# Decoupling multivariate functions using tensors

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Waring's problem (1770)

Every natural number can be represented as the sum of at most 4 squares, 9 cubes, or 19 fourth powers.

$$30 = 52 + 22 + 1230 = 33 + 13 + 13 + 1330 = 24 + 14 + ... + 14$$

Hilbert-Waring theorem, 1909:

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \exists s \in \mathbb{N}: \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}: \quad n = \sum_{i \leq s} a_i^k, \quad a_i \in \mathbb{N}, i = 1, \dots, s.$$

## Waring's problem for homogeneous polynomials

Decompose a homogeneous multivariate polynomial  $f(x_1, \ldots, x_m)$  of degree d as

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \sum_{i=1}^r u_i (v_{1i}x_1 + \dots + v_{mi}x_m)^d;$$

 $\boldsymbol{r}$  is called the Waring rank.

# Waring's problem for a set of non-homogeneous polynomials



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  - Tool: Canonical Polyadic Decomposition (CPD)



## Algorithm

- 1. Construct tensor of Jacobians  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{f}} = \left\{ \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{f}}^{(1)}, \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{f}}^{(2)}, \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{f}}^{(3)}, \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{f}}^{(4)}, \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{f}}^{(5)}, \ldots \right\}$
- 2. CPD of  $\mathcal{J}_{f}$  gives U, V and H
- 3. Retrieve coefficients of  $g_i(\cdot)$  from  $\mathbf{y}^{(k)} = \mathbf{U} \left[ g_i(\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{x}^{(k)}) \right]$ (solving linear system)



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Block-oriented models: parameter estimation



Step 1: estimate the parameters of the LTI blocks Step 2: fit a multivariate polynomial Step 3: decouple the multivariate polynomial

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$$\xrightarrow{u(t)} H_i \xrightarrow{y(t)}$$

Volterra series are polynomials of time-shifted input signals

$$y(t) = \sum_{i} \sum_{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_i} \underbrace{H_i(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_i)}_{\text{kernels}} \underbrace{u(t - \tau_1) \cdots u(t - \tau_i)}_{\text{time-shifted inputs}}$$

## Decoupling Volterra representations



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Neural networks with multiple layers can be compressed to two layers with flexible activation functions using ParaTuck-2



- Multilayer Tensor-based Neural Network Compression with Flexible Activation Functions
- A lifting approach to ParaTuck-2 tensor decompositions

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