# Tensor-variate elliptically contoured distributions with application to image learning

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The TVN distribution:

 $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}} \sim \mathcal{N}_{\boldsymbol{\textit{m}}}(\mathcal{M}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{1}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{2}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{\textit{p}}}) \iff \mathsf{vec}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}} - \mathcal{M}) \sim \mathcal{N}_{\boldsymbol{\textit{m}}}(\boldsymbol{0}, \otimes_{k=\boldsymbol{\textit{p}}}^{1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k}),$ 

where  $\boldsymbol{m} = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_p)$  and  $\boldsymbol{m} = \prod_k m_k$ .

- Defined through its vectorization.
- Kronecker-separable covariance structure.
- Also true of

Elliptically-contoured (EC) tensor-variate (TV) distributions

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}} \sim \mathcal{S}_{\boldsymbol{h}}(\varphi) & \Longleftrightarrow \psi_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{Z}}) = \varphi(\langle \boldsymbol{\mathcal{Z}}, \boldsymbol{\mathcal{Z}} \rangle) \\ & \Longleftrightarrow f_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}) = g(\langle \boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}, \boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}} \rangle) \\ & \Longleftrightarrow \operatorname{vec}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}) \stackrel{d}{=} \Gamma \operatorname{vec}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}) \; \forall \; \text{orthogonal } \Gamma. \end{split}$$

$$\bullet h = (h_1, h_2, \ldots, h_p)$$

- $\blacksquare \ \varphi$  is called the characteristic generator.
- $\blacksquare$  g is called the density generator.

• 
$$\mathcal{X} \sim \mathcal{N}_{h}(0, I_{h_1}, I_{h_2}, \dots, I_{h_p})$$
 if  $\varphi(u) = \exp(-u/2)$ 

# Elliptically-contoured (EC) tensor-variate (TV) distributions

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{Y}} \sim \mathcal{EC}_{\boldsymbol{m}}(\mathcal{M}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{1}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{p}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}) & \iff \psi_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{Y}}}(\mathcal{Z}) = e^{i\langle \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{M} \rangle} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\langle \mathcal{Z}, \llbracket \mathcal{Z}; \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{1}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{p} \rrbracket) \rangle \\ & \iff f_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{Y}}}(\mathcal{Y}) = \Big| \bigotimes_{k=p}^{1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k} \Big|^{-1/2} g(D_{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}^{2}(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{M})) \\ & \iff \boldsymbol{\mathcal{Y}} \stackrel{d}{=} \mathcal{M} + \llbracket \mathcal{X}; \boldsymbol{Q}_{1}, \dots, \boldsymbol{Q}_{p} \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

•  $D^2_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{M})$  is the squared Mahalanobis distance

$$D_{\Sigma}^{2}(\mathcal{Y},\mathcal{M}) = \langle \mathcal{Y} - \mathcal{M}, \llbracket \mathcal{Y} - \mathcal{M}; \Sigma_{1}^{-1}, ..., \Sigma_{p}^{-1} \rrbracket \rangle$$

•  $\mathcal{X} \sim S_h(\varphi)$  and  $Q_k Q_k^\top = \Sigma_k$  is positive definite for all k = 1, ..., p.

•  $\mathcal{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}_{m}(\mathcal{M}, \Sigma_{1}, ..., \Sigma_{p})$  if  $\varphi(u) = \exp(-u/2)$ 

Derived properties of the EC TV family of distributions:

- Types of EC TV distributions
- Distribution of Reshapings
- Distribution of Tucker product
- Conditional distributions
- Moments
- EC TV Wishart distribution

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Consider  $\mathcal{Y}_1, \mathcal{Y}_2, \ldots, \mathcal{Y}_n$  from  $\mathcal{EC}_m(0, \sigma^2 \Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \ldots, \Sigma_p, \varphi)$ 

- Independent TVN sample.
- Uncorrelated but joinly EC-distributed sample.
- Tyler estimator robutst to EC type.
- Independent TVN scale mixture.
- Tensor-on-tensor regression (ToTR) under TVN scale mixture errors.

## MLE setting IV: ToTR under TVN scale mixture errors

Consider for i = 1, 2, ..., n the ToTR model

 $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{Y}}_i = \langle \mathcal{X}_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle + Z_i^{-1/2} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_i, \quad \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_i \sim \mathcal{N}_{\boldsymbol{m}}(0, \sigma^2 \Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_p), \quad Z_i \sim Z.$ 

#### **AECM** algorithm:

E-step: obtain î<sub>i</sub><sup>(t)</sup> = 𝔅<sub>θ</sub>(t)(Z<sub>i</sub>|𝒱<sub>i</sub>) ∀i = 1, 2, ..., n. The conditional (on 𝒱<sub>1</sub>,...,𝒱<sub>n</sub>) expectation of the complete loglikelihood:

$$Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t)}) = -\frac{n}{2} \log |\sigma^2 \Sigma| - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n D_{\Sigma}^2(\mathcal{Y}_{w,i}^{(t)}, \langle \mathcal{X}_{w,i}^{(t)} | \mathcal{B} \rangle)$$

where  $(\mathcal{Y}_{w,i}^{(t)}, \mathcal{X}_{w,i}^{(t)}) = (\sqrt{\widehat{z_i}}^{(t)} \mathcal{Y}_i, \sqrt{\widehat{z_i}}^{(t)} \mathcal{X}_i).$ 

 CM steps: Do one iteration of the respective ToTR algorithm under TVN errors.

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# Predicting dogs and cats from the AFHQ database

- Animal image classification has implications in ecology.
- The animal faces HQ (AFHQ) dataset of (Choi et.al, 20) consists of 5,653 cat and 5,239 dog images, each of size 512 × 512.
- 500 of each animal were selected by authors for testing.
- Radon + DWT(LL) transforms were taken to each image.



 $\downarrow~$  Radon + DWT for 1 RGB channel  $~\downarrow~$ 



Optimal Bayes rule (under equal prior) classifies an image  $\mathcal{X}$  as cat if

$$LLR(\mathcal{X}) = \log f_{cat}(\mathcal{X}) - \log f_{dog}(\mathcal{X}) > 0$$

- *f<sub>cat</sub>* and *f<sub>dog</sub>* are population PDFS, that can be estimated based on the training data and a statistical model.
- QDA: distinct population variances.
- LDA: equal population variances. ML fitting through TANOVA.
- We used the TVN and TV-*t* models.
- $\blacksquare$   $\mathcal B$  is CP-formatted, with rank chosen using cross validation.

#### Dog and cat classification: PR and ROC curves

- $\blacksquare$  Fitted selected models to training data: 2.5  $< \widehat{\nu} <$  3.6 in all cases.
- Evaluate the LLRs at testing data, and generated PRC and ROC:



- We defined and characterized a family of EC TV distributions.
- We derived several properties such as moments and conditional, marginal and reshaping distributions.
- We derived ML estimation procedures under 5 scenarios, includying tensor-on-tensor regression.
- We demonstrated that considering heavier tails than Gaussian can result in better model fitting and classification performance.