

# Eigenvalues of tensors

and some very basic spectral hypergraph theory

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# Hypermatrices

Totally ordered finite sets:  $[n] = \{1 < 2 < \dots < n\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- Vector or  $n$ -tuple

$$f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

If  $f(i) = a_i$ , then  $f$  is represented by  $\mathbf{a} = [a_1, \dots, a_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- Matrix

$$f : [m] \times [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

If  $f(i, j) = a_{ij}$ , then  $f$  is represented by  $A = [a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^{m,n} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .

- Hypermatrix (order 3)

$$f : [l] \times [m] \times [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

If  $f(i, j, k) = a_{ijk}$ , then  $f$  is represented by  $\mathcal{A} = [a_{ijk}]_{i,j,k=1}^{l,m,n} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m \times n}$ .

Normally  $\mathbb{R}^X = \{f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$ . Ought to be  $\mathbb{R}^{[n]}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n]}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{[l] \times [m] \times [n]}$ .

# Hypermatrices and tensors

Up to choice of bases

- $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can represent a vector in  $V$  (contravariant) or a linear functional in  $V^*$  (covariant).
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  can represent a bilinear form  $V \times W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (contravariant), a bilinear form  $V^* \times W^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (covariant), or a linear operator  $V \rightarrow W$  (mixed).
- $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m \times n}$  can represent trilinear form  $U \times V \times W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (contravariant), bilinear operators  $V \times W \rightarrow U$  (mixed), etc.

A hypermatrix is the same as a tensor if

- 1 we give it coordinates (represent with respect to some bases);
- 2 we ignore covariance and contravariance.

# Matrices make useful models

- A matrix doesn't always come from an operator.
- Can be a list of column or row vectors:
  - ▶ gene-by-microarray matrix,
  - ▶ movies-by-viewers matrix,
  - ▶ list of codewords.
- Can be a convenient way to represent graph structures:
  - ▶ adjacency matrix,
  - ▶ graph Laplacian,
  - ▶ webpage-by-webpage matrix.
- Useful to regard them as matrices and apply matrix operations:
  - ▶ A gene-by-microarray matrix,  $A = U\Sigma V^T$  gives cellular states (eigengenes), biological phenotype (eigenarrays),
  - ▶ A adjacency matrix,  $A^k$  counts number of paths of length  $\leq k$  from node  $i$  to node  $j$ .

Ditto for hypermatrices.

## Basic operation on a hypermatrix

- A matrix can be multiplied on the left and right:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  
 $X \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}$ ,  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n}$ ,

$$(X, Y) \cdot A = XAY^T = [c_{\alpha\beta}] \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$$

where

$$c_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} x_{\alpha i} y_{\beta j} a_{ij}.$$

- A hypermatrix can be multiplied on three sides:  $\mathcal{A} = [a_{ijk}] \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m \times n}$ ,  
 $X \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times l}$ ,  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times m}$ ,  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$ ,

$$(X, Y, Z) \cdot \mathcal{A} = [c_{\alpha\beta\gamma}] \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q \times r}$$

where

$$c_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{l,m,n} x_{\alpha i} y_{\beta j} z_{\gamma k} a_{ijk}.$$

# Basic operation on a hypermatrix

- Covariant version:

$$\mathcal{A} \cdot (X^\top, Y^\top, Z^\top) := (X, Y, Z) \cdot \mathcal{A}.$$

- Gives convenient notations for multilinear functionals and multilinear operators. For  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^l$ ,  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) := \mathcal{A} \cdot (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{l,m,n} a_{ijk} x_i y_j z_k,$$

$$\mathcal{A}(l, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) := \mathcal{A} \cdot (l, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{j,k=1}^{m,n} a_{ijk} y_j z_k.$$

# Inner products and norms

- $\ell^2([n])$ :  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$ .
- $\ell^2([m] \times [n])$ :  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(A^\top B) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} a_{ij} b_{ij}$ .
- $\ell^2([l] \times [m] \times [n])$ :  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m \times n}$ ,  $\langle \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \rangle = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{l,m,n} a_{ijk} b_{ijk}$ .
- In general,

$$\begin{aligned}\ell^2([m] \times [n]) &= \ell^2([m]) \otimes \ell^2([n]), \\ \ell^2([l] \times [m] \times [n]) &= \ell^2([l]) \otimes \ell^2([m]) \otimes \ell^2([n]).\end{aligned}$$

- Frobenius norm

$$\|\mathcal{A}\|_F^2 = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{l,m,n} a_{ijk}^2.$$

# Symmetric hypermatrices

- Cubical hypermatrix  $[[a_{ijk}]] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times n}$  is **symmetric** if

$$a_{ijk} = a_{ikj} = a_{jik} = a_{jki} = a_{kij} = a_{kji}.$$

- Invariant under all permutations  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_k$  on indices.
- $S^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes set of all order- $k$  symmetric hypermatrices.

## Example

Higher order derivatives of multivariate functions.

## Example

Moments of a random vector  $\mathbf{x} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ :

$$m_k(\mathbf{x}) = [E(x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_k})]_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^n = \left[ \int \cdots \int x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_k} d\mu(x_{i_1}) \cdots d\mu(x_{i_k}) \right]_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^n .$$



# Symmetric hypermatrices

## Example

Cumulants of a random vector  $\mathbf{x} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ :

$$\kappa_k(\mathbf{x}) = \left[ \sum_{A_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup A_p = \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}} (-1)^{p-1} (p-1)! E\left(\prod_{i \in A_1} x_i\right) \cdots E\left(\prod_{i \in A_p} x_i\right) \right]_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^n .$$

For  $n = 1$ ,  $\kappa_k(x)$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are the expectation, variance, skewness, and kurtosis.

- Important in Independent Component Analysis (ICA).

# Numerical multilinear algebra

**Bold claim:** every topic discussed in Golub-Van Loan has a multilinear generalization.

- Numerical tensor rank (GV Chapter 2)
- Conditioning of multilinear systems (GV Chapter 3)
- Unsymmetric eigenvalue problem for hypermatrices (GV Chapter 7)
- Symmetric eigenvalue problem for hypermatrices (GV Chapter 8)
- Tensor approximation problems (GV Chapter 12)

# DARPA mathematical challenge eight

One of the twenty three mathematical challenges announced at DARPA Tech 2007.

## Problem

**Beyond convex optimization:** *can linear algebra be replaced by algebraic geometry in a systematic way?*

- **Algebraic geometry in a slogan:** polynomials are to algebraic geometry what matrices are to linear algebra.
- Polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  of degree  $d$  can be expressed as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = a_0 + \mathbf{a}_1^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^\top A_2 \mathbf{x} + \mathcal{A}_3(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) + \dots + \mathcal{A}_d(\mathbf{x}, \dots, \mathbf{x}).$$

$$a_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{a}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n, A_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathcal{A}_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times n}, \dots, \mathcal{A}_d \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \dots \times n}.$$

- Numerical linear algebra:  $d = 2$ .
- Numerical multilinear algebra:  $d > 2$ .

# Multilinear spectral theory

Let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times n}$  (easier if  $\mathcal{A}$  symmetric).

- 1 How should one define its eigenvalues and eigenvectors?
- 2 What is a decomposition that generalizes the eigenvalue decomposition of a matrix?

Let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m \times n}$

- 1 How should one define its singular values and singular vectors?
- 2 What is a decomposition that generalizes the singular value decomposition of a matrix?

Somewhat surprising: (1) and (2) have different answers.

# Tensor ranks (Hitchcock, 1927)

- **Matrix rank.**  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{rank}(A) &= \dim(\text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{A_{\bullet 1}, \dots, A_{\bullet n}\}) && \text{(column rank)} \\ &= \dim(\text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{A_{1\bullet}, \dots, A_{m\bullet}\}) && \text{(row rank)} \\ &= \min\{r \mid A = \sum_{i=1}^r \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T\} && \text{(outer product rank)}.\end{aligned}$$

- **Multilinear rank.**  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m \times n}$ .  $\text{rank}_{\boxplus}(\mathcal{A}) = (r_1(A), r_2(A), r_3(A))$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}r_1(\mathcal{A}) &= \dim(\text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{A_{1\bullet\bullet}, \dots, A_{l\bullet\bullet}\}) \\ r_2(\mathcal{A}) &= \dim(\text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{A_{\bullet 1\bullet}, \dots, A_{\bullet m\bullet}\}) \\ r_3(\mathcal{A}) &= \dim(\text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{A_{\bullet\bullet 1}, \dots, A_{\bullet\bullet n}\})\end{aligned}$$

- **Outer product rank.**  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m \times n}$ .

$$\text{rank}_{\otimes}(\mathcal{A}) = \min\{r \mid \mathcal{A} = \sum_{i=1}^r \mathbf{u}_i \otimes \mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_i\}$$

where  $\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w} := \llbracket u_i v_j w_k \rrbracket_{i,j,k=1}^{l,m,n}$ .

# Eigenvalue and singular value decompositions

- Rank revealing decompositions associated with outer product rank.
- Symmetric eigenvalue decomposition** of  $\mathcal{A} \in S^3(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{v}_i \quad (1)$$

where  $\text{rank}_S(\mathcal{A}) = \min\{r \mid \mathcal{A} = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{v}_i\} = r$ .

- P. Comon, G. Golub, L. B. Mourrain, "Symmetric tensor and symmetric tensor rank," *SIAM J. Matrix Anal. Appl.*

- Singular value decomposition** of  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m \times n}$ ,

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{i=1}^r \mathbf{u}_i \otimes \mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_i \quad (2)$$

where  $\text{rank}_{\otimes}(\mathcal{A}) = r$ .

- V. de Silva, L, "Tensor rank and the ill-posedness of the best low-rank approximation problem," *SIAM J. Matrix Anal. Appl.*

- (1) used in applications of ICA to signal processing; (2) used in applications of the PARAFAC model to analytical chemistry.

## Eigenvalue and singular value decompositions

- Rank revealing decompositions associated with the multilinear rank.
- Symmetric eigenvalue decomposition** of  $\mathcal{A} \in S^3(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\mathcal{A} = (U, U, U) \cdot \mathcal{C} \quad (3)$$

where  $\text{rank}_{\boxplus}(\mathcal{A}) = (r, r, r)$ ,  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$  has orthonormal columns and  $\mathcal{C} \in S^3(\mathbb{R}^r)$ .

- Singular value decomposition** of  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m \times n}$ ,

$$\mathcal{A} = (U, V, W) \cdot \mathcal{C} \quad (4)$$

where  $\text{rank}_{\boxplus}(\mathcal{A}) = (r_1, r_2, r_3)$ ,  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times r_1}$ ,  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r_2}$ ,  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r_3}$  have orthonormal columns and  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{r_1 \times r_2 \times r_3}$ .

- ▶ L. De Lathauwer, B. De Moor, J. Vandewalle "A multilinear singular value decomposition," *SIAM J. Matrix Anal. Appl.*, **21** (2000), no. 4.
- ▶ B. Savas, L, "Best multilinear rank approximation with quasi-Newton method on Grassmannians," *preprint*.

# Eigenvalues

- Normal  $A$

- ▶ Invariant subspace:  $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ .
- ▶ Rayleigh quotient:  $\mathbf{x}^\top A\mathbf{x} / \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}$ .
- ▶ Lagrange multipliers:  $\mathbf{x}^\top A\mathbf{x} - \lambda(\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 1)$ .
- ▶ Best rank-1 approximation:  $\min_{\|\mathbf{x}\|=1} \|A - \lambda\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^\top\|$ .

- Nonnormal  $A$

- ▶ Pseudospectrum:  $\sigma_\varepsilon(A) = \{\lambda \mid \|(A - \lambda I)^{-1}\| > \varepsilon^{-1}\}$ .
- ▶ Numerical range:  $W(A) = \{\mathbf{x}^\top A\mathbf{x} \mid \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1\}$ .
- ▶ Irreducible representations of  $C^*(A)$  with natural Borel structure.
- ▶ Primitive ideals of  $C^*(A)$  with hull-kernel topology.



# Variational approach to eigen/singular values/vectors

- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  symmetric.
  - ▶ Eigenvalues/vectors are critical values/points of  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} / \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$ .
  - ▶ Equivalently, critical values/points of  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$  constrained to unit sphere.
  - ▶ Lagrangian:  $L(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} - \lambda(\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 - 1)$ .
  - ▶ Vanishing of  $\nabla L$  at critical  $(\mathbf{x}_c, \lambda_c) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$  yields familiar

$$A \mathbf{x}_c = \lambda_c \mathbf{x}_c.$$

- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .
  - ▶ Singular values/vectors with  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{y} / \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \|\mathbf{y}\|_2$  as 'Rayleigh quotient'.
  - ▶ Lagrangian:  $L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \sigma) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{y} - \sigma(\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 - 1)$ .
  - ▶ At critical  $(\mathbf{x}_c, \mathbf{y}_c, \sigma_c) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$A \mathbf{y}_c / \|\mathbf{y}_c\|_2 = \sigma_c \mathbf{x}_c / \|\mathbf{x}_c\|_2, \quad A^T \mathbf{x}_c / \|\mathbf{x}_c\|_2 = \sigma_c \mathbf{y}_c / \|\mathbf{y}_c\|_2.$$

- ▶ Writing  $\mathbf{u}_c = \mathbf{x}_c / \|\mathbf{x}_c\|_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_c = \mathbf{y}_c / \|\mathbf{y}_c\|_2$  yields familiar

$$A \mathbf{v}_c = \sigma_c \mathbf{u}_c, \quad A^T \mathbf{u}_c = \sigma_c \mathbf{v}_c.$$

# Multilinear spectral theory

- Extends to hypermatrices.
- For  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_n]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , write  $\mathbf{x}^p := [x_1^p, \dots, x_n^p]^\top$ .
- Define the ' $\ell^k$ -norm'  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_k = (x_1^k + \dots + x_n^k)^{1/k}$ .
- Define eigenvalues/vectors of  $\mathcal{A} \in S^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$  as critical values/points of the multilinear Rayleigh quotient

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}, \dots, \mathbf{x}) / \|\mathbf{x}\|_k^k.$$

- Lagrangian

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \sigma) := \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}, \dots, \mathbf{x}) - \lambda(\|\mathbf{x}\|_k^k - 1).$$

- At a critical point

$$\mathcal{A}(I_n, \mathbf{x}, \dots, \mathbf{x}) = \lambda \mathbf{x}^{k-1}.$$

- Likewise for singular values/vectors of  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times \dots \times d_k}$ .

# Multilinear spectral theory

- If  $\mathcal{A}$  is symmetric,

$$\mathcal{A}(I_n, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}, \dots, \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}, I_n, \mathbf{x}, \dots, \mathbf{x}) = \dots = \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}, \dots, \mathbf{x}, I_n).$$

- For unsymmetric hypermatrices — get different eigenpairs for different modes (unsymmetric matrix have different left/right eigenvectors).
- Also obtained by Liqun Qi independently:
  - ▶ L. Qi, “Eigenvalues of a real supersymmetric tensor,” *J. Symbolic Comput.*, **40** (2005), no. 6.
  - ▶ L, “Singular values and eigenvalues of tensors: a variational approach,” *Proc. IEEE Int. Workshop on Computational Advances in Multi-Sensor Adaptive Processing*, **1** (2005).
- Falls outside Classical Invariant Theory — not invariant under  $Q \in O(n)$ , ie.  $\|Q\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$ .
- Invariant under  $Q \in GL(n)$  with  $\|Q\mathbf{x}\|_k = \|\mathbf{x}\|_k$ .

## Perron-Frobenius theorem for hypermatrices

- An order- $k$  cubical hypermatrix  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{T}^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is **reducible** if there exist a permutation  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$  such that the permuted hypermatrix

$$\llbracket b_{i_1 \dots i_k} \rrbracket = \llbracket a_{\sigma(j_1) \dots \sigma(j_k)} \rrbracket$$

has the property that for some  $m \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ ,  $b_{i_1 \dots i_k} = 0$  for all  $i_1 \in \{1, \dots, n-m\}$  and all  $i_2, \dots, i_k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

- We say that  $A$  is **irreducible** if it is not reducible. In particular, if  $\mathcal{A} > 0$ , then it is irreducible.

### Theorem (L)

Let  $0 \leq \mathcal{A} = \llbracket a_{j_1 \dots j_k} \rrbracket \in \mathbb{T}^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be irreducible. Then  $\mathcal{A}$  has

- 1 a positive real eigenvalue  $\lambda$  with an eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$ ;
- 2  $\mathbf{x}$  may be chosen to have all entries non-negative;
- 3 if  $\mu$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $|\mu| \leq \lambda$ .

# Hypergraphs

- $G = (V, E)$  is **3-hypergraph**.
  - ▶  $V$  is the finite set of **vertices**.
  - ▶  $E$  is the subset of **hyperedges**, ie. 3-element subsets of  $V$ .
- Write elements of  $E$  as  $[x, y, z]$  ( $x, y, z \in V$ ).
- $G$  is **undirected**, so  $[x, y, z] = [y, z, x] = \dots = [z, y, x]$ .
- Hyperedge is said to **degenerate** if of the form  $[x, x, y]$  or  $[x, x, x]$  (hyperloop at  $x$ ). We do not exclude degenerate hyperedges.
- $G$  is  **$m$ -regular** if every  $v \in V$  is adjacent to exactly  $m$  hyperedges.
- $G$  is  **$r$ -uniform** if every edge contains exactly  $r$  vertices.
- Good reference: D. Knuth, *The art of computer programming*, **4**, pre-fascicle 0a, 2008.

# Spectral hypergraph theory

- Define the order-3 **adjacency hypermatrix**  $\mathcal{A} = \llbracket a_{ijk} \rrbracket$  by

$$a_{xyz} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } [x, y, z] \in E, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{|V| \times |V| \times |V|}$  nonnegative symmetric hypermatrix.
- Consider cubic form

$$\mathcal{A}(f, f, f) = \sum_{x,y,z} a_{xyz} f(x)f(y)f(z),$$

where  $f \in \mathbb{R}^V$ .

- Eigenvalues (resp. eigenvectors) of  $\mathcal{A}$  are the critical values (resp. critical points) of  $\mathcal{A}(f, f, f)$  constrained to the  $f \in \ell^3(V)$ , ie.

$$\sum_{x \in V} f(x)^3 = 1.$$

# Spectral hypergraph theory

We have the following.

## Lemma (L)

Let  $G$  be an  $m$ -regular 3-hypergraph.  $\mathcal{A}$  its adjacency hypermatrix. Then

- 1  $m$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{A}$ ;
- 2 if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $|\lambda| \leq m$ ;
- 3  $\lambda$  has multiplicity 1 if and only if  $G$  is connected.

Related work: J. Friedman, A. Wigderson, "On the second eigenvalue of hypergraphs," *Combinatorica*, **15** (1995), no. 1.

# Spectral hypergraph theory

- A hypergraph  $G = (V, E)$  is said to be  **$k$ -partite** or  **$k$ -colorable** if there exists a partition of the vertices  $V = V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_k$  such that for any  $k$  vertices  $u, v, \dots, z$  with  $a_{uv\dots z} \neq 0$ ,  $u, v, \dots, z$  must each lie in a distinct  $V_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ).

## Lemma (L)

Let  $G$  be a connected  $m$ -regular  $k$ -partite  $k$ -hypergraph on  $n$  vertices.  
Then

- ① If  $k \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then every eigenvalue of  $G$  occurs with multiplicity a multiple of  $k$ .
- ② If  $k \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then the spectrum of  $G$  is symmetric, ie. if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue, then so is  $-\lambda$ .
- ③ Furthermore, every eigenvalue of  $G$  occurs with multiplicity a multiple of  $k/2$ , ie. if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $G$ , then  $\lambda$  and  $-\lambda$  occurs with the same multiplicity.



# To do

- Cases  $k \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{4}$
- Cheeger type isoperimetric inequalities
- Expander hypergraphs
- Algorithms for eigenvalues/vectors of a hypermatrix

## Geometry and representation theory of tensors for computer science, statistics, and other areas

### ① MSRI Summer Graduate Workshop

- ▶ July 7 to July 18, 2008
- ▶ Organized by J.M. Landsberg, L.-H. Lim, J. Morton
- ▶ Mathematical Sciences Research Institute, Berkeley, CA
- ▶ [http://msri.org/calendar/sgw/WorkshopInfo/451/show\\_sgw](http://msri.org/calendar/sgw/WorkshopInfo/451/show_sgw)

### ② AIM Workshop

- ▶ July 21 to July 25, 2008
- ▶ Organized by J.M. Landsberg, L.-H. Lim, J. Morton, J. Weyman
- ▶ American Institute of Mathematics, Palo Alto, CA
- ▶ <http://aimath.org/ARCC/workshops/repnsoftensors.html>