

# The Kronecker Product

## *A Product of the Times*

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# The Kronecker Product

$B \otimes C$  is a *block matrix* whose  $ij$ -th block is  $b_{ij}C$ .

E.g.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} \otimes C = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} b_{11}C & b_{12}C \\ \hline b_{21}C & b_{22}C \end{array} \right]$$

Also called the “Direct Product” or the “Tensor Product”

Every  $b_{ij}c_{kl}$  Shows Up

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} \\ c_{31} & c_{32} & c_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

=

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} b_{11}c_{11} & b_{11}c_{12} & b_{11}c_{13} & b_{12}c_{11} & b_{12}c_{12} & b_{12}c_{13} \\ b_{11}c_{21} & b_{11}c_{22} & b_{11}c_{23} & b_{12}c_{21} & b_{12}c_{22} & b_{12}c_{23} \\ b_{11}c_{31} & b_{11}c_{32} & b_{11}c_{33} & b_{12}c_{31} & b_{12}c_{32} & b_{12}c_{33} \\ \hline b_{21}c_{11} & b_{21}c_{12} & b_{21}c_{13} & b_{22}c_{11} & b_{22}c_{12} & b_{22}c_{13} \\ b_{21}c_{21} & b_{21}c_{22} & b_{21}c_{23} & b_{22}c_{21} & b_{22}c_{22} & b_{22}c_{23} \\ b_{21}c_{31} & b_{21}c_{32} & b_{21}c_{33} & b_{22}c_{31} & b_{22}c_{32} & b_{22}c_{33} \end{array} \right]$$

# Basic Algebraic Properties

$$(B \otimes C)^T = B^T \otimes C^T$$

$$(B \otimes C)^{-1} = B^{-1} \otimes C^{-1}$$

$$(B \otimes C)(D \otimes F) = BD \otimes CF$$

$$B \otimes (C \otimes D) = (B \otimes C) \otimes D$$

$$C \otimes B = (\text{Perfect Shuffle})^T (B \otimes C) (\text{Perfect Shuffle})$$

# Reshaping KP Computations

Suppose  $B, C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ .

The operation  $y = (B \otimes C)x$  is  $O(n^4)$ :

$$y = \text{kron}(B, C) * x$$

The equivalent, reshaped operation  $Y = CXB^T$  is  $O(n^3)$ :

$$y = \text{reshape}(C * \text{reshape}(x, n, n) * B', n, n)$$

# Talk Outline

## 1. The 1800's

*Origins:* (Z)

## 2. The 1900's

*Heightened Profile:* ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗

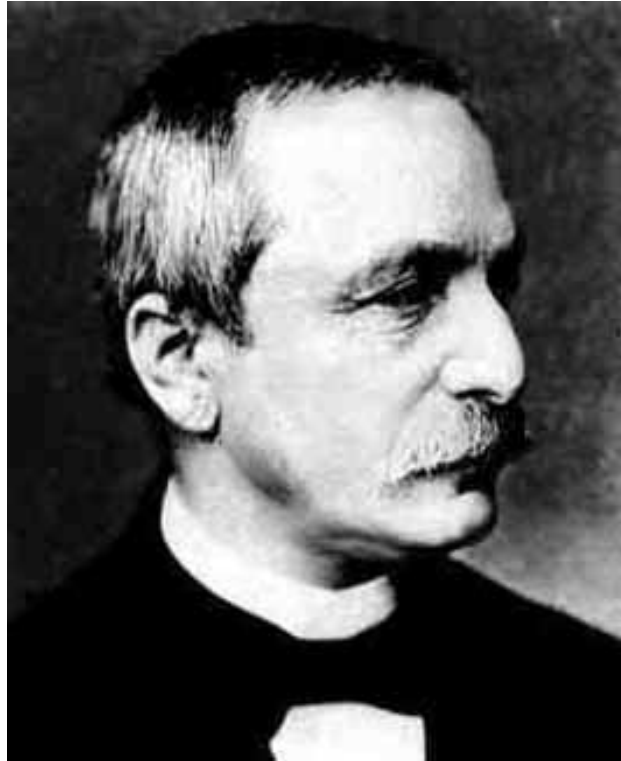
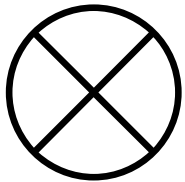
## 3. The 2000's

*Future:* (∞)

# The 1800's



# Products and Deltas


$$\delta_{ij}$$

**Leopold Kronecker (1823–1891)**

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Of course, the contributions go far beyond this...

E.T. Bell (1937). *Men of Mathematics*, Simon and Schuster, New York.

K. Hensel (1968). *Leopold Kronecker's Werke*, Chelsea Publishing Company, New York.



# Brief Survey of the Kronecker Delta

$$U^T \delta_{ij} V = |\delta_{ij}|$$

$$\kappa_2(\delta_{ij}) = \frac{1}{\delta_{ij}}$$

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H.V. Henderson, F. Pukelsheim, and S.R. Searle (1983). “On the History of the Kronecker Product,” *Linear and Multilinear Algebra* 14, 113–120.



Shayle Searle, Professor Emeritus, Cornell University (right)

# Scandal!

H.V. Henderson, F. Pukelsheim, and S.R. Searle (1983). “On the History of the Kronecker Product,” *Linear and Multilinear Algebra* 14, 113–120.

## *Abstract*

**History reveals that what is today called the Kronecker product should be called the Zehfuss Product.**

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This fact is somewhat appreciated by the modern (numerical) linear algebra community:

R.J. Horn and C.R. Johnson(1991). *Topics in Matrix Analysis*, Cambridge University Press, NY, p. 254.

A.N. Langville and W.J. Stewart (2004). “The Kronecker product and stochastic automata networks,” *J. Computational and Applied Mathematics* 167, 429–447.

# Who Was Zehfuss?

Born 1832.

Obscure professor of mathematics at University of Heidelberg for a while. Then went on to other things.

Wrote papers on determinants...

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G. Zehfuss (1858). “Über eine gewisse Determinante,” *Zeitschrift für Mathematik und Physik* 3, 298–301.

# Main Result a.k.a. “The Z Theorem”

If  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  then

$$\det(B \otimes C) = \det(B)^n \det(C)^m$$

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## Modern Proof

Note that  $I_n \otimes B$  and  $I_m \otimes C$  are block diagonal and take determinants in

$$B \otimes C = (B \otimes I_n)(I_m \otimes C) = P(I_n \otimes B)P^T(I_m \otimes C)$$

where  $P$  is a perfect shuffle permutation.

# Excerpts from Zehfuss(1858)

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a_1\mathcal{A}_1 & a_1\mathcal{B}_1 & b_1\mathcal{A}_1 & b_1\mathcal{B}_1 & c_1\mathcal{A}_1 & c_1\mathcal{B}_1 & d_1\mathcal{A}_1 & d_1\mathcal{B}_1 \\ a_1\mathcal{A}_2 & a_1\mathcal{B}_2 & b_1\mathcal{A}_2 & b_1\mathcal{B}_2 & c_1\mathcal{A}_2 & c_1\mathcal{B}_2 & d_1\mathcal{A}_2 & d_1\mathcal{B}_2 \\ a_2\mathcal{A}_1 & a_2\mathcal{B}_1 & b_2\mathcal{A}_1 & b_2\mathcal{B}_1 & c_2\mathcal{A}_1 & c_2\mathcal{B}_1 & d_2\mathcal{A}_1 & d_2\mathcal{B}_1 \\ a_2\mathcal{A}_2 & a_2\mathcal{B}_2 & b_2\mathcal{A}_2 & b_2\mathcal{B}_2 & c_2\mathcal{A}_2 & c_2\mathcal{B}_2 & d_2\mathcal{A}_2 & d_2\mathcal{B}_2 \\ a_3\mathcal{A}_1 & a_3\mathcal{B}_1 & b_3\mathcal{A}_1 & b_3\mathcal{B}_1 & c_3\mathcal{A}_1 & c_3\mathcal{B}_1 & d_3\mathcal{A}_1 & d_3\mathcal{B}_1 \\ a_3\mathcal{A}_2 & a_3\mathcal{B}_2 & b_3\mathcal{A}_2 & b_3\mathcal{B}_2 & c_3\mathcal{A}_2 & c_3\mathcal{B}_2 & d_3\mathcal{A}_2 & d_3\mathcal{B}_2 \\ a_4\mathcal{A}_1 & a_4\mathcal{B}_1 & b_4\mathcal{A}_1 & b_4\mathcal{B}_1 & c_4\mathcal{A}_1 & c_4\mathcal{B}_1 & d_4\mathcal{A}_1 & d_4\mathcal{B}_1 \\ a_4\mathcal{A}_2 & a_4\mathcal{B}_2 & b_4\mathcal{A}_2 & b_4\mathcal{B}_2 & c_4\mathcal{A}_2 & c_4\mathcal{B}_2 & d_4\mathcal{A}_2 & d_4\mathcal{B}_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

# Excerpts from Zehfuss(1858)

$$p = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 & d_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 & d_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 & d_3 \\ a_4 & b_4 & c_4 & d_4 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{und} \quad P = \begin{vmatrix} \mathcal{A}_1 & \mathcal{B}_1 \\ \mathcal{A}_2 & \mathcal{B}_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta_{2,2} = p_4^2 P_2^4$$

$$\Delta_{2, Mm} = p^M P^m$$

# Hensel (1891)

Student in Berlin 1880-1884.

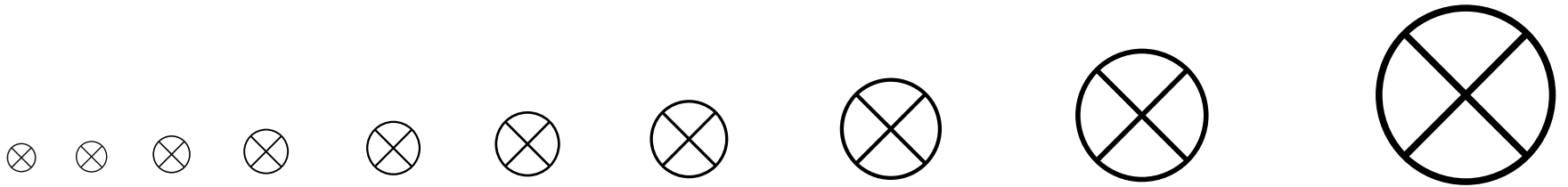
Maintains that Kronecker presented the  $Z$ -theorem in his lectures.

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K. Hensel (1891). “Über die Darstellung der Determinante eines Systems, welches aus zwei anderen componirt ist,” *ACTA Mathematica* 14, 317–319.



# The 1900's



## Muir (1911)

Attributes the  $Z$ -theorem to Zehfuss.

Calls  $\det(B \otimes C)$  the “Zehfuss determinant.”

## Rutherford(1933)

Q. When are two Zehfuss matrices equal?

$$B \otimes C \stackrel{???}{=} F \otimes G$$

Subscripting from zero, if  $B (m_b \times n_b)$ ,  $C (m_c \times n_c)$ ,  $F (m_f \times n_f)$ ,  $G (m_g \times n_g)$ , then  $(B \otimes C)_{ij} = (F \otimes G)_{ij}$  means

$$\begin{aligned} & B(\text{floor}(i/m_c), \text{floor}(j/n_c)) \cdot C(i \bmod m_c, j \bmod n_c) \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad = \\ & F(\text{floor}(i/m_g), \text{floor}(j/n_g)) \cdot G(i \bmod m_g, j \bmod n_g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{Z} \longrightarrow \textcircled{\otimes} \text{ Why?}$$

“...a series of influential texts at and after the turn of the century permanently associated Kronecker’s name with the “ $\otimes$ ” product and this terminology is nearly universal today.”

Horn and Johnson (1991)

“...the textbook of Scott and Matthews (1904) which appeared four years after the publication of Rados’ paper, gave new life to the old error. This was probably due to the teaching of Pascal, whose second edition (1923) still propagates the error [of the first edition (1897).]”

Muir (1927)

# Heightened Profile Beginning in the 60s

## Some Reasons

Regular Grids

Tensoring Low Dimension Ideas

Higher Order Statistics

Fast Transforms

Preconditioners

Quantum Computing

Tensor Decompositions/Approximations

# Regular Grids

$(M+1)$ -by- $(N+1)$  discretization of the Laplacian on a rectangle...

$$A = I_M \otimes T_N + T_M \otimes I_N$$

$$T_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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F.W. Dorr (1970). "The Direct Solution of the Discrete Poisson Equation on a Rectangle," *SIAM Review* 12, 248–263.

G.H. Golub and C.F. Van Loan (1996). *Matrix Computations, 3rd Ed*, Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, MD.

# Tensoring Low Dimension Ideas

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i) = w^T f(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \int_{a_3}^{b_3} f(x, y, z) dx dy dz &\approx \sum_{i=1}^{n_x} \sum_{j=1}^{n_y} \sum_{k=1}^{n_z} w_i^{(x)} w_j^{(y)} w_k^{(z)} f(x_i, y_j, z_k) \\ &= (w^{(x)} \otimes w^{(y)} \otimes w^{(z)})^T f(x \otimes y \otimes z) \end{aligned}$$

# Higher Order Statistics

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}(xx^T) \\ & \Downarrow \\ & \mathbb{E}(x \otimes x) \\ & \Downarrow \\ & \mathbb{E}(x \otimes x \otimes \dots \otimes x) \end{aligned}$$

Kronecker powers:

$$\otimes^k A = A \otimes A \otimes \dots \otimes A \quad (k \text{ times})$$



# Fast Transforms

## FFT

$$F_{16}P_{16} = B_{16}(I_2 \otimes B_8)(I_4 \otimes B_4)(I_8 \otimes B_2)$$

$$B_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \omega_4 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\omega_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \omega_n = \exp(-2\pi i/n)$$

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J. Granata, M. Conner, and R. Tolimieri (1992). “Recursive Fast Algorithms and the Role of the Tensor Product,” *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing* 40, 2921–2930.

C. Van Loan(1992). *Computational Frameworks for the Fast Fourier Transform*, SIAM Publications, Philadelphia, PA.

# Fast Transforms Cont'd

## Haar Wavelet Transform

$$W_{2m} = \begin{cases} \left[ W_m \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \middle| I_m \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right] & \text{if } m > 1 \\ [1] & \text{if } m = 1 \end{cases} .$$

## Fast Gauss Transform

$$g_{ij} = \exp(-\|s_j - t_i\|_2^2 / \delta) \Rightarrow G = G_{near} + G_{far}$$

$G_{near}$  involves a Kronecker Product

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G. Strang(1993). “Wavelet Transforms Versus Fourier Transforms,” *Bulletin of the American Mathematical Association*, 28, 288–305.

X. Sun and Y. Bao (2003). “A Kronecker Product Representation of the Fast Gauss Transform,” *SIAM J. Matrix Anal. Appl.*, 24, 768–786.

# Preconditioners

If  $A \approx B \otimes C$ , then  $B \otimes C$  has potential as a preconditioner.

It captures the essence of  $A$ .

It is easy to solve  $(B \otimes C)z = r$ .

*Good Example:*  $A$  band block Toeplitz with banded Toeplitz blocks.  $B$  and  $C$  chosen to be band Toeplitz.

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J. Kamm and J.G. Nagy (2000). “Optimal Kronecker Product Approximation of Block Toeplitz Matrices,” *SIAM J. Matrix Anal. and Appl.*, 22, 155–172.

J. Nagy and M. Kilmer (2006). “Kronecker Product Approximation for Three-Dimensional Imaging Applications,” *IEEE Trans. Image Proc.* 15, 604-613.

# Quantum Computing

Filled with Kronecker powers of 2-by-2's.

$$H^{\otimes n} = H \otimes H \otimes \dots \otimes H \quad H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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N.D. Mermin (2007). *Quantum Computer Science*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, England.

# Tensor Decompositions/Approximation

E.g. Given  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(1:n, 1:n, 1:n, 1:n)$ , find orthogonal

$$Q = [q_1 \cdots q_n]$$

$$U = [u_1 \cdots u_n]$$

$$V = [v_1 \cdots v_n]$$

$$W = [w_1 \cdots w_n]$$

and a “core tensor”  $\sigma$  so

$$\text{vec}(\mathcal{A}) \approx \sum_{i,j,k,\ell=1}^n \sigma_{ijk,\ell} w_i \otimes v_j \otimes u_k \otimes q_\ell$$

# Descendants

1. The Left Kronecker Product
2. The Hadamard Product
3. The Tracy-Singh Product
4. The Khatri-Rao Product
5. The Generalized Kronecker Product
6. The Strong Kronecker Product
7. The Symmetric Kronecker Product
8. The Bi-Alternate Product

# Left Kronecker Product

**Definition:**

$$B \overset{\text{Left}}{\otimes} \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11}B & c_{12}B \\ c_{21}B & c_{22}B \end{bmatrix} = C \otimes B$$

**Fact:**

If  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m_b \times n_b}$  and  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{m_c \times n_c}$  then

$$B \overset{\text{Left}}{\otimes} C = \Pi_{m_c, m_b m_c}^T (B \otimes C) \Pi_{n_c, n_b n_c}$$

↑ Perfect Shuffles ↑

# The Hadamard Product

**Definition:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \end{bmatrix} \overset{\text{Had}}{\otimes} \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \\ c_{31} & c_{32} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11}c_{11} & b_{12}c_{12} \\ b_{21}c_{21} & b_{22}c_{22} \\ b_{31}c_{31} & b_{32}c_{32} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B \overset{\text{Had}}{\otimes} C = B.*C$$



# The Hadamard Product

**Fact:**

If  $\tilde{A} = B \otimes C$  and  $B, C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then

$$B \overset{\text{Had}}{\otimes} C = \tilde{A}(1:(m+1):m^2, 1:(n+1):n^2)$$

E.g.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \\ c_{31} & c_{32} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11}c_{11} & b_{11}c_{12} & b_{12}c_{11} & b_{12}c_{12} \\ b_{11}c_{21} & b_{11}c_{22} & b_{12}c_{21} & b_{12}c_{22} \\ b_{11}c_{31} & b_{11}c_{32} & b_{12}c_{31} & b_{12}c_{32} \\ \hline b_{21}c_{11} & b_{21}c_{12} & b_{22}c_{11} & b_{22}c_{12} \\ b_{21}c_{21} & b_{21}c_{22} & b_{22}c_{21} & b_{22}c_{22} \\ b_{21}c_{31} & b_{21}c_{32} & b_{22}c_{31} & b_{22}c_{32} \\ \hline b_{31}c_{11} & b_{31}c_{12} & b_{32}c_{11} & b_{32}c_{12} \\ b_{31}c_{21} & b_{31}c_{22} & b_{32}c_{21} & b_{32}c_{22} \\ b_{31}c_{31} & b_{31}c_{32} & b_{32}c_{31} & b_{32}c_{32} \end{bmatrix}$$

# The Tracy-Singh Product

**Definition:**

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \\ B_{31} & B_{32} \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B \overset{\text{TS}}{\otimes} C = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} B_{11} \otimes C_{11} & B_{11} \otimes C_{12} & B_{12} \otimes C_{11} & B_{12} \otimes C_{12} \\ B_{11} \otimes C_{21} & B_{11} \otimes C_{22} & B_{12} \otimes C_{21} & B_{12} \otimes C_{22} \\ \hline B_{21} \otimes C_{11} & B_{21} \otimes C_{12} & B_{22} \otimes C_{11} & B_{22} \otimes C_{12} \\ B_{21} \otimes C_{21} & B_{21} \otimes C_{22} & B_{22} \otimes C_{21} & B_{22} \otimes C_{22} \\ \hline B_{31} \otimes C_{11} & B_{31} \otimes C_{12} & B_{32} \otimes C_{11} & B_{32} \otimes C_{12} \\ B_{31} \otimes C_{21} & B_{31} \otimes C_{22} & B_{32} \otimes C_{21} & B_{32} \otimes C_{22} \end{array} \right]$$

# The Khatri-Rao Product

**Definition:**

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \\ B_{31} & B_{32} \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B \overset{\text{K-R}}{\otimes} C = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} B_{11} \otimes C_{11} & B_{12} \otimes C_{12} \\ \hline B_{21} \otimes C_{21} & B_{22} \otimes C_{22} \\ \hline B_{31} \otimes C_{31} & B_{32} \otimes C_{32} \end{array} \right]$$

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C.R. Rao and S.K. Mitra (1971). *Generalized Inverse of Matrices and Applications*, John Wiley and Sons, New York.

A. Smilde, R. Bro, and P. Geladi (2004). *Multway Analysis*, John Wiley, Chichester, England.

# The Khatri-Rao Product

Fact:

$B \overset{\text{KR}}{\otimes} C$  is a submatrix of  $B \overset{\text{TS}}{\otimes} C$

$$B \overset{\text{TS}}{\otimes} C = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} B_{11} \otimes C_{11} & B_{11} \otimes C_{12} & B_{12} \otimes C_{11} & B_{12} \otimes C_{12} \\ B_{11} \otimes C_{21} & B_{11} \otimes C_{22} & B_{12} \otimes C_{21} & B_{12} \otimes C_{22} \\ B_{11} \otimes C_{31} & B_{11} \otimes C_{32} & B_{12} \otimes C_{31} & B_{12} \otimes C_{32} \\ \hline B_{21} \otimes C_{11} & B_{21} \otimes C_{12} & B_{22} \otimes C_{11} & B_{22} \otimes C_{12} \\ B_{21} \otimes C_{21} & B_{21} \otimes C_{22} & B_{22} \otimes C_{21} & B_{22} \otimes C_{22} \\ B_{21} \otimes C_{31} & B_{21} \otimes C_{32} & B_{22} \otimes C_{31} & B_{22} \otimes C_{32} \\ \hline B_{31} \otimes C_{11} & B_{31} \otimes C_{12} & B_{32} \otimes C_{11} & B_{32} \otimes C_{12} \\ B_{31} \otimes C_{21} & B_{31} \otimes C_{22} & B_{32} \otimes C_{21} & B_{32} \otimes C_{22} \\ B_{31} \otimes C_{31} & B_{31} \otimes C_{32} & B_{32} \otimes C_{31} & B_{32} \otimes C_{32} \end{array} \right]$$

# The Generalized Kronecker Product

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_3 \\ B_4 \end{array} \right\} \overset{\text{gen}}{\otimes} C = \left[ \begin{array}{c} B_1 \overset{\text{Left}}{\otimes} C(1, :) \\ B_2 \overset{\text{Left}}{\otimes} C(2, :) \\ B_3 \overset{\text{Left}}{\otimes} C(3, :) \\ B_4 \overset{\text{Left}}{\otimes} C(4, :) \end{array} \right]$$

# The Generalized Kronecker Product

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_3 \\ B_4 \end{array} \right\} \overset{\text{GEN}}{\otimes} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{array} \right\} \overset{\text{gen}}{\otimes} C_1 \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} B_3 \\ B_4 \end{array} \right\} \overset{\text{gen}}{\otimes} C_2 \end{array} \right\}$$

# The Strong Kronecker Product

A block matrix multiplication, but with Kronecker Products instead matrix-matrix products, e.g.,

$$\begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ \hline B_{21} & B_{22} \end{array} \right] \underset{\otimes}{\text{Strong}} \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ \hline C_{21} & C_{22} \end{array} \right] \\ = \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} B_{11} \otimes C_{11} + B_{12} \otimes C_{21} & B_{11} \otimes C_{12} + B_{12} \otimes C_{22} \\ \hline B_{21} \otimes C_{11} + B_{22} \otimes C_{21} & B_{21} \otimes C_{12} + B_{22} \otimes C_{22} \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

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W. De Launey and J. Seberry (1994), "The Strong Kronecker Product," *Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A* 66, 192–213.

# The Symmetric Kronecker Product

The KP turns matrix equations into vector equations:

$$CXB^T = G \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (B \otimes C) \operatorname{vec}(X) = \operatorname{vec}(G)$$

The symmetric Kronecker product does the same thing for matrix equations with symmetric solutions:

$$\frac{1}{2} (CXB^T + BXC^T) = G \quad (\text{symmetric})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$(B \overset{\text{sym}}{\otimes} C) \operatorname{svec}(X) = \operatorname{svec}(G)$$

where

$$\operatorname{svec} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{12} & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ x_{13} & x_{23} & x_{33} \end{bmatrix} \right) = [x_{11} \quad \sqrt{2}x_{12} \quad x_{22} \quad \sqrt{2}x_{13} \quad \sqrt{2}x_{23} \quad x_{33}]^T$$



# Symmetric Kronecker Product

**Fact:** If

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \alpha = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

then  $\text{vec}(X) = P \cdot \text{svec}(X)$  and

$$B \overset{\text{sym}}{\otimes} C = P^T (B \otimes C) P$$

# Bi-Alternate Product

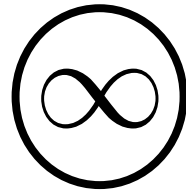
$$B \overset{\text{Bi-Alt}}{\otimes} C = \frac{1}{2} (B \otimes C + C \otimes B)$$

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W. Govaerts (2000). *Numerical Methods for Bifurcations of Dynamical Equilibria*, SIAM Publications, Philadelphia, PA.

# The 2000's

*Three Predictions*



# Big N Will Mean Big d Will Mean KP

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \dots \otimes \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} & z_{12} \\ z_{21} & z_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N = 2^d$$

# Inevitable: Scalar $\rightarrow$ Block $\rightarrow$ Tensor

Tensor-level thinking will require an ability to spot KP's. E.g., if for all  $1 \leq m_i \leq n$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{B}(m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4) \\ & = \\ & \sum_{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4=1}^n W(i_1, m_1) Y(i_2, m_2) X(i_3, m_3) Z(i_4, m_4) \mathcal{A}(i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4) \end{aligned}$$

then

$$B = (W \otimes Y)^T A (X \otimes Z)$$

# Data-Sparse Approximate Factorizations

New KP-based factorizations will widen the set of solvable huge problems.

Sample factorization...

$$A \approx (B_1 \otimes C_1)(B_2 \otimes C_2)(B_3 \otimes C_3) \cdots$$

## Det(Log(A)) via Zehfuss

If

$$A \approx (B \otimes C)(D \otimes E)(F \otimes G) \dots$$

then the big log det problem becomes a bunch of smaller ones...

$$\begin{aligned} \log(\det(A)) &\approx n_c \log(\det(B)) + n_b \log(\det(C)) + \\ &n_e \log(\det(D)) + n_d \log(\det(E)) + \\ &n_g \log(\det(F)) + n_f \log(\det(G)) \dots \end{aligned}$$