

Approximation and learning with tree tensor networks

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Many problems in statistics and machine learning require the **approximation of functions of many variables**

$$u(x_1, \dots, x_d)$$

- **Supervised learning.**

Approximation of a random variable Y by a function of a set of random variables $X = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$, using samples of (X, Y) . The approximation is used as a **predictive model**.

- **Unsupervised learning.**

Estimation of the probability distribution of a random vector $X = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$, from samples of X .

These are two typical tasks in **uncertainty quantification**, where Y is some output variable of a (numerical or experimental) model depending on a set of random parameters X .

Approximation/Learning in high dimension

The function u is approximated by an element of an **approximation set** F_n described by n parameters, also called **model class** or **hypothesis set**.

A sequence $(F_n)_{n \geq 1}$ of approximation sets is called an **approximation tool**. Standard approximation tools include splines, wavelets, polynomials, kernel functions.

A fundamental question is to determine the **complexity** $n = n(\epsilon, u)$ to obtain an approximation error ϵ .

For a function u from **classical regularity classes** (Sobolev, Besov or even analytic functions), the complexity $n(\epsilon, u)$ typically grows exponentially with d for any “reasonable” approximation tool, that is the **curse of dimensionality**.

How to beat the curse of dimensionality ?

We have to

- make **further assumptions on the function**, going ahead classical regularity assumptions,
- and propose **ad-hoc approximation tools**.

We would like

- an **approximation tool** that achieves a good performance for many classes of functions,
- **algorithms** that practically compute approximations achieving a certain precision with near optimal complexity.

A good candidate is provided by **tree tensor networks**, that are related to **low-rank structures** of multivariate functions.

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Ranks of multivariate functions

Consider a multivariate function

$$v(x_1, \dots, x_d)$$

For a subset of variables

$$\alpha \subset \{1, \dots, d\} := D,$$

the function v can be identified with a bivariate function

$$v(x_\alpha, x_{\alpha^c})$$

where x_α and x_{α^c} are complementary groups of variables.

The rank of this bivariate function is called the α -rank of v , denoted $\text{rank}_\alpha(v)$. It is the minimal integer r_α such that

$$v(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{r_\alpha} v_k^\alpha(x_\alpha) w_k^{\alpha^c}(x_{\alpha^c})$$

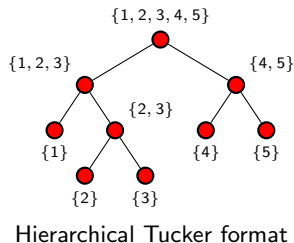
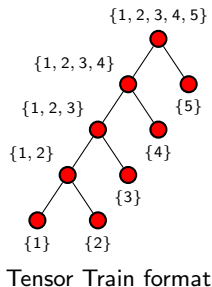
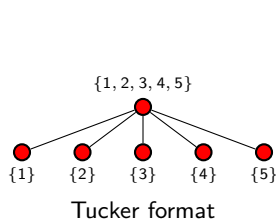
Low rank tensor formats

- For T a collection of subsets of D and a given tuple $r = (r_\alpha)_{\alpha \in T}$, a tensor format is defined by

$$\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H}) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in T} \{v \in \mathcal{H} : \text{rank}_\alpha(v) \leq r_\alpha\}$$

where \mathcal{H} is some finite dimensional space of multivariate functions.

- In the particular case where T is a dimension partition tree, $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ is a tree-based tensor format.



Tree-based tensor formats as tree tensor networks

Consider a tensor space $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{H}_d$ of multivariate functions, and let $\{\phi_{i_\nu}^\nu : 1 \leq i_\nu \leq N_\nu\}$ be a basis of \mathcal{H}_ν , e.g. splines, wavelets, or a set of features.

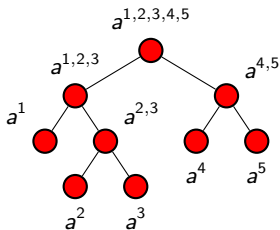
A function $v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ admits a representation

$$v(x) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \leq N_1} \dots \sum_{1 \leq i_d \leq N_d} a_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \phi_{i_1}^1(x_1) \dots \phi_{i_d}^d(x_d)$$

with a tensor $a \in \mathbb{R}^{N_1 \times \dots \times N_d}$ having an **explicit representation**

$$a_{i_1, \dots, i_d} = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k_\beta \leq r_\beta \\ \beta \in T}} \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}(T)} a_{(k_\beta)_{\beta \in S(\alpha)}, k_\alpha}^\alpha \prod_{\nu=1}^d a_{i_\nu, k_\nu}^\nu$$

with **parameters** $\{a^\alpha\}_{\alpha \in T}$ forming a tree tensor network.

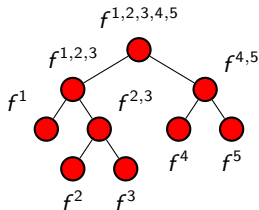


Tree-based tensor formats as compositional functions

By identifying a tensor $a^\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_s \times r_\alpha}$ with a \mathbb{R}^{r_α} -valued **multilinear function**

$$f^\alpha : \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^{n_s} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{r_\alpha},$$

a function v in $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ admits a representation as a **tree-structured composition of multilinear functions** $\{f^\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}}$.



For the above tree,

$$v(x) = f^{1,2,3,4,5}(f^{1,2,3}(f^1(\Phi^1(x_1)), f^{2,3}(f^2(\Phi^2(x_2))), f^3(\Phi^3(x_3))), f^{4,5}(f^4(\Phi^4(x_4)), f^5(\Phi^5(x_5))))$$

where $\Phi^\nu(x_\nu) = (\phi_{i_\nu}^\nu(x_\nu))_{1 \leq i_\nu \leq N_\nu}$ is a vector of N_ν features in the variable x_ν .

Tree-based tensor format as a deep neural network

It corresponds to a **deep neural network** with

- a **sum-product architecture** (multilinear units)
- a **depth** L bounded by $d - 1$,
- a **width** at level ℓ related to the α -ranks of the nodes α of level ℓ .
- a **sparse connectivity** given by T

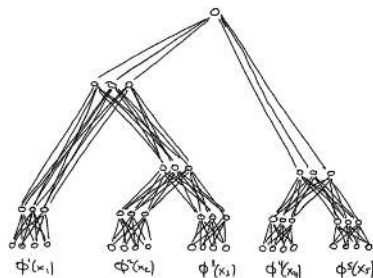


Figure: Number of features per variable $N_{j^v} = 4$ and ranks $r_\alpha = 3$.

- E.g. **convolutional network** for a **balanced tree**, **recurrent network** for a **linear tree**

Representation complexity of tree tensor networks

The number of parameters (representation complexity) is

$$C(T, r, \mathcal{H}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}(T)} r_{\alpha} \prod_{\beta \in \mathcal{S}(\alpha)} r_{\beta} + \sum_{\nu=1}^d r_{\nu} N_{\nu}.$$

Noting that $\#T \leq 2d - 1$,

$$C(T, r, \mathcal{H}) \leq R^s + (d - 2)R^{s+1} + dRN,$$

where s is the arity of the tree, R the maximum rank, and N the maximum number of features per variable.

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Approximation power of tree tensor networks

We want to quantify the **best approximation error**

$$e_r^T(u) = \min_{v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})} \|u - v\|$$

for a target function u in some function classes and compare it with other approximation tools.

We consider functions in $L^2_\mu(\mathcal{X})$ where $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_1 \dots \times \mathcal{X}_d$ is equipped with a product measure μ , and

$$\|u - v\|^2 = \int_{\mathcal{X}} (u(x) - v(x))^2 d\mu(x).$$

Linear widths of multivariate functions

For each $\alpha \in \mathcal{T}$, we start by considering the approximation error by functions with bounded α -rank,

$$e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u)_{L^2}^2 = \inf_{\text{rank}_\alpha(v) \leq r_\alpha} \|u - v\|^2 = \inf_{\text{rank}_\alpha(v) \leq r_\alpha} \int_{\mathcal{X}_{\alpha^c}} \|u(\cdot, x_{\alpha^c}) - v(\cdot, x_{\alpha^c})\|_{L^2_{\mu_\alpha}}^2 d\mu_{\alpha^c}(x_{\alpha^c}),$$

which is equivalent to

$$e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u)_{L^2}^2 = \inf_{\dim(\mathbf{V}_r) = r} \int_{\mathcal{X}_{\alpha^c}} \|u(\cdot, x_{\alpha^c}) - \mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{V}_r} u(\cdot, x_{\alpha^c})\|_{L^2_{\mu_\alpha}}^2 d\mu_{\alpha^c}(x_{\alpha^c})$$

where the infimum is taken over all r -dimensional subspaces.

By considering the **set of partial evaluations** of u

$$K_\alpha(u) = \{u(\cdot, x_{\alpha^c}) : x_{\alpha^c} \in \mathcal{X}_{\alpha^c}\} \subset L^2_{\mu_\alpha}(\mathcal{X}_\alpha),$$

we have

$$e_r^\alpha(u)_{L^2} \leq \inf_{\dim(\mathbf{V}_r) = r} \sup_{f \in K_\alpha(u)} \|f - \mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{V}_r} f\| := d_r(K_\alpha(u))_{L^2_{\mu_\alpha}},$$

the upper bound being the Kolmogorov r -width of $K_\alpha(u)$.

Approximation power of tree tensor networks

For a given tree, given a collection of spaces U_α with dimension r_α , $\alpha \in T \setminus \{D\}$, the approximation

$$u_r = \prod_{\alpha \in T} \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} u$$

obtained by **successive orthogonal projections** (suitably ordered) satisfies $u_r \in \mathcal{T}_r^T(U)$, with $U = U_1 \otimes \dots \otimes U_d$ and

$$\|u - u_r\|^2 \leq \sum_{\alpha \in T \setminus \{D\}} \|u - \mathcal{P}_{U_\alpha} u\|^2$$

Taking the **infimum over the spaces U_α** for interior nodes $\alpha \in \mathcal{I}(T)$ and taking $U_\nu = \mathcal{H}_\nu$ for leaf nodes ν , we deduce that the best approximation error in $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ satisfies

$$e_r^T(u)_{L^2}^2 \leq \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}(T) \setminus \{D\}} e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u)^2 + \sum_{\nu=1}^d \|u - \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{H}_\nu} u\|^2$$

Then **error bounds** can be obtained with information on the linear widths of the sets $K_\alpha(u)$ of partial evaluations of u .

Approximation power for Sobolev classes

- For functions $u \in H^s((0, 1)^d)$, partial evaluations also have Sobolev regularity, and from results on [Kolmogorov widths of Sobolev balls](#), we deduce that

$$e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u) \lesssim r_\alpha^{-s/d_\alpha} \|u\|_{H^s}, \quad d_\alpha = \min\{\#\alpha, d - \#\alpha\}.$$

Using suitable spaces \mathcal{H}_ν (e.g. splines), we obtain that the complexity to achieve a precision ϵ (whatever the tree) is

$$n(\epsilon, u) \lesssim \epsilon^{-d/s},$$

which is the **ideal performance** we can expect, which is achieved by other tools (e.g. multivariate splines).

- For functions u in mixed Sobolev classes $H_{mix}^s(\mathbb{T}^d)$, from bounds on [Kolmogorov widths of mixed Sobolev balls](#), we obtain

$$e_{r_\alpha}^\alpha(u) \lesssim r_\alpha^{-s} \log(r_\alpha)^{s(d_\alpha-1)}$$

and a complexity to achieve a precision ϵ (with binary trees)

$$n(\epsilon, u) \lesssim \epsilon^{-3/s} \log(\epsilon^{-1})^d$$

almost the ideal performance achieved by hyperbolic cross (sparse) approximation.

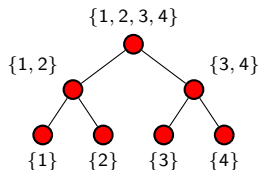
- Other bounds in [Schneider and Uschmajew 2014] using results on bilinear approximation [Temlyakov 1989].

Approximation power for compositional functions

[with Markus Bachmayr and Reinhold Schneider]

Tree tensor networks they can perform much better for non standard classes of functions, e.g. a **tree-structured composition of regular functions** $\{u_\alpha : \alpha \in T\}$, see [Mhaskar, Liao, Poggio 2016] for deep neural networks.

$$u(x) = u_{1,2,3,4} (u_{1,2} (u_1(x_1), u_2(x_2)), u_{3,4} (u_3(x_3), u_4(x_4)))$$



Assuming that the functions $u_\alpha \in W^{s,\infty}$ with $\|u_\alpha\|_{L^\infty} \leq 1$ and $\|u_\alpha\|_{W^{s,\infty}} \leq B$, the complexity to achieve an accuracy ϵ

$$n(\epsilon, u) \lesssim \epsilon^{-3/s} L^3 B^{3L} d^{1+3/2s}$$

with $L = \log_2(d)$ for a balanced tree and $L = d - 1$ for a linear tree.

- **Bad influence of the depth** through the norm B of functions u_α (roughness).
- For $B \leq 1$ (and even for 1-Lipschitz functions), the complexity only scales polynomially in d : **no curse of dimensionality** !

Deep versus shallow networks

- A function in **canonical format (shallow network)**

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=1}^r u_k^1(x_1) \dots u_k^d(x_d)$$

can be represented in **tree-based format** with a similar complexity.

- Conversely, a typical function in **tree-based format** \mathcal{T}_r^T has a **canonical rank** depending exponentially in d .

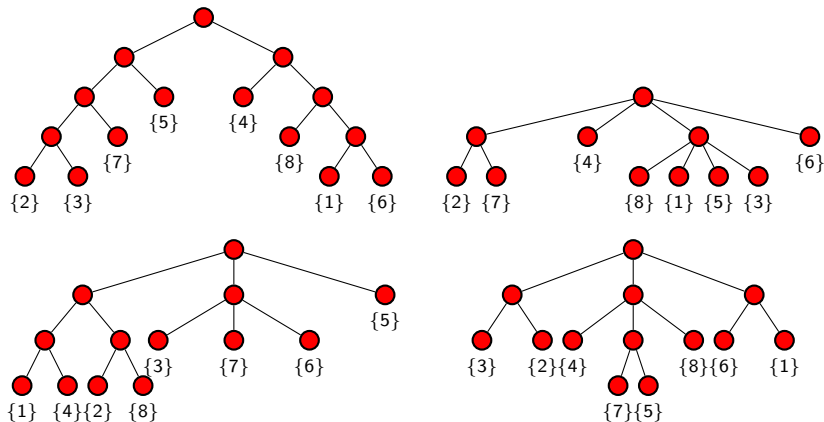
Deep is better !

For a balanced or linear binary tree T , the subset of tensors v in $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathbb{R}^{n \times \dots \times n})$ with canonical rank less than $\min\{n, r\}^{d/2}$ is of Lebesgue measure 0 [Cohen et al. 2016, Khrulkov et al 2018]

- But a typical function in \mathcal{T}_r^T may admit a representation complexity exponential in d when using another tree.

Selection of a tree

Choosing a good tree (architecture of network) is a crucial but **combinatorial problem**...



Stochastic algorithms for tree optimization (with some heuristics) proposed in [Grelier, Nouy and Chevreuril 2018].

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Risk

A classical approach is to introduce a **risk functional** $\mathcal{R}(v)$ whose minimizer over the set of functions v is the **target function** u and such that

$$\mathcal{R}(v) - \mathcal{R}(u)$$

measures some **distance between the target u and the function v** .

The risk is defined as an expectation

$$\mathcal{R}(v) = \mathbb{E}(\gamma(v, Z))$$

where γ is called a contrast (or loss) function, and $Z = X$ or (X, Y) .

- For **least-squares regression in supervised learning**, $\mathcal{R}(v) = \mathbb{E}((Y - v(X))^2)$, $u(X) = \mathbb{E}(Y|X)$ and

$$\mathcal{R}(v) - \mathcal{R}(u) = \mathbb{E}((u(X) - v(X))^2) = \|u - v\|_{L^2_\mu}^2$$

with $X \sim \mu$.

- For **density estimation with L^2 -loss**, $\mathcal{R}(v) = \mathbb{E}(\|v\|_{L^2_\mu}^2 - 2v(Z))$ and $\mathcal{R}(v) - \mathcal{R}(u) = \|u - v\|_{L^2_\mu}^2$ is the L^2 distance between v and the probability density u of Z with respect to a reference measure μ .

Empirical risk minimization

Given i.i.d. samples $\{z_i\}_{i=1}^n$ of Z , an approximation \hat{u}_F^n of u can be obtained by **minimization of the empirical risk**

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(v) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(v, z_i)$$

over a certain **model class** F .

- Denoting by u_F the minimizer of the risk over F , the error

$$\mathcal{R}(\hat{u}_F^n) - \mathcal{R}(u) = \underbrace{\mathcal{R}(\hat{u}_F^n) - \mathcal{R}(u_F)}_{\text{estimation error}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{R}(u_F) - \mathcal{R}(u)}_{\text{approximation error}}$$

- For a given sample, when taking larger and larger model classes, approximation error \searrow while estimation error \nearrow .
- Methods should be proposed for the selection of a **model class taking the best from the available information**.

Given a model class F , a minimizer u_F of the risk \mathcal{R} over F and a minimizer \hat{u}_F^n of the empirical risk $\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n$ over F , the **estimation error**

$$\mathcal{R}(\hat{u}_F^n) - \mathcal{R}(u_F) \leq \mathcal{R}(\hat{u}_F^n) - \hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(\hat{u}_F^n) + \hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(u_F) - \mathcal{R}(u_F)$$

so that

$$\mathcal{R}(\hat{u}_F^n) - \mathcal{R}(u_F) \leq 2 \sup_{v \in F} |\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(v) - \mathcal{R}(v)| = 2 \sup_{v \in F} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(v, z_i) - \mathbb{E}(\gamma(v, Z)) \right|$$

and an error bound can be obtained by analyzing the fluctuations of $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(v, z_i)$ around its mean.

Assume that F is **compact** in L^∞ , and that for all $v, w \in F$, the **contrast is uniformly bounded and Lipschitz**,

$$|\gamma(v, Z)| \leq B, \quad |\gamma(v, Z) - \gamma(w, Z)| \leq L \|v - w\|_{L^\infty}$$

Then using a standard **concentration inequality** (here Hoeffding), we obtain

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{v \in F} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(v, z_i) - \mathbb{E}(\gamma(v, Z)) \right| \geq 2\epsilon B\right) \leq 2\mathcal{N}_{\frac{\epsilon B}{2L}} e^{-\frac{n\epsilon^2}{2}}$$

where $\mathcal{N}_{\frac{\epsilon B}{2L}} = \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\epsilon B}{2L}, F, \|\cdot\|_{L^\infty}\right)$ is the **covering number** of F .

Metric entropy of tree tensor networks

[with Bertrand Michel]

Assume $\mathcal{H} \subset L^\infty(\mathcal{X})$ with basis functions $\{\phi_i\}_{i \in I}$ normalized in $L^\infty(\mathcal{X})$.

For any representation of $v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ with parameters $\{f^\alpha : \alpha \in T\}$, the multilinearity of the parametrization implies

$$\|v\|_{L^\infty} \leq \prod_{\alpha} \|f^\alpha\|_{\alpha, \infty},$$

with a suitable choice of norms

$$\|f^\alpha\|_{\alpha, \infty} = \sup_{\|z_\beta\|_\infty \leq 1} \|f^\alpha((z_\beta)_{\beta \in S(\alpha)})\|_\infty$$

Considering the model class

$$F = RF_1, \quad F_1 = \{v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H}) : \max_{\alpha \in T} \|f^\alpha\|_{\alpha, \infty} \leq 1\},$$

we obtain an **upper bound of the metric entropy**

$$\log \mathcal{N}(\epsilon, F, \|\cdot\|_{L^\infty}) \leq C_F \log(6\epsilon^{-1} R \# T),$$

where $C_F = C(T, r, \mathcal{H})$ is the **representation complexity** of elements of F .

Coming back to estimation error

We conclude that if

$$n \geq 8\epsilon^{-2} B^2 \left(\log(2\eta^{-1}) + C_F \log(12\epsilon^{-1} RL\#T) \right)$$

then

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{R}(\hat{u}_F^n) - \mathcal{R}(u_F) \leq \epsilon) \geq 1 - \eta.$$

Also

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{R}(\hat{u}_F^n) - \mathcal{R}(u_F)) \lesssim B \sqrt{\frac{C_F}{n}} \sqrt{\log(n)}$$

Note that better bounds may be obtained using refined [concentration inequalities for suprema of empirical processes](#)

$$\sup_{v \in F} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(v, z_i) - \mathbb{E}(\gamma(v, Z)) \right|$$

Learning algorithm for tree tensor networks

A function v in the model class $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ has a representation $v(x) = \Psi(x)((a^\alpha)_{\alpha \in T})$ where each parameter a^α is in a tensor space \mathbb{R}^{K^α} and $\Psi(x)$ is a **multilinear map**.

The empirical risk minimization problem over the nonlinear model class \mathcal{T}_r^T

$$\min_{(a^\alpha)_{\alpha \in T}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(\Psi(\cdot)((a^\alpha)_{\alpha \in T}), z_i)$$

can be solved using an **alternating minimization algorithm**, solving at each step an **empirical risk minimization problem with a linear model**

$$\Psi(x)((a^\alpha)_{\alpha \in T}) = \sum_{k \in K^\alpha} \Psi_k^\alpha(x) a_k^\alpha$$

with functions $\Psi_k^\alpha(x)$ depending on fixed parameters a^β , $\beta \neq \alpha$.

- In a L^2 setting, possible **re-parametrization** for having **orthonormal functions** $\Psi_k^\alpha(x)$.
- **Sparsity in the tensors** a^α can be exploited in different ways, e.g. by proposing different sparsity patterns and use a **model selection technique** (e.g. based on validation).
- For a leaf node ν , the approximation space \mathcal{H}^ν can be selected from a candidate sequence of spaces $\mathcal{H}_0^\nu \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{H}_L^\nu \subset \dots$

Learning algorithm for tree tensor networks

Selection an optimal model class $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ is a combinatorial problem.

An algorithm is proposed in [Grelier, Nouy, Chevreuril 2018] that performs adaptations of the **tree T (architecture)**, the **rank r (widths)** and the **approximation space \mathcal{H}** .

Start with an initial tree T and learn an approximation $v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$ with rank $r = (1, \dots, 1)$. Then repeat

- **Increase some ranks r_α** based on estimates of **truncation errors**

$$\min_{\text{rank}_\alpha(v) \leq r_\alpha} \mathcal{R}(v) - \mathcal{R}(u)$$

- **Learn an approximation v** in $\mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$, with **adaptive selection of \mathcal{H}**
- **Optimize the tree** for reducing the storage complexity of v (stochastic algorithm using a suitable distribution over the set of trees)

$$\min_T C(T, \text{rank}_T(v), \mathcal{H})$$

Model selection

Algorithms generate a sequence of estimations \hat{u}_m^n in different model classes $(F_m)_{m \in \mathcal{M}}$ (with different **trees** T_m , **ranks** r_m and background **approximation spaces** \mathcal{H}_m).

The **model selection approach** of Barron, Birgé and Massart can be used, which consists in minimizing a **penalized empirical risk**

$$\min_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_n(\hat{u}_m^n) + \lambda \text{pen}(m)$$

with a penalty $\text{pen}(m)$ depending on the **complexity** C_{F_m} of the model.

This yields a model \hat{m} that satisfies **oracle inequalities**.

In practice, the parameter λ can be estimated with **slope heuristics**.

- A better performance can be obtained by using as empirical risk

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(v) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \gamma(v, \tilde{z}_i)$$

where the \tilde{z}_i are i.i.d. samples from a measure $dP_{\tilde{z}} = w(z)dP_Z$ and the weights $w_i = w(\tilde{z}_i)^{-1}$.

- The choice of sampling measure should be adapted to the risk and model class, and may be deduced from concentration inequalities.
See [Cohen and Migliorati 2017][Haberstich, Nouy, Perrin 2020] for least-squares regression and linear models.

Improving estimation error

[with C. Haberstick and G. Perrin]

- For tree tensor networks, use a **specific sampling measure for each parameter**, and estimate the parameters sequentially (from leaves to root).

For a given α , the risk

$$\mathcal{R}(v) = \mathbb{E}((Y - v(X))^2) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}((Y - v(X))^2 | X_{\alpha^c}))$$

is estimated by

$$\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_n(v) \approx \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{q} \sum_{i=1}^q (y^{i,j} - v(x_{\alpha^c}^i, x_{\alpha^c}^j))^2$$

where samples $(x_{\alpha^c}^i, x_{\alpha^c}^j)$ are not independent, and the $x_{\alpha^c}^i$ are generated according a measure depending on the previously estimated tensors.

Link to **empirical principal component analysis of multivariate functions** [Nouy 2019], for the estimation of optimal spaces U_{α} for the approximation of partial evaluations $u(\cdot, x_{\alpha^c})$.

Concluding remarks

- For classical sampling, the obtained theoretical results are related to the **minimizer \hat{u}_F^n of the empirical risk** over the model class $F = \mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})$, but available algorithms do not guarantee to find a solution of

$$\min_{v \in \mathcal{T}_r^T(\mathcal{H})} \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_n(v)$$

- **Convexification** of tree tensor networks ?

- Tensor formats and related algorithms are available in a Matlab toolbox [ApproximationToolbox](#), available on GitHub.



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- A [python package](#) will be available soon.
- See <https://anthony-nouy.github.io/software.html>

Thank you for your attention

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