

# Robust Recovery of Low-rank Tensors from Noisy Sketches

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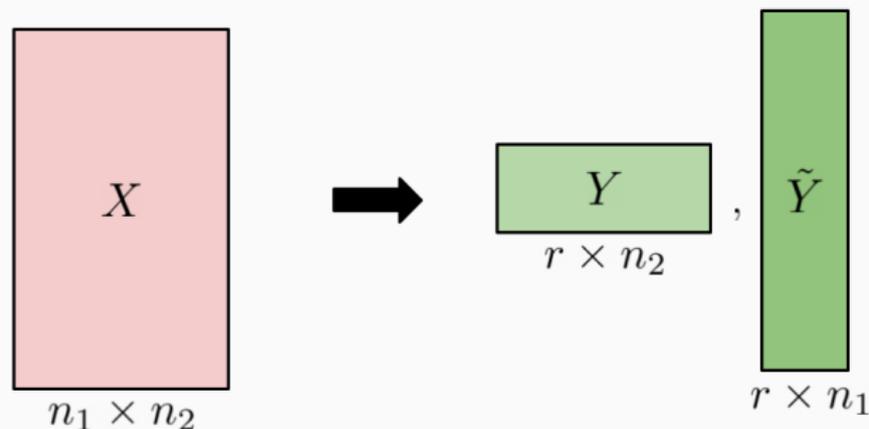


- Data as matrices
- Data is typically too large to store, transport, or process locally.

## Problem

Given a large-scale low-rank matrix or tensor, how can one (a) store and (b) retrieve the original matrix?

## Matrix Sketching



### Idea

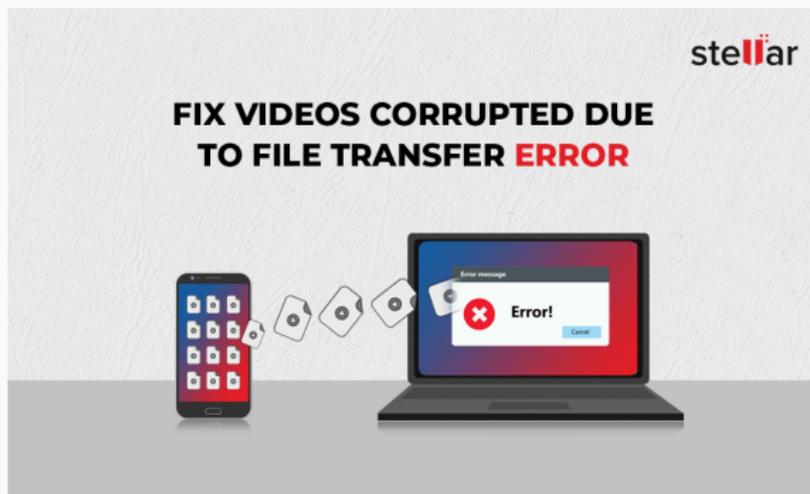
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Instead of storing large  $n_1 \times n_2$  data  $X$ , keep lower dimensional sketches of the original data set and **recover**  $X$  via<sup>1</sup>

$$\hat{X} = \tilde{Y}^*(S\tilde{Y}^*)^\dagger Y.$$

<sup>1</sup>Fazel, Candès, Recht, and Romberg. "Compressed sensing and robust recovery of low-rank



- Corruptions in data storage, transfer, or sensing
- Noise by design: Differential Privacy<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Upadhyay “The Price of Privacy for Low-rank Factorization” (2018).

## Problem: Matrix Setting

- Low rank matrix:  $X_0 \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 \times n_2}$ : a matrix of rank  $r_0$
- Sketching matrices:  $S \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n_1}$ ,  $\tilde{S} \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n_2}$  be two independent complex Gaussian random matrices with  $r \geq r_0$
- Noise:  $Z \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n_2}$ ,  $\tilde{Z} \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n_1}$ , and  $\tilde{Z}$  is independent of  $S$ .
- Sketches<sup>3</sup>:

$$Y = SX_0 + Z$$

$$\tilde{Y} = \tilde{S}X_0^* + \tilde{Z}$$

- Recovery:

$$X = \tilde{Y}^*(S\tilde{Y}^*)^\dagger Y.$$

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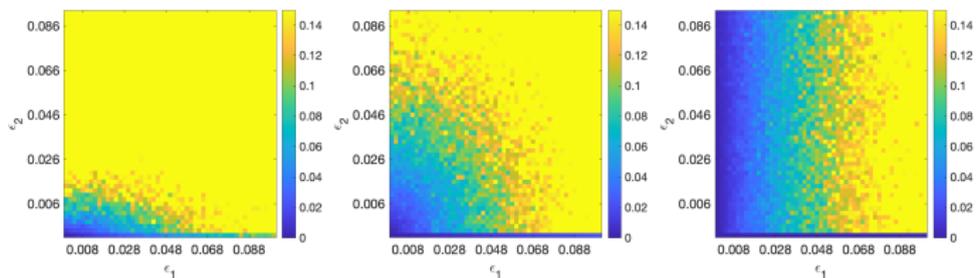
<sup>3</sup>Fazel, Candes, Recht, and Parrilo. "Compressed sensing and robust recovery of low rank matrices" (2008).

### Theorem (M., Stöger, Zhu, 2023)

Let  $S \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n_1}$ ,  $\tilde{S} \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n_2}$  be two independent standard complex Gaussian matrices. Let  $Z \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n_1}$  be any matrix, and  $\tilde{Z} \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n_2}$  be a matrix such that  $(\tilde{S}, \tilde{Z})$  is independent of  $S$ , and  $\tilde{Y} = \tilde{S}X_0^* + \tilde{Z}$  be almost surely of rank  $r$  with  $r_0 < r < n_1$ . For any  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \epsilon > 0$  such that  $1 > \delta_2 > \exp\left(-(\sqrt{r} - \sqrt{r_0})^2\right)$  and  $\epsilon < 1$ , with probability at least  $1 - \delta_1 - \delta_2 - \epsilon$ , the output  $X$  satisfies

$$\|X - X_0\|_F \leq \frac{\sqrt{r(n_1 - r)}\|\tilde{Z}\|_F}{\sqrt{\delta_1}(\sqrt{r} - \sqrt{r_0} - \sqrt{\log(1/\delta_2)})} + \frac{\sqrt{r}\|Z\|_F}{\sqrt{\log(1/(1 - \epsilon))}}.$$

# Matrix Experiments



**Figure 1:**  $\|Z\|_F = \epsilon_1$  and  $\|\tilde{Z}\|_F = \epsilon_2$  for  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 100}$ ,  $r = 10$ , and (left)  $r = r_0 + 1$  (center)  $r = 2r_0$  (right)  $r = n - 1$ .

- Approximately Low rank matrix:  $X_0 \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 \times n_2}$ : a matrix of rank  $r_0$
- $X_0 = X_1 + E$  where  $X_1$  is the best rank  $r_1$  approximation of  $X_0$
- Sketches:

$$Y = SX_0 + Z = SX_1 + (SE + Z),$$

$$\tilde{Y} = \tilde{S}X_0^* + \tilde{Z} = \tilde{S}X_1^* + (\tilde{S}E^* + \tilde{Z}).$$

- Recovery:

$$X = \tilde{Y}^*(S\tilde{Y}^*)^\dagger Y.$$

### Corollary: Low-rank matrix approximation (M., Stöger, Zhu, 2023)

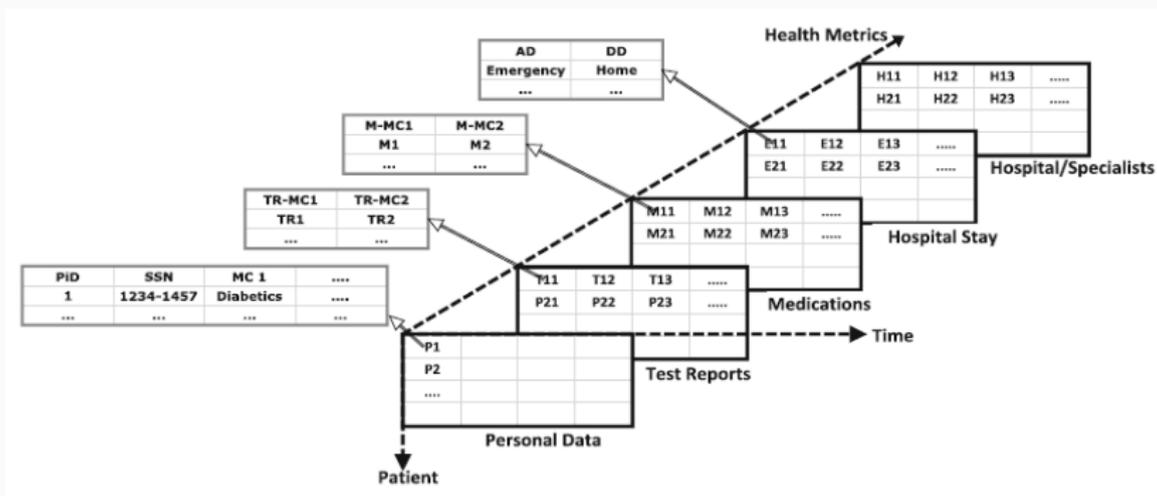
Let  $r_1 < r < n_1$ . With probability at least  $1 - \delta_1 - 3\delta_2 - \epsilon$  and when  $\tilde{Y}$  is of rank  $r$ , the output  $X$  satisfies

$$\|X - X_0\|_{2 \rightarrow 2} \leq \sigma_{r_1+1}(X_0) \kappa + \sigma,$$

where

$$\kappa = \left( \frac{\sqrt{r(n_1 - r)}(\sqrt{r} + \sqrt{n_2} + \sqrt{\log(1/\delta_2)})}{\sqrt{\delta_1}(\sqrt{r} - \sqrt{r_1} - \sqrt{\log(1/\delta_2)})} + \frac{\sqrt{r}(\sqrt{r} + \sqrt{n_1} + \sqrt{\log(1/\delta_2)})}{\sqrt{\log(1/(1 - \epsilon))}} + 1 \right)$$
$$\sigma = \frac{\sqrt{r(n_1 - r)}\|\tilde{Z}\|_{2 \rightarrow 2}}{\sqrt{\delta_1}(\sqrt{r} - \sqrt{r_1} - \sqrt{\log(1/\delta_2)})} + \frac{\sqrt{r}\|Z\|_{2 \rightarrow 2}}{\sqrt{\log(1/(1 - \epsilon))}}.$$

# And Tensors too!



- Data as tensors
- Data can (still) be too large to store, transport, or process locally.

## Problem: Tensor Setting

- Low-tubal-rank Tensor:  $\mathcal{X}_0 \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$  with rank  $r_0$
- Sketching tensors: Let  $S \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n_1}$ ,  $\tilde{S} \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n_2}$  be two independent complex standard Gaussian random matrices with  $r_0 < r < n_1$ .  
 $S_1 = S$ ,  $\tilde{S}_1 = \tilde{S}$  and  $S_k = \tilde{S}_k = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $k \in \{2, \dots, n_3\}$
- Noise:  $\mathcal{Z} \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n_2 \times n_3}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}} \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n_1 \times n_3}$
- Sketches:

$$\mathcal{Y} = S * \mathcal{X}_0 + \mathcal{Z},$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{Y}} = \tilde{S} * \mathcal{X}_0^* + \tilde{\mathcal{Z}},$$

- Previous related works:
  - Matricization: Related work considered the recovery of low-tubal-rank tensors through general linear Gaussian measurements of the form  $y = \text{Avec}(\mathcal{X})$  - e.g.,  
Lu, Feng, Lin, and Yan. "Exact low tubal rank tensor recovery from Gaussian measurements" (2018).
  - Noiseless: Qi and Yu. "T-singular values and t-sketching for third order tensors" (2021).

- The t-product was originally introduced in 2011 by Kilmer and Martin for order three tensors, motivated to be a natural extension of matrix multiplication
- Can be efficiently implemented using Fast Fourier Transforms
- Applied to problems in: Image deblurring, face recognition, video compression, and much more
- Has been generalized to higher order tensors and well as different transforms
- Advantage of using t-product: Linear-algebraic like framework (intuitive extensions of notions such as transpose, identity, etc.)
- Trade-off: Orientation dependence

### Definition (Operations on tensors)

Let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ . The unfold of a tensor is defined to be the frontal slice stacking of that tensor. In other words,

$$\text{unfold}(\mathcal{A}) = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \vdots \\ A_{n_3} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 n_3 \times n_2},$$

where  $A_i = \mathcal{A}_{:, :, i}$  denotes the  $i^{\text{th}}$  frontal slice of  $\mathcal{A}$ . We define the inverse of the  $\text{unfold}(\cdot)$  as  $\text{fold}(\cdot)$  so that  $\text{fold}(\text{unfold}(\mathcal{A})) = \mathcal{A}$ . The block circulant matrix of  $\mathcal{A}$  is:

$$\text{bcirc}(\mathcal{A}) = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_{n_3} & A_{n_3-1} & \dots & A_2 \\ A_2 & A_1 & A_{n_3} & \dots & A_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n_3} & A_{n_3-1} & A_{n_3-2} & \dots & A_1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 n_3 \times n_2 n_3}.$$

### Definition (Tensor t-product)

Let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 \times \ell \times n_3}$  and  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{\ell \times n_2 \times n_3}$  then the t-product between  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ , denoted  $\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B}$ , is a tensor of size  $n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3$  as is computed as:

$$\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B} = \text{fold}(\text{bcirc}(\mathcal{A})\text{unfold}(\mathcal{B})).$$

### Definition (Mode-3 fast Fourier transformation (FFT))

The mode-3 FFT of a tensor  $\mathcal{A}$ , denoted  $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}$ , is obtained by applying the discrete Fourier Transform matrix,  $F \in \mathbb{C}^{n_3 \times n_3}$ , to each  $\mathcal{A}_{i,j,:}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\widehat{\mathcal{A}}_{i,j,:} = F\mathcal{A}_{i,j,:}.$$

Here,  $F$  is a unitary matrix,  $\mathcal{A}_{i,j,:}$  is an  $n_3$ -dimensional vector, and the product is the usual matrix-vector product.

### Definition (t-SVD)

The Tensor Singular Value Decomposition (t-SVD) of a tensor  $\mathcal{M} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{U} * \mathcal{S} * \mathcal{V}^*,$$

where  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 \times n_1 \times n_3}$  and  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_2 \times n_2 \times n_3}$  are unitary tensors and  $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$  is a tubal tensor (a tensor in which each frontal slice is diagonal), and  $*$  denotes the t-product.

### Definition (Tubal rank)

The tubal rank of a tensor  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{U} * \mathcal{S} * \mathcal{V}^*$  is the number of non-zero singular tubes of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

After performing a mode-3 Fourier transformation (3) on the tensors, the measurements  $\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}$  and  $\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}$  can be decomposed into  $n_3$  low-rank matrix double sketches:

$$\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_i = \widehat{\mathcal{S}}_i \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_{0_i} + \widehat{\mathcal{Z}}, \quad \widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}_i = \widetilde{\mathcal{S}}_i * \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_{0_i}^* + \widetilde{\mathcal{Z}}_i, \quad i \in [n_3].$$

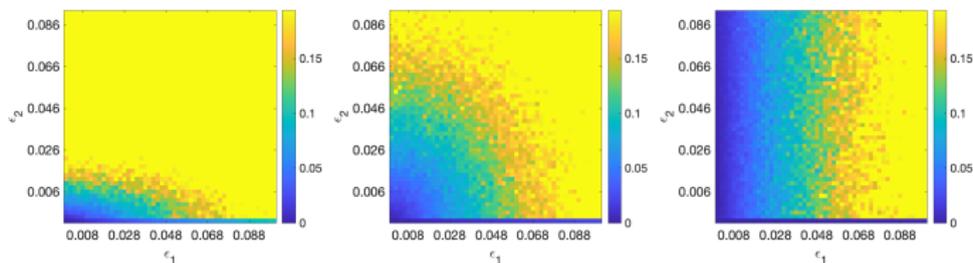
The double sketch algorithm outputs

$$\widehat{\mathcal{X}}_i = \widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}_i^* (\widehat{\mathcal{S}}_i \widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}_i^*)^\dagger \widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_i.$$

## Corollary: Robust Recovery of Low-Tubal-Rank Tensors (M., Stöger, Zhu, 2023)

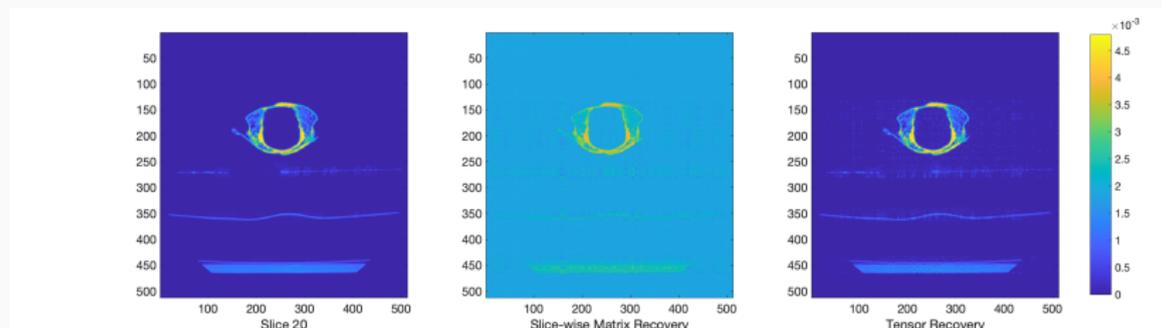
If  $r_0 < r < n_1$  and for all  $k \in [n_3]$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{Y}}_k$  is of rank  $r$ , then for any  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \epsilon > 0$  such that  $1 > \delta_2 > \exp(-(\sqrt{r} - \sqrt{r_0})^2)$  and  $\epsilon < 1$ , with probability at least  $1 - (\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \epsilon)n_3$ ,

$$\|\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{X}_0\|_F^2 \leq \frac{2r(n_1 - r)\|\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}\|_F^2}{\delta_1(\sqrt{r} - \sqrt{r_0} - \sqrt{\log(1/\delta_2)})^2} + \frac{2r\|\mathcal{Z}\|_F^2}{\log(1/(1 - \epsilon))}.$$



**Figure 2:**  $\|\mathcal{Z}\|_F = \epsilon_1$  and  $\|\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}\|_F = \epsilon_2$  when  $\mathcal{X}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 100 \times 10}$ ,  $r_0 = 10$ , and (left)  $r = r + 1$  (center)  $r = 2r_0$  (right)  $r = n - 1$ .

# Tensor Experiments



**Figure 3:**  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{512 \times 512 \times 47}$  CT scan slices of the C1 vertebrae (left) ground truth 20th slice, (center) naive matrix sketching recovery (right) tensor sketching recovery

Approach	Memory	Error
Tensor Sketching	$rn_3(n_1 + n_2) + rn_1$	0.3825
Naive Matrix Sketching I	$rn_3(n_1 + n_2) + rn_1n_3$	0.8541
Naive Matrix Sketching II	$rn_3(n_1 + n_2) + rn_1$	1.6181

- Proved first theoretical guarantees characterizing error for noisy double sketches
- Applied our results to obtain guarantees for low-rank matrix approximation using noisy double sketches
- Applied our results to low-tubal-rank tensor recovery using noisy double sketches

“Robust recovery of low-rank matrices and low-tubal-rank tensors from noisy sketches”

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Github code available!

