### Distributionally Robust and Multi-Objective Nonnegative Matrix Factorization

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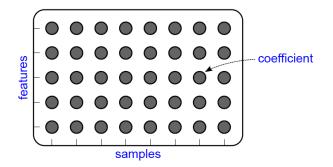




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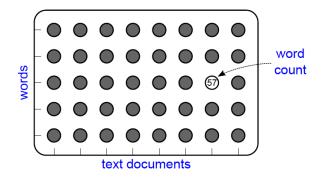


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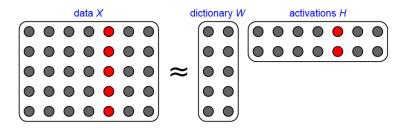


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- Each column of  $X(:,j) \in \mathbb{R}^m_+$  is a data point. Reconstructed via a linear combination of *r* basis elements given by the columns of *W* while the columns of *H* provide the weights

$$X(:,j) \approx \sum_{k=1}^{r} W(:,k) H(k,j), \qquad 1 \le j \le n$$

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$$\bar{D}^{\lambda}_{\Omega}(X, WH^+_{\gamma}) > \bar{D}^{\lambda}_{\Omega}(X, WH)$$

we reduce

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There are dual subgradient methods to solve this with convergence guarantees, but we found them to be slow.

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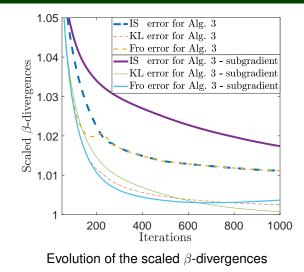
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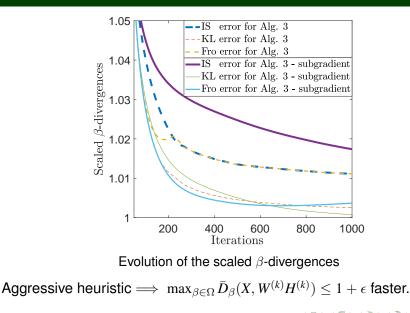
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- But say we don't know this, we can compare DR-NMF, KL-NMF and Fro-NMF
- Use these NMF methods for clustering (topic modeling)
- Clustering accuracy

$$\operatorname{accuracy}(\{\tilde{C}_i\}_{i=1}^r) := \min_{\pi: [r] \to [r]} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^r |C_i \cap \tilde{C}_{\pi(i)}|$$

data set	number	Clustering accuracy (%)		
	of classes	KL-NMF	Fro-NMF	
NG20	20	50.15	17.78	27.60
NG3SIM	3	<u>59.07</u>	34.29	68.05
classic	4	65.53	49.21	58.98
ohscal	10	41.54	35.71	40.23
k1b	6	54.40	73.50	62.35
hitech	6	41.03	48.28	41.68
reviews	5	78.10	45.24	75.33
sports	7	53.48	49.24	62.60
la1	6	70.69	45.47	66.67
la12	6	71.24	47.91	67.75
la2	6	70.34	51.58	68.62
tr11	9	52.90	46.38	46.62
tr23	6	30.39	39.71	34.80
tr41	10	60.25	35.31	49.20
tr45	10	56.67	38.12	31.59
Average		57.05	43.85	53.47

#### Clustering accuracies of various methods

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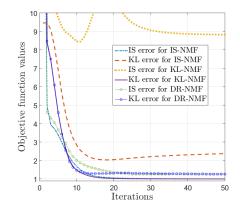
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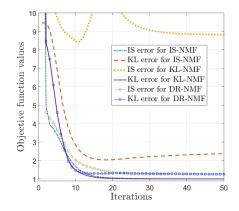
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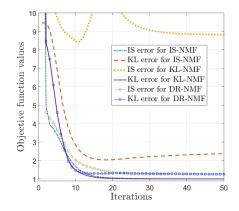


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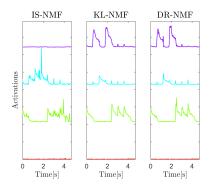
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KL-NMF has IS-error 9 times that of IS-NMF

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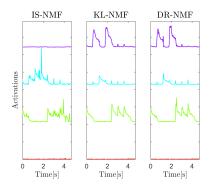
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- Rows of H recovered successfully.
- $\blacksquare$  *C*<sup>4</sup> is activated once, *D*<sup>4</sup> twice and *E*<sup>4</sup> four times.

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