

Programming sheet 4.

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Hierarchical tensor decomposition

In this sheet, we want to separate the variables by the hierarchical tensor decomposition to solve the high-dimensional problem.

Let $\Box \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be the unit square and let $J \in \mathbb{N}$. We consider the following four-dimensional problem: find the covariance function $\text{Cov}[u] \in H_0^1(\Box) \otimes H_0^1(\Box)$ satisfying

$$\begin{cases} (\Delta_{\mathbf{x}} \otimes \Delta_{\mathbf{y}}) \operatorname{Cov}[u] = \operatorname{Cov}[f] \text{ in } \Box \times \Box, \\ \operatorname{Cov}[u] = 0 \text{ on } \partial(\Box \times \Box). \end{cases}$$
(1)

In order to solve (1) numerically, we apply the hierarchical tensor decomposition to the right-hand side $Cov[f](\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$, i.e.,

$$\operatorname{Cov}[f]((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) \approx \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{r_k} \sum_{j'=1}^{r_k} v_{j,k}(x_1) \otimes w_{j,k}(x_2) \otimes v_{j',k}(y_1) \otimes w_{j',k}(y_2).$$

We can discretize of Laplace operator on \square as a second-order tensor by the sum of two Kronecker products in accordance with

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{x}} \approx \mathbb{A}_{x_1} + \mathbb{A}_{x_2}, \quad \mathbb{A}_{\mathbf{x},1} := \mathbf{L}_{x_1} \otimes \mathbf{M}_{x_1}, \quad \mathbb{A}_{\mathbf{x},2} := \mathbf{M}_{x_2} \otimes \mathbf{L}_{x_2}$$

where

$$\mathbf{L}_{x_{i}} := \frac{1}{h^{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \ddots & & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \mathbf{M}_{x_{i}} := \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$
(2)

Thus, the tensor-product Laplacian is given as the fourth-order tensor

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{x}} \otimes \Delta_{\mathbf{y}} \approx \mathbb{A}_{\mathbf{x},1} \otimes \mathbb{A}_{\mathbf{y},1} + \mathbb{A}_{\mathbf{x},1} \otimes \mathbb{A}_{\mathbf{y},2} + \mathbb{A}_{\mathbf{x},2} \otimes \mathbb{A}_{\mathbf{y},1} + \mathbb{A}_{\mathbf{x},2} \otimes \mathbb{A}_{\mathbf{y},2}$$

and the right-hand side is given as

$$\mathbb{F} = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{r_k} \sum_{j'=1}^{r_k} \mathbf{M}_{x_1} V_{j,k} \otimes \mathbf{M}_{x_2} W_{j,k} \otimes \mathbf{M}_{y_1} V_{j',k} \otimes \mathbf{M}_{y_2} W_{j',k}$$
(3)

In order to solve the problem (1) numerically, we just need to solve the system AU = F.

To work on this sheet, you need to install the *Hierarchical Tucker Matlab Toolbox*. The manual and files are found here: HTucker Toolbox.

¹If necessary, the deadline can be extended by a week.



Figure 1: Variance $Var[u](\mathbf{x}) = Cov[u](\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})$.

Exercise 1. To get the tensor decomposition (3) of the right-hand side, implement a Matlab function

function [U,V] = ht_decomp(ker, xs, tol),

which returns a 4d htucker tensor function [Phi,Psi]. We intend to approximate the right-hand side on a uniform product grid on $\Box \times \Box$. It is based on the uniform grid xs = [x1(:), x2(:)]', where

with n=101.

We first compute the decomposition

$$\operatorname{Cov}[f](\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) \approx \mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^{\top} = \widehat{\mathbf{V}}\mathbf{S}^{2}\widehat{\mathbf{V}}^{\top}$$

by the pivoted Cholesky decomposition with tolerance $tol = 10^{-6}$. To this end, compute first the singular-value decomposition $C^{\top}C = \widetilde{V}\widetilde{S}\widetilde{W}^{\top}$. Then set $\widehat{V} := C\widetilde{W}$ and matricize each column $\widehat{V}_{:,k} \to \overline{V}_k$ by the function reshape to compute its singular-value decomposition $[V_k, S_k, W_k] = svd(\overline{V}_k)$. Truncate the singular-value decomposition to size r_k :

 $\mathbf{V}_k \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{W}_k^\top \to \mathbf{V}_k^{r_k} \mathbf{S}_k^{r_k} (\mathbf{W}_k^{r_k})^\top,$

where r_k is the largest index such that $S_k(r_k, r_k) > \text{tol for } k = 1, ..., m$. Finally, assemble the matrices $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{V}_1^{r_1} \mathbf{S}_1^{r_1}, ..., \mathbf{V}_m^{r_m} \mathbf{S}_m^{r_m}]$ and $\mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{W}_1^{r_1}, ..., \mathbf{W}_m^{r_m}]$, which should be output of the function.

You can test your implementation as follows:

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ker = @(x , y) exp(-((x(1,:)-y(1,:).').^2+(x(2,:)-y(2,:).').^2));
n = 101; tol = 1e-6;
[x1 , x2] = meshgrid (linspace(0 , 1 , n), linspace(0, 1, n));
xs = [x1(:) , x2(:)]';
K = ker(xs, xs); [V,W] = ht_decomp(ker,xs,tol);
F = htensor({V, W, V, W});
Af = matricize(full(F),[1,2]);
norm(K-Af,"fro")
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Exercise 2.

Take the same kernel and grid as before. Construct the matrices L and M as given in (2). Compute the right-hand side \mathbb{F} by the function htucker. To solve the partial differential equation (1), use the following code:

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A_handle = handle_lin_mat(L,M);
B_handle = handle_inv_mat(L);
opts.max_rank = 30; opts.rel_eps = tol;
opts.maxit = 30; opts.tol = 0;
opts.plot_conv = false;
[U, ~] = cg_tensor(A_handle, B_handle, F, opts)
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Plot the variance of u. It is obtained by using the function matricize and then take the diagonal.