \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{c}$

<u>Step 3</u>  $\Pi_a = \Pi_b = \Pi_c$  and  $\Lambda_a \Lambda_b \Lambda_c = \mathbf{I}_R$ 

# Step 1 $2R + 2 \le k_{A} + k_{B} + k_{C}$ $k_{C} \le R$ and $k_{B} \le R \rightarrow k_{A} \ge 2$

 $\operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}) \geq k_{(\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B})} \geq \min(k_{\mathbf{A}} + k_{\mathbf{B}} - 1, R) = R$ 

Sidiropoulos & Bro (2000), Ten Berge (2000)

Suppose  $k_{A} = 1$  and  $a_{1} = 2 a_{2}$   $a_{1} \circ b_{1} \circ c_{1} + a_{2} \circ b_{2} \circ c_{2} =$   $2 a_{2} \circ b_{1} \circ c_{1} + a_{2} \circ b_{2} \circ c_{2} =$  $a_{2} \circ 2 b_{1} \circ (c_{1} - c_{2}) + a_{2} \circ (2 b_{1} + b_{2}) \circ c_{2}$ 

→  $k_{A} \ge 2$   $k_{B} \ge 2$   $k_{C} \ge 2$  is necessary for uniqueness Suppose rank( $\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}$ ) < R and ( $\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}$ )  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}$   $\mathbf{X}^{(JI \times K)} = (\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} = (\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}) (\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{z}\mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}})^{\mathsf{T}}$ for any vector  $\mathbf{z}$ 

**z** can be chosen such that a column of  $\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{z}\mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}}$ becomes  $\mathbf{0} \rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{X}}$  satisfies CP with R - 1 factors

→ rank( $\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}$ ) = rank( $\mathbf{C} \circ \mathbf{A}$ ) = rank( $\mathbf{B} \circ \mathbf{C}$ ) = R is necessary for uniqueness

#### <u>Step 2</u> **C** and **F** are $K \times R$ matrices and $k_c \ge 2$

 $q(\mathbf{C})$  = the number of columns of **C** <u>not</u> orthogonal to **y**  $q(\mathbf{F})$  = the number of columns of **F** <u>not</u> orthogonal to **y** 

To show: 
$$q(\mathbf{F}) \leq R - \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{F}) + 1 \Rightarrow q(\mathbf{C}) \leq q(\mathbf{F})$$

#### <u>Proof</u> (Sidiropoulos & Bro, 2000)

Construct upper bound and lower bound for  $q(\mathbf{F})$ 

$$\mathbf{X}^{(JI \times K)} \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{D} \odot \mathbf{E}) \mathbf{F}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y}$$

 $(\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B})$  has full column rank

# Hence $q(\mathbf{F}) = 0 \rightarrow q(\mathbf{C}) = 0$ span<sup> $\perp$ </sup>( $\mathbf{F}$ ) $\subseteq$ span<sup> $\perp$ </sup>( $\mathbf{C}$ ) $\rightarrow$ span( $\mathbf{C}$ ) $\subseteq$ span( $\mathbf{F}$ ) $\rightarrow$ rank( $\mathbf{C}$ ) $\leq$ rank( $\mathbf{F}$ )

 $q(\mathbf{F}) \leq R - \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{F}) + 1$  $\leq R - \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{C}) + 1$  $\leq R - k_{\mathbf{C}} + 1$  $\leq k_{\mathbf{A}} + k_{\mathbf{B}} - (R+1)$ 

$$\sum_{k=1}^{K} y_k \mathbf{X}_k = \mathbf{A} \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y}) \mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{D} \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{F}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y}) \mathbf{E}^{\mathsf{T}}$$

$$q(\mathbf{F}) = \operatorname{rank}(\operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{F}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y}))$$

- $\geq$  rank(**D** diag(**F**<sup>T</sup>**y**) **E**<sup>T</sup>)
- = rank( $\mathbf{A}$  diag( $\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y}$ )  $\mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}}$ )
- = rank( $\mathbf{A}^*$  diag( $\mathbf{t}$ )  $\mathbf{B}^{*T}$ )
- $\geq$  rank(**A**\*) + rank(**B**\* diag(**t**)) q(**C**)
- = rank( $\mathbf{A}^*$ ) + rank( $\mathbf{B}^*$ )  $q(\mathbf{C})$

rank( $\mathbf{A}^*$ )  $\geq \min(q(\mathbf{C}), k_{\mathbf{A}})$ rank( $\mathbf{B}^*$ )  $\geq \min(q(\mathbf{C}), k_{\mathbf{B}})$ 

$$q(\mathbf{F}) \geq \min(q(\mathbf{C}), k_{\mathbf{A}}) + \min(q(\mathbf{C}), k_{\mathbf{B}}) - q(\mathbf{C})$$
 (2)

$$k_{\mathbf{A}} + k_{\mathbf{B}} - (R+1) \ge q(\mathbf{F}) \tag{1}$$

(1) and (2)  $\rightarrow \min(q(\mathbf{C}), k_{\mathbf{A}}) = \min(q(\mathbf{C}), k_{\mathbf{B}}) = q(\mathbf{C})$ (2)  $\rightarrow q(\mathbf{C}) \le q(\mathbf{F})$ 

## **<u>Step 3</u>** $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A} \, \mathbf{\Pi}_a \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_a$ $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B} \, \mathbf{\Pi}_b \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_b$ $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{C} \, \mathbf{\Pi}_c \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_c$

to show:  $\Pi_a = \Pi_b = \Pi_c$  and  $\Lambda_a \Lambda_b \Lambda_c = \mathbf{I}_R$ 

If  $\Pi_a = \Pi_b$  then we are done.

Proof (Stegeman & Sidiropoulos, 2005)

$$\mathbf{X}^{(JI \times K)} = (\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}}$$
  
=  $(\mathbf{A} \Pi \Lambda_{\mathsf{a}} \odot \mathbf{B} \Pi \Lambda_{\mathsf{b}}) (\mathbf{C} \Pi_{\mathsf{c}} \Lambda_{\mathsf{c}})^{\mathsf{T}}$   
=  $(\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B}) (\mathbf{C} \Pi_{\mathsf{c}} \Lambda_{\mathsf{a}} \Lambda_{\mathsf{b}} \Lambda_{\mathsf{c}} \Pi^{\mathsf{T}})^{\mathsf{T}}$ 

 $(\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B})$  full column rank  $\rightarrow \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{\Pi}_{c} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{a} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{b} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{c} \mathbf{\Pi}^{\mathsf{T}}$ 

 $k_{\mathbf{C}} \geq 2 \rightarrow \mathbf{\Pi}_{c} = \mathbf{\Pi} \text{ and } \mathbf{\Lambda}_{a} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{b} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{c} = \mathbf{I}_{R}$ 

To show: if (K) holds and

 $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A} \, \mathbf{\Pi}_{a} \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{a} \qquad \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B} \, \mathbf{\Pi}_{b} \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{b} \qquad \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{C} \, \mathbf{\Pi}_{c} \, \mathbf{\Lambda}_{c} \, ,$ 

then  $\Pi_a = \Pi_b$ 

<u>Proof</u> Stegeman & Sidiropoulos (2005) Kruskal (1977)

This completes the proof of

Kruskal's Uniqueness Theorem !!

# Proof of Kruskal's Permutation Lemma

**C** and **F** are  $K \times R$  matrices and  $k_{c} \ge 2$ 

For any vector **y** 

$$q(\mathbf{F}) \leq R - \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{F}) + 1 \rightarrow q(\mathbf{C}) \leq q(\mathbf{F})$$

 $q(\mathbf{C})$  = the number of columns of **C** <u>not</u> orthogonal to **y**  $q(\mathbf{F})$  = the number of columns of **F** <u>not</u> orthogonal to **y** 

To show:  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{C} \, \mathbf{\Pi} \, \mathbf{\Lambda}$ 

<u>Proof</u>  $q(\mathbf{F}) = 0 \rightarrow q(\mathbf{C}) = 0$ 

→ span( $\mathbf{C}$ )  $\subseteq$  span( $\mathbf{F}$ )

 $\rightarrow$  rank(**F**)  $\geq$  rank(**C**)  $\geq$   $k_{\mathbf{C}} \geq$  2

Partition the columns of **F** into the sets

$$G_0 = \{ \text{ the all-zero columns of } F \}$$

G<sub>m</sub> = { a column **f** of **F** and all nonzero columns of **F** which are proportional to **f** }

$$m = 1, ..., M$$

 $\frac{\text{Definition}}{k-\text{dimensional columns of } \mathbf{F} \text{ is called a}}$ 

(i) rank(
$$H_k$$
) = k

(ii)  $H_k$  contains all columns of **F** in span( $H_k$ )

$$H_0 = G_0 \qquad H_1 = G_0 \cup G_m \qquad H_{rank(\mathbf{F})} = \mathbf{F}$$

**y** ⊥ **f** and **g** → **y** ⊥ span(**f**, **g**) = span(H<sub>2</sub>) rank(**f**, **g**) = 2

together with span( $\mathbf{C}$ )  $\subseteq$  span( $\mathbf{F}$ ), this yields the following result

Lemma Under conditions of Permutation Lemma # columns **C** in span( $H_k$ )  $\geq$  # columns **F** in span( $H_k$ ) *k* = 0, 1, ..., rank(**F**). Proof Stegeman & Sidiropoulos (2005) Kruskal (1977) k=0:  $k_{\rm C}\geq 2$  $\rightarrow$   $H_0 = G_0$  is empty k = 1:

# columns **C** in span( $G_m$ )  $\geq$  # columns **F** in span( $G_m$ )

$$m = 1, ..., M$$

# $k_{\mathbf{C}} \geq 2 \rightarrow \# \text{ columns } \mathbf{C} \text{ in span}(\mathbf{G}_m) \leq 1$

- $1 \ge \# \text{ columns } \mathbf{C} \text{ in span}(G_m) \ge \\ \# \text{ columns } \mathbf{F} \text{ in span}(G_m) \ge 1$
- hence: # columns **C** in span( $G_m$ ) = 1 # columns **F** in span( $G_m$ ) = 1
- every column of F has
  a proportional column in C

# $\Rightarrow F = C \Pi \Lambda$

permutation matrix  $\pmb{\Pi}$  and diagonal matrix  $\pmb{\Lambda}$  are unique

This completes the proof of

Kruskal's Permutation Lemma !!

# proof above: Stegeman & Sidiropoulos (2005) Kruskal (1977)

alternative proof: Jiang & Sidiropoulos (2004)

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