

# On the approximation of tensor product operators

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# Approximation with finite linear information

**Setting:**  $X$  and  $Y$  normed spaces,  $F \subset X$ ,  $T : F \rightarrow Y$ .

**Problem:** We cannot evaluate  $Tf$  for some  $f \in F$ .

**Capabilities:** We can evaluate  $Af$  for a certain class of admissible algorithms  $A \in \mathcal{A} \subset Y^F$ .

**Errors:** The worst-case error of the algorithm  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  is

$$e(A, T) = \sup_{f \in F} \|Tf - Af\|_Y.$$

The minimal worst-case error in the class  $\mathcal{A}$  is

$$e(\mathcal{A}, T) = \inf_{A \in \mathcal{A}} e(A, T).$$

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**Examples** of admissible algorithms:

- The class  $\mathcal{A}_n$  of algorithms that evaluate less than  $n$  linear functionals.
- The class  $\mathcal{A}_n^* = \{A \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y) \mid \text{rank}(A) < n\}$ .
- The class  $\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{eval}}$  of algorithms that evaluate less than  $n$  function values.

**Our Mission:** We want to study the case

- $X = H_{\text{mix}}^s(G^d)$  and  $F$  its unit ball,  $Y = L_2(G^d)$
- $T : F \rightarrow Y, Tf = f$
- $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_n$

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**Theorem** (Bakhvalov, Gal & Michelli, Creutzinger & Wojtaszczyk, Hinrichs & Novak & Woźniakowski)

*If  $F$  is the unit ball of a pre-Hilbert space and  $T$  is linear and bounded,*

$$e(\mathcal{A}_n, T) = e(\mathcal{A}_n^*, T) = a_n(T).$$

- Contents:**
- Unbounded functionals are not necessary.
  - Adaption does not help.
  - Linear algorithms are optimal.

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are Hilbert spaces:

$T$  approximable with finite linear information  $\iff T$  compact.

# Approximation with finite linear information

## Fact

*There is a countable orthonormal basis  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $N(T)^\perp$  such that  $T\mathcal{B}$  is an orthogonal basis of  $\overline{R(T)}$ .*

$\mathcal{B}$  is called **singular value decomposition** (SVD) of  $T$ , the values  $\|Tb\|_Y$  for  $b \in \mathcal{B}$  are called singular values (SVs). Clearly,

$$Tf = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}} \langle f, b \rangle Tb.$$

## Fact

*Moreover,  $a_n(T)$  is the  $n$ th largest SV of  $T$ . The algorithm*

$$A_n : F \rightarrow Y, \quad A_n(f) = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}_n} \langle f, b \rangle Tb,$$

*is optimal in  $\mathcal{A}_n$ , if  $\mathcal{B}_n \subset \mathcal{B}$  corresponds to the  $n - 1$  largest SVs.*

# Tensor product operators

For  $i = 1 \dots d$ , let  $G_i$  be a nonempty set and let  $G = \prod_{i=1}^d G_i$ .  
The tensor product of functions  $f_i : G_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is

$$f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_d : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad x \mapsto f_1(x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot f_d(x_d).$$

The tensor product of Hilbert spaces  $X_i$  of functions  $G_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$X = X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_d$$

is the smallest Hilbert space of functions  $G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that contains all tensor product functions and satisfies

$$\langle f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_d, g_1 \otimes \dots \otimes g_d \rangle = \langle f_1, g_1 \rangle \cdot \dots \cdot \langle f_d, g_d \rangle.$$

Analogously let  $Y = Y_1 \otimes \dots \otimes Y_d$ .

# Tensor product operators

For bounded linear operators  $T_i : X_i \rightarrow Y_i$ , the tensor product

$$T = T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_d : X \rightarrow Y$$

is the unique bounded and linear operator with

$$T(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_d) = T_1 f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_d f_d.$$

## Fact

*If  $T_i$  is compact for  $i = 1 \dots d$ , then so is  $T$ .*

# Tensor product operators

## Example

Let  $T_i$  be the embedding of  $H^{S_i}(G_i)$  into  $L_2(G_i)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}L_2(G_1) \otimes \dots \otimes L_2(G_d) &= L_2(G), \\ H^{S_1}(G_1) \otimes \dots \otimes H^{S_d}(G_d) &= H_{\text{mix}}^{\mathbf{S}}(G)\end{aligned}$$

and  $T$  is the embedding of  $H_{\text{mix}}^{\mathbf{S}}(G)$  into  $L_2(G)$ .

## Fact

*If  $\mathcal{B}_i$  is a SVD of  $T_i$  for each index  $i$ , then  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{B}_d$  is a SVD of  $T$ . In particular,  $e(\mathcal{A}_n, T)$  is the  $n$ th largest product  $\sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_d$  of singular values  $\sigma_i$  of  $T_i$ .*



# $L_2$ -Approximation in univariate Sobolev spaces

**The periodic case.** Consider  $P : H^s(\mathbb{T}) \hookrightarrow L_2(\mathbb{T})$ .

The Fourier basis is an orthogonal basis in both spaces.

Hence,

$$a_n(P) = \left( \sum_{j=0}^s (2\pi \lfloor n/2 \rfloor)^{2j} \right)^{-1/2}$$

and in particular,

$$a_n(P) \stackrel{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} (\pi n)^{-s}.$$

# $L_2$ -Approximation in univariate Sobolev spaces

**The nonperiodic case.** Consider  $S : H^s([0, 1]) \hookrightarrow L_2([0, 1])$ .

## Lemma

$$a_n(P) \leq a_n(S) \leq a_{n-s}(P)$$

Hence,

$$a_n(S) \stackrel{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} a_n(P) \stackrel{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} (\pi n)^{-s}.$$

Problems:

- What about  $a_n(S)$  for small values of  $n$ ?
- Optimal algorithms?

# $L_2$ -Approximation in univariate Sobolev spaces

We need the eigenfunctions of  $W = S^* S$ .

## Lemma (K.)

Let  $\lambda > 0$  and  $f \in H^s([0, 1])$ . Then,

$$Wf = \lambda f \iff \begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^s (-1)^k f^{(2k)} = \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1\right) f, \\ f^{(s)}(x) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f^{(s+k)}(x) = f^{(s-k)}(x) \\ \text{for } k = 1, \dots, s-1 \text{ and } x \in \{0, 1\}. \end{cases}$$

↔ Recipe for optimal algorithms and explicit singular values.

# Tensor product sequences

**Setting:**  $(\sigma_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  a nonincreasing zero sequence,  
 $(\sigma_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d}$  its  $d$ th tensor power,  
 $(a_{n,d})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  its nonincreasing rearrangement.

**Example:**  $T_1 = \dots = T_d$  compact operator between Hilbert spaces and  $\sigma_n = a_n(T_1)$ . Then,  $a_{n,d} = a_n(T)$ .

**Notation:**  $P^d : H_{\text{mix}}^s(\mathbb{T}^d) \hookrightarrow L_2(\mathbb{T}^d)$ ,  
 $S^d : H_{\text{mix}}^s([0, 1]^d) \hookrightarrow L_2([0, 1]^d)$ .

# Tensor product sequences

## Theorem (K.)

If  $\sigma_n \leq C n^{-s}$  for all  $n \geq N_1$ , then there is some  $N_d \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$a_{n,d} \leq C^d n^{-s} \left( \frac{(\log n)^{d-1}}{(d-1)!} \right)^s \quad \text{for all } n \geq N_d. \quad (1)$$

If  $\sigma_n \geq c n^{-s}$  for all  $n \geq n_1$ , then there is some  $n_d \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$a_{n,d} \geq c^d n^{-s} \left( \frac{(\log n)^{d-1}}{(d-1)!} \right)^s \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_d. \quad (2)$$

# Tensor product sequences

## Corollary (K.)

$$e\left(\mathcal{A}_n, \mathcal{S}^d\right) \stackrel{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} e\left(\mathcal{A}_n, \mathcal{P}^d\right) \stackrel{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \left(\frac{(\log n)^{d-1}}{\pi^d (d-1)! n}\right)^s.$$

**Remark:** Compare Kühn/Sickel/Ullrich (2015) for the periodic case.

**Meaning:** If  $n$  is large enough, periodicity does not affect the approximation error.

**Problem:** Estimate is useless for  $n \leq e^{d-1}$ .

# Tensor product sequences

## Theorem (K.)

Let  $\sigma_1 = 1 > \sigma_2 > 0$  and assume that  $\sigma_n \leq C n^{-s}$  for all  $n \geq 2$ .  
For any  $n \in \{2, \dots, 2^d\}$ ,

$$\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{\log \sigma_2^{-1}}{\log\left(1+\frac{d}{\log_2 n}\right)}} \leq a_{n,d} \leq \left(\frac{\exp(C^{2/s})}{n}\right)^{\frac{\log \sigma_2^{-1}}{\log\left(\sigma_2^{-2/s} d\right)}}.$$

**Roughly:** For small  $n$ , we obtain that  $a_{n,d} \approx n^{-\frac{\log \sigma_2^{-1}}{\log d}}$ .

**Example:** Let  $s \geq 2$ . Then

$$a_n(P^d) \approx n^{-\frac{s \log(2\pi)}{\log d}} \quad \text{and} \quad a_n(S^d) \approx n^{-\frac{1.28}{\log d}}.$$

# Tensor product sequences

## Theorem (Novak & Woźniakowski)

*The problem  $\{H_{\text{mix}}^s(G^d) \hookrightarrow L_2(G^d)\}$  is not polynomially tractable for both  $G = \mathbb{T}$  and  $G = [0, 1]$ .*

Does an increasing smoothness yield tractability?

## Theorem (K.)

*The problem  $\{H_{\text{mix}}^{s_d}([0, 1]^d) \hookrightarrow L_2([0, 1]^d)\}$  is not polynomially tractable for any choice of natural numbers  $s_d$ . The problem  $\{H_{\text{mix}}^{s_d}(\mathbb{T}^d) \hookrightarrow L_2(\mathbb{T}^d)\}$  is strongly polynomially tractable, iff it is polynomially tractable, iff  $s_d$  grows at least logarithmically in  $d$ .*

Compare Papageorgiou/Woźniakowski 2010.



# Tensor product sequences

What about tensor products of different sequences?

- Results on the order of convergence by Mityagin and Nikol'skaya.
- The full asymptotic behavior is **not** determined by the asymptotic behavior of the factors.
- Preasymptotics?