

Identifiability in matrix sparse factorization

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→ Identifiability is well studied for **linear** inverse problems [Foucart et al., 2017], but not for **multilinear** inverse problems, like matrix sparse factorization.

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$$\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{D})(\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{Y}) = (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{P})(\mathbf{P}^T\mathbf{Y})$$

where \mathbf{D} is a diagonal matrix, and \mathbf{P} is a permutation matrix.

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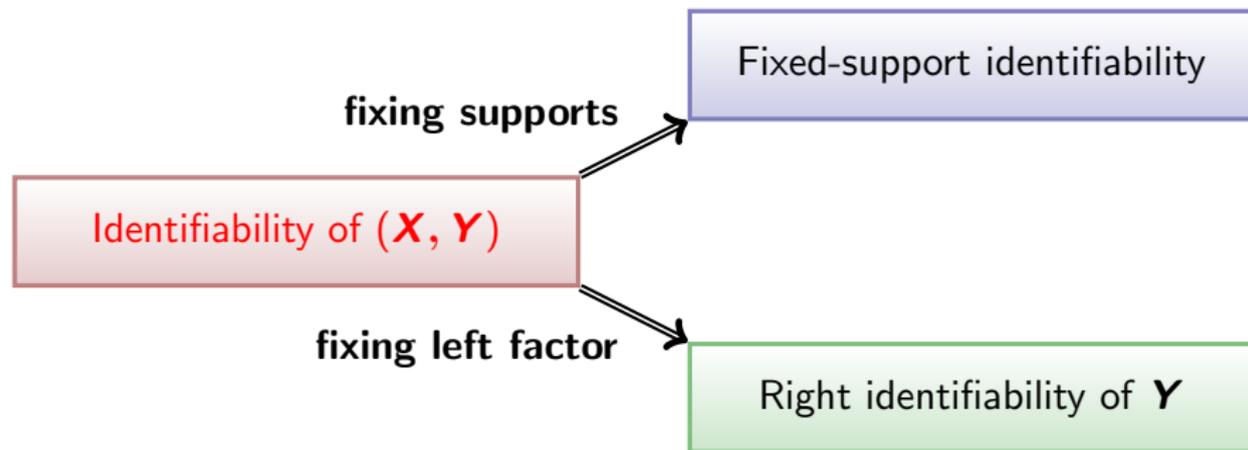


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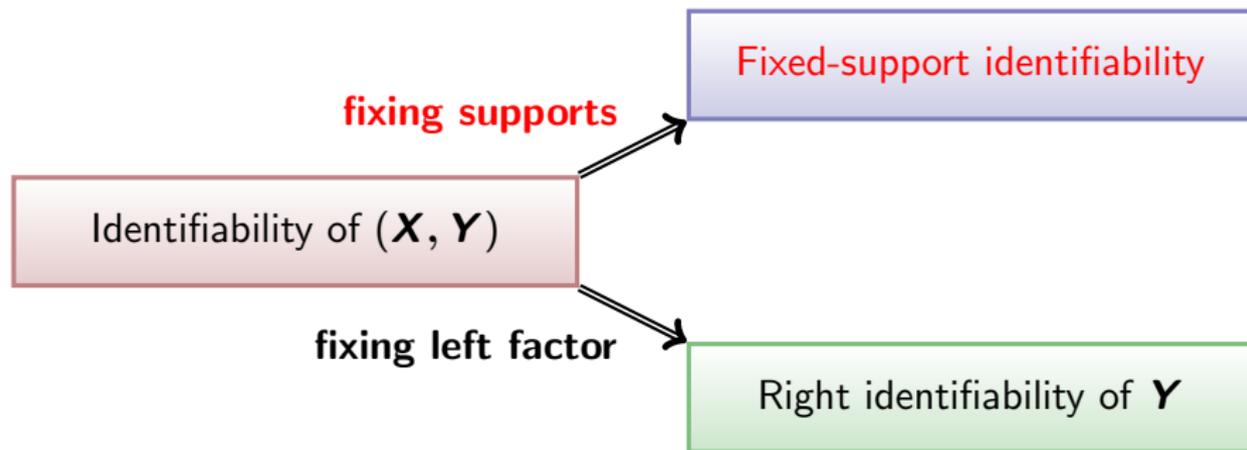


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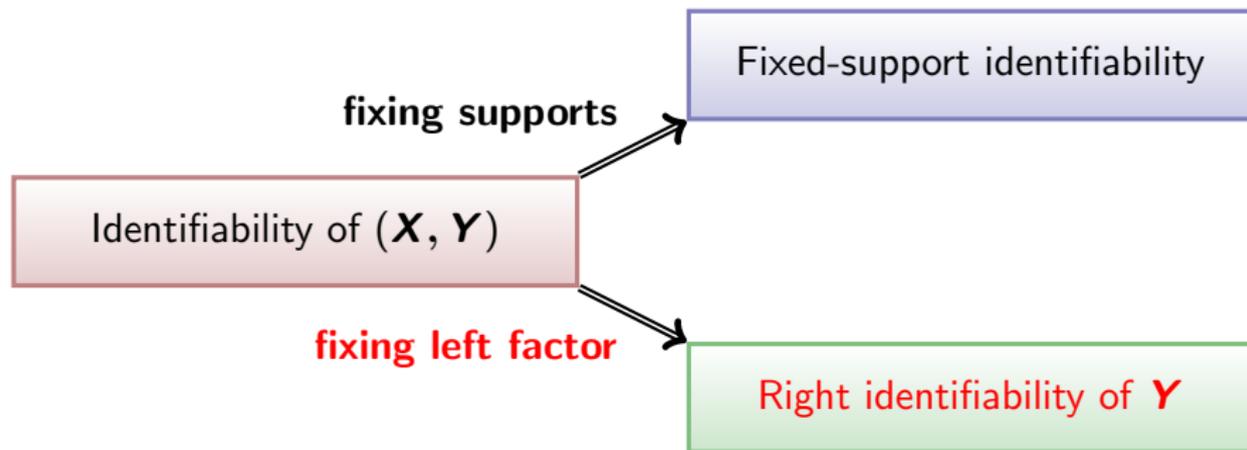


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Definition: identifiability of $(\mathbf{S}_X, \mathbf{S}_Y)$

Every pair (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) with a support **equal** to $(\mathbf{S}_X, \mathbf{S}_Y)$ is the unique solution (up to equivalence) for the factorization of $\mathbf{Z} := \mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}$ into two factors supported by $(\mathbf{S}_X, \mathbf{S}_Y)$.

→ We will give here a characterization of this property.

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→ We are implicitly using **lifting** ideas, inspired by [Choudhary et al., 2014], [Malgouyres et al., 2016]. The lifting operator is

$$\mathcal{L} : (\mathbf{C}_i)_{i=1}^r \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^r \mathbf{C}_i.$$

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Idea

Complete each rank 1 contribution from the entries not covered by the other rank 1 contributions.

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Figure: We show in color the “observable” entries. The red contribution is completable from its observable entries.

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Figure: Therefore, $(\mathbf{X}_{\bullet i} \mathbf{Y}_{i \bullet})_{i=1}^r$ are identifiable from the observation \mathbf{Z} .

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- The rank 1 supports \mathbf{S}_i for $i \in \llbracket 1; r \rrbracket$ can be completed one by one from its **observable support**:

$$\mathbf{S}_i \setminus \bigcup_{i' \in \llbracket r \rrbracket \setminus \{i\}} \mathbf{S}_{i'}.$$

- When the i -th rank 1 support is completable from its observable support, we repeat with $(\mathbf{S}_{i'})_{i \neq i'}$.

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Figure: This example is iteratively completable.

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Figure: Counterexample showing that iterative completability is not a necessary condition for fixed-support identifiability.

→ This leads to the notion of iterative **partial** completability (future work).

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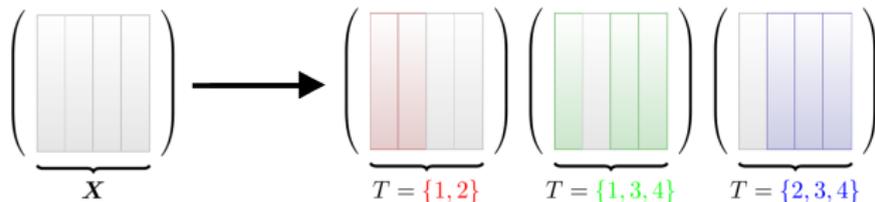
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→ Similar result in compressive sensing literature [Foucart et al., 2017].

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Open questions

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- Finding sufficient conditions of **generic identifiability**? Necessary and sufficient conditions?

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$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^1 & \omega^2 & \omega^3 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & 1 & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^3 & \omega^2 & \omega^1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{DFT matrix } N \times N} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \omega^1 \\ 1 & 0 & \omega^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \omega^3 \end{pmatrix}}_{\frac{N}{2}\text{-sparse by column}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \omega^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \omega^2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{2-sparse by row}}$$

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Extra: definition of identifiability

Consider $\hat{\Omega}$ a family of allowed pairs of supports.

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where $\mathbf{S}_i := (\mathbf{S}_X)_{\bullet i} (\mathbf{S}_Y)_{i \bullet}$ is the i -th rank 1 support of $(\mathbf{S}_X, \mathbf{S}_Y)$, and:

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Figure: However, we can complete **partially** green and blue contributions.

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{6} & \boxed{5} & \boxed{6} \\ \boxed{3} & \boxed{5} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{4} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & ? & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{2} & ? & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{3} & ? & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & ? & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & ? & ? & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & ? & ? & \boxed{6} \\ 0 & ? & \boxed{2} & \boxed{4} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{2} & ? & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{3} & ? & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & ? & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & ? & \boxed{3} & \boxed{6} \\ 0 & ? & \boxed{2} & \boxed{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

Figure: This “uncovers” entries in red and green contributions.

Extra: iterative partial completability

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{3} & \boxed{3} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & ? & \boxed{3} & \boxed{6} \\ 0 & ? & \boxed{2} & \boxed{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

Figure: Then, red and green contributions are completable.

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{3} & \boxed{3} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{3} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{6} \\ 0 & \boxed{2} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

Figure: We finally complete blue contribution.