MULTI-RESOLUTION LOW-RANK TENSOR FORMATS

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ABSTRACT. We describe a simple, black-box compression format for tensors with a multiscale structure. By representing the tensor as a sum of compressed tensors defined on increasingly coarse grids, we capture low-rank structures on each grid-scale, and we show how this leads to an increase in compression for a fixed accuracy. We devise an alternating algorithm to represent a given tensor in the multiscale format and prove local convergence guarantees. In two dimensions, we provide examples that show that this approach can beat the Eckart-Young theorem, and for dimensions higher than two, we achieve higher compression than the tensor-train format on six real-world datasets. We also provide results on the closedness and stability of the tensor format and discuss how to perform common linear algebra operations on the level of the compressed tensors.

1. INTRODUCTION

High-dimensional data is often represented with tensors in $\mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \cdots \times n_d}$. When the dimensions $n_k$ are large, compressed tensor formats are often used to cope with the large storage requirements and operational costs. The tensor-train format [20] and the canonical decomposition [12] are two formats that have received significant attention over the last decade. These formats represent tensors using different black-box low-rank expansions, and achieve significant reduction in storage costs when the associated rank is low.

In this article, we will be interested in tensors that are not necessarily low-rank in either of these formats, namely tensors with multiple length-scales. Even when the contribution to the tensor from each length-scale has low rank, their combination might be of significantly higher rank. Multiscale data is essential in numerous scientific and engineering problems [5, 14, 13, 31]. In many cases, the memory limitations, particularly on emerging edge computing devices, require that large-scale multiscale data is compressed for storage and for processing in compressed formats.

There have been a few approaches to compressing multiscale tensors in the literature. In one approach [22, 21, 23], the authors compress a given tensor into a tree structure of compressed subtensors, by recursively subdividing a tensor into local blocks on different scales and representing each block on each scale in the tree in the HOSVD-format [4]. A similar approach for has been pursued for matrices [18], where a convex nuclear-norm relaxation is used to recover the local low-rank structures. Wu et al. [29] consider tensors representing visual data, which are partitioned into blocks on increasingly finer scales. All blocks on each scale are represented with a common basis in the HOSVD-format, to capture global correlations of a locally repeating structure.

We will consider a simple approach to improving the compression ratios of tensors that exhibit a multiscale structure. This approach complements the existing literature, in that our approach captures multiscale tensors where each scale gives a non-local contribution to the tensor. Starting from a tensor given in a compressed format, we introduce a graded structure on the domain and capture low-rank information on...
different scales. These scales have spatial resolution with increasing coarseness, which leads to a corresponding decrease in the representation cost. This multiscale format enables us to achieve higher compression while maintaining a given accuracy. In the case of matrices, we show how this makes it possible to beat the Eckart-Young theorem [7], by achieving lower approximation error than the truncated singular value decomposition, for a given storage cost. We devise an alternating algorithm for decomposing a tensor into the multiscale format, where the tensor can be provided in either full format or the underlying, non-multiscale tensor format. We prove a local convergence result of a slightly restructured version of this algorithm. We also discuss the closedness of the multiscale format and how to perform common linear algebra operations in the format in ways that respects the graded structure.

The remainder of the article is structured as follows. Section 2 explains our notation and introduces operators that convert tensors between differently coarse grids. Section 3 motivates and introduces the multiscale format, and Section 4 contains results on closedness of the multiscale format. Section 5 describes an alternating algorithm for computing a decomposition in the multiscale format and Section 6 proves local convergence of a slightly restructured algorithm. In Section 7 we discuss how to perform common tensor operations on the level of the compressed tensors, and we conclude by studying the performance of the multiscale format for several examples of real-world tensors in Section 8. Implementations of all algorithms in this paper are publicly available online. [1]

2. Notation

Throughout the article, we will refer to a number of low-rank tensor formats, for instance the tensor-train format, the hierarchical format [9], the canonical decomposition [12], or orthogonally constrained canonical decompositions [2, 11]. We will denote the set of tensors represented in a general format by \( \mathcal{F} \). Each of these comes with a corresponding notion of rank, which we will denote by \( \text{rank}_\mathcal{F} \). We denote by \( \mathcal{F}_r \) the set of tensors in \( \mathcal{F} \) with corresponding rank no greater than \( r \). For the canonical decomposition, \( r \) is a positive integer, and for the tensor-train format, \( r \) is a vector of positive integers and inequalities between these vectors are interpreted element-wise. We will also consider low-rank matrices, for which the tensor-train format and canonical format coincide with the ordinary low-rank matrix format. For tensor formats \( \mathcal{F} \) that are weakly closed, there is an optimal approximation \( T_{\text{opt}} \) in \( \mathcal{F}_r \) to any tensor \( T \) [9, Thm. 4.28], and we will denote this by \( \text{round}_{\mathcal{F}}(T) \). For the tensor-train format, the TT-SVD procedure [20, Alg. 1] efficiently produces a quasi-optimal tensor \( \tilde{T} \) in \( \mathcal{F}_r \), i.e., satisfying \( \|T - \tilde{T}\| \leq \sqrt{d - 1} \|T - T_{\text{opt}}\| \). \( T \) can be given either in full format or in the TT-format. For certain tensor formats, e.g., the tensor-train format, it is also possible to instead specify an error bound \( \varepsilon \). A rounding procedure then produces an approximation \( \tilde{T} \) with lower rank than \( T \), guaranteed to satisfy \( \|T - \tilde{T}\| \leq \varepsilon \|T\| \). We will denote this procedure by \( \text{round}_{\mathcal{F}}(T, \varepsilon) \). We will denote the inner product between two tensors \( T \) and \( S \) in \( \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \cdots \times n_d} \) by

\[
\langle T, S \rangle := \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \cdots \sum_{i_d=1}^{n_d} T(i_1, \ldots, i_d)S(i_1, \ldots, i_d),
\]

and the Frobenius norm of \( T \) is defined to be \( \|T\| := \sqrt{\langle T, T \rangle} \).

Throughout this paper, we will fix a batch size \( b_s \in \mathbb{N} \) with \( b_s \geq 2 \). We will decompose tensors into a sum of tensors defined on grids with increasingly coarse resolution. The \( k \)-th coarsest level will consist of tensors constant on blocks with side length \( b_k^f \). In order to describe this construction in detail, we introduce the following two operations, which will be heavily used in what follows.

[1] https://github.com/MultiResTF/multiresolution
Given a tensor \( T \in \mathbb{R}^{b_1 \times \cdots \times b_n} \) and a positive integer \( \ell \), we define the block-extended tensor \( \text{ext}_\ell(T) \in \mathbb{R}^{b_1^{\ell+1} \times \cdots \times b_n^{\ell+1}} \) by
\[
\text{ext}_\ell(T)(i_1, \ldots, i_d) = T \left( \left\lfloor \frac{i_1 - 1}{b_s^\ell} \right\rfloor + 1, \ldots, \left\lfloor \frac{i_d - 1}{b_s^\ell} \right\rfloor + 1 \right),
\]
i.e., the tensor obtained by replacing each entry of \( T \) by a block with side lengths \( b_s^\ell \), where each entry equals the replaced entry of \( T \). As an example, if \( T \) is a \( 2 \times 2 \)-tensor, and \( S \) is a \( 2 \times 2 \times 2 \)-tensor defined by
\[
T = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & f \\ c & d & g & h \end{bmatrix},
\]
and if \( b_s = 2 \), then their first extended tensors are given by
\[
\text{ext}_1(T) = \begin{bmatrix} a & a & b & b \\ a & b & b & b \\ c & c & d & d \\ c & c & d & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{ext}_1(S) = \begin{bmatrix} a & a & b & b & e & e & f & f \\ a & a & b & b & e & e & f & f \\ c & c & d & d & g & g & h & h \\ c & c & d & d & g & g & h & h \end{bmatrix},
\]
respectively. Similarly, we denote the left inverse of \( \text{ext}_\ell \) by \( \text{ave}_\ell \). For a tensor \( S \in \mathbb{R}^{b_1^\ell \times \cdots \times b_n^\ell} \), \( \text{ave}_\ell(S) \in \mathbb{R}^{b_1^{\ell+1} \times \cdots \times b_n^{\ell+1}} \) is defined by
\[
\text{ave}_\ell(S)(i_1, \ldots, i_d) = \frac{b_s^{\ell-1}}{b_s^{\ell}} \sum_{j_1=0}^{b_1^{\ell-1}} \cdots \sum_{j_d=0}^{b_d^{\ell-1}} S(i_1 + j_1, \ldots, i_d + j_d).
\]
Clearly
\[
\text{ave}_{\ell_1 + \ell_2}(T) = \text{ave}_{\ell_1} \left( \text{ave}_{\ell_2}(T) \right), \quad \text{ext}_{\ell_1 + \ell_2}(T) = \text{ext}_{\ell_1} \left( \text{ext}_{\ell_2}(T) \right),
\]
\[
\text{ave}_{\ell}(\text{ext}_{\ell}(T)) = T,
\]
for any integers \( \ell \), \( \ell_1 \) and \( \ell_2 \). These operations will allow us to convert tensors into finer or coarser grids.

3. Tensor format

Let \( T \) be a tensor in \( \mathbb{R}^{b_1^L \times \cdots \times b_n^L} \), for some positive integer \( L \). We will approximate \( T \) by a sum of subtensors defined on grids with increasing coarseness. Each subtensor will be represented in a compressed tensor format denoted by \( \mathcal{F} \). We make the following definition.

**Definition 3.1**. Let \( r = (r_0, \ldots, r_L) \) be a vector of rank bounds for each grid-scale. For any compressed tensor format \( \mathcal{F} \), we define the multiscale \( \mathcal{F}_r \)-format by
\[
\text{MS}_{\mathcal{F}_r} = \left\{ T : T = \sum_{k=0}^{L} \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k), T_k \in \mathcal{F}_{r_k}, T_k \in \mathbb{R}^{b_1^{k+1} \times \cdots \times b_n^{k+1}} \right\}.
\]
To represent a tensor in \( \text{MS}_{\mathcal{F}_r} \), we only need to store the \( L + 1 \) tensors \( T_k \), for \( 0 \leq k \leq L \). We will say that \( T \) has the multiscale representation \( (T_0, \ldots, T_L) \).

The motivation behind the definition is that storing as much information as possible on coarser scales decreases the total storage cost of the tensor, since fewer grid points need to be kept in memory as compared to the finest scale. The multiscale format uses the operator \( \text{ext}_{L-k} \), instead of a more smooth interpolation operator as is common in multigrid methods, since we will see in Section 5 that this allows for a simple algorithm to approximate a given tensor in \( \mathcal{F} \).

Clearly, since \( \mathcal{F}_{r_L} \subseteq \text{MS}_{\mathcal{F}_r} \), the multiscale format contains any tensor for \( r_L \) large enough, when \( \mathcal{F} \) is either the tensor train format or the canonical decomposition. We then also clearly have \( \text{MS}_{\mathcal{F}_r} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_{r_0 + \cdots + r_L} \).
However, the storage cost of a tensor $T$ in $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{F}_L}$ is lower than that of a tensor in $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{F}_1+...+\mathcal{F}_L}$ since the corresponding tensors $T_k$ are compressed versions of tensors on the smaller index set $\mathbb{R}^{b_1^k \times ... \times b_L^k}$, instead of on the the larger index set $\mathbb{R}^{b_1^L \times ... \times b_L^L}$.

For a wide range of accuracies, our examples in Section 3 will show that approximations in the multiscale format can often require lower storage costs than in $\mathcal{F}$. Note however that we do not expect any storage gains when representing a tensor to machine precision in the format $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{F}_L}$. The following example explains why this is the case.

### 3.1. Motivating example.

We consider a function with multiple length-scales, for instance

$$
(3.2) \quad f(x) = \prod_{k=1}^{d} \sin(x_k) + \prod_{k=1}^{d} \sin(2x_k) + \prod_{k=1}^{d} \sin(4x_k).
$$

We let $T$ be the grid-discretization of $f$ on the interval $[0, \pi]$ using a uniform grid with a total of $n$ grid points in each dimension. $T$ therefore has a canonical representation

$$
(3.3) \quad T = \bigotimes_{k=1}^{d} u_k + \bigotimes_{k=1}^{d} v_k + \bigotimes_{k=1}^{d} w_k,
$$

where $u_k$ is a discretization of $\sin(x_k)$ on the interval $[0, \pi]$, $v_k$ of $\sin(2x_k)$ and $w_k$ of $\sin(4x_k)$. Then have $u_k \cdot v_k = 0 = u_k \cdot w_k = v_k \cdot w_k$ when $n$ is odd. Eq. (3.3) therefore describes an orthogonal canonical decomposition $\prod$. The optimal rank 2-approximation of $T$ is then obtained by keeping the two terms in Eq. (3.3) with the largest norms $[30]$, i.e., $\bigotimes_{k=1}^{d} u_k + \bigotimes_{k=1}^{d} w_k$. The square of the approximation error is

$$
(3.4) \quad \| \bigotimes_{k=1}^{d} u_k \|^2 = \left( \int_0^\pi \sin^2(x) \, dx \right)^d + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1}) = \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^d + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1}).
$$

A possible (but not necessarily optimal) multiscale approximation with $b_s = 2$ would be $\tilde{T} = \tilde{T}_1 + \text{ext}_1(\tilde{T}_2) + \text{ext}_2(\tilde{T}_3)$, where $\tilde{T}_1 = \bigotimes_{k=1}^{d} u_k$, $\tilde{T}_2 = \bigotimes_{k=1}^{d} \text{ave}_1(u_k)$, and $\tilde{T}_3 = \bigotimes_{k=1}^{d} \text{ave}_2(u_k)$. Since $\text{ave}_1(u_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$ and $\text{ave}_2(u_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$, the cost of storing $\tilde{T}_1$, $\tilde{T}_2$, and $\tilde{T}_3$ is less than storing the optimal rank-2 approximation. By the following result, this also results in far lower approximation error.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let $\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_r$ be an increasing sequence of positive real numbers and $f$ a function with multiple length-scales, written in the form

$$
(3.5) \quad f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{r} \prod_{j=1}^{d} g_{kj} \left( \frac{x_j}{\omega_k} \right),
$$

where $\| g'_{kj}(x_j) \|_{\infty} \leq C_{kj}$ for all $k,j$. Let $T$ be the corresponding discretization on the hypercube $[a,b]^d$ with $n = b_s^L$ uniform grid points in each dimension, i.e., $T = \sum_{k=1}^{r} T_k$ with $T_k = \bigotimes_{j=1}^{d} u_{kj}$. The multiscale canonical approximation $\tilde{T} = \tilde{T}_1 + \sum_{k=2}^{r} \text{ext}_{k-1}(\tilde{T}_k)$ with $\tilde{T}_k = \bigotimes_{j=1}^{d} \text{ave}_{k-1}(u_{kj})$ then satisfies

$$
(3.6) \quad \| T - \tilde{T} \| \leq \sum_{k=2}^{r} \delta_k \| T_k \|,
$$

where $\delta_k = \text{ave}_{k-1}(u_{kj})$.
where \( \delta_k = \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{d} \left( 1 + (b-a) \frac{C_{k,j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{b^k}(7b_s^{2(k-1)} - 15 + 8b_s^{-2(k-1)})}}{\sqrt{n}\omega_k \| u_{k,j} \|} \right) \right] - 1 \). For large \( n \), the right hand side of Eq. (3.6) is approximately equal to

\[
\sum_{k=2}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{d} (b-a) \frac{C_{k,j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{b^k}(7b_s^{2(k-1)} - 15 + 8b_s^{-2(k-1)})}}{\sqrt{n}\omega_k \| u_{k,j} \|} \| T_k \|.
\]

**Proof.** A sensitivity formula for the canonical decomposition [9, Prop. 7.10] gives the error bound in Eq. (3.6) which concludes the proof. \( \square \)

(3.13)

Inserting this into Eq. (3.9) results in

\[
\sum_{k=2}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{d} (b-a) \frac{C_{k,j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{b^k}(7b_s^{2(k-1)} - 15 + 8b_s^{-2(k-1)})}}{\sqrt{n}\omega_k \| u_{k,j} \|} \| T_k \|.
\]

Using elementary closed-form expressions, the sum in the right hand side can be evaluated to be

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{b_s^{k-1}} \sum_{m=1}^{b_s^{k-1}} \left( \frac{b_s^{k-1}}{b_s} \left( \frac{m(b-a)}{n\omega_k} \right) \right)^2 = \frac{b_s^{k-1}}{60} \left( 7b_s^{4(k-1)} - 15b_s^{2(k-1)} + 8 \right),
\]

so inserting this into Eq. (3.11) and using the fact that \( n = b_s^L \), we obtain

\[
\sum_{k=2}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{d} (b-a) \frac{C_{k,j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{b^k}(7b_s^{2(k-1)} - 15 + 8b_s^{-2(k-1)})}}{\sqrt{n}\omega_k \| u_{k,j} \|} \| T_k \|.
\]

which concludes the proof. \( \square \)
In the motivating example, we can take \( C_{kj} = 1 \), \( \omega_1 = \frac{1}{4}, \omega_2 = \frac{1}{2} \) and \( \omega_3 = 1 \) to conclude

\[
\|T - \hat{T}\| \leq \sum_{k=2}^{r} \delta_k \|T_k\| \approx \frac{6.84 \pi \cdot (\frac{\pi}{2})^{\frac{d+1}{2}}}{\sqrt{n}},
\]

which shows that the multiscale format can achieve far lower approximation error for a given storage cost, provided \( n \) is large enough.

However, this example also shows that the error when representing a tensor in the multiscale format has an inherent lower bound from using a coarser grid. To achieve machine precision for a general tensor, we would therefore in general expect to need to use the rank vector \((0, \ldots, 0, r_L)\) with \( r_L \) large enough. However, for lower accuracy, the example above shows that it is possible to obtain good storage gains.

### 4. Closedness and Stability

When attempting to find an optimal approximation of a tensor \( T \) in \( \text{MS}_{\mathcal{F}} \), for a fixed rank vector \( \mathbf{r} \), it is important to know whether or not the set \( \text{MS}_{\mathcal{F}} \) is closed. If not, then a tensor \( T \in \text{MS}_{\mathcal{F}} \setminus \text{MS}_{\mathcal{F}} \) by definition has a corresponding sequence of tensors \( T^{(n)} \) in \( \text{MS}_{\mathcal{F}} \), converging to \( T \). \( T \) therefore does not have an optimal approximation in the set \( \text{MS}_{\mathcal{F}} \), so the problem is ill-posed. In the by now classical setting of the (non-multiscale) canonical format, this is associated with an instability in that successive approximations \( T^{(n)} \) to \( T \) have terms with diverging norm and convergence to \( T \) is achieved through unstable cancellation effects [6]. We now show that the same holds true for the multiscale format, even when using a closed format on each scale.

The base example is the multiscale low-rank matrix format for \( d = 2 \) with \( b_s = 2 \) and rank vector \((1, 1)\). The matrix

\[
T^{(n)} = \begin{bmatrix} n & n \\ n & n \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{n+1} \\ \sqrt{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{n+1} & \sqrt{n-1} \end{bmatrix}
\]

is contained in the multiscale format with rank vector \((1, 1)\) for any \( n \), and \( T^{(n)} \to T := \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \), since \( n - \sqrt{n+1} \sqrt{n-1} = \frac{n^2 - (n^2 - 1)}{n + \sqrt{n^2 - 1}} \to 0 \) as \( n \to \infty \). Since \( T + a\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a-1 & a \\ a & a+1 \end{bmatrix} \) can be seen to have rank 2 for any real number \( a \) by row reduction, it follows that \( T \) is not in the multiscale format with rank vector \((1, 1)\). In other words, the format is not closed. We next extend this example to general rank vectors, values of \( b_s \) and higher dimension \( d \).

**Theorem 4.1.**

1. For \( d = 2 \), the format \( \text{MS}_{TT^*} \) is closed if and only if \( \mathbf{r} \) is of either the form \((r_0, \ldots, r_{k-1}, b_k^k, 0, \ldots, 0)\) or \((0, 0, \ldots, 0, r_k, 0, \ldots, 0)\).
2. For \( d \geq 3 \), the format \( \text{MS}_{TT^*} \) is not closed if \( \mathbf{r} = (r_0, \ldots, r_{k-1}, r_k, 0, \ldots, 0) \), where the first tensor rank of \( r_k \), \((r_k)_1\), is strictly less than \( b_k^k \) and not all \((r_i)_1\) are zero, for \( i < k \).

**Proof.** We prove (1) first. Let \( k \) be the highest index of the rank-vector for which \( r_k \neq 0 \). Note that the multiscale format with rank vector \((r_0, \ldots, r_{k-1}, b_k^k, 0, \ldots, 0)\) is precisely the set of matrices \( \text{ext}_{L-k}(T) \) for \( T \) any matrix in \( \mathbb{R}^{b_k^k \times b_k^k} \). It therefore coincides with the multiscale format with rank vector \((0, \ldots, 0, b_k^k, 0, \ldots, 0)\), so we assume that \( \mathbf{r} \neq (0, 0, \ldots, 0, r_k, 0, \ldots, 0) \) and \( r_k < b_k^k \). There is then some \( r_i > 0 \) with \( i < k \). We will produce a matrix \( T \) in \( \text{MS}_{TT^*} \setminus \text{MS}_{TT^*} \), and first introduce some auxiliary variables for the construction.

Denote by \( v^{(n)} \) the vector

\[
v^{(n)} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{n+1} & \sqrt{n-1} & \cdots & \sqrt{n-1} \end{bmatrix}^T,
\]

for any real number \( a \) by row reduction, it follows that \( T \) is therefore coincides with the multiscale format with rank vector \((0, \ldots, 0, r_k^k, 0, \ldots, 0)\), so we assume that \( \mathbf{r} \neq (0, 0, \ldots, 0, r_k, 0, \ldots, 0) \) and \( r_k < b_k^k \). There is then some \( r_i > 0 \) with \( i < k \). We will produce a matrix \( T \) in \( \text{MS}_{TT^*} \setminus \text{MS}_{TT^*} \), and first introduce some auxiliary variables for the construction.

Denote by \( v^{(n)} \) the vector
and by \( u \) the vector

\[
(4.3) \quad u = \text{diag}(1, 1, \ldots, 1, 1 - \frac{b_s}{b_s - 1}).
\]

Let \( n = \left[ \frac{r_k}{b_s} + 1 \right] \) and \( w = (u_1, \ldots, u_{r_k + 1 - mb_s}). \) The \( b_s^k \times b_s^k \)-matrix with all entries equal to \( n \) is of the form \( \text{ext}_{L-k}(S) \) with \( S \) the \( b_s^0 \times b_s^0 \)-matrix with all entries equal to \( n \). It therefore follows that \( \text{MS}_{\text{TT}} \) contains the matrix \( \text{ext}_{L-k}(T(n)) \) where

\[
(4.4) \quad T(n) = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} n & \cdots & n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ n & \cdots & n \end{array} \right] - v^{(n)} \otimes v^{(n)} - \text{diag}(0, 0, 1, 1, \ldots, 1, u, \ldots, u, w, 0, \ldots, 0),
\]

since the second two terms have rank at most \( r_k \). As \( n \to \infty \), \( n - \sqrt{n + 1} \sqrt{n - 1} = \frac{n^2 - (n^2 - 1)}{n + \sqrt{n^2 - 1}} \to 0 \), so \( T(n) \) tends to the matrix \( T \) defined by

\[
(4.5) \quad T = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{array} \right] - \text{diag}(0, 0, 1, 1, \ldots, 1, u, \ldots, u, w, 0, \ldots, 0).
\]

To conclude the proof, we show that \( \text{ext}_{L-k}(T) \) is not contained in \( \text{MS}_{\text{TT}} \). Note that any sum of the form \( \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \text{ext}_{L-m}(T_m) \) is necessarily constant on all batch-blocks of size \( b_s \). It therefore suffices to show that \( \text{rank}(T + S) \geq r_k + 1 \) for any matrix \( S \) constant on all batch-blocks. We verify this by reducing \( T + S \) to row-echelon form. We start with the first \( b_s \) rows, contained in the uppermost set of batch-blocks. These are of the form

\[
(4.6) \quad b_s \left[ \begin{array}{cccccccc} a - 1 & a & a & \ldots & a & b & b & \ldots & b \\ a & a + 1 & a + 1 & \ldots & a + 1 & b + 1 & b + 1 & \ldots & b + 1 \\ a & a + 1 & a & \ldots & a + 1 & b + 1 & b + 1 & \ldots & b + 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a & a + 1 & a + 1 & \ldots & a & b + 1 & b + 1 & \ldots & b + 1 \end{array} \right],
\]

for some \( a, b \in \mathbb{R} \). After performing row reduction on these rows, the matrix reduces to

\[
(4.7) \quad b_s \left[ \begin{array}{cccccccc} -1 & -1 & -1 & \ldots & 0 & -1 & -1 & \ldots & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 1 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & \ldots & 1 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \ldots & 0 & b - a + 1 & b - a + 1 & \ldots & b - a + 1 \end{array} \right],
\]

so this batch-block contains \( b_s \) pivots. For any fixed row, the columns contained in a single batch block have identical entries. The rows of the batch-blocks directly beneath are of the form
for some values of $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$. After subtracting suitable multiples of the rows in the first batch-block, this matrix reduces to

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
0 & \ldots & 0 & \hat{d} & \hat{d} + 1 & \hat{d} + 1 & \ldots & \hat{d} + 1 & \ldots \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & \hat{d} + 1 & \hat{d} & \hat{d} + 1 & \ldots & \hat{d} + 1 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & \hat{d} + 1 & \hat{d} + 1 & \hat{d} + 1 & \ldots & \hat{d} + \frac{b_x}{b_{x-1}} & \ldots \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

for some $\hat{d} \in \mathbb{R}$, which in turn reduces to

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
0 & \ldots & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 1 - \frac{b_x}{b_{x-1}} & \ldots \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \ldots & 1 - \frac{b_x}{b_{x-1}} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & \hat{d} + 1 & \hat{d} + 1 & \hat{d} + 1 & \ldots & \hat{d} + \frac{b_x}{b_{x-1}} & \ldots \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

and then to

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
0 & \ldots & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & \frac{-1}{b_{x-1}} & \ldots \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \ldots & \frac{b_x}{b_{x-1}} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \ldots & \hat{d}(1 - \frac{b_x}{b_{x-1}}) + \frac{b_x}{b_{x-1}} & \ldots \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

and

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
0 & \ldots & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 1 - \frac{b_x}{b_{x-1}} & \ldots \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \ldots & 1 - \frac{b_x}{b_{x-1}} & \ldots \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & \frac{1}{b_{x-1}} & \ldots \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

with an additional $b_s$ pivots. Arguing by induction and counting the number of pivots, it follows that we can repeat this row reduction to conclude that $S + T$ has rank no less than $b_s + (m - 1)b_x + r_k + 1 - mb_s = r_k + 1$, which concludes the proof of the first assertion.
For the second statement, let \( T \) and \( T^{(n)} \) be as above and write \( S = T \otimes e_1^\otimes d-2 \), \( S^{(n)} = T^{(n)} \otimes e_1^\otimes d-2 \). Here, each \( T^{(n)} \) is a matrix of rank at most \( (r_k)_1 \). Each \( S^{(n)} \) can therefore be written in the TT-format with rank vector \( (1,(r_k)_1,1,\ldots,1) \), so clearly \( S^{(n)} \in MS_{TT_r} \). Moreover, \( S^{(n)} \to S \). If \( ext_{L-k}(S) \) were in \( MS_{TT_r} \), i.e., \( S \) were expressible in the form \( S = \sum_{m=0}^k \text{ext}_{k-m}(S_m) \) with \( \text{rank}_{TT}(S_m) \leq r_m \), then it would follow that
\[
T = S \otimes e_1 \otimes \ldots \otimes e_1 = \sum_{m=0}^k \text{ext}_{k-m}(S_k) \otimes e_1 \otimes \ldots \otimes e_1
\]
\[
= \sum_{m=0}^k \text{ext}_{k-m}(S_k \otimes e_1 \otimes \ldots \otimes e_1),
\]
so the matrix \( T \) would be in \( MS_q \) with the rank vector \( q = ((r_0)_1,\ldots,(r_k)_1,0,\ldots,0) \). This contradicts the first statement and concludes the proof. \( \square \)

Thm. 4.1 shows that there is no reason to expect \( MS_{F_r} \) to be closed, even when the underlying format \( F \) is closed. However, we now prove a stability property that is only achieved when using a stable tensor format on each grid-scale. The following definition is similar to one made for the non-multiscale canonical decomposition [9, Def. 9.15].

**Definition 4.2.** A sequence of tensors \( T^{(n)} \) in \( MS_{F_r} \) with
\[
T^{(n)} = \sum_{k=0}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k^{(n)}),
\]
is called stable if there is a constant \( C < \infty \) such that \( \|T^{(n)}\| \leq C\|T^{(n)}\| \) for each \( k = 1, \ldots, L \) and \( n \).

**Theorem 4.3.** The format \( F \) is closed if and only if, for all possible rank vectors \( r \), all stable, convergent sequences in \( MS_{F_r} \) converge to a tensor in \( MS_{F_r} \).

**Proof.** By taking \( r = (0,0,\ldots,r) \), the “only if” part follows. For the converse, let \( T^{(n)} \) be any sequence of stable tensors in \( MS_{F_r} \), converging to some tensor \( T \). We need to show that also \( T \) is in \( MS_{F_r} \). For \( n \) large enough, it follows that \( \|T^{(n)}\| \leq \|T\| + 1 \), so \( \|T^{(n)}\| \leq C\|T\| + C \). For each fixed \( k \), the sequence \( \{T_k^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^\infty \) is then bounded, so has a convergent subsequence, by the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem. By passing to subsequences of this subsequence, for each \( k \) in turn, it follows that there is a subsequence such that \( T_k^{(n)} \to T_k \) for each \( k \), for some \( T_k \) in \( F_{r_k,1} \), by closedness of \( F \). It follows that \( T = \sum_{k=1}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k) \), so \( T \) is in \( MS_{F_r} \). \( \square \)

For this reason, and for reasons to do with the decomposition algorithm presented in the next section, we will mostly restrict to closed tensor formats \( F \) in practice. The tensor-train format is one good candidate for this purpose.

5. **Alternating decomposition algorithm**

This section describes a simple algorithm for computing an approximation of a tensor \( T \) in \( MS_{F_r} \). Because of Thm. 4.1, this approximation problem is ill-posed even when \( F \) is a closed tensor-format. It will therefore not be possible to compute an optimal approximation of \( T \) in \( MS_{F_r} \), since it might not even exist. We therefore describe an alternating algorithm, which improves the approximation in every iteration. The tensor \( T \) can be given either in full format, or as an already compressed tensor in \( F \). The steps in the algorithm carry through for any weakly closed tensor format \( F \), and the tensor-train format is a good example. The following Lemma will be important for the approximation algorithm.
Lemma 5.1.

1. If $T$ in $\mathbb{R}^{b_1 \times \cdots \times b_n}$ has canonical decomposition $T = \sum_{k=1}^{r} \bigotimes_{j=1}^{d} u_{kj}$ with each $u_{kj} \in \mathbb{R}^{b_j}$, then
   \[
   \begin{aligned}
   \text{ext}_\ell(T) &= \sum_{k=1}^{r} \bigotimes_{j=1}^{d} \text{ext}_\ell(u_{kj}), \\
   \text{ave}_\ell(T) &= \sum_{k=1}^{r} \bigotimes_{j=1}^{d} \text{ave}_\ell(u_{kj})
   \end{aligned}
   \]

2. If $T$ has a tensor-train representation
   \[
   T(i_1, \ldots, i_d) = \sum_{\alpha_k=1}^{r_k} G_1(i_1, \alpha_1) \cdot G_2(\alpha_1, i_2, \alpha_2) \cdots G_d(\alpha_{d-1}, i_d),
   \]
   with $G_k \in \mathbb{R}^{r_k-1 \times b_k \times r_k}$, then $\text{ext}_\ell(T)$ has a tensor train decomposition with cores $\text{ext}_\ell(G_k(:,i,\cdot)) \in \mathbb{R}^{r_k-1 \times b_k^{\ell} \times r_k}$. Similarly, $\text{ave}_\ell(T)$ has a tensor train decomposition with cores $\text{ave}_\ell(G_k(:,i,\cdot)) \in \mathbb{R}^{r_k-1 \times b_k^{L-\ell} \times r_k}$.

Proof. Clear from definitions of $\text{ext}_\ell$ and $\text{ave}_\ell$. □

Note that the cost of computing $\text{ext}_1$ and $\text{ave}_1$ in the tensor-train format is $O(dnr^2)$, if $r_k \leq r$, for all $k = 1, \ldots, L$.

The alternating algorithm starts with an initial approximation $\sum_{k=0}^{L} \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k^{(0)})$ to $T$. It proceeds by fixing all scales except for the $k$:th one, and improving the approximation on the $k$:th scale by the following update equation

\[
T_k^{(n)} = \arg\min_{S \in \mathcal{F}_k} \|T - \sum_{\ell<k} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_k^{(n)}) - \sum_{\ell>k} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_k^{(n-1)}) - \text{ext}_{L-k}(S)\|.
\]

Sweeping over all indices $k = 0, \ldots, L$ in turn completes one step of the iteration, which is repeated subsequently. In order to compute the updates on each scale, we will use the following result.

Lemma 5.2.

\[
\begin{aligned}
\arg\min_{S \in \mathcal{F}_k} \|T - \sum_{\ell<k} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_k^{(n)}) - \sum_{\ell>k} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_k^{(n-1)}) - \text{ext}_{L-k}(S)\| &= \arg\min_{S \in \mathcal{F}_k} \|\text{ave}_{L-k}(T - \sum_{\ell<k} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_k^{(n)}) - \sum_{\ell>k} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_k^{(n-1)})) - S\| \\
&= \arg\min_{S \in \mathcal{F}_k} \|\text{ave}_{L-k}(T) - \sum_{\ell<k} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_k^{(n)}) - \sum_{\ell>k} \text{ave}_{L-k}(T_k^{(n-1)}) - S\|.
\end{aligned}
\]

Proof. We show the first equality in the statement; the second follows from the first together with Eq. (2.6).

For any $S \in \mathbb{R}^{b_k \times \cdots \times b_k}$ and any fixed $A \in \mathbb{R}^{b_k \times \cdots \times b_k}$, we have

\[
\|A - \text{ext}_{L-k}(S)\|^2 = \|A\|^2 - 2\langle A, \text{ext}_{L-k}(S) \rangle + \|\text{ext}_{L-k}(S)\|^2
\]

\[
= \|A\|^2 - 2d^{\ell}(L-k)\langle \text{ave}_{L-k}(A), S \rangle + d^{\ell}(L-k)\|S\|^2,
\]

so a minimizer of Eq. (5.5) is also a minimizer $-2\langle \text{ave}_{L-k}(A), S \rangle + \|S\|^2$. Since $A$ is fixed, $S$ is therefore also a minimizer of

\[
\|\text{ave}_{L-k}(A)\|^2 - 2\langle \text{ave}_{L-k}(A), S \rangle + \|S\|^2 = \|\text{ave}_{L-k}(A) - S\|^2,
\]

so a minimizer of Eq. (5.6) is also a minimizer $-2\langle \text{ave}_{L-k}(A), S \rangle + \|S\|^2$. Since $A$ is fixed, $S$ is therefore also a minimizer of

\[
\|\text{ave}_{L-k}(A)\|^2 - 2\langle \text{ave}_{L-k}(A), S \rangle + \|S\|^2 = \|\text{ave}_{L-k}(A) - S\|^2,
\]
from which the statement follows when taking
\[ A = T - \sum_{\ell < k} \operatorname{ext}_{L-\ell}(T^{(n)}_\ell) - \sum_{\ell > k} \operatorname{ext}_{L-\ell}(T^{(n-1)}_\ell). \]

Lemma 5.2 implies that the approximation \( T^{(n)}_k \) on each scale can be updated by solving an optimal approximation problem in \( \mathcal{F}_{r_k} \). Since \( \mathcal{F} \) was assumed weakly closed, this problem is well-posed. In practice, it might be computationally easier to instead find a quasi-optimal approximation for this update. This is for instance the case when using the tensor-train approximation, where the standard TT-SVD algorithm [20, Alg. 1] indeed only guarantees a quasi-optimal result.

We can structure the update steps in a downward and upward sweep to prevent recalculating the tensors on the coarser grids. In the downward sweep, we calculate and store
\[ T_{\text{down}, L} = T, \]
\[ T_{\text{down}, k-1} = \operatorname{ave}_1(T_{\text{down}, k} - T^{(n-1)}_k), \text{ for } k = L, \ldots, 1. \]
In closed form, this results in
\[ T_{\text{down}, k} = \operatorname{ave}_{L-k} \left( T - \sum_{\ell < k} \operatorname{ext}_{L-\ell}(T^{(n-1)}_\ell) \right), \]
so the update equation on the 0:th level in Lemma 5.2 reads as
\[ T^{(n)}_0 = \operatorname{round}_{\mathcal{F}_{r_0}}(T_{\text{down}, 0}). \]
Next, in the upward sweep, we set
\[ T_{\text{up}, 0} = 0, \]
\[ T_{\text{up}, k} = \operatorname{ext}_1(T_{\text{up}, k-1} + T^{(n)}_k), \text{ for } k = 1, \ldots, L - 1, \]
where \( T^{(n)}_k \) is calculated from \( T^{(n-1)}_k \) and \( T_{\text{up}, k-1} \) by the following procedure. We have
\[ T_{\text{down}, k} - T_{\text{up}, k-1} = \operatorname{ave}_{L-k}(T) - \sum_{\ell < k} \operatorname{ext}_{L-\ell}(T^{(n)}_\ell) - \sum_{\ell > k} \operatorname{ave}_{\ell-k}(T^{(n-1)}_\ell), \]
so the update equation in Lemma 5.2 reads as
\[ T^{(n)}_k = \operatorname{round}_{\mathcal{F}_{r_k}}(T_{\text{down}, k} - T_{\text{up}, k-1}). \]
This procedure is summarized in Alg. 1.

In the case when \( T \) is already given in the tensor-train format, Lemma 5.1 shows that \( \operatorname{ext}_1(T) \) and \( \operatorname{ave}_1(T) \) can be computed in the compressed format with cost \( \mathcal{O}(r^2dn) \), where \( r \) is the maximum of the TT-ranks of \( T \). Since the tensors \( T_{\text{down}, k} = \operatorname{ave}_{L-k}(T - \sum_{\ell \geq k} \operatorname{ext}_{L-\ell}(T^{(n)}_\ell)) \) appearing in the downward sweep have TT-representation with rank at most \( R = r + r_0 + \ldots + r_L \), the downward sweep therefore has cost bounded by
\[ \mathcal{O}(R^2d(1 + b_s + \ldots + b_s^L)) = \mathcal{O}(R^2d \frac{b_s^L}{b_s^- 1}) = \mathcal{O}(R^2db_s^L) = \mathcal{O}(R^2dn), \]
In the upward sweep, a quasi-optimal minimizer of \( \min_{S \in \mathcal{F}_{r_k}} \| T_{\text{down}, k} - T_{\text{up}, k} - S \| \) can be computed by a call to the TT-rounding procedure. Since \( T_{\text{down}, k} - T_{\text{up}, k} \) has TT-ranks at most \( r + \sum_{\ell \neq k} r_\ell \), one iteration of Alg. 1 is then of cost at most
\[ \mathcal{O}(R^3d(1 + b_s + \ldots + b_s^L)) = \mathcal{O}(R^3d \frac{b_s^L}{b_s^- 1}) = \mathcal{O}(R^3db_s^L) = \mathcal{O}(R^3dn). \]
Algorithm 1 Alternating multiscale decomposition

Input: $d$-tensor $T$ in full format or $F$, vector of rank bounds $(r_0, \ldots, r_L)$, maximum number of iterations $M$.

Output: Approximation $\sum_{k=0}^{L} \text{ext}_k(T_k)$ to $T$.

1: for $k = 0 : L$ do
2: \hspace{1em} $T_{k}^{(0)} = 0$ // Initialization
3: end for

4: for $n = 1 : M$ do
5: \hspace{1em} $T_{\text{down}, L} = T - T_L$
6: \hspace{2em} for $k = L : -1 : 1$ do
7: \hspace{3em} $T_{\text{down}, k-1} = \text{ave}_1(T_{\text{down}, k} - T_k^{(n-1)})$
8: \hspace{1em} end for
9: \hspace{1em} $T_{\text{up}} = 0$
10: \hspace{2em} for $k = 0 : L - 1$ do
11: \hspace{3em} $T_k^{(n)} = \text{round}_F(T_{\text{down}, k} - T_{\text{up}})$
12: \hspace{3em} $T_{\text{up}} = \text{ext}_1(T_{\text{up}} + T_k^{(n)})$
13: \hspace{1em} end for
14: \hspace{1em} $T_L^{(n)} = \text{round}_F(T - T_{\text{up}})$
15: end for

The total cost of Alg. 1 is therefore $O(MR^3dn)$.

6. LOCAL CONVERGENCE OF ALG. 1 WITH RESTRUCTURED SWEeping ORDER

In general, alternating algorithms of the form in Alg. 1 lead to a monotonically decreasing objective function $\|T - \sum_{k=0}^{L} \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k^{(n)})\|$. However, there are in general no guarantees that the approximations $T_k^{(n)}$ on each scale converge, and even if they do, convergence might occur to only a local minimum. This is a typical situation when dealing with tensors in dimension higher than two, and occurs for instance when using the popular alternating least-squares algorithm for computing a (non-multiscale) canonical decomposition of a tensor \[25, 27\], and when using iterative methods for computing canonical decompositions with orthogonality constraints \[2, 28\]. We now prove a local convergence guarantee. We will consider a modified version of Alg. 1 with differently structured sweeps. This makes it slower than Alg. 1 but both algorithms achieve similar compression ratios in our examples.

Alg. 1 improves each scale in every iteration. We now consider a modification that improves only one scale until convergence, and then moves on to the remaining scales successively. In detail, fix a maximum iteration number $M$. For each $k = 0, 1, \ldots, L$ in turn, the procedure computes an approximation $T_k^{(n)}$, for $n = 1, \ldots, M$ on the $k$:th level, by calling Alg. 1 on the tensor $T - \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T^{(M)}_{\ell})$ with the two-level rank vector

\[
(0, \ldots, 0, r_k, 0, \ldots, 0, r_{k+1} + \ldots + r_L).
\]

This produces a tensor $T^{(M)}_{k}$ on scale $k$ and a tensor $S^{(M)}_{k}$ on scale $L$. $T^{(M)}_{k}$ is stored and $S^{(M)}_{k}$ is discarded. Sweeping through all scales results in the multiscale approximation

\[
\sum_{\ell=0}^{L} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T^{(M)}_{\ell}).
\]
We will consider tensors with a globally optimal approximation $\sum_{k=0}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k)$ in the multiscale format. Denote by $E$ the optimal approximation error, i.e., $E = T - \sum_{k=0}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k)$. While updating scales $k$ and $L$ during iteration $n$ of a run of the algorithm, the update equations in Lemma 5.2 read as

$$T_k^{(n+1)} = \text{round}_{r_k}\left(\text{ave}_{L-k}(T - \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T^{(M)}_{\ell}) - S_k^{(n)})\right)$$

$$= \text{round}_{r_k}\left(T_k + \text{ave}_{L-k}(E - S_k^{(n)}) + \sum_{\ell=k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_{\ell}) + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_{\ell} - T^{(M)}_{\ell})\right),$$

$$S_k^{(n+1)} = \text{round}_{r_{k+1}+\ldots+r_L}\left(T - \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T^{(M)}_{\ell}) - T_k^{(n+1)}\right)$$

$$= \text{round}_{r_{k+1}+\ldots+r_L}\left(\sum_{\ell=k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_{\ell}) + E + \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k - T_k^{(n+1)}) + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_{\ell} - T^{(M)}_{\ell})\right).$$

(6.3)

The key step of the convergence proof will be to analyze the following two amalgamated error terms

$$E_k^{(n)} := \text{ave}_{L-k}\left(E - S_k^{(n)} + \sum_{\ell=k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_{\ell}) + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_{\ell} - T^{(M)}_{\ell})\right),$$

(6.4)

$$D_k^{(n)} := E + \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k - T_k^{(n+1)}) + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_{\ell} - T^{(M)}_{\ell}).$$

The idea of the proof is to show that our algorithm is locally a contraction, when the two error terms $E_k^{(n)}$ and $D_k^{(n)}$ are sufficiently small. We will prove local convergence under the following three assumptions.

**Assumption 1** (existence of approximations). *The set of tensors $\mathcal{F}_r$ is a weakly closed, smooth manifold embedded in $\mathbb{R}^{b_1 \times \ldots \times b_r}$ for any $r$.*

**Assumption 2** (minimality). *The tensors $\text{ext}_{L-k}(T_{k+1}) + \ldots + T_L$ have rank $r_{k+1} + \ldots + r_L$, for each $k = 0, \ldots, L$.*

**Assumption 3** (first-order analysis). *There is an angle $\theta > 0$ such that, for any $n$ and $k$, the amalgamated errors $E_k^{(n)}$ and $D_k^{(n)}$ subtend an angle greater than $\theta$ to the tangent space of $\mathcal{F}_{r_k}$ at the point $T_k$, and of $\mathcal{F}_{r_{k+1}+\ldots+r_L}$ at the point $\text{ext}_{L-k-1}(T_{k+1}) + \ldots + T_L$, respectively.*

The first assumption is required for optimal approximations in $\mathcal{F}_r$ to exist. The second assumption excludes non-minimal examples. For instance in the matrix case, if $r_0 = 1$, and $r_1 = b_s$, then $\text{ext}_L(T_0) + \text{ext}_{L-1}(T_1)$ also has rank $b_s \neq r_0 + r_1$. It would therefore be desirable for a properly designed algorithm to converge to a tensor in the multiscale format with rank vector $(0, r_1, \ldots, r_L)$ instead of $(r_0, r_1, \ldots, r_L)$, to reduce storage cost. We therefore exclude these cases from consideration by imposing Assumption 2. The third assumption is technical and made so that we can use first-order perturbation expansions as part of our analysis. Our main result is the following.
Lemma 6.2. Let $y$ was chosen also with i.i.d. standard normal entries, with $p$ approximations in the algorithm, rather than the quasi-optimal ones returned by the TT-SVD algorithm. However, for the TT-format, note that the conclusion in Thm. 6.1 applies when finding optimal low-rank multiscale format with rank vector $(r_0, \ldots, r_k)$. Under assumptions 1-2, there is then a constant $C > 0$ depending only on $T_0, \ldots, T_L$ such that

1. if $T = \sum_{k=0}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k)$ and $\|T_k - T_k(0)\| \leq C$, then when using the algorithm of this section, $T_k^{(n)} \to T_k$ linearly as $n \to \infty$.
2. More generally, if

$$\|T - \sum_{k=0}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k)\| \leq C,$$

then when using the algorithm of this section,

$$\|T_k - T_k^{(0)}\| \leq C,$$

for all $n$ large enough and some real constants $C_k$. In particular, there is a convergent subsequence $T_k^{(n_0)}$ such that $T_k^{(n_0)} \to S_k$ for all $k = 0, \ldots, L$, where

$$\|T_k - S_k\| \leq C_k\|T - \sum_{k=0}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k)\|.$$

Assumption 1 is satisfied e.g., for the low-rank matrix format as well as for the TT-format 10 24. However, for the TT-format, note that the conclusion in Thm. 6.1 applies when finding optimal low-rank approximations in the algorithm, rather than the quasi-optimal ones returned by the TT-SVD algorithm.

The result of Thm. 6.1 is illustrated in Fig. 1 for a matrix $T = \sum_{k=0}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k)$ and rank-vector $(0, 0, 0, 8, 0, 10, 10, 10)$, which satisfy Assumption 2. The matrices $T_k$ on each grid-scale were chosen with i.i.d. standard normal entries, and then normalized to have $\|T_k\| = 1$. The initial guess $T_k^{(0)}$ on each scale was chosen also with i.i.d. standard normal entries, with $\|T_k - T_k^{(0)}\| = 0.1$. We used $b_s = 2$ and $n = 128$.

We will need the following Lemma.

Lemma 6.2. Let $x$ be a point on a smooth manifold $M$ embedded in $\mathbb{R}^N$, and $y$ a point in $\mathbb{R}^N$ s.t. the vector $y - x$ subtends an angle greater than $\theta$ with the tangent plane to $M$ at $x$. There is then a neighborhood of $x$ in $M$ and a constant $C < 1$ which only depend on $x$ and $\theta$, such that the projection $\text{proj}_M$ onto the manifold, is uniquely defined in this neighborhood and satisfies

$$\|\text{proj}_M(y) - x\| \leq C\|y - x\|,$$

for all $y$ in the neighborhood.

Proof. Throughout the proof, we will denote by $D$ arbitrary constants that only depend on $x_0$ and $\theta$. For ease of notation, we will not keep track of the exact expression for $D$, and the constants can be redefined even on the same line.

By the assumptions and possibly after permuting the coordinates, there is a smooth function $f$ and a neighborhood of radius $r$ around $x$ wherein points on $M$ can be written as $(z, f(z))$. Write $x = (x_0, f(x_0))$. Moreover, by the $\varepsilon$-neighborhood theorem [8 p. 69], there is a neighborhood of radius $\eta$ around $x$ such that the projection onto $M$ is uniquely defined. Take $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}\min(r, \eta)$.

Since $\text{proj}_M(y)$ is the closest point on $M$ to $y$ and hence closer than $x$, $\|\text{proj}_M(y) - y\| \leq \|x - y\|$. Any $y$ in the $\varepsilon$-neighborhood of $x$ then has $\text{proj}_M(y)$ of the form $(z_0, f(z_0))$ with $\|x_0 - z_0\| \leq 2\varepsilon$, since $\|x_0 - z_0\| \leq \|\text{proj}_M(y) - x\| \leq \|\text{proj}_M(y) - y\| + \|y - x\| \leq 2\|x - y\| \leq 2\varepsilon \leq r$. 

Theorem 6.1. Let $T$ be a matrix with an isolated, globally optimal approximation $\sum_{k=0}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k)$ in the multiscale format with rank vector $(r_0, \ldots, r_k)$. Under assumptions 1-2, there is then a constant $C > 0$ depending only on $T_0, \ldots, T_L$ such that

1. if $T = \sum_{k=0}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k)$ and $\|T_k - T_k(0)\| \leq C$, then when using the algorithm of this section, $T_k^{(n)} \to T_k$ linearly as $n \to \infty$.
2. More generally, if

$$\|T - \sum_{k=0}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k)\| \leq C,$$

then when using the algorithm of this section,

$$\|T_k - T_k^{(0)}\| \leq C,$$

for all $n$ large enough and some real constants $C_k$. In particular, there is a convergent subsequence $T_k^{(n_0)}$ such that $T_k^{(n_0)} \to S_k$ for all $k = 0, \ldots, L$, where

$$\|T_k - S_k\| \leq C_k\|T - \sum_{k=0}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k)\|.$$
Since $f$ is smooth, the shift of the tangent space $T_xM$ to $x$ consists of all points of the form $(z, f(x_0) + df(x_0)(z - x_0))$. There is also a constant $D$ such that

$$\|f(z) - f(x_0) - df(x_0)(z - x_0)\| \leq D\|z - x_0\|^2, \quad (6.9)$$

for $z$ in the $r$-neighborhood of $x_0$. Denote now by $y_p$ the orthogonal projection of $y$ onto $T_x$. Let also $\text{proj}_M(y) = (z_0, f(z_0))$ be the projection of $y$ onto $M$. Since $f$ is smooth, $df$ varies smoothly so it follows that

$$\|df(z_0) - df(x_0)\| \leq D\|z_0 - x_0\| \leq D\|\text{proj}_M(y) - x\| \leq D\|\text{proj}_M(y) - y\| + \|y - x\| \leq 2D\|x - y\|. \quad (6.10)$$

It follows that the line passing through $y$ and $\text{proj}_M(y)$ is not contained in $T_x M$. If it were, we would be able to write $y - \text{proj}_M(y) = (\xi, df(x_0)\xi)$. Since $y - \text{proj}_M(y)$ is orthogonal to $T_{\text{proj}_M(y)} M$, this would imply

$$0 = \langle \xi, df(x_0)\xi \rangle, (\xi, df(z_0)\xi) \rangle = \langle df(x_0)\xi, (df(z_0) - df(x_0))\xi \rangle$$

$$\geq \|\xi, df(x_0)\xi \|^2 \cdot (1 - \|df(z_0) - df(x_0)\|) > 0, \quad (6.11)$$

by Eq. $(6.10)$ for $\varepsilon$ sufficiently small, which is a contradiction.

The line through $y$ and $\text{proj}_M(y)$ therefore intersects the shift of $T_x M$ to $x$ at some point $y_i$. Lastly, we denote the lift of $\text{proj}_M(y)$ onto the shift of $T_x M$ to $x$ by $y_\ell = (z_0, f(x_0) + df(x_0)(z_0 - x_0))$. We have

$$\|\text{proj}_M(y) - x\| \leq \|\text{proj}_M(y) - y_\ell\| + \|y_\ell - y_i\| + \|y_i - y_p\| + \|y_p - x\|, \quad (6.12)$$

and we proceed by showing that the first three terms are bounded by constants times $\|y - x\|^2$.

For the first term, Eq. $(6.9)$ gives

$$\|\text{proj}_M(y) - y_\ell\| = \|f(z_0) - f(x_0) - df(x_0)(z - x_0)\| \leq D\|z_0 - x_0\|^2. \quad (6.13)$$
Now, we have \( \|z_0 - x_0\| \leq \|\text{proj}_M(y) - x\| \leq \|\text{proj}_M(y) - y\| + \|y - x\| \leq 2\|y - x\| \). It follows that
\[
(6.14) \quad \|\text{proj}_M(y) - y\| \leq D\|y - x\|^2.
\]

We next study the third term. The vector \( y - y_1 \) is orthogonal to any vector in \( T_{\text{proj}_M(y)}M \), which are of the form \( (\xi, df(z_0)\xi) \). Likewise, \( y - y_p \) is orthogonal to \( T_xM \), i.e. vectors of the form \( (\xi, df(x_0)\xi) \). If we write \( y - y_i = ((y_i - y_1), (y_i - y_2)) \), this means that
\[
0 = \langle y - y_i, (\xi, df(z_0)\xi) \rangle - \langle y - y_p, (\xi, df(x_0)\xi) \rangle = \langle y_p - y_i, (\xi, df(x_0)\xi) \rangle + \langle (y - y_i)_2, (df(z_0) - df(x_0))\xi \rangle
\]
Since \( y_p - y_i \) is in \( T_xM \), it can be written on the form \( y_p - y_i = ((y_p - y_1), df(x_0)(y_p - y_i)_2) \), so
\[
-(y - y_i)_2^T(df(z_0) - df(x_0))\xi = -(\langle y - y_i)_2, (df(z_0) - df(x_0))\xi \rangle = \langle y_p - y_i, (\xi, df(x_0)\xi) \rangle = (y_p - y_i)_1^T[I + df(x_0)^T df(x_0)]\xi,
\]
for any vector \( \xi \). This implies
\[
(6.17) \quad (df(z_0) - df(x_0))^T(y - y_2) = [I + df(x_0)^T df(x_0)](y_p - y_i)_1.
\]
Since \( I \) is positive definite and \( df(x_0)^T df(x_0) \) is positive semidefinite, the matrix in the right hand side is positive definite and hence invertible. This results in
\[
(6.18) \quad \|y_p - y_i\| \leq \|[I + df(x_0)^T df(x_0)]^{-1} \cdot (df(z_0) - df(x_0))^T \cdot (y - y_2)\|.
\]
We observe that
\[
(6.19) \quad \|y_p - y_i\| = \|(y_p - y_1, df(x_0)(y_p - y_1)_1)\| \leq (1 + \|df(x_0)\|)\|y_p - y_1\|,
\]
\[
(6.20) \quad \|(y - y_i)_2\| \leq \|y - y_i\| \leq \|y - y_p\| + \|y_p - y_i\| \leq \|y - x\| + \|y_p - y_i\|,
\]
\[
(6.21) \quad \|[df(z_0) - df(x_0)]^T\| \leq D\|z_0 - x_0\| \leq 2D\|y - x\|,
\]
where the second equation used the fact that \( y_p \) is the closest point to \( y \) on the shift of \( T_xM \) to \( x \) which also includes \( x \), and the third equation used Eq. \((6.10)\). Inserting this into Eq. \((6.18)\) results in
\[
(6.22) \quad \|y_p - y_i\| \leq 2D(1 + \|df(x_0)\|)[I + df(x_0)^T df(x_0)]^{-1}\|y - x\|([I + x - y]\|y_p - y_i\|) \leq D\|x - y\|^2 + \varepsilon D\|y_p - y_i\|.
\]
Moving the last term to the left hand side shows that
\[
(6.23) \quad \|y_p - y_i\| \leq D\|x - y\|^2,
\]
for \( \varepsilon \) sufficiently small.

We lastly study the second term. Note that the vector \( y_i - y_e \) is in \( T_xM \) and can therefore be written as \( y_i - y_e = ((y_i - y_1), df(x_0)(y_i - y_1)_1) \). Next write \( y_i - \text{proj}_M(y) = ((y_i - \text{proj}_M(y))_1, (y_i - \text{proj}_M(y))_2) \). Since this vector is orthogonal to \( T_{\text{proj}_M(y)}M \)
\[
0 = (y_i - \text{proj}_M(y)) \cdot (\xi, df(z_0)\xi)
\]
\[
= (y_i - \text{proj}_M(y)) \cdot (\xi, df(x_0)\xi) + (y_i - \text{proj}_M(y))_2 \cdot (df(z_0) - df(x_0))\xi,
\]
for any vector \( \xi \). Taking \( \xi = (y_i - y_e)_1 \) results in
\[
(6.25) \quad 0 = (y_i - \text{proj}_M(y)) \cdot (y_i - y_e) + (y_i - \text{proj}_M(y))_2 \cdot (df(z_0) - df(x_0))(y_i - y_e)_1,
\]
so

\[
| (y_i - \text{proj}_M(y))(y_i - y_e) | \leq | (y_i - \text{proj}_M(y))_2 \| df(z_0) - df(x_0) \| (y_i - y_e)_1 |
\]

\[
\leq D | y_i - \text{proj}_M(y) | \| x - y \| | y_i - y_e |
\]

(6.26)

This implies that the angle \( \alpha \) between the vectors \( y_i - \text{proj}_M(y) \) and \( y_i - y_e \) satisfies \( \cos \alpha \leq D \| x - y \| \leq D \varepsilon \).

By choosing \( \varepsilon \) sufficiently small, we can therefore guarantee \( \sin \alpha \geq \frac{1}{2} \). The law of sines for the triangle with vertices \( y_i, \ y_e \) and \( \text{proj}_M(y) \) therefore gives

\[
\| y_i - y_e \| \leq \frac{\| y-e - \text{proj}_M(y) \|}{\sin \alpha} \leq 2D \| x - y \|^2.
\]

(6.27)

Inserting Eqs. (6.14), (6.23), (6.27) into Eq. (6.12) results in

\[
| \text{proj}_M(y) - x | \leq \| y_p - x \| + D \| y - x \|^2.
\]

(6.28)

By assumption, the angle between \( y_p - x \) is at least \( \theta \), so

\[
\| y_p - x \| \leq \| y - x \| \cos \theta.
\]

(6.29)

By choosing \( \varepsilon \) so that \( D \varepsilon + \cos \theta < 1 \), it follows that

\[
| \text{proj}_M(y) - x | \leq \| y_p - x \| + D \| y - x \|^2 \leq (\cos \theta + D \varepsilon) \| x - y \|,
\]

(6.30)

which finishes the proof with \( C = 1 - (\cos \theta + D \varepsilon) \), since \( 0 < C < 1 \).

We can now prove the main result of this section.

Proof of Thm. [13] Write \( E = T - \sum_{k=0}^{L} \text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k) \), and first assume that \( \| E \| \neq 0 \). We proceed by induction and assume that the algorithm has computed \( T_0(M), \ldots, T_{k-1}(M) \) with \( \| T_{\ell} - T_{\ell}(M) \| \leq C_k \| E \| \) for \( \ell = 1, \ldots, k-1 \). When computing \( T_k^{(n)} \), the algorithm proceeds by the updates

\[
T_k^{(n+1)} = \text{round}_{r_k} \left( T_k + E_k^{(n)} \right),
\]

(6.31)

\[
S_k^{(n+1)} = \text{round}_{r_{k+1} \ldots r_L} \left( \sum_{\ell=k+1}^{L} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_{\ell}) + D_k^{(n)} \right),
\]

where \( E_k^{(n)} \) and \( D_k^{(n)} \) are defined in Eq. (6.4).

This implies

\[
T_k^{(n+1)} - T_k = \text{round}_{r_k} \left( T_k + E_k^{(n)} \right) - T_k,
\]

(6.32)

\[
S_k^{(n+1)} - \sum_{\ell=k+1}^{L} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_{\ell}) = \text{round}_{r_{k+1} \ldots r_L} \left( \sum_{\ell=k+1}^{L} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_{\ell}) + D_k^{(n)} \right) - \sum_{\ell=k+1}^{L} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_{\ell}),
\]

for \( \ell = k+1 \).
and we now show that the norm of these error terms are bounded by the norms of $E_k^{(n)}$ and $D_k^{(n)}$, respectively. Provided the error terms are sufficiently small, Lemma [6.2] implies

$$\|T_k^{(n+1)} - T_k\| \leq (1 - C)\|E_k^{(n)}\|$$

(6.33)

$$= (1 - C)\left\|\text{ave}_{L-k}(\sum_{\ell=k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell) - S_k^{(n)} + E + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell - T_\ell^{(M)})\right\|$$

$$\leq \frac{(1 - C)}{b_s^{\ell}(L-k)} \left\|\sum_{\ell=k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell) - S_k^{(n)} + E + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell - T_\ell^{(M)})\right\|,$$

where the first step used Assumption 3 and the third step used Cauchy-Schwarz. Similarly, using Assumptions 3 and 2 we obtain

$$\|S_k^{(n+1)} - \sum_{\ell=k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell)\|$$

$$\leq (1 - C)\left\|\text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k - T_k^{(n+1)}) + E + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell - T_\ell^{(M)})\right\|$$

$$\leq (1 - C)b_s^{\frac{\ell}{2}(L-k)}\|T_k - T_k^{(n+1)}\| + (1 - C_T)\|E\| + (1 - C)\sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} b_s^{\frac{\ell}{2}(L-\ell)}C_\ell\|E\|$$

(6.34)

$$\leq (1 - C)^2\|S_k^{(n)} - \sum_{\ell=k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell) - E + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell - T_\ell^{(M)})\|$$

$$+ (1 - C)\|E\| + (1 - C)\sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} b_s^{\frac{\ell}{2}(L-\ell)}C_\ell\|E\|$$

$$\leq (1 - C)^2\|S_k^{(n)} - \sum_{\ell=k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell)\| + D\|E\|,$$

since $\|T_\ell - T_\ell^{(M)}\| \leq C_\ell\|E\|$, by the induction hypothesis. Here, $D$ is a constant dependent on $C$, $\{C_\ell\}_{\ell=0}^{k-1}$ and $b_s$. It follows that

$$\|S_k^{(n+1)} - \sum_{\ell=k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell)\| \leq (1 - C)^{2n+2}\|S_k^{(0)} - \sum_{\ell=k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell)\|$$

(6.35)

$$+ D\|E\| \sum_{m=0}^{n+1} (1 - C)^{2m}$$

$$\leq (1 - C)^{2n+2}\|S_k^{(0)} - \sum_{\ell=k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell)\| + \frac{D}{(1 - C)^2}\|E\|.$$

Letting $n \to \infty$ shows that $\|S_k^{(n+1)} - \sum_{\ell=k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell)\| \leq (1 + \frac{D}{(1 - C)^2})\|E\|$ for $n$ large enough. Inserting this into Eq. 6.33 shows that

$$\|T_k^{(n+1)} - T_k\| \leq \frac{(1 - C)}{b_s^{\ell}(L-k)} \left[ 2 + \frac{D}{(1 - C)^2} + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} b_s^{\frac{\ell}{2}(L-\ell)}C_\ell \right]\|E\|,$$

(6.36)
which concludes the induction hypothesis and therefore the proof of the first statement. For the second statement, note that this implies that the $T_k^{(n)}$ are bounded, so there is a convergent subsequence by the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem. Eq. (6.7) then follows from taking the limit of Eq. (6.6).

Lastly, assume that $\|E\| = 0$. Eqs. (6.34) and (6.33) imply that

$$
\|T_k^{(n+1)} - T_k\| \leq (1 - C)^{2n+3} S_k^{(0)} - \sum_{\ell = k+1}^L \text{ext}_{L-\ell}(T_\ell),
$$

which concludes the proof.

7. Tensor operations

The different scales of the multiscale format introduce a grading on $MS_T$, and we now show that all common tensor operations can be performed in such a way that they respect the graded structure and can be computed with cost independent of the number of levels $L$. The format can therefore be used in calculations without having to convert into full format.

7.1. Addition. If $T$ and $S$ have the multiscale representations $(T_0, \ldots, T_L)$ and $(S_0, \ldots, S_L)$, respectively, then $S + T$ has multiscale representation $(T_0 + S_0, \ldots, T_L + S_L)$.

7.2. Rounding. Let $T$ have multiscale representation $(T_0, \ldots, T_L)$ with each $T_k \in T_{\epsilon_k}$. When the $T_k$ potentially have suboptimal ranks, for instance as a result of having performed addition or taking Hadamard products, a multiscale representation with more beneficial ranks is given by $(\tilde{T}_0, \ldots, \tilde{T}_L)$, with

$$
\tilde{T}_k = \text{round}_F(T_k, b_k^d(L-k)\epsilon).
$$

This results in an approximation error

$$
\|T - \sum_{k=0}^L \text{ext}_{L-k}(\tilde{T}_k)\| \leq \sum_{k=0}^L \|\text{ext}_{L-k}(T_k - \tilde{T}_k)\| \leq \epsilon \sum_{k=0}^L \|T_k\|.
$$

The cost of this procedure is given by

$$
\sum_{k=0}^L O(\epsilon^3 b_k^d) = O(\epsilon^3 d^{L+1} - 1) = O(\epsilon^3 d b_k^L) = O(\epsilon^3 d n).
$$

7.3. Hadamard product. If $T$ and $S$ have the respective multiscale representations $(T_0, \ldots, T_L)$ and $(S_0, \ldots, S_L)$, then $S \odot T$ has multiscale representation $(R_0, \ldots, R_L)$ with

$$
R_k = T_k \odot (\text{ext}_k(S_0) + \ldots + S_k) + S_k \odot (\text{ext}_k(T_0) + \ldots + \text{ext}_1(T_{k-1})).
$$

$R_k$ can be computed recursively, with rounding during intermediate steps to avoid rank-growth, i.e., $A_0 = T_0, A_k = \text{round}_F(T_k + \text{ext}_1(A_{k-1}))$ and $B_0 = S_0, B_k = \text{round}_F(S_k + \text{ext}_1(B_{k-1}))$. This results in

$$
R_k = T_k \odot A_k + S_k \odot B_k.
$$

In the case when $F$ is the tensor-train format, $\text{ext}_1(T_{k-1})$ can be computed with cost $O(\text{rank}_{TT}(A_{k-1})^2 b_k^d)$, by Lemma 5.1 and the rounding procedure has cost $O(\text{rank}_{TT}(A_{k-1} + T_k)^3 b_k^d)$. If we write

$$
R_k = \max_{1 \leq k \leq L} \text{rank}_{TT}(\text{ext}_k(T_0) + \text{ext}_{k-1}(T_1) + \ldots + T_k) \leq r_0 + \ldots + r_L,
$$

it follows that the total cost of computing the Hadamard product is

$$
\sum_{k=0}^L O(R_k^3 b_k^d) = O(R^3 d^{L+1} - 1) = O(R^3 d b_k^L) = O(R^3 d n).
$$
7.4. Tensor-vector contraction. If the tensor \( T \) has a multiscale representation \((T_0, \ldots, T_L)\) then \( T \times_j v \) has multiscale representation

\[
(b_s^L T_0 \times_j \text{ave}_L(v), b_s^{L-1} T_1 \times_j \text{ave}_{L-1}(v), \ldots, T_L \times_j v).
\]

The cost of computing \( T_k \times_j v \) when \( T_k \) is given in the tensor-train format, is \( \mathcal{O}(r_s^2 dn) \). Recursively computing \( \text{ave}_k(v) = \text{ave}(\text{ave}_{k-1}(v)) \) has cost \( \mathcal{O}(n) \). The total cost then becomes

\[
\sum_{k=0}^{L} \mathcal{O}(r^2 s_k d) = \mathcal{O}(r^2 d \frac{b_s^{L+1}-1}{b_s-1}) = \mathcal{O}(r^2 d b_s^L) = \mathcal{O}(r^2 dn).
\]

7.5. Frobenius norm. The Frobenius norm can be computed as \((T \circ T) \times_1 v \ldots \times_d v\), where \( v \in \mathbb{R}^n \) is a vector with all entries equal to 1.

8. Applications

This section compares the compression ratios achieved using Alg. 1 to those of using the tensor-train decomposition, for a variety of real-world datasets. In 2D, we show how this can be used to achieve greater accuracy than a truncated singular value decomposition for given storage. In dimensions higher than two, we achieve greater compression than the tensor-train decomposition.

All computations were carried out on a MacBook Pro with a 3.1 GHz Intel Core i5 processor and 16 GB of memory.

8.1. Image data. We consider two matrices with multiscale features. The matrices are greyscale versions of images with features on several scales \([3, 16]\), rescaled to be of size \(2048 \times 2048\) pixels. The resulting matrices in \(\mathbb{R}^{2048 \times 2048}\) were compressed in both the low-rank matrix format and in the multiscale format. We used batch-size \( b_s = 2 \) and rank vector \((r, \ldots, r)\) for increasing values of \( r \) and maximum number of iterations \( M \). The results are shown in Fig. 2. For accuracies for which the tensor train format achieves a compression ratio of at least two, the multiscale format achieves up to a factor 1.5 higher compression ratio.

Fig. 3 shows a side-by-side comparison of one of the images compressed in both the multiscale low-rank matrix format, and the ordinary low-rank matrix format. For the same compression ratio, the multiscale format has visibly significantly clearer features and correspondingly lower approximation error.

Figs. 4 and 5 show the compressed version of the matrix \( A \), decomposed into its different scales. The \( i \)th subimage in Fig. 4 contains the sum of the \( i \) highest scales of the compressed format, i.e., \( \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \text{ext}_{L-k}(A) \). The \( i \)th subimage in Fig. 5 contains the sum of the \( i \) lowest scales of the compressed format, i.e., the matrix \( \sum_{k=L-i}^{L} \text{ext}_{L-k}(A) \).

8.2. Hyperspectral wavelength data. We consider hyperspectral wavelength data, which are aerial view photographs of different environments, captured at multiple wavelengths across the electromagnetic spectrum. The data is organized into a tensor \( S \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3} \) where \( n_1 \) and \( n_2 \) are the physical dimensions, and \( n_3 \) the number of recorded wavelengths. Each slice \( T(\cdot, \cdot, i) \) therefore contains a photograph at the \( i \)th recorded wavelength.

We consider three different hyperspectral images of different environments \([25, 17, 19]\). One slice of each environment is shown in Fig. 6. For the data from \([25]\), slices 1–4, 76, 87, 101–111, 136–153 and 198–210 are removed because of contamination by atmospheric effects, and we consider the first 128 slices of the upper left \( 128 \times 128 \) sub-image. For the data from \([17]\), we consider the \( 128 \times 128 \) -pixel subimage starting at the index \((1000, 1000)\), and for the data from \([19]\), we consider the \( 128 \times 128 \) -pixel subimage starting at index \((252, 332)\), each with 128 slices. Since each image exhibits features on multiple scales, we expect the multiscale format to achieve good compression.
Figure 2. Top row: Images from [3], [16], respectively, Middle row: compression ratios of matrices in [3, 16] as functions of approximation error. Bottom row: runtimes as functions of approximation error.
This results in three tensors in $\mathbb{R}^{128 \times 128 \times 128}$, which we compress using the multiscale tensor-train format and the non-multiscale tensor-train format. The results are shown in Fig. 6 and shows higher compression ratio in the multiscale format across practically all accuracies where the tensor-train achieves a compression ratio of at least 1. The compression ratio is up to twice as large in the multiscale tensor format for a wide range of accuracies. The simulations used batch-size $b_s = 2$, rank-vector $(r, \ldots, r)$ for increasing $r$ and maximum number of iterations $M$. The runtime per iteration is a small factor times that of the tensor-train decomposition.

8.3. Video data. We consider video recordings of three different scenes \cite{15}. These correspond to tensors in $\mathbb{R}^{256 \times 256 \times 256}$, $\mathbb{R}^{128 \times 128 \times 128}$, and $\mathbb{R}^{128 \times 128 \times 128}$, respectively. The scenes exhibit multiple physical and temporal scales due to e.g., objects moving through the scenes at different speeds. Sample frames are shown together with the compression results in Fig. 7. We used batch-size $b_s = 2$ and rank vector $(r, \ldots, r)$ for increasing values of $r$ and maximum number of iterations $M$. The multiscale approximation achieves up to more than twice as high compression ratio as the tensor-train decomposition, over a wide range of accuracies.

A sample compressed scene is included in Movie 1\footnote{https://github.com/MultiResTF/multiresolution/blob/master/movies/movie1.mp4} with a side-by-side comparison of the multiscale approximation and the tensor-train approximation. The approximations shown achieve the same compression ratio, and the multiscale approximation exhibits more clearly defined features and noticeably fewer artifacts of the approximation procedure, compared to the tensor-train approximation. Movie 2\footnote{https://github.com/MultiResTF/multiresolution/blob/master/movies/movie2.mp4} presents the approximation on each scale. The $i$th submovie contains the sum of the $i$ highest scales of the compressed format, i.e., $\sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \text{ext}_{L-k} (T)$.
9. Conclusion

We have introduced a simple black-box tensor format for representing multidimensional data with multiple length-scales. An alternating algorithm for tensor approximation into this format was provided, and local convergence guarantees were proven. The closedness and stability properties of the format were also
The $i$th successive image shows the sum of the $i$ lowest scales in the compressed multiscale format.

The efficiency of the format was numerically verified on six real-world datasets, achieving compression ratios several times higher than their counterparts for the tensor-train format.
Figure 6. Top row: One wavelength of the hyperspectral images from [25], [17], [19], respectively. Middle row: compression ratios of the tensors in [25], [17], [19], respectively, as functions of approximation error and maximum number of iterations $M$. Bottom row: runtimes as functions of approximation error.

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