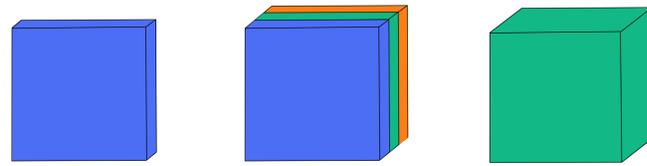


## Multi-dimensional data

- Multi-dimensional arrays, or **tensors**, model highly-dimensional data
- Tensors generalize the concept of vectors and matrices to highly-dimensional domains
  - ⇒ Relevant in chemometrics, communications, or psychometrics [1, 2]
- Tensor decomposition** is key to leverage parsimony
- Tensor decomposition generalizes matrix-decomposition [3, 4]



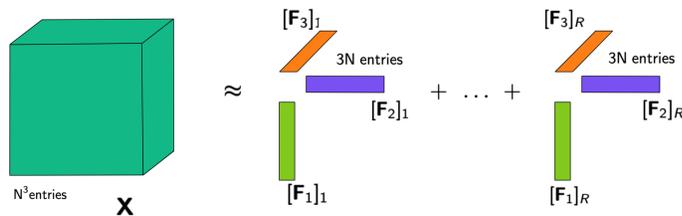
Stacking matrices to create a 3D tensor

## Preliminaries of tensor decomposition

- The **PARAFAC** decomposition generalizes the SVD  $\mathbf{X} = \sum_{r=1}^R \sigma_r \mathbf{u}_r \mathbf{v}_r^T$
- Consider the  $l$ th order tensor  $\mathbf{X}$
- Consider the matrices  $\mathbf{F}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_i \times R}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, l$
- Then,  $\mathbf{X}$  is said to have rank  $R$  if it can be written as

$$\mathbf{X} = \sum_{r=1}^R [\mathbf{F}_1]_r \circ [\mathbf{F}_2]_r \circ \dots \circ [\mathbf{F}_l]_r \quad (1)$$

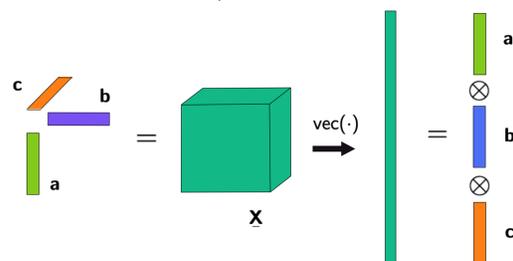
- The matrices  $\mathbf{F}_i$  are obtained via **ALS** schemes



Tensor decomposition

## Vectorization and matricization

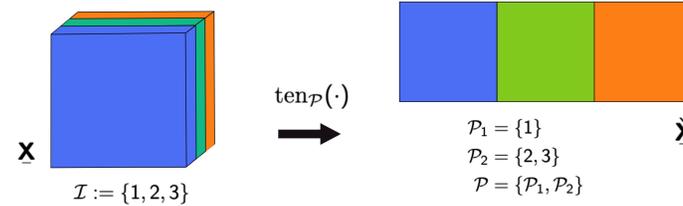
- Tensors can be unfolded into lower order structures
  - ⇒ Tensors can be unfolded into vectors (**vectorization**)
  - ⇒ Tensor to matrix unfolding (**matricization**) key in tensor decomposition
  - ⇒ Similarly, tensors can be unfolded into vectors (**vectorization**)
- Parsimony** can be leveraged via tensor decomposition
  - ⇒ The **Kronecker** product factorizes a vectorization
  - ⇒ Low-rank tensor with rank  $R$  implies matrix with rank  $R$



Parsimony in vectorizations

## Tensorization

- Matricization** and **vectorization** can be generalized
- Tensors can be unfolded into arbitrary low-order tensors
  - ⇒ **Matricization** is a special case, the lower-order tensor is a matrix
  - ⇒ **Vectorization** is another, the lower-order tensor is a vector
- Partitions** define how to unfold a tensor to a lower-order tensor:
  - ⇒ **Partitions** tells how to group dimensions



Tensorization

## Design idea 1: Partitions

- Consider a tensor  $\mathbf{X}$  of order  $l$ :
  - ⇒ Let  $\mathcal{I} := \{1, 2, \dots, l\}$  denote the set containing all indexes

### Partition

The ordered set  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{P}_1, \dots, \mathcal{P}_P\}$  is a partition of the set  $\mathcal{I}$  if it holds that:  $\mathcal{P}_p \neq \emptyset$  for all  $p$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_p \cap \mathcal{P}_{p'} = \emptyset$  for all  $p' \neq p$ , and  $\bigcup_{p=1}^P \mathcal{P}_p = \mathcal{I}$ .

## Design idea 2: Tensor unfolding

- The tensor  $\mathbf{X}$  can be re-arranged into a lower-order tensor  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$

### Tensorization

The elements of the lower-order tensor  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$  are defined as follows

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \text{ten}_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{X}) \in \mathbb{R}^{\prod_{j=1}^{|\mathcal{P}_1|} |\mathcal{P}_1(j)| \times \dots \times \prod_{j=1}^{|\mathcal{P}_P|} |\mathcal{P}_P(j)|} \quad (2)$$

$$[\tilde{\mathbf{X}}]_{k_1, \dots, k_{|\mathcal{P}|}} = [\mathbf{X}]_{n_1, \dots, n_l} \text{ and}$$

$$k_p = n_{\mathcal{P}_p(1)} \text{ if } |\mathcal{P}_p| = 1$$

$$k_p = n_{\mathcal{P}_p(1)} + \sum_{i=2}^{|\mathcal{P}_p|} (n_{\mathcal{P}_p(i)} - 1) \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} n_{\mathcal{P}_p(j)} \text{ if } |\mathcal{P}_p| > 1$$

## Contribution: MR-LR Tensor Decomposition

- We propose a **Multi-Resolution Low Rank (MRLR)** decomposition:
  - ⇒ Consider a *collection* of lower-order representations of the tensor
  - ⇒ Postulate a low-rank decomposition for each representation
  - ⇒ Map each representation back to the original tensor domain
  - ⇒ Model the tensor as the sum of the low-rank representations

### MRLR decomposition

Formally, consider a collection of **partitions**  $\mathcal{P}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathcal{P}^{(L)}$  with  $|\mathcal{P}^{(l)}| \leq |\mathcal{P}^{(l')}|$  for  $l < l'$ . Given the  $l$ th order tensor  $\mathbf{X}$ , we propose

$$\mathbf{X} = \sum_{l=1}^L \mathbf{Z}_l, \text{ with } \text{rank}(\text{ten}_{\mathcal{P}^{(l)}}(\mathbf{Z}_l)) \leq R_l, \quad (3)$$

## Robust problem formulation

- The **MRLR** needs to be formalized
  - ⇒ Consider a known tensor  $\mathbf{X}$

### MRLR decomposition optimization problem

The **MRLR** decomposition can be obtained via solving:

$$\min_{\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_L} \left\| \mathbf{X} - \sum_{l=1}^L \mathbf{Z}_l \right\|_F \quad (4)$$

$$\text{s. t. } \text{rank}(\text{ten}_{\mathcal{P}^{(l)}}(\mathbf{Z}_l)) \leq R_l.$$

## Algorithmic implementation

- The expression in (4) can be worked out
  - ⇒ Sequentially solving for each  $\mathbf{Z}_l$
  - ⇒ Leveraging low rank in each  $\mathbf{Z}_l$  via the **PARAFAC** decomposition

### MRLR decomposition optimization problem

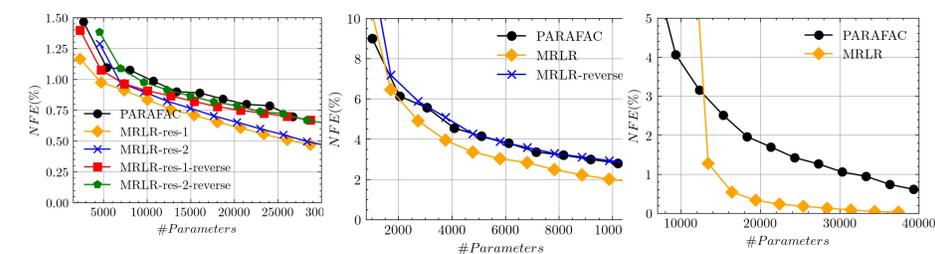
The **MRLR** decomposition optimization problem becomes now:

$$\min_{\mathbf{H}_1^l, \dots, \mathbf{H}_{j_l}^l} \left\| \mathbf{X} - \sum_{l=1}^L \mathbf{Z}_l - \sum_{j=1}^{R_l} [\mathbf{H}_1^l]_j \circ \dots \circ [\mathbf{H}_{j_l}^l]_j \right\|_F. \quad (5)$$

## Numerical results

- MRLR** decomposition has been tested in three scenarios (left to right):
  - ⇒ The **aminoacids** dataset, a three-mode tensor ( $5 \times 201 \times 61$ )  $\rightarrow l = 3$
  - ⇒ An **RGB video signal** of 173 frames ( $3 \times 173 \times 1080 \times 720$ )  $\rightarrow l = 4$
  - ⇒ A discretized **three-dimensional function**  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{e^{|x_2 + x_3|}}$   $\rightarrow l = 3$
- Performance measured in terms of **Normalized Frobenius Error**

$$\text{NFE} = \frac{\|\mathbf{X} - \tilde{\mathbf{X}}\|_F}{\|\mathbf{X}\|_F}. \quad (6)$$



- For the same number of parameters, the **MRLR** decomposition outperforms **PARAFAC**
- The **MRLR** decomposition depends on the partitions

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