### Sylvester Graphical Models for Complex Spatio-Temporal Processes

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### Ultra-high dimensional multi-indexed heterogeneous data

# Soln: a structured multiway graphical model

- SyGlasso/SG-PALM sqrt. Kronecker sum decomp.
  - Generative: AX + XB = Z
  - Physical interpretability: directly related to PDEs
  - Robustness, low runtime and high accuracy

#### Applications

- Astrophysics: solar flare prediction
- Climatology: spatio-temporal weather forecasting
- Neuroscience: EEG analysis
- Radar imaging: STAP, SAR
- Computer vision: video sequence prediction



#### Challenges

- High dim.  $d = \prod_{k=1}^{K} m_k$  and  $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1 \times \cdots \times m_K}$
- Non-commutative
- Sample-starved learning and high computational complexity

### Kronecker product representation for matrix-variate data



### Sparse Kronecker-structured models

Sparsity models:

- Sparse covariance  $(\Sigma)$  models for marginal dependencies:
  - Examples: M-dependent processes, moving average (MA) processes.
- Sparse **precision** ( $\Omega = \Sigma^{-1}$ ) models for conditional dependencies:
  - Examples: Markov random fields, autoregressive (AR) processes.

#### Kronecker-structured models:

- Kronecker product covariance/inverse covariance
  - Transposable regularized covariance<sup>1</sup>
  - KGlasso<sup>2</sup>
  - GEMINI<sup>3</sup>
- Kronecker sum covariance/inverse covariance
  - Kronecker sum covariance (K = 2) for error-in-variable models<sup>4</sup>
  - Bigraphical Lasso (BiGlasso)<sup>5</sup>
  - Tensor-graphical Lasso (TeraLasso)<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Genevera I Allen and Robert Tibshirani. "Transposable regularized covariance models with an application to missing data imputation". In: The Annals of Applied Statistics 4.2 (2010), p. 764.

<sup>2</sup>Theodoros Tsiligkaridis, Alfred O Hero III, and Shuheng Zhou. "On convergence of kronecker graphical lasso algorithms". In: *IEEE transactions on signal processing* 61.7 (2013), pp. 1743–1755.

<sup>3</sup>Shuheng Zhou. "GEMINI: Graph Estimation with Matrix Variate Normal Instances". In: The Annals of Statistics 42.2 (2014), pp. 532–562.

4 Mark Rudelson and Shuheng Zhou. "Errors-in-variables models with dependent measurements". In: Electronic Journal of Statistics 11.1 (2017), pp. 1699–1797.

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### Kronecker sum vs Kronecker product

For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1 \times m_1}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m_2 \times m_2}$ :

$$\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}\mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{1m_1}\mathbf{B} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m_11}\mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{m_1m_1}\mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$\mathbf{A} \oplus \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}_{m_2} \otimes \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{m_1}.$$



### KS vs KP

KP models:

- Separable:  $(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{B}^{-1}$  and  $\det(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}) = (\det \mathbf{A})^{m_2} (\det \mathbf{B})^{m_1}$ .
- Biconvex negative log-likelihood: estimation using alternating graphical lasso, e.g., Tlasso<sup>7</sup>.
- Generative representation:  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{D}^{-1}$ , where  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^{T}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{D}^{T}$ , and  $\mathbf{Z}$  white noise  $\Rightarrow \operatorname{Cov}^{-1}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}$ .

KS models:

- Parsimonious: Cartesian product of graphs avoids explosion of edges<sup>8</sup>.
- Convex negative log-likelihood: estimation using ISTA-type procedure, e.g., TeraLasso<sup>9</sup>.
- No obvious generative representation.

#### **Motivating question:** KP + KS?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Xiang Lyu et al. "Tensor Graphical Model: Non-convex Optimization and Statistical Inference". In: *IEEE transactions on pattern analysis and machine intelligence* (2019).

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### Sylvester Glasso: a generative Kronecker sum model

Let a random tensor  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1 \times \cdots \times m_K}$  be generated by the Sylvester tensor equation<sup>1011</sup>:

$$\mathcal{X} \times_1 \Psi_1 + \cdots + \mathcal{X} \times_K \Psi_K = \mathcal{T} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (\Psi_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \Psi_K) \operatorname{vec}(\mathcal{X}) = \operatorname{vec}(\mathcal{T}),$$

where  $\Psi_k \in \mathbb{R}^{m_k \times m_k}$ , k = 1, ..., K are sparse matrices,  $\mathcal{T}$  is a random tensor of the same dimension as  $\mathcal{X}$ , and  $\times_k$  a k-mode product.

- If  $\operatorname{vec}(\mathcal{T}) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}_p)$ , then  $\operatorname{Cov}^{-1}(\operatorname{vec}(\mathcal{X})) = (\Psi_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \Psi_K)^2$ .
- The  $\Psi_k$ 's can be estimated by minimizing the negative log-pseudolikelihood defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}(\{\boldsymbol{\Psi}_k\}_{k=1}^K) &= -\frac{N}{2} \log |(\operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{\Psi}_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus \operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{\Psi}_K))^2| \\ &+ \frac{N}{2} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\Psi}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \boldsymbol{\Psi}_K)^2) + \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k \|\boldsymbol{\Psi}_k\|_{1, \operatorname{off}}, \end{aligned}$$

#### using a proximal alternating linearized minimization method, called SG-PALM.

<sup>10</sup>Lars Grasedyck. "Existence and computation of low Kronecker-rank approximations for large linear systems of tensor product structure". In: Computing 72.3-4 (2004), pp. 247–265.

<sup>11</sup>Daniel Kressner and Christine Tobler. "Krylov subspace methods for linear systems with tensor product structure". In: SIAM journal on matrix analysis and applications 31.4 (2010), pp. 1688–1714.

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### SG-PALM: optimization convergence<sup>12</sup>

#### Lemma

The function H (the log det plus tr terms) is convex and continuously differentiable on an open set containing domG (G the regularization term) and its gradient is block-wise Lipschitz continuous. Further, the objective function  $\mathcal{L}_{\lambda}(\Psi)$  satisfies the Kurdyka - Lojasiewicz (KL) property with a KL exponent of  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

#### Theorem

Let  $\{\Psi^{(t)}\}_{t\geq 0}$  be generated by SG-PALM and assume that  $\Psi^{(t)} \in \Omega \subset dom\partial \mathcal{L}_{\lambda}$ . Then, the SG-PALM converges linearly in the sense that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\mathcal{L}_{\lambda}(\Psi^{(t+1)}) - \min \mathcal{L}_{\lambda}}{\mathcal{L}_{\lambda}(\Psi^{(t)}) - \min \mathcal{L}_{\lambda}} \\ & \leq \left(\frac{\alpha^2 L_{\min}}{4Kc^2(\sum_{j=1}^K L_j)^2 + 4c^2 L_{\max}} + 1\right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

where  $L_{\min} = \min_j L_j$ ,  $L_{\max} = \max_j L_j$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , and  $c \in (0, 1)$ .

12 Yu Wang and Alfred Hero. "A Proximal Alternating Linearized Minimization Method for Tensor Graphical Models". In: Submitted (2020).

### SyGlasso: statistical convergence<sup>13</sup>

Assume: sub-Gaussianity on  $\mathcal{X}$ , bounded eigenvalues of  $\Omega$ , and incoherence condition on the loss function. Further, let  $q_k := |\{(i, j) : (\Psi_k)_{i,j} \neq 0, i \neq j\}|$ , and

$$\lambda_k = O\left(\sqrt{\frac{m_k \log d}{N}}\right), \quad N > O(\max_k q_k m_k \log d).$$

#### Theorem (Graph recovery consistency)

There exists a constant  $C(\beta) > 0^{a}$  such that for any  $c_0 > 0$  the following events hold with probability at least  $1 - O(\exp(-c_0 \log p))$ :

• (Estimation consistency) Any minimizer  $\hat{\beta}$  satisfies:

$$\|\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2 \le C(\boldsymbol{\beta})\sqrt{K} \max_k \sqrt{q_k}\lambda_k.$$

• (Sign consistency) If minimal signal strength is satisfied for  $\Psi_k$  for each k, then  $sign(\hat{\beta})=sign(\beta)$ .

 $<sup>{}^{</sup>a}\beta$  denotes all off-diagonal elements of  $\Psi_{k}$ 's.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>Yu Wang, Byoungwook Jang, and Alfred Hero. "Sylvester Graphical Lasso (SyGlasso)". In: Proceedings of The 23rd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) (2020).

### Comparison with KS and KP



(a)  $\Psi_k$ 



(c) KS  $\Omega$ 



(b) KP Ω



#### (d) SyGlasso $\Omega$

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### Multi-instrument solar imaging data



**Raw Data:** 319 videos before weak or strong flares. Each sequence is  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m_{time} \times m_{width} \times m_{height} \times m_{channel}}$ , where  $m_{time} = 13$  (13-hour window with 1-hour cadence),  $m_{width} = 100$ ,  $m_{height} = 50$ , and  $m_{channel} = 7$  (3 HMI channels and 4 AIA channels).

**Goal:** Constructing linear forward time series predictors for the last frame (at or right before a flare) by using estimated precision matrix from all previous frames.

### Multi-output sparse regression for time series prediction

Consider a spatio-temporal process observed at p time stamps and q locations, i.e.,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$ . The estimated precision matrix  $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{pq \times pq}$  can be used to construct an optimal linear predictor, for example,

$$\boldsymbol{y}_t = \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{2,2}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{2,1} \boldsymbol{y}_{t-1:t-(p-1)},$$

where  $\boldsymbol{y}_t \in \mathbb{R}^q$ ,  $\boldsymbol{y}_{t-1:t-(p-1)} \in \mathbb{R}^{(p-1)q}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{2,2} \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{2,1} \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times (p-1)q}$  are appropriate submatrices of  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ .

For the solar flare data, we estimate

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} = (\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{time} \oplus \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{height} \oplus \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{width} \oplus \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{channel})^2 \in \mathbb{R}^{455000 \times 455000}$$

in training and predict  $y_{13} \in \mathbb{R}^{35000}$  in testing using estimated  $\Omega$ .

### Real vs. predicted images



### NRMSE



#### (a) B-class. Avg. NRMSE (left to right): 0.0379, 0.0386, 0.0579, 0.1628.



(b) MX-class. Avg. NRMSE (left to right): 0.0620, 0.0790, 0.0913, 0.1172.

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### Summary

#### Methodology:

• Kronecker-structured graphical modeling framework inspired by the Sylvester equations in physics.

#### Theory:

- Convergence (with geometric rate) of the optimization error.
- Convergence of the statistical error.

#### **Applications:**

• Multi-modal solar imaging data and flare prediction.

## Thank you! Questions?