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**Abstract:**

We present a tensorization algorithm for constructing tensor train representations of functions, drawing on sketching and cross interpolation ideas. The method only requires black-box access to the target function and a small set of sample points defining the domain of interest. Thus, it is particularly well-suited for machine learning models, where the domain of interest is naturally defined by the training dataset. We show that this approach can be used to enhance the privacy and interpretability of neural network models. Specifically, we apply our decomposition to (i) obfuscate neural networks whose parameters encode patterns tied to the training data distribution, and (ii) estimate topological phases of matter that are easily accessible from the tensor train representation. Additionally, we show that this tensorization can serve as an efficient initialization method for optimizing tensor trains in general settings, and that, for model compression, our algorithm achieves a superior trade-off between memory and time complexity compared to conventional tensorization methods of neural networks.



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# Tensorization of neural networks for improved privacy and interpretability

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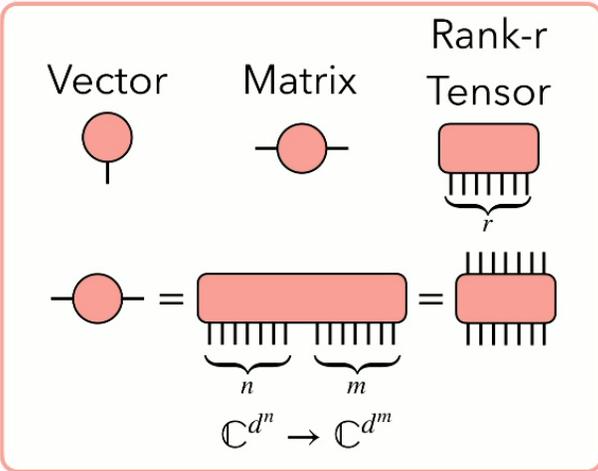
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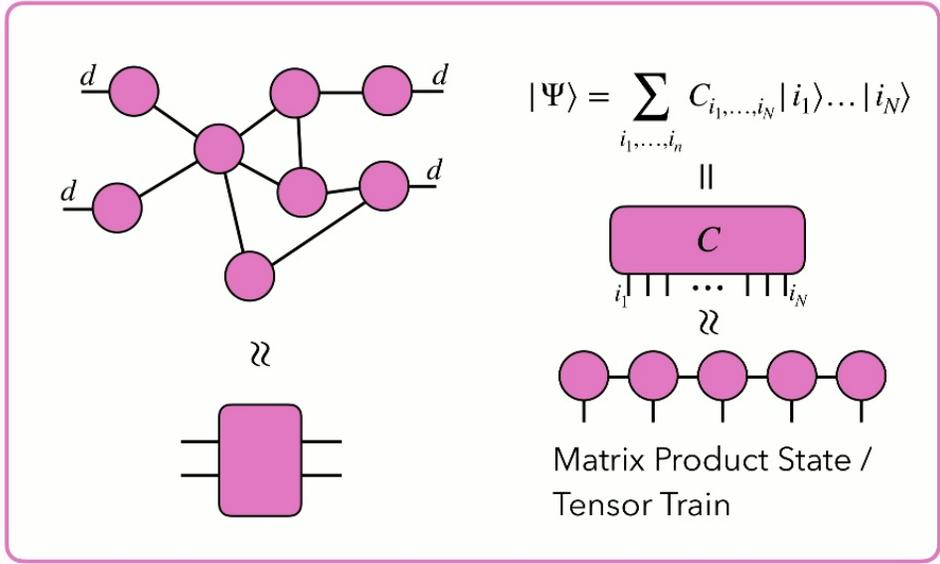
## **Outline:**

1. Tensor Networks
2. TNs for Machine Learning
3. Privacy with TNs
4. Tensorization (TT-RSS)
5. Applications:
  - Privacy
  - Interpretability

# Tensor Networks

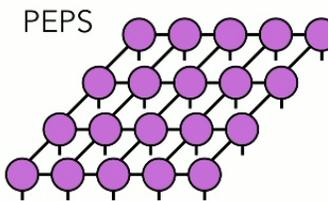
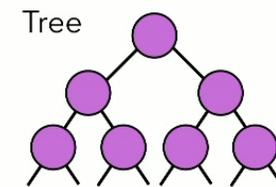
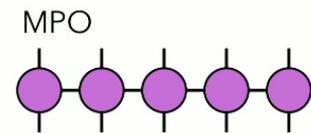
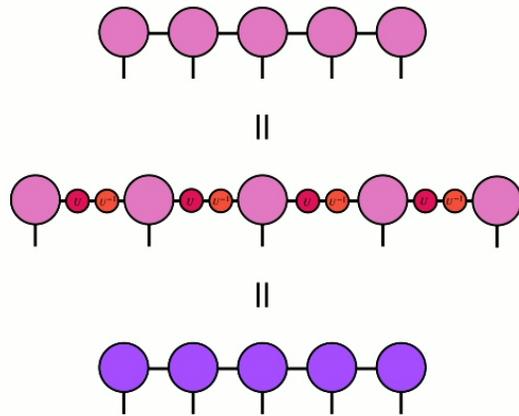


$$\begin{aligned}
 & \overset{i}{\text{---}} \text{A} \overset{j}{\text{---}} \text{B} \overset{k}{\text{---}} = \overset{i}{\text{---}} \text{C} \overset{k}{\text{---}} \\
 & \sum_{i,j,k} A_{ij} B_{jk} |i\rangle \langle j| j\rangle \langle k| = \sum_{ij} C_{ik} |i\rangle \langle k| \\
 & A_{ij} B_{jk} = C_{ik}
 \end{aligned}$$



# Tensor Networks

Gauge freedom:



# TNs for Machine Learning

## Problem

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1/20/78	1	DM	F	39
1/20/78	2	DM	M	43
1/20/78	2	DS	F	144
3/13/78	2	DM	F	51
3/13/78	2	DM	F	44
3/13/78	2	DS	F	146



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def __init__(self,
               num: int,
               name: str,
               node: Optional[AbstractNode] = None,
               node1: bool = True) -> None:

    # Check types
    if not isinstance(num, int):
        raise TypeError("num should be int type")

    if not isinstance(name, str):
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    if node is not None:
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## Machine

- Linear Regression
- Decision Tree
- Support Vector Machine
- Clustering
- Neural Network

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## Learning

- Define loss function:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \|y_i - f_{\theta}(x_i)\|^2$$

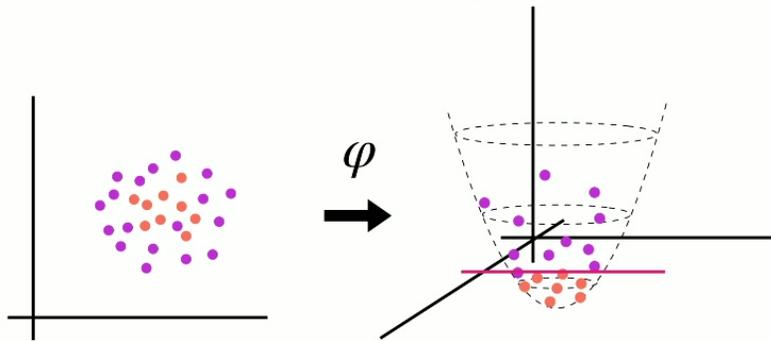
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \cdot \log(f_{\theta}(x_i))$$

- Minimize:

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta \nabla_{\theta_t} \mathcal{L}(\theta_t)$$

# TNs for Machine Learning

Embed data into bigger space

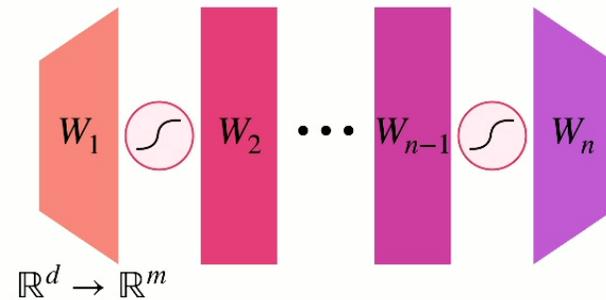


## Examples

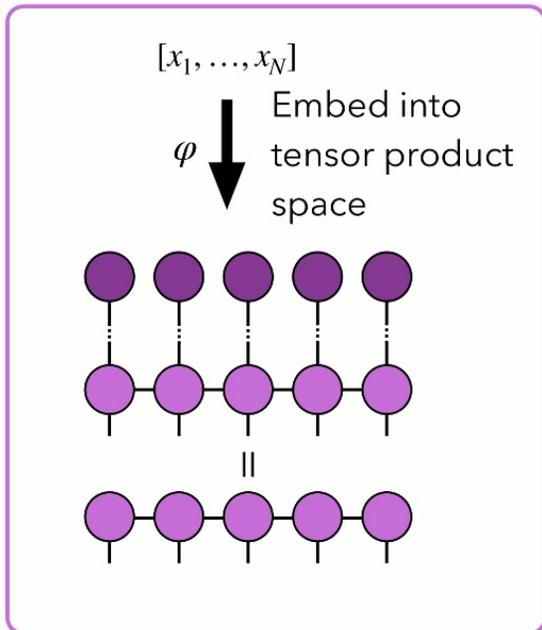
- Kernel Support Vector Machine

$$\langle w, \varphi(x) \rangle = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i k(x_i, x)$$

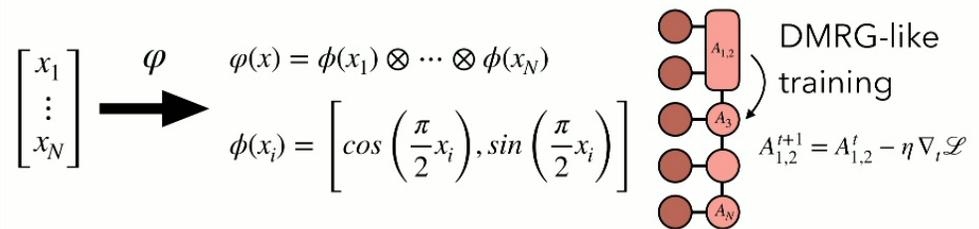
- Neural Networks



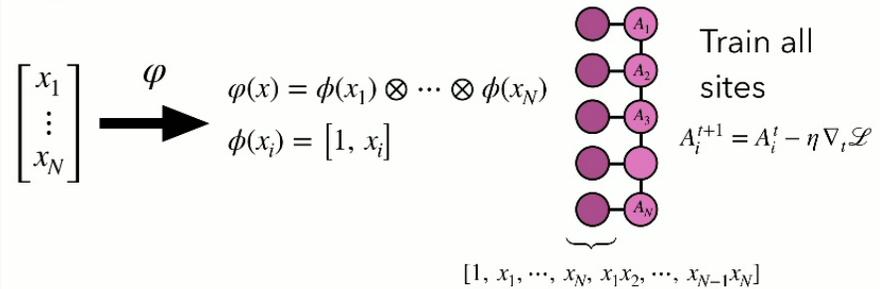
# TNs for Machine Learning



## Supervised Learning with Quantum-Inspired Tensor Networks (Stoudenmire and Schwab, 2016)



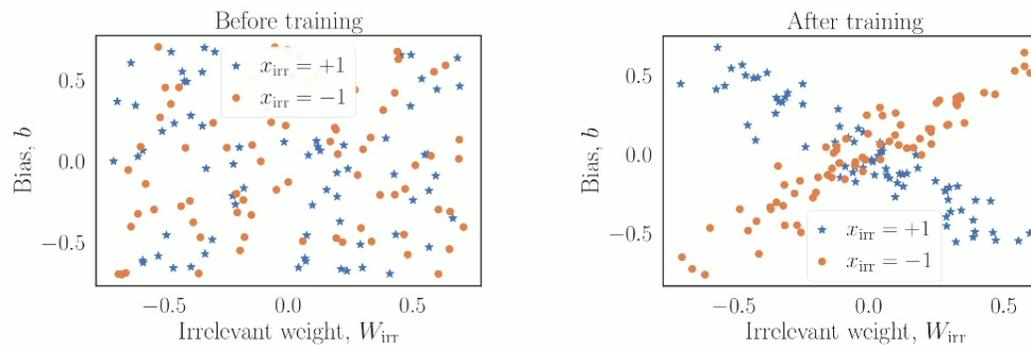
## Exponential machines (Novikov et al., 2016)



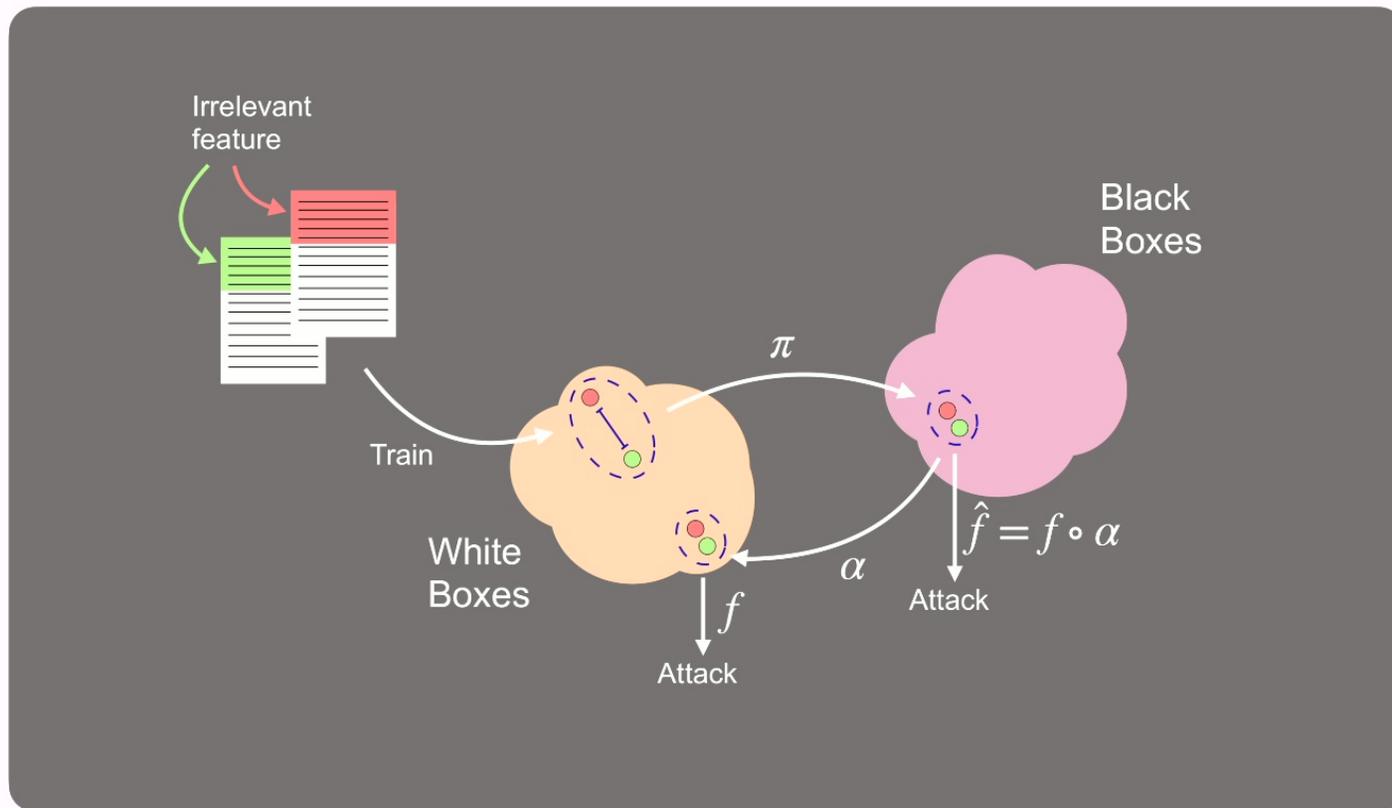
# Privacy with TNs

**White-box privacy vulnerability:** arXiv:2202.12319

- Approximate function  $f(x_{rel}, x_{irr}) = \text{sign}(x_{rel})$
- With model  $NN(x_{rel}, x_{irr}) = \phi(W_{rel}x_{rel} + W_{irr}x_{irr} + b)$
- $\mathcal{L}$  loss function:  $\partial_{W_{irr}}\mathcal{L} = x_{irr}\phi'\partial_{\phi}\mathcal{L}$  and  $\partial_b\mathcal{L} = \phi'\partial_{\phi}\mathcal{L}$ , implying that  $\partial_{W_{irr}}\mathcal{L} = x_{irr}\partial_b\mathcal{L}$



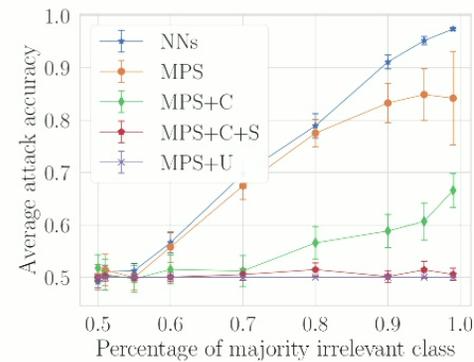
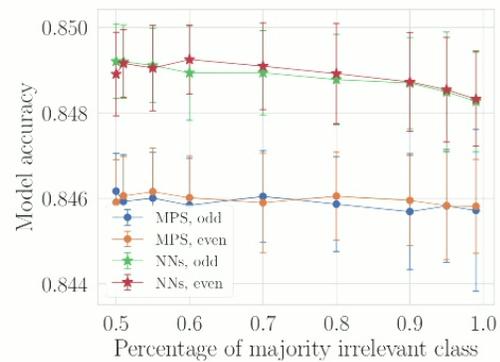
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**Experiment:** arXiv:2202.12319

- **Target:** Predict outcome of COVID-19 cases given demographics and symptoms.
- **Irrelevant feature:** Parity of the day of registration of the record.
- **Attack goal:** Extract the majority value of the irrelevant feature.



# Privacy with TNs

## Next step: go bigger

- Bigger networks (Trees, PEPS, NNs+TNs)
- Bigger datasets (more dimensions: images, audio, text, etc.)

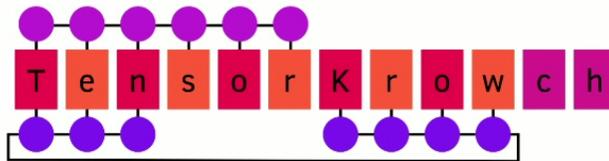
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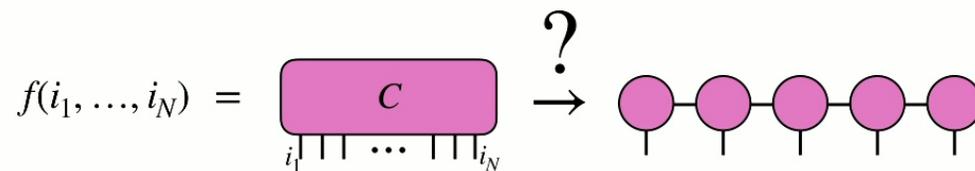
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<https://github.com/joserapa98/tensorkrowch>

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# Objective



## Restrictions:

- Without optimization
- High dimensionality
- High sparsity

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta \nabla_{\theta_t} \mathcal{L}(\theta_t)$$



$$f(x_1, \dots, x_N)$$

$$N = 500, 1000, \dots$$

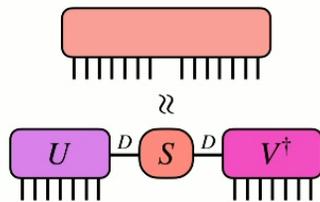
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & 0.016 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0.002 & 0 & & \dots & & 0 \\ 0 & & & \dots & & & 0 \\ 0 & & \dots & 0 & 0.07 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Cases of interest:

- Ground states of quantum many-body systems:
  - Entanglement structure
  - Symmetries
  - Topological order
- Machine Learning models:
  - Efficiency
  - Privacy
  - Interpretability

# Tools

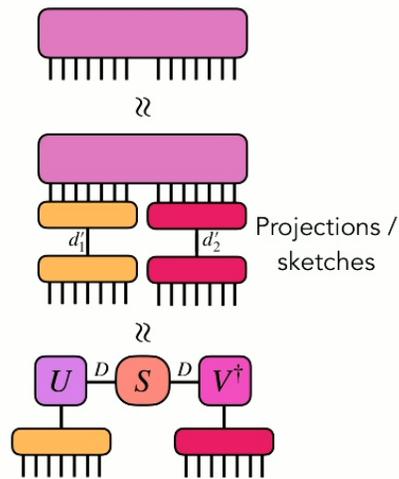
## Singular Value Decomposition



$$O(d^n d^m D)$$

**Inefficient** for high-dimensional tensors

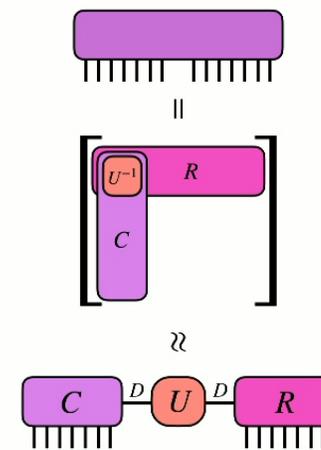
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Efficient **if** projection can be made efficiently

## Cross Interpolation



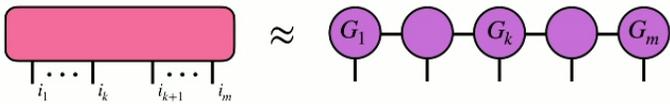
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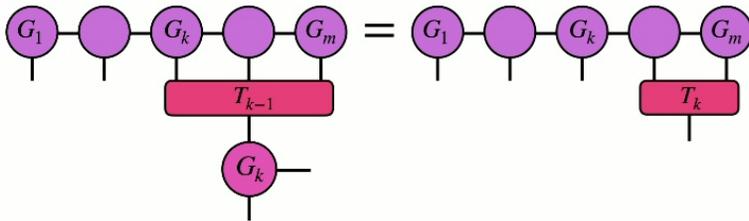
## Tensor Train via Recursive Sketching:

arXiv:2202.11788

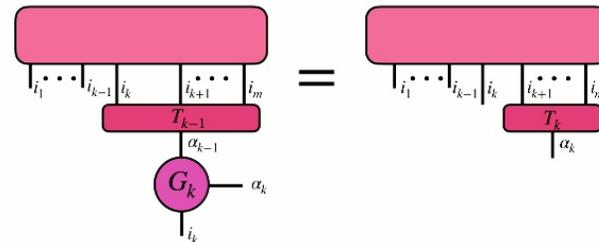
Assuming



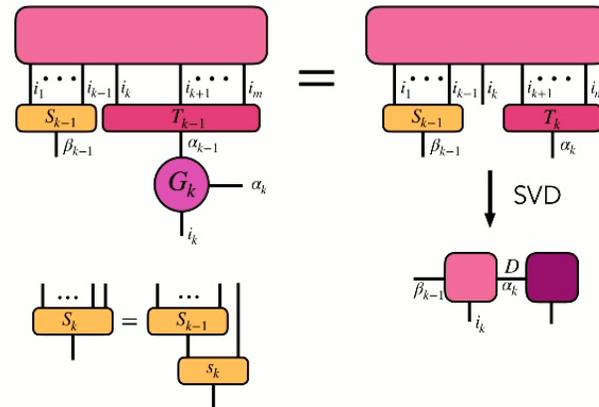
We can solve for  $G_k$



Core Determining Equations (overdetermined):



Project to reduce equations:

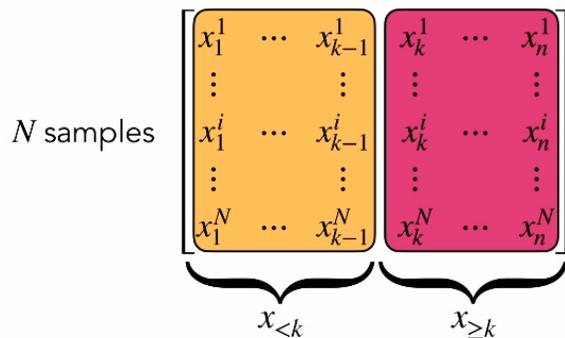


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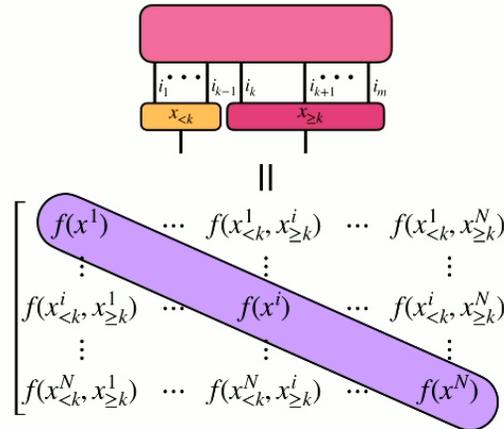
## Tensor Train via Recursive Sketching *from Samples*:

Take a set of *sketch samples*:

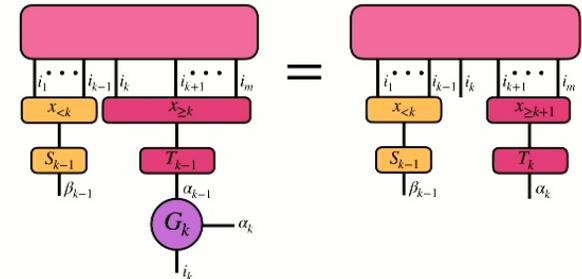
- Ground state: sample configurations
- ML model: subset of training points



Project to *high volume subspace*:

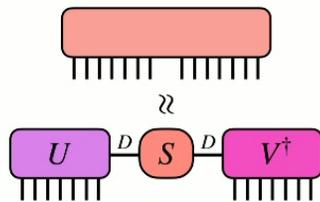


Set equations:



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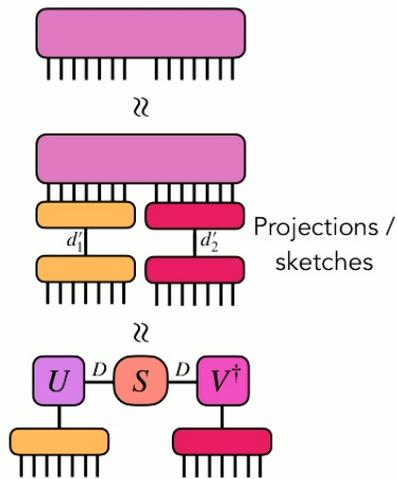
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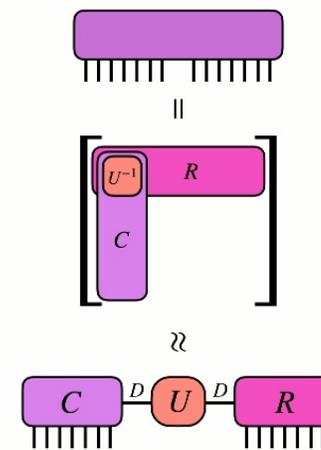
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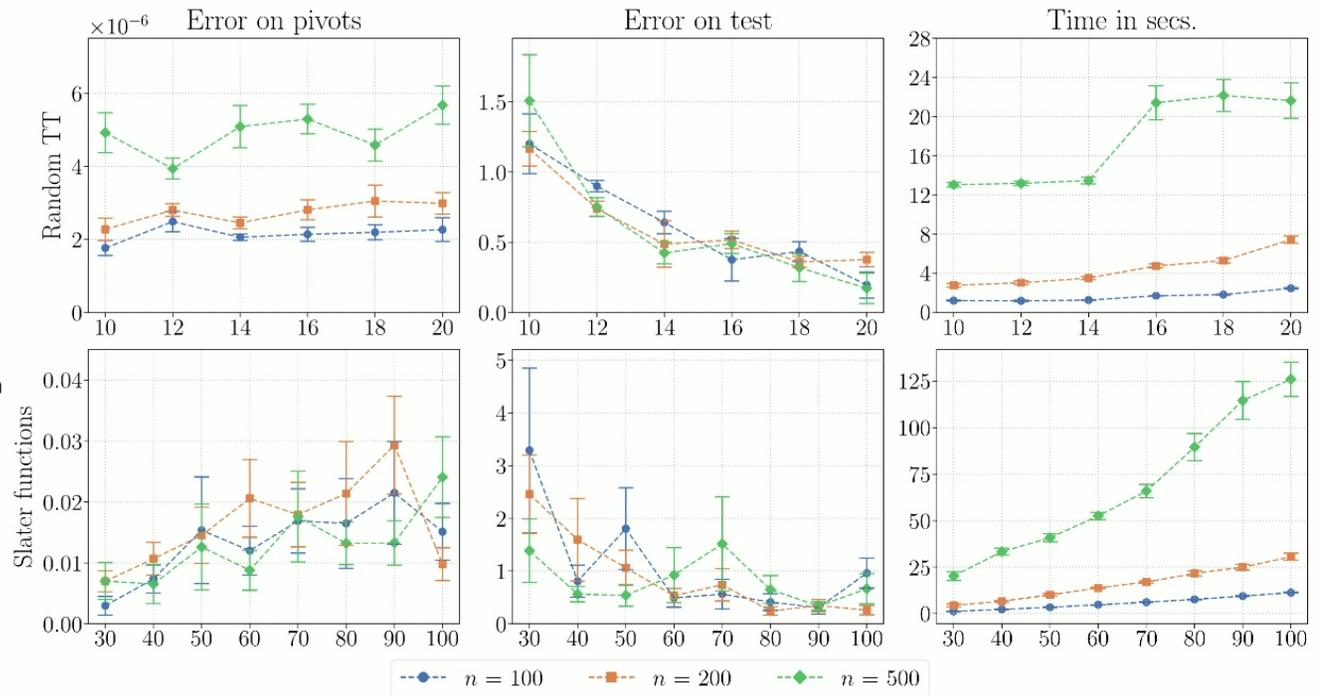


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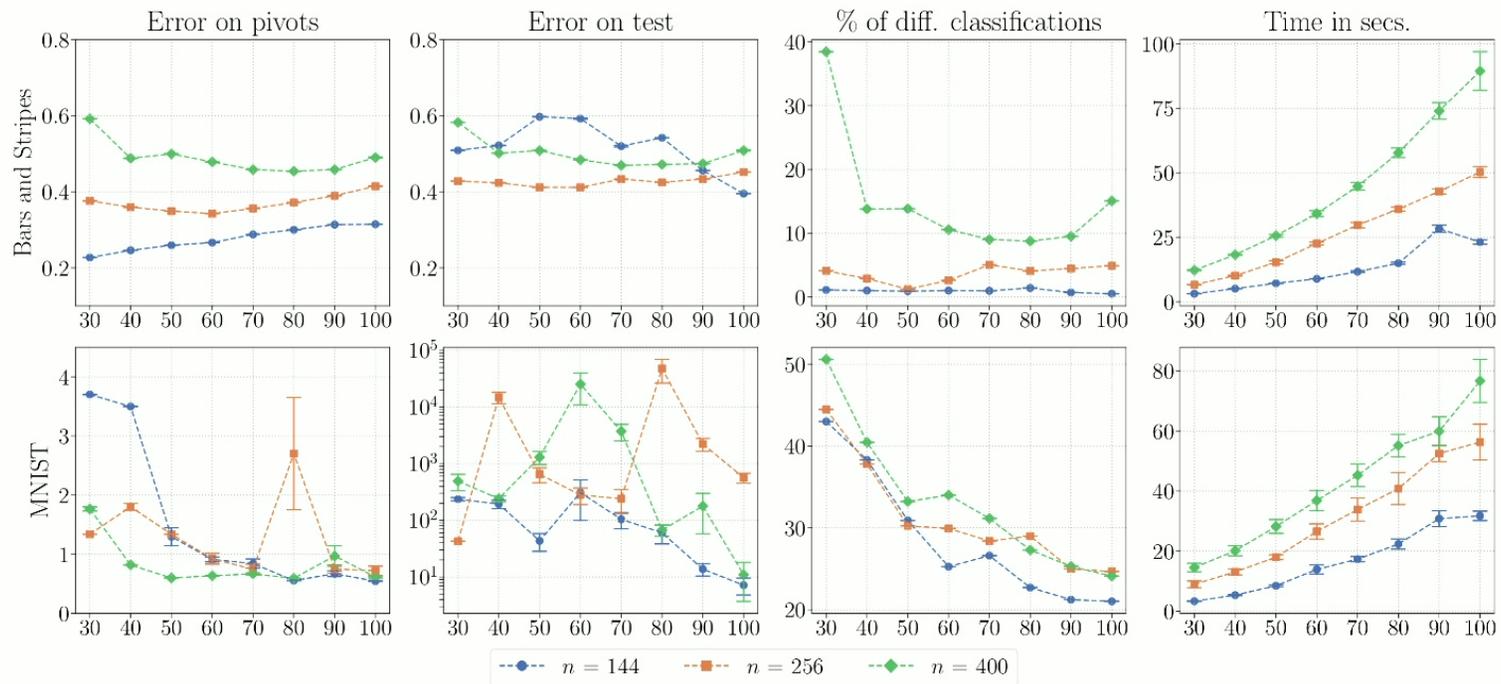
# Performance

- **Random-TT:** bond dim. = 10

- **Slater functions:**  $\frac{e^{-\|x\|}}{\|x\|}$ , with  $x \in [0, L]^m$ , each  $x_i$  discretized in  $d$  variables.



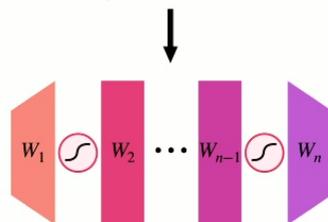
# Performance



# Applications: Privacy

## Voice classification:

$n = 500$  variables

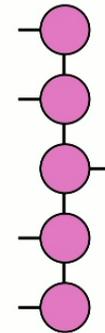


Woman    Man

- ~82% accuracy
- ~25k parameters

TT-RSS

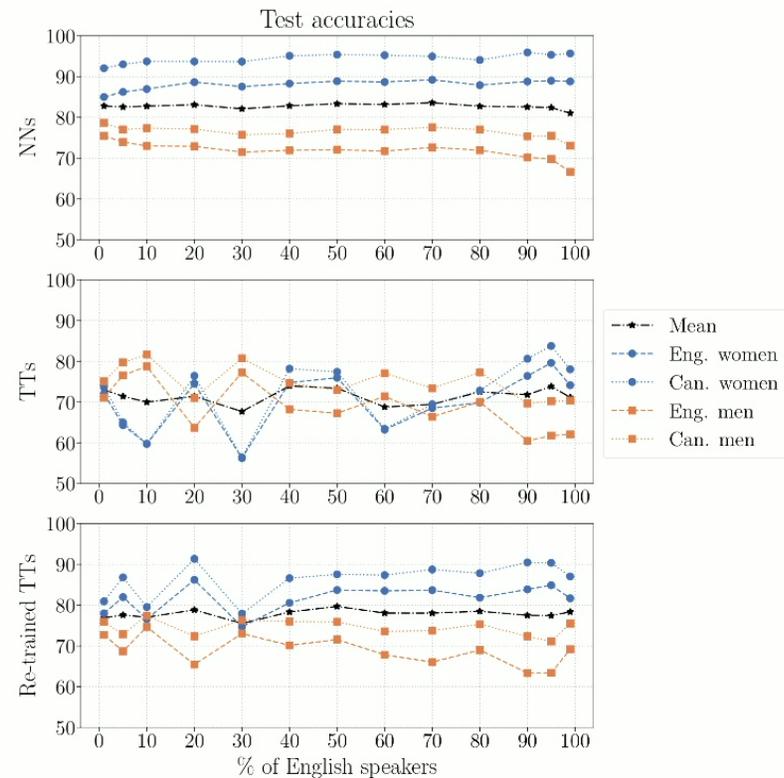
- Physical dim: 2
- Bond dim: 5
- Sketch samples: 100



- ~78% accuracy
- ~25k parameters

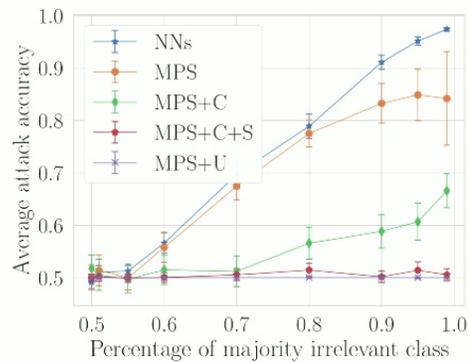
# Applications: Privacy

- Voices are from people with **English** or **Canadian** accents (**irrelevant** feature)
- We repeat experiments for different proportions of imbalance of the accent (hidden) feature.

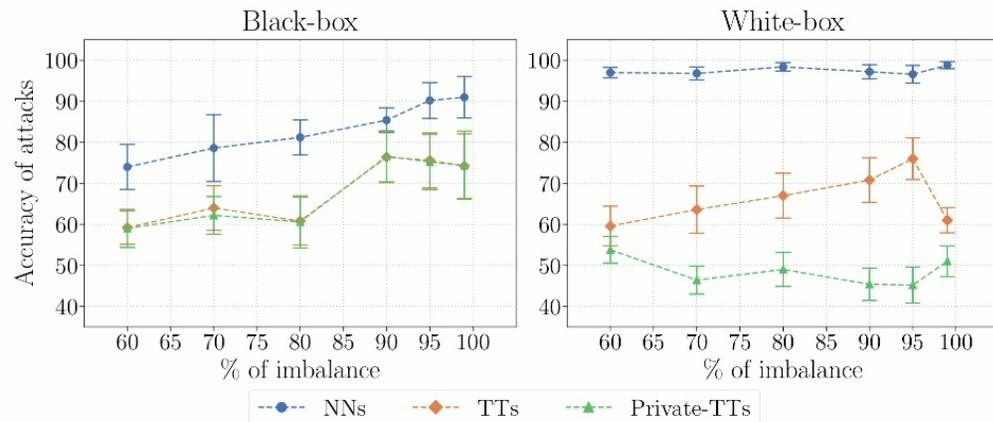


# Applications: Privacy

## Attacks:



arXiv:2202.12319



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# Applications: Interpretability

AKLT model:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} P_{\langle ij \rangle}^{(2)} \sim \sum_j \vec{S}_j \cdot \vec{S}_{j+1} + \frac{1}{3} (\vec{S}_j \cdot \vec{S}_{j+1})^2$$

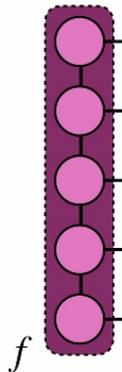
Ground state with exact MPS representation

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\{s\}} \text{Tr}[A^{s_1} A^{s_2} \dots A^{s_N}] |s_1 s_2 \dots s_N\rangle$$

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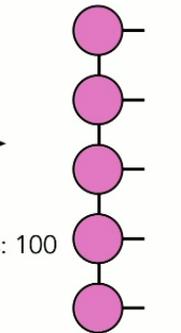
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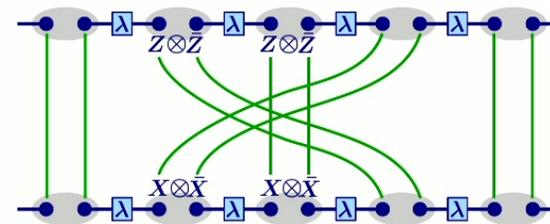
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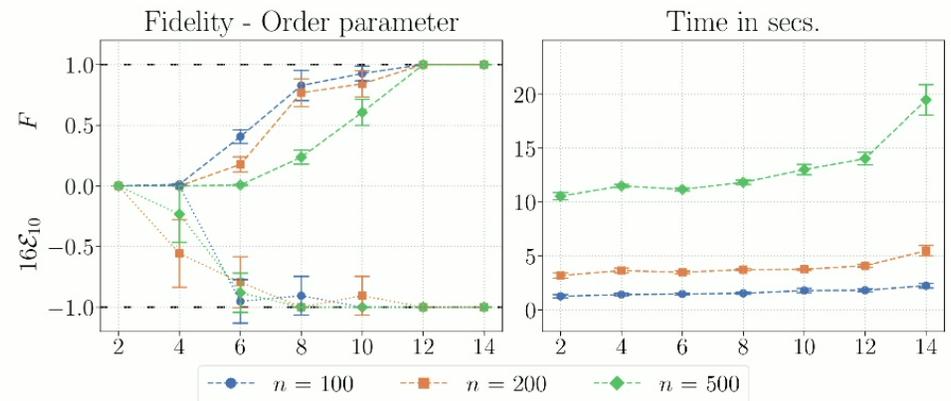


Recovered the exact MPS

Compute topological order parameter from TN:

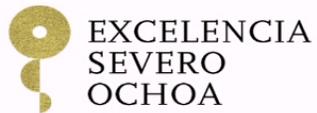


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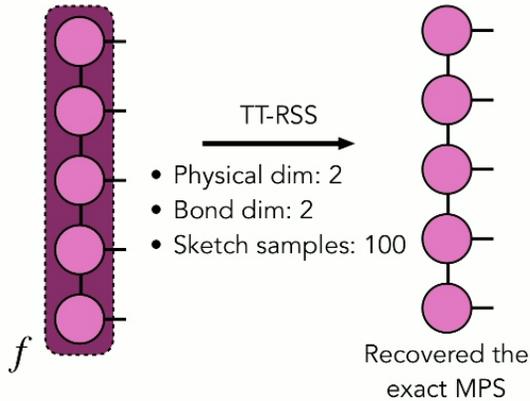
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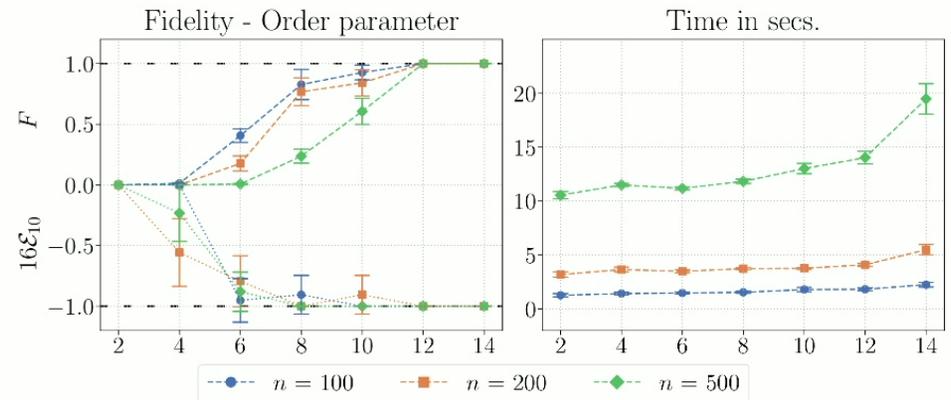
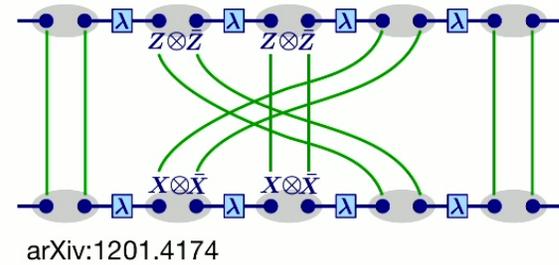
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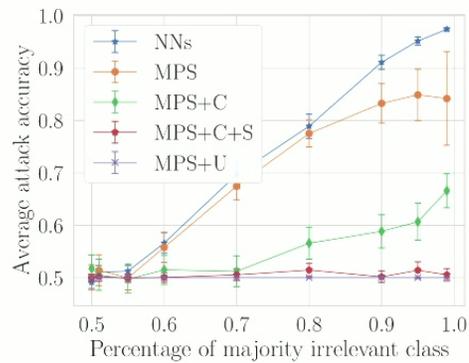


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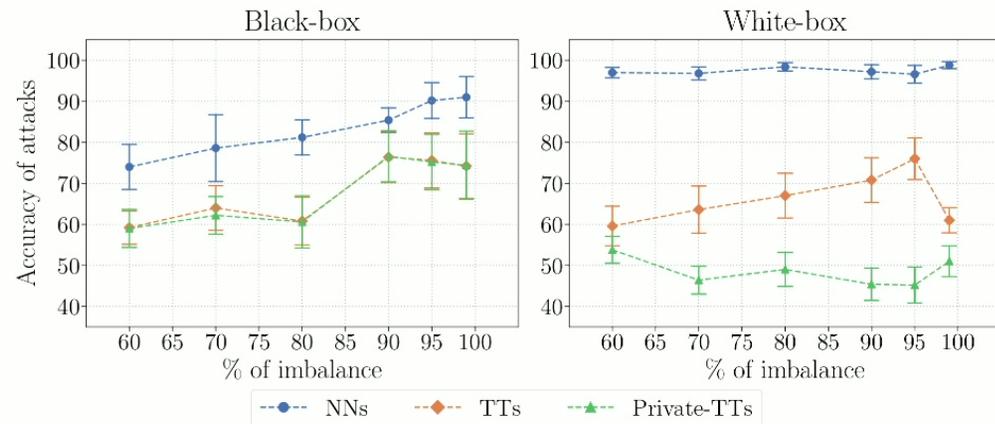


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