

# A Learnable Group-Tube Transform Induced Tensor Nuclear Norm and Its Application for Tensor Completion

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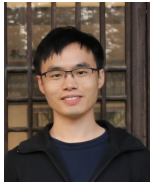
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## Multi-dimensional Data

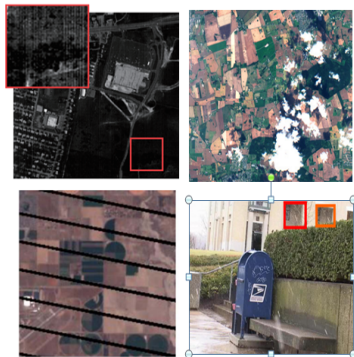
The rapid advance in imaging technology has given rise to the wide presence of multi-dimensional data (e.g., multi-view, multi-temporal, or multi-modal data):

- color images
- videos
- multispectral/hyperspectral images
- traffic/internet data
- ...



## Degradations

Due to the limitations of imaging devices and environment, multi-dimensional images suffer from degradations, which deteriorate visual quality and hinder subsequent applications.





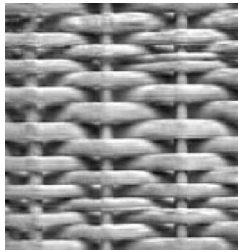
## Tensor completion

The multi-dimensional data can be fully expressed by tensors. Tensor completion refers to the process of inferring missing values from partially observed tensor data.



## Low-rankness

For the matrix case (i.e., two dimensional images), the rank is a powerful tool to capture global prior of real-world data.



For observed matrix  $\mathbf{O} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}$ , the low-rank matrix completion is mathematically formulated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{X}} \quad & \text{rank}(\mathbf{X}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{X}_{\Omega} = \mathbf{O}_{\Omega}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{X}$  is the required matrix and  $\Omega$  is the index set of the observed elements.

For observed tensor  $\mathcal{O} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ , the low-rank tensor completion (LRTC) is mathematically formulated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathcal{X}} \quad & \text{rank}(\mathcal{X}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathcal{X}_{\Omega} = \mathcal{O}_{\Omega}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$



## The Rank of Tensors

The definition of the rank of tensor is the fundamental problem, which is still an open problem:

- CP decomposition—CP rank
- Tucker decomposition—Tucker rank
- **Tensor singular value decomposition—tubal rank**
- Tensor network decomposition—tensor network rank
- ...



## Tensor-Tensor Product (t-product)

Matrix-Matrix Product:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 \\ 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 58 \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

"Dot Product"

Tensor-Tensor Product:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{3 orange blocks} \\ \text{3 blue blocks} \end{array} \right] * \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{3 orange blocks} \\ \text{3 blue blocks} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{3 orange blocks} \\ \text{3 blue blocks} \end{array} \right]$$

"Dot" Product

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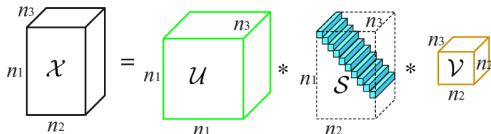


## Tensor Singular Value Decomposition (t-SVD)

Based on the tensor-tensor product, the tensor singular value decomposition has been emerged as a powerful tool for multi-dimensional image processing:

$$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{U} * \mathcal{S} * \mathcal{V}^H,$$

where  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  are orthogonal tensors,  $\mathcal{S}$  is the f-diagonal tensor, and  $\mathcal{V}^H$  denotes the conjugate transpose of  $\mathcal{V}$ .



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## Tensor Nuclear Norm (TNN)

Based on t-SVD, the tensor nuclear norm (TNN) was suggested as the convex surrogate to capture the intrinsic structure of the underlying tensor. For  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ , TNN is defined as

$$\|\mathcal{X}\|_{\text{TNN}} := \sum_{i=1}^r \mathcal{S}(i, i, 1),$$

where  $\mathcal{S}(i, i, 1), i = 1, \dots, r$  are singular values of  $\mathcal{X}$ .

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## TNN-based LRTC

The tensor nuclear norm (TNN) for low-rank tensor completion:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathcal{X}} \|\mathcal{X}\|_{\text{TNN}} \\ \text{s.t. } \mathcal{X}_{\Omega} = \mathcal{O}_{\Omega} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The transform-based TNN for low-rank tensor completion:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathcal{Z}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_3} \|\mathcal{Z}(:, :, i)\|_* \\ \text{s.t. } (\mathcal{Z} \times_3 \mathbf{F}_{n_3}^{-1})_{\Omega} = \mathcal{O}_{\Omega}, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}_{n_3}^{-1}$  is the pre-defined and unitary inverse DFT.

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<i>DFT</i>	<i>Unitary</i>	<i>Invertible</i>	<i>Non-invertible</i>
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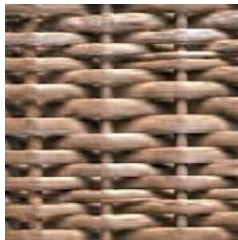
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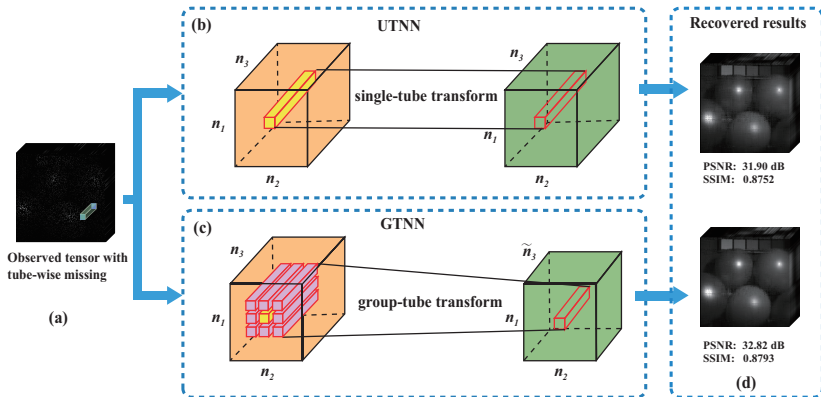
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## Correlation of Neighboring Tubes

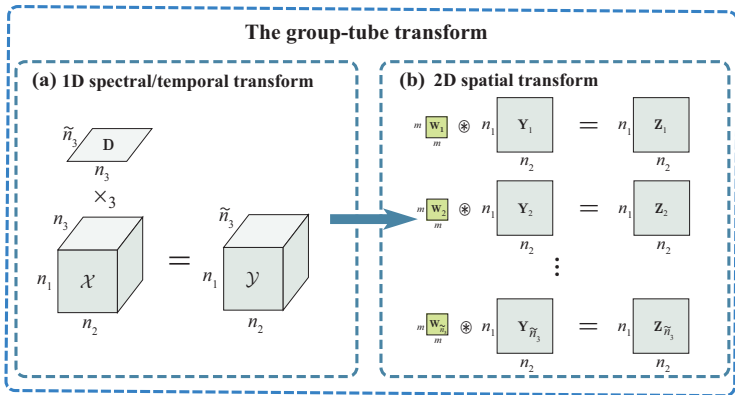


# The Group-Tube Transform



## The Group-Tube Transform

The proposed group-tube transform is a separable 3D transform that consists of a 1D spectral/temporal transform (i.e., single-tube transform) and 2D spatial transform.



## The Group-Tube Transform Induced TNN (GTNN)

Given a target tensor  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ , its GTNN is denoted by  $\|\mathcal{X}\|_{\text{GTNN}}$ . Formally, we have

$$\|\mathcal{X}\|_{\text{GTNN}} \triangleq \sum_{k=1}^{\tilde{n}_3} \|\mathbf{Z}_k\|_*, k = 1, \dots, \tilde{n}_3,$$

where  $\mathbf{Z}_k = \sum_{j=1}^w \mathbf{W}_{k,j} \circledast (\mathcal{X} \times_3 \mathbf{D})_k$  is the  $k$ -th frontal slice of  $\mathcal{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \tilde{n}_3}$ ,  $\mathcal{Z}$  is the transformed tensor, and  $(\mathcal{X} \times_3 \mathbf{D})_k$  is the  $k$ -th frontal slice of  $\mathcal{X} \times_3 \mathbf{D}$ .



## GTNN for LRTC

Given a target tensor  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ , the GTNN model for LRTC can be formulated as:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{W}_{k,j}} & \sum_{k=1}^{\tilde{n}_3} \|\mathbf{z}_k\|_* \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad \mathcal{X}_\Omega = \mathcal{O}_\Omega, \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y} \times_3 \mathbf{D}^\top, \mathbf{z}_k = \sum_{j=1}^w \mathbf{W}_{k,j} \circledast \mathbf{Y}_k, \\ & \quad \mathbf{D}\mathbf{D}^\top = \mathbf{I}_{\tilde{n}_3}, \|\mathbf{W}_{k,j}\|_F^2 = 1. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$



## Solving algorithm for GTNN

Introducing auxiliary variables  $\mathbf{Q}_{i,j} = \mathbf{W}_{i,j}$ , the model (5) can be reformulated as follows by using half quadratic splitting (HQS) tip:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{W}_{k,j}, \mathbf{Q}_{k,j}} & \sum_{k=1}^{\tilde{n}_3} \|\mathbf{Z}_k\|_* + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|\mathcal{Y} - \mathcal{X} \times_3 \mathbf{D}\|_F^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tilde{n}_3} \\ & \|\mathbf{Z}_k - \sum_{j=1}^w \mathbf{Q}_{k,j} \circledast \mathbf{Y}_k\|_F^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tilde{n}_3} \sum_{j=1}^w \|\mathbf{W}_{k,j} - \mathbf{Q}_{k,j}\|_F^2 \quad (6) \\ & + \Phi(\mathcal{X}) + \Psi(\mathbf{D}) + \sum_{k=1}^{\tilde{n}_3} \sum_{j=1}^w \Gamma(\mathbf{W}_{k,j}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are positive penalty parameters.



## Solving algorithm for GTNN

A proximal alternating minimization (PAM) algorithm for the above model as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{X}^{t+1} = \arg \min_{\mathcal{X}} \{g(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}^t, \mathcal{Z}^t, \mathbf{D}^t, \mathbf{W}_{k,j}^t, \mathbf{Q}_{k,j}^t) + \frac{\rho_1}{2} \|\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{X}^t\|_F^2\}, \\ \mathcal{Y}^{t+1} = \arg \min_{\mathcal{Y}} \{g(\mathcal{X}^{t+1}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z}^t, \mathbf{D}^t, \mathbf{W}_{k,j}^t, \mathbf{Q}_{k,j}^t) + \frac{\rho_2}{2} \|\mathcal{Y} - \mathcal{Y}^t\|_F^2\}, \\ \mathcal{Z}^{t+1} = \arg \min_{\mathcal{Z}} \{g(\mathcal{X}^{t+1}, \mathcal{Y}^{t+1}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathbf{D}^t, \mathbf{W}_{k,j}^t, \mathbf{Q}_{k,j}^t) + \frac{\rho_3}{2} \|\mathcal{Z} - \mathcal{Z}^t\|_F^2\}, \\ \mathbf{D}^{t+1} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{D}} \{g(\mathcal{X}^{t+1}, \mathcal{Y}^{t+1}, \mathcal{Z}^{t+1}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{W}_{k,j}^t, \mathbf{Q}_{k,j}^t) + \frac{\rho_4}{2} \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{D}^t\|_F^2\}, \\ \mathbf{W}_{k,j}^{t+1} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{W}_{k,j}} \{g(\mathcal{X}^{t+1}, \mathcal{Y}^{t+1}, \mathcal{Z}^{t+1}, \mathbf{D}^{t+1}, \mathbf{W}_{k,j}, \mathbf{Q}_{k,j}^t) + \frac{\rho_5}{2} \|\mathbf{W}_{k,j} - \mathbf{W}_{k,j}^t\|_F^2\}, \\ \mathbf{Q}_{k,j}^{t+1} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{Q}_{k,j}} \{g(\mathcal{X}^{t+1}, \mathcal{Y}^{t+1}, \mathcal{Z}^{t+1}, \mathbf{D}^{t+1}, \mathbf{W}_{k,j}^{t+1}, \mathbf{Q}_{k,j}) + \frac{\rho_6}{2} \|\mathbf{Q}_{k,j} - \mathbf{Q}_{k,j}^t\|_F^2\}, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\rho_l, l = 1, \dots, 6$  are the proximal parameters.

### Theorem

The iterative sequence  $\{\mathcal{X}^t, \mathcal{Y}^t, \mathcal{Z}^t, \mathbf{D}^t, \mathbf{W}_{k,j}^t, \mathbf{Q}_{k,j}^t\}$  is bounded, and it converges to a critical point of  $g(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{W}_{k,j}, \mathbf{Q}_{k,j})$ .





## Color Images Completion

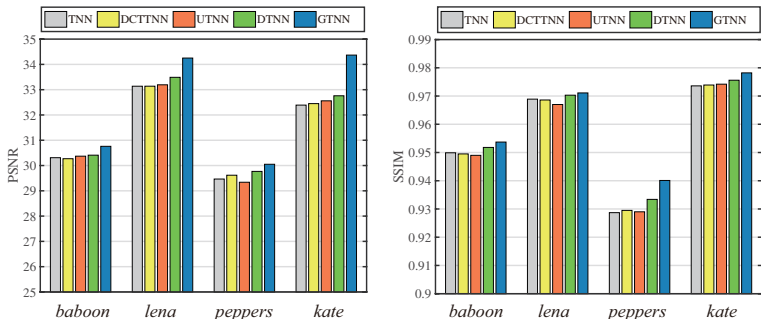


Figure 1: The PSNR and SSIM results of the reconstructed color images by different methods with structural tube-wise missing.

## Color Images Completion



**Figure 2:** The reconstructed color images by different methods with structural tube-wise missing. From top to bottom: *baboon*, *lena*, , and *peppers*, respectively.



## Traffic Data Completion

**Table 1:** The MAPE and RMSE values of the restored traffic speed data *Guangzhou* by different methods with tube-wise missing for different missing rates.

Method	MR=95%		MR=90%		MR=85%		MR=80%	
	MAPE	RMSE	MAPE	RMSE	MAPE	RMSE	MAPE	RMSE
Observed	94.7%	0.476	89.9%	0.464	84.9%	0.450	80.3%	0.439
TNN	63.2%	0.340	29.2%	0.185	13.6%	0.092	11.3%	0.076
DCTTNN	67.5%	0.350	23.6%	0.155	12.4%	0.082	11.2%	0.075
UTNN	45.0%	0.264	14.0%	0.092	11.8%	0.078	10.9%	0.073
DTNN	54.1%	0.305	21.0%	0.142	<b>11.3%</b>	0.084	9.7%	0.073
GTNN	<b>39.9%</b>	<b>0.232</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>0.090</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>0.075</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>0.072</b>



## Traffic Data Completion

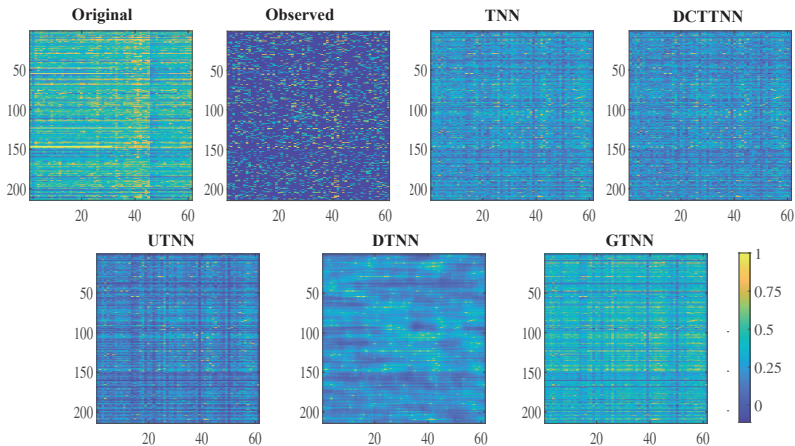


Figure 3: The 100-th frontal slices of the reconstructed traffic speed data *Guangzhou* by different methods with missing rate 80%.



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