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## Background

- Nonnegative Matrix Factorization (NMF) is an approach typically applied in unsupervised tasks such as dimensionality-reduction, latent topic modeling, and clustering.
- ► Given nonnegative data matrix  $X \in_{>0}^{m \times n}$  and a user-defined target dimension  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , NMF seeks nonnegative factor matrices  $A \in_{>0}^{m \times r}$ , and  $S \in_{>0}^{r \times n}$  such that  $X \approx AS$ , formulated as

 $\arg \min ||X| -$ A≥o,S≥o

- Nonnegative CP Decomposition (NCPD) generalizes NMF to multi-model tensor data.
- Solution of the set o  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_k$  where  $X_i \in_{\geq 0}^{n_i \times r}$  such that  $X \approx [[X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_k]] \equiv \sum_{i=1}^r x_j^{(1)} \otimes x_j^{(2)} \otimes \cdots \otimes x_j^{(k)}$ , where  $x_j^{(i)}$  is the *j*th column of  $X_i$ .

#### Method

- Given a nonnegative order-k tensor  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_k}$ , Hierarchical NCPD (HNCPD) consists of an initial rank-r NCPD layer with factor matrices  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_k$ , each with r columns, and an HNMF with ranks  $r^{(0)}, r^{(1)}, \cdots, r^{(\mathcal{L}-2)}$  for each of these factors matrices.
- For each  $X_i$  at layer  $\ell$ , we factorize  $X_i$  as

 $X_i \approx \widetilde{X}_i \equiv A_i^{(0)} A_i^{(1)} \dots A_i^{(\ell-2)} S_i^{(\ell-2)}.$ (2)

- > We propose Neural NCPD, a method for training an HNCPD model by representing the model with a neural network architecture.
- Our iterative method consists of two subroutines, a forward-propagation and a backpropagation. In Algorithms 1 and 2, we display the pseudocode for our proposed method.





Figure 1: Visualization of a two-layer HNCPD model.

#### Conclusions

In this paper, we introduced the hierarchical NCPD model and presented a novel method, Neural NCPD, to train this decomposition. We empirically demonstrate the promise of this method on both real and synthetic datasets; in particular, this model reveals the hierarchy of topics learned at different NCPD ranks, which is not available to standard NCPD or NMF-based approaches.

## Neural Nonnegative CP Decomposition for Hierarchical Tensor Analysis

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### Algorithm 2 Neural NCPD

Input: Tensor  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \ldots \times n_k}$ , cost C  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_k \leftarrow \text{NCPD}(X)$ , initialize  $\{A_i^{(\ell)}\}_{i=0,\ell=0}^{k,\mathcal{L}-2}$ for iterations =  $1, \ldots, T$  do ForwardProp( $\{X_i\}_{i=0}^k, \{A_i^{(\ell)}\}_{i=0,\ell=0}^{k,\mathcal{L}-2}$ ) for  $i = 1, \cdots, k$ ,  $\ell = 0, \cdots, \mathcal{L} - 2$  do  $A_i^{(\ell)} \leftarrow \left( \text{optimizer} \left( A_i^{(\ell)}, \frac{\partial C}{\partial x^{(\ell)}} \right) \right)$ end for

end for

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# Results

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We generate a synthetic tensor (see Figure 2) with overlapping and non-overlapping blocks of varying size and intensity to form a hierarchical structure. We see in Figure 3 that Neural NCPD is better able to identify the topic structure of the underlying model.

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The Twitter political data set is a data set of tweets sent by eight political candidates during the 2016 presidential election season. > We bin tweets made by a candidate within each month

over 10 months, resulting in a tensor of size  $8 \times 10 \times 12721$ . In Figure 4 we visualize topics learned by Neural NCPD and see meaningful hierarchical relationships; e.g., Cruz and Kasich, who left the race at similar times, are grouped together than rank 4.



Figure 2: Visualization of the synthetic tensor.



Table 1: Topic modeling loss and relative reconstruction on the synthetic dataset by NCPD and NMF methods.

		Topic Modeling Loss						Relative Reconstruction Loss					
		$\sigma^2 = 0.1$			$\sigma^2 = 0.4$			$\sigma^2 = 0.1$				$\sigma^2 = 0.4$	
Method	Mode	7 – 2	7 — 4	4 — 2	7 – 2	7 — 4	4 — 2	r = 7	$r^{(0)} = 4$	$r^{(1)} = 2$	r = 7	$r^{(0)} = 4$	$r^{(1)} = 2$
al HNCPD		0.043	0.042	0.042	0.087	0.087	0.081	0.119	0.252	0.563	0.454	0.508	0.714
dard HNCPD		0.106	0.101	0.189	0.145	0.193	0.204	0.119	0.494	0.828	0.454	0.612	0.892
	1	0.163	0.236	0.182	0.171	0.144	0.170	0.119	0.502	0.795	0.454	0.576	0.781
:	2	0.087	0.040	0.101	0.090	0.116	0.142	0.119	0.309	0.665	0.454	0.587	0.765
	3	0.078	0.122	0.106	0.084	0.111	0.164	0.119	0.417	0.713	0.454	0.560	0.747
	1	0.154	0.192	0.105	0.169	0.219	0.127	0.146	0.268	0.593	0.478	0.521	0.705
al NMF	2	0.075	0.244	0.146	0.153	0.190	0.160	0.141	0.289	0.585	0.475	0.513	0.710
	3	0.119	0.164	0.110	0.158	0.197	0.140	0.151	0.236	0.576	0.477	0.512	0.693
	1	0.098	0.182	0.052	0.164	0.219	0.139	0.118	0.235	0.558	0.472	0.524	0.707
dard HNMF	2	0.080	0.199	0.090	0.151	0.213	0.088	0.118	0.245	0.566	0.472	0.505	0.709
	3	0.060	0.165	0.085	0.137	0.193	0.114	0.118	0.233	0.563	0.472	0.503	0.717

Table 2: Relative reconstruction loss on the Twitter political dataset.

Method	<i>r</i> = 8	$r^{(0)} = 4$	$r^{(1)} = 2$
Neural NCPD	0.834	0.883	0.918
Standard NCPD	0.834	0.889	0.919
Standard HNCPD	0.834	0.913	0.976
HNTF-1	0.834	0.890	0.927
HNTF-2	0.834	0.909	0.956
HNTF-3	0.834	0.895	0.942



candidate and temporal modes.

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Figure 3: (Top left) Data tensor X with two levels of noise. (Top right) ranks 7, 5, and 3 Neural NCPD, Standard HNCPD, and HNTF approximations of X. (Bottom left) Underlying topic modelling matrix. (Bottom right) topic modelling matrices for each method.

om Table 1, we see that the the topic modling loss for Neural NCPD is less than that of very other NCPD and NMF model in all but one se.

econstruction loss for Neural NCPD is signifiintly better than that of Standard HNCPD and NTF across rank and level of noise.

Figure 4: A three-layer Neural NCPD on the Twitter dataset at ranks r = 8,  $r^{(0)} = 4$ and  $r^{(1)} = 2$ . At each rank, we display the top keywords and topic heatmaps for