Tensor-Based Approaches to fMRI Classification

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Abstract

To analyze the abundance of multidimensional data, tensor-based frameworks have been developed. Traditional matrix-based frameworks extract the most relevant features of vectorized data using the matrix-SVD. However, we may lose crucial high-dimensional relationships in this process. To facilitate efficient multidimensional feature extraction, we propose a projection-based classification algorithm using the t-SVDM, a tensor-based extension of the matrix-SVD. We apply our algorithm to the StarPlus fMRI dataset.

Motivation - Matrix vs. Tensor

Matrix Method

- Uses matrix Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)
- Widely used in image processing
- Cannot identify relationships in higher dimensions

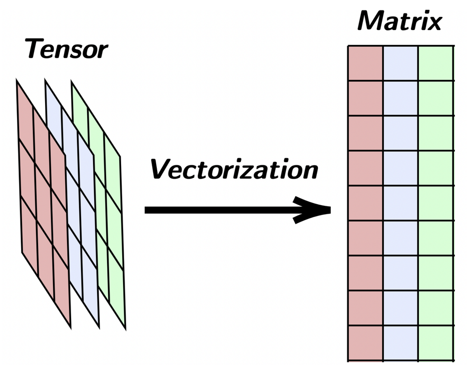

Figure 1: Turning multidimensional data into a matrix

Tensor Method

- Better representation of high-dimensional structure
- Flexibility in choosing a transformation $\boldsymbol{M}$

Background

- The **mode-k product** [5] refers to the multiplication of a matrix $\boldsymbol{M}$ along the k^{th} dimension of the tensor.
- **$\star_M$-product:** [3] Given tensors $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$, $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times \ell \times n_3}$, and an invertible $\boldsymbol{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_3 \times n_3}$:

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{A} \star_M \mathcal{B} = (\hat{\mathcal{A}} \triangle \hat{\mathcal{B}}) \times_3 \boldsymbol{M}^{-1}$$

where $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \ell \times n_3}$.

- Figure 2 shows the t-SVDM of a tensor $\mathcal{A}$.

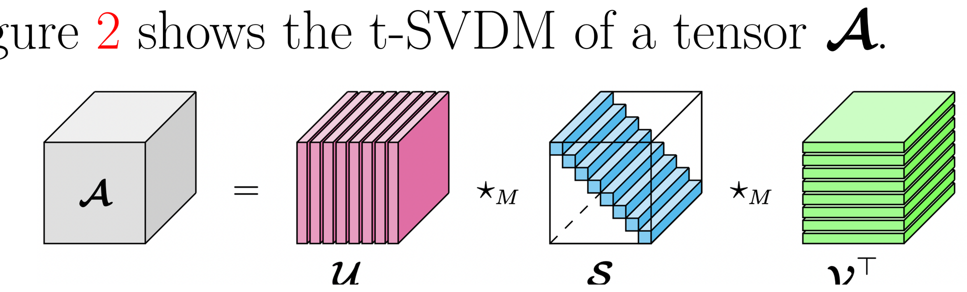

Figure 2: t-SVDM for third-order tensors [4]

Classification via Local t-SVDM

We extend the algorithm in [7] to higher-order tensors and the $\star_M$-product.

Preprocessing

1. Split training data $\mathcal{A}$ into c distinct classes:

$$\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_c$$

2. For each class i, compute t-SVDM and store first k basis elements:

$$\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{U}_i \star_M \mathcal{S}_i \star_M \mathcal{V}_i^\top \qquad \mathcal{U}_{i,k} = \mathcal{U}_i(:, 1:k, :)$$

Classifying a Test Image $\mathcal{T}$

1. Project $\mathcal{T}$ onto space spanned by each class basis:

$$\mathcal{P}_i = \mathcal{U}_{i,k} \star_M \mathcal{U}_{i,k}^\top \star_M \mathcal{T}, \text{ for } i = 1, \ldots, c$$

2. Categorize $\mathcal{T}$ as the class whose projection was 'closest' to the original image:

$$i^* = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{i=1,\ldots,c} \|\mathcal{T} - \mathcal{P}_i\|_F.$$

To measure the performance of our algorithm,

$$\text{accuracy} = \frac{\text{\# correctly classified images}}{\text{\# images}}$$

Intuition - MNIST [6]

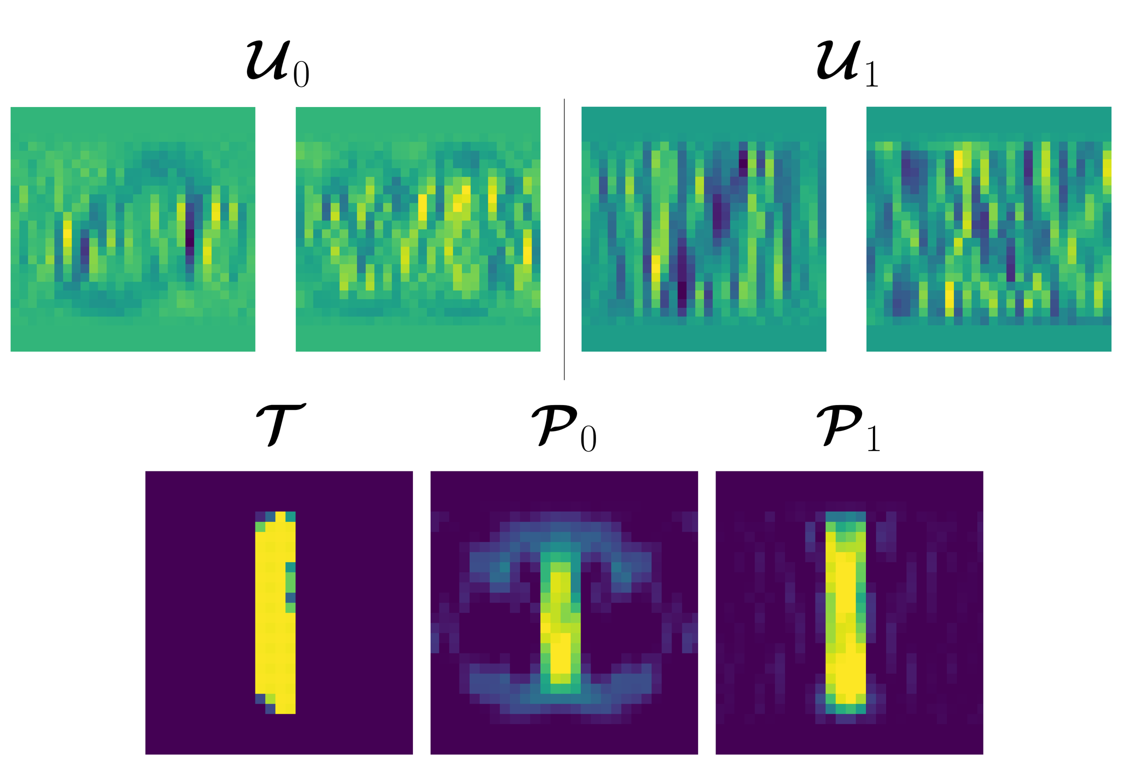

Figure 3: Illustration of classifying two digits of the MNIST Dataset using the local t-SVDM algorithm. Bases $\mathcal{U}_0$ and $\mathcal{U}_1$ are generated by digits from class 0 and class 1, respectively. We project $\mathcal{T}$ onto the spaces spanned by $\mathcal{U}_0$ and $\mathcal{U}_1$ and obtain $\mathcal{P}_0$ and $\mathcal{P}_1$, respectively.

- $\mathcal{P}_0$ has characteristics of both digit 0 and digit 1
- $\mathcal{P}_1$ retains the characteristics of digit 1 only
- $\|\mathcal{T} - \mathcal{P}_0\|_F \approx 1.46 > \|\mathcal{T} - \mathcal{P}_1\|_F \approx 0.61$
- $\mathcal{T}$ classified as a 1

StarPlus fMRI Data [2]

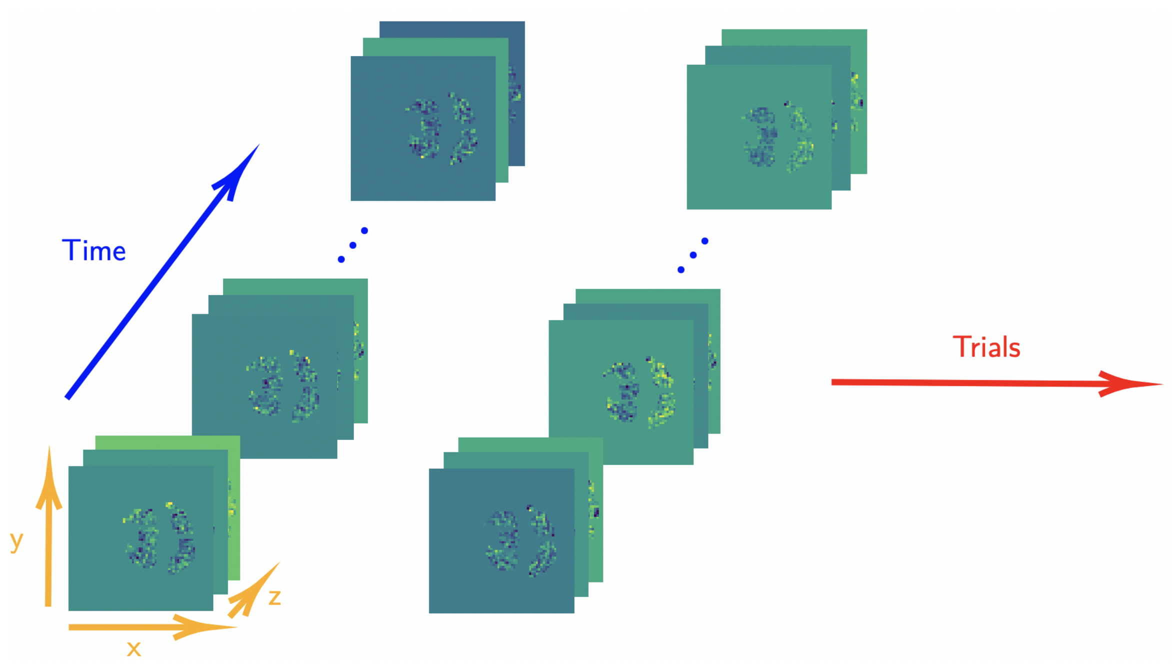

Figure 4: (trials, x, y, z, time) = (480, 64, 64, 8, 16)

The StarPlus fMRI data consists of six human subjects completing 80 trials, each corresponding to the distinct cognitive tasks of viewing either a picture or a sentence. The data is marked with anatomically-defined Regions of Interest (ROI's).

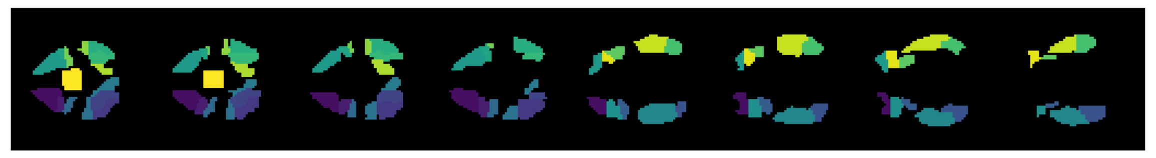

Figure 5: Twenty-five labeled Regions of Interest (ROIs)

Power of Tensor Representations

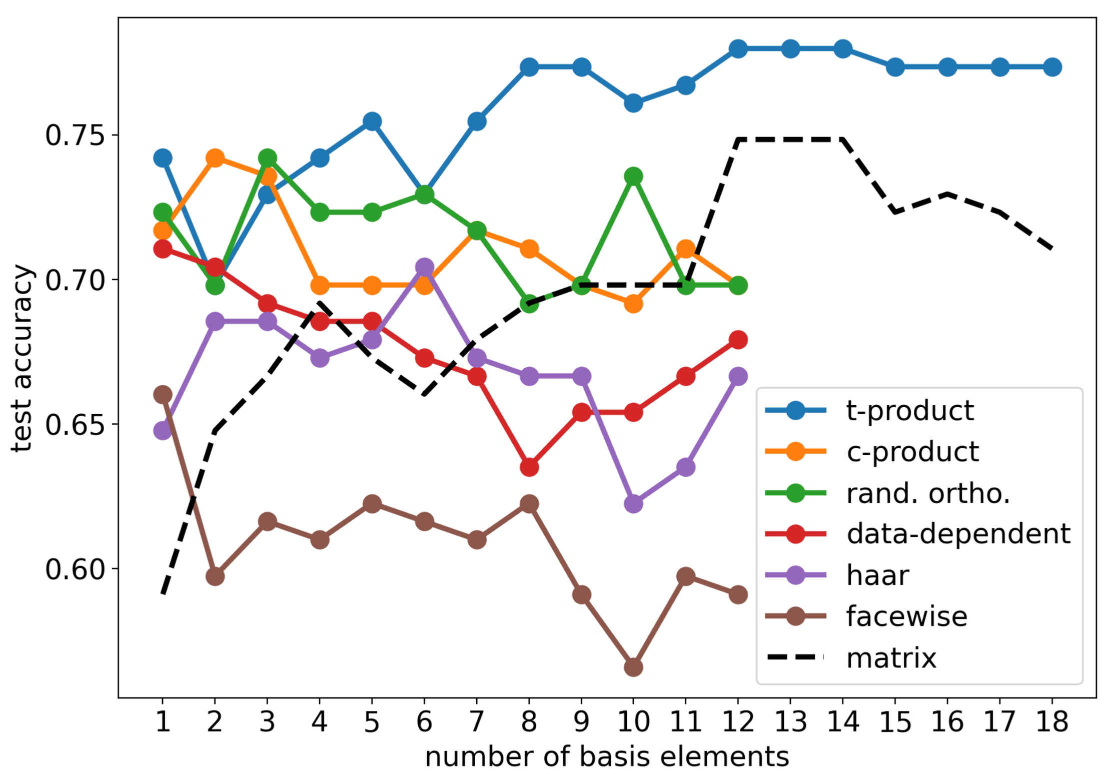

Figure 6: Test accuracy with respect to number of basis elements for various choices of $\star_M$-product.

- Traditional matrix method overlooks the intrinsic characteristics of fMRI images as brain slices over time are very interconnected
- Tensor method outperforms matrix method in test accuracy with:
  - appropriate choice of transformation matrix $\boldsymbol{M}$
  - small number of basis elements

Impact of Brain Regions

We also experiment with an ROI-dependent $\boldsymbol{M}$ calculated from the most prominent ROI's in each trial.

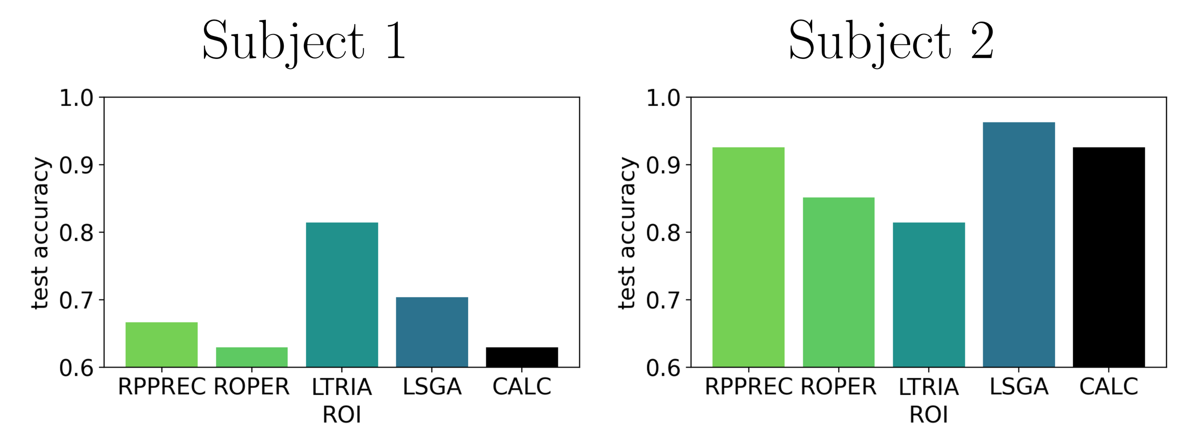

Figure 7: Results with ROI-dependent $\boldsymbol{M}$ for two subjects [1]

- Best ROI's vary depending on the subject
- No specific regions consistently improve performance in all subjects
- Illustrates how humans complete these cognitive tasks differently, demonstrating the difficulty of creating a good universal basis $\mathcal{U}$

Conclusions and Future Work

- Local t-SVDM classification approach outperforms the equivalent matrix-based approach
- The most important brain regions for classification vary depending on the human subject
- Explore applications in disease prevention and diagnosis by utilizing other fMRI datasets
- Compare to other tensor-based frameworks such as Higher-Order SVD [5]

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[a] RPPREC = right posterior precentral sulcus, ROPER = right opercularis, LTRIA = left triangularis, LSGA = supramarginal gyrus, CALC = calcarine sulcus [1]