Technical Note

Joint Angle and Range Estimation in Monostatic FDA-MIMO Radar via Compressed Unitary PARAFAC

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Abstract: In this paper, we study the joint range and angle estimation problem based in monostatic frequency diverse-array multiple-input multiple-output (FDA-MIMO) radar, and propose a method for range and angle estimation base on compressed unitary parallel factor (PARAFAC). First, the received complex signal matrix is stacked into a third-order complex signal tensor. Then, we can transform the obtained third-order complex signal tensor into a third-order real-valued signal tensor by employing forward–backward and unitary transformation techniques. Next, a smaller third-order real-valued signal tensor is composed by using compressing the third-order real-valued signal tensor. After that, PARAFAC decomposition is applied to obtain the direction matrix. Lastly, the angle and range are estimated by employing the least square (LS) fitting. The estimation error of the proposed method is about 10% lower than that of the traditional PARAFAC method under the low number of snapshots. When the number of snapshots is high, the performance of the two methods is close. Moreover, the computational complexity of the proposed method is nearly 96% less than those of the traditional PARAFAC methods in the case of low snapshots, while the gap is larger in the case of high snapshots. The superiority and effectiveness of the method are proved by complexity analysis and simulation experiments.

Keywords: real-valued tensor; tensor compression; unitary transformation; FDA-MIMO radar; PARAFAC decomposition; angle estimation; range estimation

1. Introduction

The main task of radar is of detect and locate targets. Under the condition of strong interference, it is difficult for traditional radar of detect the target. In this case, the target can only be detected by utilizing better target detection techniques such as constant false alarm rate (CFAR) [1,2] technology. Compared with traditional radars, multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) radar [3,4] have stronger antijamming ability, higher measurement accuracy and better resolution [5]. It is these advantages that make it of great significance in the field of radar. Among them, MIMO’s target parameter estimation is a hot topic [6].

However, since both traditional radar and MIMO radar cannot achieve time and phase synchronization, it is impossible to jointly estimate the range and angle of the target. The frequency-diversity (FDA) radar [7] uses a small frequency offset in different transmitting array elements to obtain the beam with range dependence. This makes it applicable for joint angle and range estimation.

In 2014, Wen-Qin Wang [8] applied FDA technology to MIMO radar, which greatly improved the accuracy of range and angle estimation. Henceforth, FDA-MIMO radar has become a research hotspot. Hui Chen and HuaiZong Shao [9] estimated the angle and range by using sparse reconstruction. In [10], an adaptive Doppler frequency-angle-range processing method for FDA-MIMO radar was proposed by Jingwei Xu. In [11], Jian Xu...
proposed a joint Doppler frequency, range and angle estimation method for FDA-MIMO radar, which uses the principle of extended invariance of reduce complexity.

Parallel factor (PARAFAC) is a multidimensional data-processing method. In the field of signal processing, the method based on PARAFAC can obtain the required information by fitting multidimensional data [12]. This is the reason why the method based on PARAFAC shows good performance. In [13], Zhang X.F. proposed angle estimation based on PARAFAC decomposition in bistatic MIMO radar. The traditional PARAFAC decomposition algorithm requires a huge amount of calculation. Therefore, the key to the application of PARAFAC technology is to reduce the computation complexity. At present, the methods that can reduce the complexity of PARAFAC include unitary transformation [14–16], compressed sensing [17–19], and so on. The key problem of compressed sensing is to obtain a compressed matrix that retains most of the information from the original signal. This compressed matrix in compressed sensing needs to meet the restricted isometry property (RIP) [20] condition. The matrices that satisfy the RIP condition include Bernoulli matrix, random Gaussian matrix, matrix obtained by TUCKER3 decomposition [21], and so on. After TUCKER3 decomposition, the matrix can retain most of the information of the tensor, so the compressed matrix used in tensor compression is usually the matrix obtained by TUCKER3 decomposition.

In the paper, we combine unitary transformation and compression technology of propose a compressed unitary PARAFAC algorithm, which greatly reduces the complexity of PARAFAC decomposition. Firstly, we establish a third-order tensor with signal data. Then, the obtained third-order complex tensor is transformed into a third-order real-valued signal tensor through forward–backward and unitary transformation techniques. Next, the compressed sensing technology is applied of compress the real-valued tensor. Finally, the range and angle are estimated using the direction matrix acquired by PARAFAC decomposition. Experimental simulation shows that performance of the proposed method are more excellent than the traditional estimation of signal parameters via rotational invariance technology (ESPRIT) method [22], the traditional PARAFAC method [23], and the Unitary ESPRIT method [24], and is near of the unitary PARAFAC method. That is, it has a higher detection success probability and a lower estimation error. In the mean time, the complexity of this method is lower than both the traditional PARAFAC and the unitary PARAFAC method. In the following section of this paper, CUP (compressed unitary PARAFAC) represents our proposed algorithm.

Table 1 defines the symbols in this paper.

Table 1. Related notation.

| Notations | Definitions |
|-----------|-------------|
| \((\cdot)^H\) | conjugate-transpose |
| \((\cdot)^T\) | transpose |
| \((\cdot)^*\) | conjugate |
| \((\cdot)^\dagger\) | pseudo-inverse |
| \((\cdot)^{-1}\) | inverse |
| \(\odot\) | Khatri–Rao product operator |
| \(\otimes\) | Kronecker product operator |
| \(\|\cdot\|\) | the Frobenius norm operator |
| \(D_n(A)\) | the diagonal matrix composed of the n-th row of \(A\). |
| \(\text{Re}(\cdot)\) | the real part operator |
| \(\mathbb{I}_K\) | identity matrix |
| \(\mathbb{I}_K\) | \(K \times K\) identity matrix |

2. Tensor Data Model

Firstly, we introduce some operations about tensors [12].
Tensor Operation 1: The mode-$n$ unfolding $X_{(n)}$ of a tensor $\mathcal{X}$ is:

$$X_{(n)} = (A^{(1)} \cdots \odot A^{(n-1)} \odot A^{(n+1)} \cdots \odot A^{(N)})^T,$$

where the size of $\mathcal{X}$ is $I_1 \times I_2 \times \cdots \times I_N$, the size of $X_{(n)}$ is $I_1 I_2 \cdots I_{n-1} I_{n+1} \cdots I_N \times I_n$ and $A^{(1)}, A^{(2)}, \cdots, A^{(N)}$ are the factor matrices of $\mathcal{X}$, respectively.

Tensor Operation 2: The mode-$n$ product of a tensor $\mathcal{X}$ and a matrix $A$ is given by the following formulas:

$$\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{X} \times_n A$$

where the size of $\mathcal{X}$ is $I_1 \times I_2 \times \cdots \times I_N$, the size of $A$ is $I_n \times \cdots \times I_n$ and the size of $\mathcal{Y}$ is $I_1 \times I_2 \times \cdots \times I_{n-1} \times I_{n+1} \times \cdots \times I_N$, $\mathcal{Y}_{(n)} = \sum_{i=1}^{I_n} [\mathcal{X}]_{(n)} [A]_{i, \cdot}$.  

Tensor Operation 3: The concatenation between tensor $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{I_1 \times I_2 \times \cdots \times I_N}$ and tensor $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathbb{C}^{I_1 \times I_2 \times \cdots \times I_N}$ along the $n$-th mode is defined as:

$$\mathcal{Z} = [\mathcal{X} \sqcup_n \mathcal{Y}]$$

where the size of $\mathcal{Z}$ is $I_1 \times I_2 \times \cdots \times 2I_n \times \cdots \times I_N$.

Figure 1 displays the model of a monostatic FDA-MIMO radar. We set the receiving array and the transmitting array of this radar to be uniform linear arrays. We assume that $K$ targets from afar receive and reflect the signals from the radar. DOD and DOA are equal, as the receiving and the transmitting array are placed in the same location. The transmitting and the receiving array contain $M$ and $N$ antennas, respectively, with spacing $d$ between adjacent antennas. In general, the spacing is equal of half wavelength of the impinging signal. The frequency increase is set of $\Delta f$ between adjacent antennas and the first antenna $f_0$ of the transmitting array is the reference frequency, $\Delta f \leq f_0$. Then the frequency of the $m$-th antenna of the transmitting array is:

$$f_m = f_0 + (m - 1)\Delta f, \quad m = 1, 2, \cdots, m$$

The received data after matched filter is:

$$x(t) = [a_r(\theta_1) \otimes a_t(\theta_1, r_1), \cdots, a_r(\theta_K) \otimes a_t(\theta_K, r_K)]s(t) + n(t)$$

where $a_r(\theta_k)$ denotes the receiving steering vector and $a_t(\theta_k, r_k)$ denotes the transmitting steering vector, where $r_k$ and $\theta_k$ denotes the range and angle of the $k$-th targets, respectively. $n(t)$ stands for the Gaussian white noise vector. $s(t)$ is signal vector, with $s(t) = a_k e^{j2\pi f_k t}$, where $f_k$ is Doppler phase shift and $a_k$ is the reflection coefficient. $N$ is the number of antennas in the receiving array and $M$ is the number of antennas in the transmitting array. This article assumes that both $N$ and $M$ are odd numbers.

![Figure 1. monostatic FDA-MIMO radar model.](image)

The middle antenna of receiving array is used as the reference, the receiving vector is:

$$a_r(\theta_k) = [e^{-j\pi(N-1)\frac{k}{N} \sin \theta_k}, \cdots, 1, \cdots, e^{j\pi(N-1)\frac{k}{N} \sin \theta_k}]^T$$

(6)
Similarly, the transmitting vector can be expressed as:

$$a_t(\theta, r, k) = [e^{-j\pi(M-1)\frac{4\pi}{c} \sin \theta}, \ldots, 1, \ldots, e^{j\pi(M-1)\frac{4\pi}{c} \sin \theta}]^T$$  \hspace{1cm} (7)

The received signal matrix with the number of snapshots $J$ can be expressed as:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \vdots \\ X_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_T D_1(A_R) \\ A_T D_2(A_R) \\ \vdots \\ A_T D_3(A_R) \end{bmatrix} S^T + \begin{bmatrix} N_{x_1} \\ N_{x_2} \\ \vdots \\ N_{x_N} \end{bmatrix} = [A_R \odot A_T] S^T + N_x$$  \hspace{1cm} (8)

where $A_T = [a_t(\theta_1, r_1), a_t(\theta_2, r_2), \ldots, a_t(\theta_k, r_k)] \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times K}$ is the transmit steering matrix, $A_R = [a_r(\theta_1), a_r(\theta_2), \ldots, a_r(\theta_k)] \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times K}$ is the receive steering matrix, and $S = [s(t_1), s(t_2), \ldots, s(t_I)] \in \mathbb{C}^{K \times J}$. The trilinear model of the received signal is:

$$X_{n,m,j} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} A_R(n,k) \odot A_T(m,k) \odot S(j,k) + N_{x,n,m,j}$$  \hspace{1cm} (9)

where $A_R(n,k)$ and $A_T(m,k)$ are the $(n,k)$ element of the receive steering matrix $A_R$ and the $(m,k)$ element of the transmit steering matrix $A_T$, respectively. $X$ is Mode-3 unfolding of the third-order complex signal tensor $X_{m,n,j}$.

3. Compressed Unitary PARAFAC Algorithm

3.1. The Real-Valued Signal Tensor

In this section, we transform the third-order complex-valued tensor signal data obtained from Equation (10) into a third-order real-valued signal tensor by forward–backward technology and unitary transformation [14,15,25,26].

First, we construct the centro-Hermitian tensor $Z$ as follows:

$$Z = [X \cup_3 X \times_1 \Pi_N \times_2 \Pi_M \times_3 \Pi_I]$$  \hspace{1cm} (10)

where $\Pi_n \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is:

$$\Pi_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$  \hspace{1cm} (11)

Then, we transform the third-order complex-valued signal tensor into the third-order real-valued signal tensor by employing unitary transformation. The transformation process is:

$$\tilde{Z} = Z \times_1 U_N^H \times_2 U_M^H \times_3 U_{2J}^H$$  \hspace{1cm} (12)

where the unitary matrix $U$ is:

$$U_{2n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} I_n & jI_n \\ \Pi_n & -j\Pi_n \end{bmatrix}$$  \hspace{1cm} (13)

$$U_{2n+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 & jI_n \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ \Pi_n & 0 & -j\Pi_n \end{bmatrix}$$  \hspace{1cm} (14)
The trilinear model of the real-valued tensor $\mathbf{Z}$ is:

$$
\mathbf{Z}_{n,m,j} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \tilde{A}_R(n,k) \circ \tilde{A}_T(m,k) \circ \tilde{S}(j',k) + \tilde{N}_{n,m,j'}
$$

(15)

where $\tilde{S} = U_2^{H}[S^T, (\Pi J S^*)^T]^T$, $\tilde{A}_T = U_M^H A_T$ and $\tilde{A}_R = U_N^H A_R$.

### 3.2. Tensor Model Compression

In the previous part, a large tensor data is obtained by forward–backward techniques. In practical applications, large tensors not only have high complexity but also require large capacity for data storage. Therefore, for the sake of reducing the algorithm complexity and capacity for data storage, we compress the tensor obtained in the previous part into a smaller tensor [17].

In the process of tensor compression, it is important to obtain a suitable compression matrix. This compression matrix can retain most of the information of the signal, and keep the compressed tensor as small as possible. Principal component analysis (PCA) can retain most of the signal information. Tucker3 decomposition is a higher-order form of PCA [12,27]. The rank of the tensor we obtained is $K < 2J$, most of the signal information is retained in the first $K$ left singular value vectors. Therefore, the compression matrix can be obtained by truncating Tucker3 decomposition. The tensor compression process is shown in Figure 2, where $W$ takes the first $K$ left singular value vectors after singular value decomposition of Mode-3 unfolding of the tensor $\mathbf{Z}$. The following is of introduce the details of the compression process:

![Figure 2. Tensor compression process.](image)

Firstly, the mode-3 unfolding of the real-valued tensor $\mathbf{Z}$ is:

$$
[\mathbf{Z}_{(3)}] = \begin{bmatrix}
[\mathbf{Z}_{(3)}]_1 \\
[\mathbf{Z}_{(3)}]_2 \\
\vdots \\
[\mathbf{Z}_{(3)}]_N
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
\tilde{A}_T D_1(\tilde{A}_R) \\
\tilde{A}_T D_2(\tilde{A}_R) \\
\vdots \\
\tilde{A}_T D_N(\tilde{A}_R)
\end{bmatrix} \tilde{S}^T + \begin{bmatrix}
\tilde{N}_{z1} \\
\tilde{N}_{z2} \\
\vdots \\
\tilde{N}_{zN}
\end{bmatrix} = [\tilde{A}_R \circ \tilde{A}_T] \tilde{S}^T + \tilde{N}_{z[\mathbf{Z}_{(3)}]} \quad (16)
$$

Then, the compression matrix in the compression process $W$ can be obtained by tucker3 decomposition. The compressed real signal can be expressed as:

$$
[\mathbf{Z}'_{(3)}] = [\mathbf{Z}_{(3)}] * W = [\tilde{A}_R \circ \tilde{A}_T] \tilde{S}^T * W + \tilde{N}_{z[\mathbf{Z}_{(3)}]} * W = [\tilde{A}_R \circ \tilde{A}_T] \tilde{S}^T + \tilde{N}'_{z[\mathbf{Z}_{(3)}]} \quad (17)
$$

where $W \in \mathbb{C}^{2J \times K}$. 


According of the obtained the real-value signal data obtained from Equation (17), the trilinear model can be constructed as follows:

\[
\mathbf{Z}' = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbf{A}_R(n,k) \odot \mathbf{A}_T(m,k) \odot \mathbf{S}'(j,k) + \mathbf{N}'_{n,m,j}
\]

\[
n = 1, \cdots, N, \quad m = 1, \cdots, M, \quad j = 1, \cdots, K
\]  

(18)

The mode-2 unfolding of the real-valued tensor \( \mathbf{Z}' \) is:

\[
[\mathbf{Z}'_{(2)}] = [\mathbf{A}_T \odot \mathbf{S}'] \hat{\mathbf{A}}_R^T + \mathbf{N}'_{(2)}
\]

(19)

The mode-1 unfolding of the real-valued tensor \( \mathbf{Z}' \) is:

\[
[\mathbf{Z}'_{(1)}] = [\mathbf{S}^t \odot \hat{\mathbf{A}}_R] \hat{\mathbf{A}}_T^T + \mathbf{N}'_{(1)}
\]

(20)

3.3. Trilinear Decomposition

In this section, we estimate the direction matrixs by using the trilinear alternating least square(TALS) method [13].

The LS fitting of Equation (17) is:

\[
\min_{\hat{A}_R, \hat{A}_T, \hat{S}} \| [\mathbf{Z}'_{(3)}] - [\mathbf{A}_R \odot \hat{A}_T] \hat{S}^T \|_F
\]

(21)

The LS update of \( \hat{S}' \) can be structured as:

\[
\hat{S}^T = [\hat{A}_R \odot \hat{A}_T]^t [\mathbf{Z}'_{(3)}]
\]

(22)

where \( \hat{A}_T \) is the estimate of \( \mathbf{A}_T \) and \( \hat{A}_R \) is the estimate of \( \mathbf{A}_R \).

The LS fitting of Equation (19) is:

\[
\min_{\hat{A}_R, \hat{A}_T, \hat{S}} \| [\mathbf{Z}'_{(2)}] - [\mathbf{A}_T \odot \hat{S}'] \hat{A}_R^T \|_F
\]

(23)

The LS update of \( \hat{A}_R \) is:

\[
\hat{A}_R^T = [\hat{A}_T \odot \hat{S}']^t [\mathbf{Z}'_{(2)}]
\]

(24)

where \( \hat{S}' \) is the estimate of \( \mathbf{S}' \) and \( \hat{A}_T \) is the estimate of \( \mathbf{A}_T \).

The least square (LS) fitting of Equation (20) is:

\[
\min_{\hat{A}_R, \hat{A}_T, \hat{S}} \| [\mathbf{Z}'_{(1)}] - [\hat{S}' \odot \hat{A}_R] \hat{A}_T^T \|_F
\]

(25)

The LS update of \( \hat{A}_T \) is:

\[
\hat{A}_T^T = [\hat{S}' \odot \hat{A}_R]^t [\mathbf{Z}'_{(1)}]
\]

(26)

where \( \hat{A}_R \) is the estimate of \( \mathbf{A}_R \) and \( \hat{S}' \) is the estimate of \( \mathbf{S}' \).

According to Equations (22), (24) and (26), the matrices \( \hat{A}_T, \hat{S}' \) and \( \hat{A}_R \) are updated cyclically until convergence, where the convergence condition is \( \| [\mathbf{Z}'_{(3)}] - [\hat{A}_R \odot \hat{A}_T] \hat{S}^T \|_F \ll 10^{-10} \).

After trilinear decomposition, the estimation of the three factor matrices satisfies: \( \hat{A}_R = \hat{A}_R \Gamma \Delta_1 + N_1, \hat{A}_T = \hat{A}_T \Gamma \Delta_2 + N_2, \hat{S}' = \hat{S}' \Gamma \Delta_3 + N_3 \). Where \( \Gamma \) stand for a permutation matrix, \( N_1, N_2, N_3 \) are estimation errors, \( \Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3 \) denote the diagonal scaling matrices, and the product of these three matrices satisfies \( \Delta_1 \Delta_2 \Delta_3 = I \).
3.4. Range and Angle Estimation

In the previous section, the estimation of the direction matrices \( \hat{A}_T \) and \( \hat{A}_R \) has been obtained by the LS method. According to \( U_N U_N^H = I \) and \( U_M U_M^H = I \), we obtain the following formula:

\[
h_r = \text{angle}(U_N \hat{A}_R) = \begin{bmatrix} 1, \frac{2d}{\lambda} \pi \sin \theta_k, \cdots, (N-1) \frac{2d}{\lambda} \pi \sin \theta_k \end{bmatrix}^T \tag{27}
\]

\[
h_t = \text{angle}(U_M \hat{A}_T) = \begin{bmatrix} 1, \frac{2d}{\lambda} \pi (\sin \theta_k - \frac{4 \Delta f r_k}{c}), \cdots, \\
(M-1) \frac{2d}{\lambda} \pi (\sin \theta_k - \frac{4 \Delta f r_k}{c}) \end{bmatrix}^T \tag{28}
\]

Define

\[
G_r = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \frac{d}{\lambda} \pi \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 2(N-1) \frac{d}{\lambda} \pi \end{bmatrix} \tag{29}
\]

\[
G_t = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \frac{d}{\lambda} \pi \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 2(M-1) \frac{d}{\lambda} \pi \end{bmatrix} \tag{30}
\]

Then, the estimation of \( \sin \theta_k \) and \( \sin \theta_k - \frac{4 \Delta f r_k}{c} \) can be obtained by using LS method. LS fitting can be constructed as:

\[
G_r v_r = h_r \tag{31}
\]

\[
G_t v_t = h_t \tag{32}
\]

where \( v_r \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 1} \) and \( v_t \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 1} \) are the estimated vectors.

The LS solutions of \( v_r \) and \( v_t \) are:

\[
\hat{v}_r = (G_r^T G_r)^{-1} G_r^T h_r \tag{33}
\]

\[
\hat{v}_t = (G_t^T G_t)^{-1} G_t^T h_t \tag{34}
\]

The estimation of angle can be obtained from the following formula:

\[
\hat{\theta}_k = \arcsin(\hat{v}_r(2)) \tag{35}
\]

where \( \hat{v}_r(2) \) stand for the second element of vector \( \hat{v}_r \).

The estimation of range can be obtained from the following formula:

\[
\hat{r}_k = \frac{\hat{v}_r(2) - \hat{v}_t(2)}{4 \Delta f} \times c \tag{36}
\]

where \( \hat{v}_t(2) \) stand for the second element of vector \( \hat{v}_t \).

3.5. Complexity Analysis and Cramer-Rao Bound

In the paper, the total complexity of the forward–backward process and unitary transformation process in the CUP is \( O(8MK^2N + 8M^2KN + 20MK^2N) \). The complexity of the compression process in the CUP is \( O(4MNJK) \). The complexity of each iteration process of TALS in the CUP, the traditional PARAFAC method and the unitary PARAFAC method are \( O(2K^2(MN + MK + NK) + 3K^2MN + 3K^3) \), \( O(8K^2(MN + MJ + NJ) + 12KMNJ + 12K^3) \) and \( O(2K^2(MN + 2MJ + 2NJ) + 6KMNJ + 12K^3) \), respectively.
Therefore, the complexity of the CUP is \( O(8MKN^2 + 8M^2KN + 20MK^2N + 4MNJK + n_1(2K^2(MN + MK + NK) + 3K^2MN + 3K^2)) \), the complexity of the traditional PARAFAC method is \( O(n_2(8K^2(MN + MJ + N) + 12KMNJ + 12K^3)) \), the complexity of the unitary PARAFAC method is \( O(8MKN^2 + 8M^2KN + 20MK^2N + n_3(2K^2(MN + 2MJ + 2N) + 6KMNJ + 3K^3)) \), where \( n_1, n_2, \) and \( n_3 \) are the number of the CUP, the traditional PARAFAC method and the unitary PARAFAC method, respectively. In order to more clearly compare the complexity of the three methods and the relationship between their computational complexity and the number of snapshots, we assume \( M = 5, N = 7, K = 3, n_1 = n_2 = n_3 = 30 \). From Figure 3, with the increase of the number of snapshots, the difference of the complexity of the three methods becomes more and more obvious. Then, we also analyze the relationship between the complexity of the three methods and the number of iterations. We set \( M = 5, N = 7, K = 3, J = 50 \). It can be easily found from Figure 4 that the increase of the number of iterations will increase the complexity gap between the three algorithms.

Through complexity analysis, it can be concluded that the complexity of the PARAFAC-based method is hugely reduced after the real value transformation and compression of the tensor.

According to [28], the Cramer–Rao Bound (CRB) for FDA-MIMO range and angle estimation is as follows:

\[
CRB = \frac{\sigma^2}{2J} \{Re[D^H B_1 D \otimes P^T]\}^{-1}
\]

where \( D = [((\partial a(\theta_1, r_1))/\partial \theta_1), \ldots, ((\partial a(\theta_1, r_1))/\partial r_1), \ldots] \), \( B_1 = I_{MN} - A(A^HA)^{-1}A^H \), \( P = [P_1; P_1; P_1] \), where \( P_1 = SS^H/J \).

![Figure 3. Complexity comparison and snapshots.](image-url)
4. Simulation Results

In this section, we conducted several experiments to verify the superiority and effectiveness of the CUP. At the same time, we compared the CUP with the ESPRIT method [22], the unitary ESPRIT method [24], the traditional PARAFAC method [23], and the unitary PARAFAC method. In the following experiment, the total number of transmitting arrays of FDA-MIMO is \( M = 5 \), and the total number of receiving arrays is \( N = 7 \). The total number of uncorrelated targets is \( K = 3 \) in the following simulation experiment. The angle and range of these targets are: \((\theta_1, r_1) = (-5^\circ, 10 \text{ km})\), \((\theta_2, r_2) = (10^\circ, 60 \text{ km})\), and \((\theta_3, r_3) = (35^\circ, 80 \text{ km})\). The number of Monte Carlo in the simulation experiment is set of \( Q = 500 \). This paper used the Root Square Mean Error (RMSE) compare the performance of these algorithms. The RMSE of the range estimate and angle estimate are:

\[
\text{RMSE}_r = \sqrt{\frac{1}{Q} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{q=1}^{Q} (\hat{r}_{k,q} - r_k)^2}
\]

\[
\text{RMSE}_\theta = \sqrt{\frac{1}{Q} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{q=1}^{Q} (\hat{\theta}_{k,q} - \theta_k)^2}
\]

where \( \hat{r}_{k,q} \) and \( \hat{\theta}_{k,q} \) are the estimated range and angle of \( k \)-th target in \( q \)-th Monte Carlo experiment, respectively.

We assume that the estimation error of all angles is less than \( 0.1^\circ \), this time the angle estimation can be considered successful, and the range estimation can only be considered successful when all the range estimation errors are less than 0.2 km. The expression of the probability of the successful detection (PSD) is:

\[
\text{PSD}_r = \frac{D_r}{Q} \times 100\%
\]

\[
\text{PSD}_\theta = \frac{D_\theta}{Q} \times 100\%
\]

where \( D_r \) and \( D_\theta \) are the number of successful estimates of range and angle, respectively.
4.1. Stability Simulation

In this experiment, the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is $SNR = 20$, the total number of snapshots is $J = 50$. It can be easily seen from Figure 5 that the estimated range and angle values in the 20 experiments are all around the set values. Additionally, the errors that can be found in Table 2 are all between $\pm 0.2$ km and $\pm 0.1^\circ$, which proves that the angle and range of the target are accurately estimated by the CUP. This experiment reflects the effectiveness and stability of the CUP.

![Figure 5. The estimated result of the method with $SNR = 20$ dB, $J = 50$.](image)

| Time | Targets | $-5^\circ$ | 10 km | $10^\circ$ | 60 km | $35^\circ$ | 80 km |
|------|---------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1    | $-4.9914^\circ$ | 9.9723 km  | 10.0366^\circ | 59.9731 km | 35.0131^\circ | 80.0439 km |
| 2    | $-5.0199^\circ$ | 9.9351 km  | 10.0096^\circ | 60.0551 km | 34.9797^\circ | 79.8586 km |
| 3    | $-4.9731^\circ$ | 9.9519 km  | 10.0136^\circ | 60.0696 km | 35.0297^\circ | 80.0381 km |
| 4    | $-4.9662^\circ$ | 10.0124 km | 9.9996^\circ | 60.0360 km | 35.0163^\circ | 80.0233 km |
| 5    | $-4.9796^\circ$ | 10.0312 km | 9.9729^\circ | 59.9638 km | 35.0041^\circ | 79.9552 km |
| 6    | $-5.0081^\circ$ | 10.0845 km | 10.0213^\circ | 60.0429 km | 35.0121^\circ | 80.0241 km |
| 7    | $-4.9525^\circ$ | 10.0540 km | 9.9736^\circ | 59.9131 km | 35.0021^\circ | 80.0894 km |
| 8    | $-5.0093^\circ$ | 9.9456 km  | 10.0001^\circ | 59.9563 km | 35.0174^\circ | 80.0051 km |
| 9    | $-5.0098^\circ$ | 9.9662 km  | 9.9714^\circ | 59.9421 km | 35.0456^\circ | 80.0094 km |
| 10   | $-5.0138^\circ$ | 10.0045 km | 9.9844^\circ | 59.9912 km | 35.0175^\circ | 79.9996 km |
| 11   | $-4.9732^\circ$ | 10.0388 km | 10.0153^\circ | 60.0276 km | 35.0032^\circ | 79.9188 km |
| 12   | $-4.9965^\circ$ | 9.9522 km  | 9.9881^\circ | 60.0585 km | 35.0089^\circ | 79.9730 km |
| 13   | $-4.9902^\circ$ | 9.9782 km  | 9.9800^\circ | 59.9519 km | 34.9850^\circ | 80.0346 km |
| 14   | $-5.0038^\circ$ | 9.9585 km  | 10.0074^\circ | 60.1063 km | 34.9486^\circ | 79.9092 km |
Table 2. Cont.

| Time | Targets   | −5°     | 10 km   | 10°     | 60 km   | 35°     | 80 km   |
|------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 15   | −5.0055°  | 9.9592 km | 9.9813° | 60.0371 km | 35.0352° | 80.0866 km |
| 16   | −4.9601°  | 10.0271 km | 10.0366° | 60.0561 km | 35.0168° | 80.0513 km |
| 17   | −5.0313°  | 9.9330 km | 9.9364° | 59.8802 km | 35.0000° | 79.9561 km |
| 18   | −5.0045°  | 10.0191 km | 10.0133° | 59.9373 km | 35.0717° | 79.9803 km |
| 19   | −5.0149°  | 9.9883 km | 10.0226° | 60.0302 km | 35.0415° | 80.0243 km |
| 20   | −5.0107°  | 10.0541 km | 10.0449° | 60.0603 km | 34.9914° | 80.9997 km |

4.2. Simulation of Algorithm Performance with RMSE Changing with SNR

In this experiment, the total number of snapshots is \( J = 50 \). Figures 6 and 7 show that the RMSE curves of the CUP are consistently lower than those of the traditional PARAFAC method [23], the unitary ESPRIT method [24], and the ESPRIT method [22], and are close to those of the unitary PARAFAC method. Moreover, these curves fall as SNR rises. More specifically, as shown in Tables 3 and 4, the RMSE values of the CUP are smaller than those of the ESPRIT method, the unitary ESPRIT method, and the traditional PARAFAC method; the RMSE values of the CUP are almost close to the RMSE values of the unitary PARAFAC method, in which the differences of the angle RMSE value of the two algorithms do not exceed 0.0005° and the differences of the range RMSE values of the two algorithms do not exceed 0.0004 km. Furthermore, the RMSE values decrease with increasing SNR. The smaller the RMSE, the better the estimated performance. Therefore, from these figures and tables, we find that the estimation performance of the CUP outperforms the ESPRIT method, the unitary ESPRIT method, and the traditional PARAFAC method, and is close to the unitary PARAFAC method. The reason for why the performance of the CUP is close to the unitary PARAFAC method is that the compression matrix obtained by TUCKER3 decomposition during tensor compression contains most of the information of the signal. Moreover, we can also find that the estimation performance of these algorithms improves as the SNR increases.

Figure 6. RMSE of angle estimation versus SNR.
Figure 7. RMSE of range estimation versus SNR.

Table 3. RSME of angle estimation versus SNR.

| Algorithm          | SNR = 0 | SNR = 5 | SNR = 10 | SNR = 15 | SNR = 20 | SNR = 25 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| CRB                | 0.1664° | 0.0936° | 0.0526°  | 0.0296°  | 0.0166°  | 0.0094°  |
| CUP                | 0.2984° | 0.1620° | 0.0929°  | 0.0528°  | 0.0289°  | 0.0162°  |
| unitary CP         | 0.2979° | 0.1619° | 0.0929°  | 0.0528°  | 0.0289°  | 0.0162°  |
| tensor CP          | 0.3312° | 0.1761° | 0.1022°  | 0.0572°  | 0.0318°  | 0.0179°  |
| unitary ESPRIT     | 0.3789° | 0.1960° | 0.1098°  | 0.0614°  | 0.0355°  | 0.0194°  |
| ESPRIT             | 0.5202° | 0.2444° | 0.1329°  | 0.0736°  | 0.0426°  | 0.0231°  |

Table 4. RSME of range estimation versus SNR.

| Algorithm (km)     | SNR = 0 | SNR = 5 | SNR = 10 | SNR = 15 | SNR = 20 | SNR = 25 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| CRB (km)           | 0.3495  | 0.1965  | 0.1105   | 0.0621   | 0.0349   | 0.0197   |
| CUP (km)           | 0.6365  | 0.3559  | 0.1992   | 0.1140   | 0.0612   | 0.0348   |
| unitary CP (km)    | 0.6361  | 0.3559  | 0.1992   | 0.1140   | 0.0612   | 0.0348   |
| tensor CP (km)     | 0.7113  | 0.3973  | 0.2205   | 0.1216   | 0.0663   | 0.0379   |
| unitary ESPRIT (km)| 0.7249  | 0.4091  | 0.2251   | 0.1270   | 0.0714   | 0.0393   |
| ESPRIT (km)        | 1.0331  | 0.5196  | 0.2680   | 0.1544   | 0.0853   | 0.0489   |

4.3. Simulation of Algorithm Performance with RMSE Changing with Snapshots

In this experiment, the SNR is 20. It can be seen from Figures 8 and 9 that the RMSE curves of the CUP are lower than those of the traditional PARAFAC method when the number of snapshots is less than 80 and coincides with those of the traditional PARAFAC method when the number of snapshots is more than 80; the RMSE curves of the CUP are always lower than those of the ESPRIT method, the unitary ESPRIT method, and always
coincides with the RMSE curve of the unitary PARAFAC method. Furthermore, the RMSE curves of these algorithms all decrease as the number of snapshots increases. More obviously, it can be found from Tables 5 and 6 that when the number of snapshots is less than 80, the RMSE values of the CUP are lower than those of the traditional PARAFAC method, and when the number of snapshots is greater than 80, they are equal to those of the traditional PARAFAC; the RMSE values of the CUP are always less than those of the ESPRIT method, the unitary ESPRIT method, and are always the same as those of the unitary PARAFAC method. Furthermore, the RMSE values of these algorithms reduce with the increase of the number of snapshots. Consequently, from these figures and tables, we find that the estimated performance of the algorithm improves as the number of snapshots increases, and the CUP performance is better than the traditional PARAFAC algorithm in the case of low snapshots. The reason for this is that the CUP increases the number of virtual snapshots of the algorithm by the forwards–backwards technique.

Figure 8. RMSE of angle estimation versus snapshots.

Figure 9. RMSE of range estimation versus snapshots.
Table 5. RSME of angle estimation versus Snapshots.

| Algorithm     | $J = 40$ | $J = 50$ | $J = 60$ | $J = 70$ | $J = 80$ | $J = 90$ | $J = 100$ |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| CRB           | 0.0190°  | 0.0166°  | 0.0152°  | 0.0143°  | 0.0133°  | 0.0125°  | 0.0118°   |
| CUP           | 0.0335°  | 0.0281°  | 0.0258°  | 0.0247°  | 0.0230°  | 0.0211°  | 0.0200°   |
| unitary CP    | 0.0335°  | 0.0281°  | 0.0258°  | 0.0247°  | 0.0230°  | 0.0211°  | 0.0200°   |
| tensor CP     | 0.0404°  | 0.0306°  | 0.0269°  | 0.0251°  | 0.0230°  | 0.0211°  | 0.0200°   |
| unitary ESPRIT| 0.0410°  | 0.0335°  | 0.0313°  | 0.0297°  | 0.0284°  | 0.0260°  | 0.0241°   |
| ESPRIT        | 0.0589°  | 0.0398°  | 0.0346°  | 0.0311°  | 0.0286°  | 0.0260°  | 0.0242°   |

Table 6. RSME of range estimation versus Snapshots.

| Algorithm     | $J = 40$ | $J = 50$ | $J = 60$ | $J = 70$ | $J = 80$ | $J = 90$ | $J = 100$ |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| CRB (km)      | 0.0398   | 0.0349   | 0.0320   | 0.0300   | 0.0280   | 0.0262   | 0.0248    |
| CUP (km)      | 0.0717   | 0.0613   | 0.0552   | 0.0529   | 0.0513   | 0.0475   | 0.0439    |
| unitary CP (km)| 0.0717  | 0.0613   | 0.0552   | 0.0529   | 0.0513   | 0.0475   | 0.0439    |
| tensor CP (km)| 0.0860   | 0.0662   | 0.0573   | 0.0543   | 0.0515   | 0.0473   | 0.0440    |
| unitary ESPRIT (km)| 0.0818 | 0.0690   | 0.0624   | 0.0624   | 0.0604   | 0.0544   | 0.0501    |
| ESPRIT (km)   | 0.1238   | 0.0828   | 0.0696   | 0.0657   | 0.0610   | 0.0545   | 0.0502    |

4.4. Simulation of Algorithm Performance with PSD Changing with SNR

In this experiment, the total number of snapshots is $J = 50$. From Figures 10 and 11, we find that the PSD curves of the CUP are higher than those of the traditional PARAFAC method [23], the unitary ESPRIT method [24], and the ESPRIT method [22]; the PSD curves of the CUP are close to those of the unitary PARAFAC method. Additionally, these PSD curves rise with the increase of SNR and finally reach PSD = 1. More clearly, it can be seen from Tables 7 and 8 that the PSD values of the CUP and the unitary PARAFAC method are close, and the differences between the PSD values of the two methods are no more than 0.5%. The PSD values of the CUP are higher than those of the traditional PARAFAC method, the ESPRIT method, and the unitary ESPRIT method. Moreover, the PSD values of all algorithms increase with the rise of SNR, and the final PSD values reach 100%. The angle PSD value of the CUP reaches 100% when the SNR is 20, that of the unitary ESPRIT method and the traditional PARAFAC method reaches 100% when the SNR is 25, and that of the ESPRIT method reaches 100% when the SNR is 30. The higher the PSD value, the better the estimation performance of the algorithm. Thus, in these figures and tables, we find that the estimation performance of the CUP is better than the ESPRIT method, the unitary ESPRIT method, and the traditional PARAFAC method and is close to the unitary PARAFAC method.

Table 7. PSD of angle estimation versus SNR.

| Algorithm | SNR = 0 | SNR = 5 | SNR = 10 | SNR = 15 | SNR = 20 | SNR = 25 | SNR = 30 |
|-----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| CUP       | 20.2%  | 40.6%  | 63.2%   | 92.3%   | 100%    | 100%    | 100%    |
| unitary CP| 20.6%  | 41.0%  | 63.4%   | 92.4%   | 100%    | 100%    | 100%    |
| tensor CP | 18.6%  | 34.8%  | 59.0%   | 90.6%   | 99.6%   | 100%    | 100%    |
| unitary ESPRIT | 16.6% | 30.2%  | 55.0%   | 83.8%   | 99.0%   | 100%    | 100%    |
| ESPRIT    | 13.8%  | 25.0%  | 45.6%   | 75.4%   | 96.8%   | 99.8%   | 100%    |
Figure 10. PSD of angle estimation versus SNR.

Figure 11. PSD of range estimation versus SNR.

Table 8. PSD of range estimation versus SNR.

| Algorithm      | SNR = 0 | SNR = 5 | SNR = 10 | SNR = 15 | SNR = 20 | SNR = 25 | SNR = 30 |
|----------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| CUP            | 18.0%   | 38.6%   | 56.4%    | 88.8%    | 99.8%    | 100%     | 100%     |
| unitary CP     | 17.8%   | 38.6%   | 56.4%    | 88.8%    | 99.8%    | 100%     | 100%     |
| tensor CP      | 14.2%   | 33.0%   | 52.8%    | 87.6%    | 98.8%    | 100%     | 100%     |
| unitary ESPRIT | 15.4%   | 33.0%   | 49.8%    | 83.0%    | 99.0%    | 100%     | 100%     |
| ESPRIT         | 14.0%   | 26.0%   | 44.2%    | 73.6%    | 96.6%    | 100%     | 100%     |

4.5. Simulation of Algorithm Performance with PSD Changing with Snapshots

In this experiment, the SNR is 10. It can be seen from Figures 12 and 13 that the PSD curves of the CUP are significantly higher than those of the traditional PARAFAC
method [23] when the number of snapshots is 50 and are close to those of the traditional PARAFAC method when the number of snapshots is greater than 100; the PSD curves of the CUP are higher than the ESPRIT method [22] and the unitary ESPRIT method [24] and coincide with the PSD curves of the unitary PARAFAC method. These PSD curves increase with the increase of the number of snapshots. More obviously, as shown in Tables 9 and 10, the PSD values of the CUP are higher than those of the ESPRIT method and the unitary ESPRIT method; the PSD values of the CUP are close to those of the unitary PARAFAC method, and the differences of the PSD values of the two methods are no more than 0.4%; when the number of snapshots is 50, the angle PSD values of the CUP are 4.8% higher than that of the traditional PARAFAC method and the range PSD value of the CUP is 3% higher than that of the traditional PARAFAC method; the difference between the PSD value of the CUP and the traditional PARAFAC method does not exceed 0.6% when the number of snapshots exceeds 100. The PSD values of these algorithms increase with the improvement of the number of snapshots. Therefore, we can find from these figures and tables that the CUP has better performance than the traditional PARAFAC method when the number of snapshots is low and a close performance when the number of snapshots is high.

![Figure 12. PSD of angle estimation versus Snapshots.](image)

Table 9. PSD of angle estimation versus Snapshots.

| Algorithm | \( J = 50 \) | \( J = 100 \) | \( J = 150 \) | \( J = 200 \) | \( J = 250 \) | \( J = 300 \) |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| CUP       | 67.8%         | 84.2%         | 88.2%         | 95.6%         | 97.6%         | 98.8%         |
| unitary CP| 67.4%         | 84.2%         | 88.2%         | 95.6%         | 97.6%         | 98.8%         |
| tensor CP | 63.0%         | 84.0%         | 88.4%         | 95.6%         | 97.8%         | 98.6%         |
| unitary ESPRIT | 56.6%         | 71.8%         | 82.2%         | 88.8%         | 93.0%         | 97.6%         |
| ESPRIT    | 47.4%         | 71.8%         | 80.6%         | 87.6%         | 91.8%         | 97.6%         |
Figure 13. PSD of range estimation versus Snapshots.

Table 10. PSD of range estimation versus Snapshots.

| Algorithm   | $J = 50$   | $J = 100$   | $J = 150$   | $J = 200$   | $J = 250$   | $J = 300$   |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| CUP         | 63.0%      | 79.8%      | 88.0%      | 94.4%      | 96.2%      | 98.4%      |
| unitary CP  | 63.0%      | 79.8%      | 88.0%      | 94.4%      | 96.2%      | 98.4%      |
| tensor CP   | 60.0%      | 80.0%      | 87.4%      | 95.0%      | 96.0%      | 98.4%      |
| unitary ESPRIT | 54.8%      | 72.8%      | 82.0%      | 87.8%      | 92.8%      | 96.4%      |
| ESPRIT      | 49.4%      | 72.6%      | 80.2%      | 87.6%      | 92.8%      | 96.4%      |

5. Conclusions

In the paper, a joint range and angle estimation method based on compressed unitary PARAFAC decomposition in monostatic FDA-MIMO radar was proposed. In CUP, a third-order real-valued signal tensor with twice the number of samples is constructed by utilizing a forward–backward technique and unitary transformation technique. Afterward, the compression matrix is used to compress the third-order real-valued signal tensor to form a smaller third-order real-valued signal tensor. This compressed matrix is obtained by truncated TUCKER3 decomposition. Next, we estimate the direction matrices by the TALS method. Finally, the estimated range and angle are obtained by extracting the range and angle information in the direction matrix. The CUP uses forward–backward technology of improve the number of samples. Compared with the traditional PARAFAC method, the CUP can estimate more accurate angles and ranges when the number of snapshots is small, especially when the SNR is low. For example, when the SNR is 0 and the number of snapshots is 50, the angle error and range error of the CUP are 9.9% and 10.5% lower than those of the traditional PARAFAC algorithm, respectively. Furthermore, the third-order real-valued tensor and compression technology are constructed by unitary transformation of reduce the complexity of the method. When the number of snapshots is as low as 50 and the number of iterations is 30, the complexity of the CUP is 96.7% lower than that of the traditional PARAFAC algorithm. The difference between the complexity of the two algorithms is more pronounced at higher snapshots and more iterations.
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