The Data Cube as a Typed Linear Algebra Operator

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Motivation



"Only by taking infinitesimally small units for observation (the differential of history, that is, the individual tendencies of men) and attaining to the art of integrating them (that is, finding the sum of these infinitesimals) can we hope to arrive at the laws of history."

> Leo Tolstoy, "War and Peace" - Book XI, Chap.II (1869)

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150 years later, this is what we are trying to attain through **data-mining**.

But — how fit are our **maths** for the task?

Have we attained the "art of integration"?



Since the early days of psychometrics in the **social sciences** (1970s), **linear algebra** (LA) has been central to data analysis (e.g. tensor decompositions etc)

We follow this trend but in a **typed** way, merging **LA** with polymorphic **type systems**, over a categorial basis.

We address a concrete example: that of studying the maths behind a well-known device in data analysis, the **data cube** construction.

We will define this construction as a **polymorphic** LA operator.

Typed **linear algebra** is proposed as a rich setting for such an "**art of integration**" to be achieved.

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Raw data:

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	#	Model	Year	Color	Sale
	1	Chevy	1990	Red	5
	2	Chevy	1990	Blue	87
=	3	Ford	1990	Green	64
	4	Ford	1990	Blue	99
	5	Ford	1991	Red	8
	6	Ford	1991	Blue	7

Columns — attributes — the *observables* **Rows** — records (*n*-many) — the *infinitesimals*

Column-orientation — each column (attribute) A represented by a function $t_A : n \to A$ such that $a = t_A(i)$ means "a is the value of attribute A in record nr i".



Can records be rebuilt from such attribute projection functions?

Yes — by **tupling** them.

Tupling: Given functions $f : A \to B$ and $g : A \to C$, their tupling is the function $f \lor g$ such that $(f \lor g) a = (f a, g a)$

For instance,

 $(t_{Color} \circ t_{Model}) 2 = (Blue, Chevy),$ $(t_{Year} \circ (t_{Color} \circ t_{Model})) 3 = (1990, (Green, Ford))$

and so on.



For the column-oriented model to work one will need to express *joins*, and these call for *"inverse"* functions, e.g.

 $(t_{Model} \circ t_{Year})^{\circ} (Ford, 1990) = \{3, 4\}$

meaning that tuples nr 3 and nr 4 have the same model (*Ford*) and year (1990).

However, the type $f^{\circ}: A \to \mathcal{P}$ *n* is rather annoying, as it involves **sets** of tuple indices — these will add an extra layer of complexity.

Fortunately, there is a simpler way — **typed linear algebra**, also known as **linear algebra of programming** (LAoP).

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The LAoP approach

Represent functions by Boolean matrices.

Given (finite) types A and B, any function

 $f: A \rightarrow B$

can be represented by a matrix $\llbracket f \rrbracket$ with *A*-many columns and *B*-many rows such that, for any $b \in B$ and $a \in A$, matrix cell

 $b \llbracket f \rrbracket a = \begin{cases} 1 \Leftarrow b = f \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$

NB: Following the **infix** notation usually adopted for relations (which are Boolean matrices) — for instance $y \le x$ — we write $y \ M x$ to denote the contents of the cell in matrix M addressed by row y and column x.

The LAoP approach



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One projection function (matrix) per dimension attribute:

t _{Model}	1	2	3	4	5	6					
Chevy	1	1	0	0	0	0	-				
Ford	0	0	1	1	1	1	#	Model	Year	Color	Sale
tu I	1	2	2	Λ	5	6	1	Chevy	1990	Red	5
L Year	1	2	3	4	5	0	2	Chevy	1990	Blue	87
1990	1	1	T	1	0	0	3	Ford	1990	Green	64
1991	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	Ford	1990	Blue	99
tcolor	1	2	3	4	5	6	5	Ford	1991	Red	8
Blue	-	-	0	1	0	1	- 6	Ford	1991	Blue	7
C		1	1	1	0	1					
Green		0	1	0	0	0					
Red	1	0	0	0	1	0					

NB: we tend to abbreviate [f] by f when the context is clear.

The LAoP approach



Note how the inverse of a function is also represented by a Boolean matrix, e.g.

t°_{Model}	Chevy	Ford								
1	1	0								
2	1	0		t _{Model}	1	2	3	4	5	6
3	0	1	versus	Chevy	1	1	0	0	0	0
4	0	1		Ford	0	0	1	1	1	1
5	0	1								
6	0	1								

- no need for powersets.

Clearly,

 $j t_{Model}^{\circ} a = a t_{Model} j$

Given a matrix M, M° is known as the **transposition** of M.

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The LAoP approach



We **type** matrices in the same way as functions: $M : A \rightarrow B$ means a matrix M with A-many columns and B-many rows.

Matrices are arrows: $A \xrightarrow{M} B$ denotes a matrix from A (source) to B (target), where A, B are (finite) types.

Writing $B \stackrel{M}{\longleftarrow} A$ means the same as $A \stackrel{M}{\longrightarrow} B$.

Composition — *aka* matrix multiplication:



 $b(M \cdot N)c = \langle \sum a :: (b M a) \times (a N c) \rangle$

The LAoP approach

Function composition implemented by matrix multiplication, $\llbracket f \cdot g \rrbracket = \llbracket f \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket g \rrbracket$

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{ldentity}}$ — the identity matrix $\ensuremath{\textit{id}}$ corresponds to the identity function and is such that

 $M \cdot id = M = id \cdot M$

Function tupling corresponds to the so-called Khatri-Rao product $M \lor N$ defined index-wise by

 $(b,c) (M \lor N) a = (b M a) \times (c N a)$ (2)

Khatri-Rao is a "column-wise" version of the well-known Kronecker product $M \otimes N$:

$$(y,x) (M \otimes N) (b,a) = (y M b) \times (x N a)$$
(3)



(1)



The raw data given above is represented in the LAoP by the expression

$$v = (t_{Year} \circ (t_{Color} \circ t_{Model})) \cdot (t^{Sale})^{\circ}$$

of type

$$v: 1 \rightarrow (Year \times (Color \times Model))$$

depicted aside.

v is a **multi-dimensional** column vector — a **tensor**. Datatype $1 = \{ALL\}$ is the so-called **singleton** type.

Year x (ALL		
	Blue	Chevy	87
		Ford	99
1000	Croon	Chevy	0
1990	Green	Ford	64
	Pod	Chevy	5
	Keu	Ford	0
	Pluo	Chevy	0
	Blue	Ford	7
1001	Crean	Chevy	0
1991	Green	Ford	0
	Pod	Chevy	0
	Reu	Ford	8

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Dimensions and measures

Sale is a special kind of data — a **measure**. Measures are encoded as **row** vectors, e.g.

recall

#	Model	Year	Color	Sale
1	Chevy	1990	Red	5
2	Chevy	1990	Blue	87
3	Ford	1990	Green	64
4	Ford	1990	Blue	<i>99</i>
5	Ford	1991	Red	8
6	Ford	1991	Blue	7



Measures provide for integration in Tolstoy's sense — aka consolidation

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Totalisers



There is a unique function in type $A \to 1$, usually named $A \xrightarrow{!} 1$. This corresponds to a row vector wholly filled with 1s. Example: $2 \xrightarrow{!} 1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Given $M: B \to A$, the expression $! \cdot M$ (where $A \xrightarrow{!} 1$) is the row vector (of type $B \to 1$) that contains all column **totals** of M,

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 50 & 40 & 85 & 115 \\ 50 & 10 & 85 & 75 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 100 & 50 & 170 & 190 \end{bmatrix}$

Given type A, define its **totalizer** matrix $A \xrightarrow{\tau_A} A + 1$ by

$$\tau_{A} : A \to A + 1$$

$$\tau_{A} = \left[\frac{id}{!}\right]$$
(5)

Thus $\tau_A \cdot M$ yields a copy of M on top of the corresponding totals.



Data cubes can be obtained from products of totalizers.

Recall the Kronecker (tensor) product $M \otimes N$ of two matrices $A \xrightarrow{M} B$ and $C \xrightarrow{N} D$, which is of type $A \times C \xrightarrow{M \otimes N} B \times D$.

The matrix

$$A \times B \xrightarrow{\tau_A \otimes \tau_B} (A+1) \times (B+1)$$

provides for totalization on the two dimensions A and B.

Indeed, type $(A + 1) \times (B + 1)$ is isomorphic to $A \times B + A + B + 1$, whose four parcels represent the four elements of the "dimension powerset of $\{A, B\}$ ".

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$\mathsf{Cube} = \mathsf{muti-dimensional} \ \mathsf{totalisation}$

Recalling

$$\mathsf{v} = (t_{\mathit{Year}} \circ (t_{\mathit{Color}} \circ t_{\mathit{Model}})) \cdot (t^{\mathit{Sale}})^{\circ}$$

build

$$c = (au_{Year} \otimes (au_{Color} \otimes au_{Model})) \cdot v$$

This is the multidimensional vector (tensor) representing the **data cube** for

- dimensions Year, Color, Model
- measure Sale

depicted aside.

(Year+1	l) x ((Co	olor+1) x (Model+1))	ALL
		Chevy	87
	Blue	Ford	99
1990		ALL	186
		Chevy	0
	Green	Ford	64
		ALL	64
		Chevy	5
	Red	Ford	0
		ALL	5
		Chevy	92
	ALL	Ford	163
		ALL	255
		Chevy	0
	Blue	Ford	7
		ALL	7
		Chevy	0
	Green	Ford	0
		ALL	0
1991		Chevy	0
	Red	Ford	8
		ALL	8
		Chevy	0
	ALL	Ford	15
		ALL	15
		Chevy	87
	Blue	Ford	106
		ALL	193
		Chevy	0
	Green	Ford	64
		ALL	64
ALL		Chevy	5
	Red	Ford	8
		ALL	13
		Chevy	92
	ALL	Ford	178
		ALL	270

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Totalisers yield cubes

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We reason:

$$c = (\tau_{Year} \otimes (\tau_{Color} \otimes \tau_{Model})) \cdot v$$

$$= \{ v = (t_{Year} \lor (t_{Color} \lor t_{Model})) \cdot (t^{Sale})^{\circ} \}$$

$$(\tau_{Year} \otimes (\tau_{Color} \otimes \tau_{Model})) \cdot (t_{Year} \lor (t_{Color} \lor t_{Model})) \cdot (t^{Sale})^{\circ}$$

$$= \{ \text{ property } (M \otimes N) \cdot (P \lor Q) = (M \cdot P) \lor (N \cdot Q) \}$$

$$((\tau_{Year} \cdot t_{Year}) \lor ((\tau_{Color} \cdot t_{Color}) \lor ((\tau_{Model} \cdot t_{Model})))) \cdot (t^{Sale})^{\circ}$$

$$= \{ \text{ define } t'_{A} = \tau_{A} \cdot t_{A} \}$$

$$(t'_{Year} \lor (t'_{Color} \lor t'_{Model})) \cdot (t^{Sale})^{\circ}$$

Note that $t'_A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t_A}{!} \end{bmatrix}$, since t_A is a function.

Generalizing data cubes



In our approach a **cube** is not necessarily one such column vector.

The key to generic data cubes is (generalized) **vectorization**, a kind of "**matrix currying**": given $A \times B \xrightarrow{M} C$ with $A \times B$ -many columns and C-many rows, reshape M into its **vectorized** version $B \xrightarrow{\text{vec}_A M} A \times C$ with B-many columns and $A \times C$ -many rows.

Such matrices, M and $\text{vec}_A M$, are **isomorphic** in the sense that they contain the same information in different formats, as

$$c M (a, b) = (a, c) (\mathbf{vec}_A M) b$$
(6)

holds for every *a*, *b*, *c*.

Generalizing data cubes



Vectorization thus has an inverse operation — unvectorization:



That is, *M* can be retrieved back from $vec_A M$ by devectorizing it:

$$N = \operatorname{vec}_A M \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \operatorname{unvec}_A N = M \tag{7}$$

Vectorization has a rich algebra, e.g. a fusion-law

 $(\mathbf{vec}\,M)\cdot N = \mathbf{vec}\,(M\cdot(id\otimes N)) \tag{8}$

and an **absorption**-law:

$$\mathbf{vec}(M \cdot N) = (id \otimes M) \cdot \mathbf{vec} N \tag{9}$$



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Further devectorization:



	BI	Blue		een	R	ed
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
Chevy	87	0	0	0	5	0
Ford	99	7	64	0	0	8

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and so on.

Generic cubes



It turns out **that** cubes can be calculated for any such two-dimensional versions of our original data tensor, for instance,

> cube N: Model + 1 \leftarrow (Color + 1) × (Year + 1) cube $N = \tau_{Model} \cdot N \cdot (\tau_{Color} \otimes \tau_{Year})^{\circ}$

where N stands for the second matrix of the previous slide, yielding

	Blue			Green			Red			ALL		
	1990	1991	ALL	1990	1991	ALL	1990	1991	ALL	1990	1991	ALL
Chevy	87	0	87	0	0	0	5	0	5	92	0	92
Ford	99	7	106	64	0	64	0	8	8	163	15	178
ALL	186	7	193	64	0	64	5	8	13	255	15	270

See how the 36 entries of the original cube have been rearranged in a 3*12 rectangular layout, as dictated by the **dimension** cardinalities.



The **cube** (LA) operator



Definition (Cube) Let *M* be a matrix of type

$$\prod_{j=1}^{n} B_j < \stackrel{M}{\longrightarrow} \prod_{i=1}^{m} A_i \tag{10}$$

We define matrix **cube** M, the cube of M, as follows

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$$M = (\bigotimes_{j=1}^{n} \tau_{B_j}) \cdot M \cdot (\bigotimes_{i=1}^{m} \tau_{A_i})^{\circ}$$
 (11)

where \bigotimes is finite Kronecker product.

So **cube** *M* has type $\prod_{j=1}^{n} (B_j + 1) \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{m} (A_i + 1)$.

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Linearity:

$$cube (M + N) = cube M + cube N$$
(12)

Proof: Immediate by bilinearity of matrix composition:

$$M \cdot (N+P) = M \cdot N + M \cdot P$$
(13)
(N+P) \cdot M = N \cdot M + P \cdot M (14)

This can be taken advantage of not only in **incremental** data cube construction but also in **parallelizing** data cube generation.

Properties of data cubing



Updatability: by Khatri-Rao product linearity,

 $(M+N) \circ P = M \circ P + N \circ P$ $P \circ (M+N) = P \circ M + P \circ N$

the **cube** operator commutes with the usual CRUDE operations, namely record **updating**. For instance, suppose record

	#	Model	Year	Color	Sale		t _{Model}	1	2	3	4	5	6
	5	Ford	1001	Pod	0	cf	Chevy	1	1	0	0	0	0
	5	Foru	1991	Rea	0		Ford	0	0	1	1	1	1
is up	date	ed to											
	#	Model	Voar	Color	Salo		t' _{Model}	1	2	3	4	5	6
	#	widder	1001		Oulc	cf	Chevy	1	1	0	0	1	0
	5	Chevy	1991	Red	ŏ		Ford	0	0	1	1	0	1

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One just has to compute the "delta" projection,

$$\delta_{Model} = t'_{Model} - t_{Model} = \frac{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6}{Chevy} \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0}$$
Ford $0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -1 \ 0$

then the "delta cube",

$$d = (\tau_{Year} \otimes (\tau_{Color} \otimes \tau_{Model})) \cdot v'$$

where
$$v' = (t_{Year} \lor (t_{Color} \lor \delta_{Model})) \cdot (t^{Sale})^{\circ}$$

and finally add the "delta cube" to the original cube:

c'=c+d.

Properties of data cubing



Cube commutes with vectorization:

Let $X < \frac{M}{M} Y \times C$ and $Y \times X < \frac{\text{vec } M}{C}$ be its Y-vectorization. Then

 $\operatorname{vec}\left(\operatorname{cube}\,M\right) = \operatorname{cube}\,\left(\operatorname{vec}\,M\right) \tag{15}$

holds. \Box

Type diagrams:



(Proof in the paper.)

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The following theorem shows that changing the dimensions of a data cube does not change its totals.

Theorem (Free theorem)

Let $B \stackrel{M}{\leftarrow} A$ be cubed into $B + 1 \stackrel{\text{cube } M}{\leftarrow} A + 1$, and $r : C \rightarrow A$ and $s : D \rightarrow B$ be arbitrary functions. Then

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{cube} \ (s^{\circ} \cdot M \cdot r) &=& (s^{\circ} \oplus id) \cdot (\mathbf{cube} \ M) \cdot (r \oplus id) & (16) \\ \ holds, \ where \ M \oplus N = \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & N \end{bmatrix} \ is \ matrix \ \mathbf{direct \ sum}. \end{array}$

The proof given in the paper resorts to the **free theorem** of polymorphic operators popularized by Wadler (1989) under the heading *Theorems for free!*.

Cube universality — slicing



Slicing is a specialized filter for a particular value in a dimension.

Suppose that from our starting cube

 $c: 1 \rightarrow (Year + 1) \times ((Color + 1) \times (Model + 1))$

one is only interested in the data concerning year 1991.

It suffices to regard data values as (categorial) **points**: given $p \in A$, constant function $\underline{p}: 1 \to A$ is said to be a *point* of A, for instance

$$\underline{1991}: 1 \rightarrow Year + 1$$
$$\underline{1991} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Cube universality — rolling-up

Gray et al. (1997) say that going up the levels [of aggregated data] is called rolling-up. In this sense, a **roll-up** operation over dimensions A, B and C could be the following form of (increasing) summarization:

 $A \times (B \times C)$ $A \times B$ A1

How does this work over a data cube? We take the simpler case of two dimensions A, B as example.

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The dimension powerset for *A*, *B* is captured by the corresponding matrix **injections** onto the cube target type $(A + 1) \times (B + 1)$:



where

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= i_1 \otimes i_1 \\ \alpha &= i_1 \lor i_2 \cdot ! \\ \beta &= i_1 \cdot ! \lor i_2 \\ \omega &= i_2 \lor i_2 \end{aligned}$$

NB: the injections i_1 and i_2 are such that $[i_1|i_2] = id$, where [M|N] denotes the horizonal gluing of two matrices.

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One can build compound injections, for instance

 $\rho: (A+1) \times (B+1) \leftarrow A \times B + (A+1)$ $\rho = [\theta | [\alpha | \omega]]$

Then, for $M : C \rightarrow A \times B$:

$$\rho^{\circ} \cdot (\mathbf{cube} \ M) = \left[\frac{M}{\left[\frac{fst \cdot M}{1 \cdot M}\right]}\right] \cdot \tau_{C}^{\circ}$$

extracts from **cube** *M* the corresponding **roll-up**.

The next slides give a concrete example.



Let M be the (generalized) data cube

	1990	1991	ALL
Chevy	87	0	87
Blue Ford	99	7	106
ALL	186	7	193
Chevy	0	0	0
Green Ford	64	0	64
ALL	64	0	64
Chevy	5	0	5
Red Ford	0	8	8
ALL	5	8	13
Chevy	92	0	92
ALL Ford	163	15	178
ALL	255	15	270



Cube universality — rolling-up



Building the injection matrix $\rho = [\theta | [\alpha | \omega]]$ for types $Color \times Model + Color + 1 \rightarrow (Color + 1) \times (Model + 1)$ we get the following matrix (already transposed):

			Blue		C	Green			Red			ALL		
		Chevy	Ford	ALL	Chevy	Ford	ALL	Chevy	Ford	ALL	Chevy	Ford	ALL	
Plue	Chevy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dille	Ford	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Croop	Chevy	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Green	Ford	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ded	Chevy	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Rea	Ford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
	Blue	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Green	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Red	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
	ALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	

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Then

			1990	1991	ALL
$\rho^{\circ} \cdot \mathbf{cube} \ M =$	Blue	Chevy	87	0	87
		Ford	99	7	106
	Green	Chevy	0	0	0
		Ford	64	0	64
	Red	Chevy	5	0	5
		Ford	0	8	8
		Blue	186	7	193
		Green	64	0	64
		Red	5	8	13
		ALL	255	15	270

Note how a roll-up is a particular "subset" of a cube.

Matrix ρ° performs the (quantitative) selection of such a subset.



Summary



- Abadir and Magnus (2005) stress on the need for a **standardized** notation for **linear algebra** in the field of econometrics and statistics.
- Since (Macedo and Oliveira, 2013) the authors have invested in **typing** linear algebra in a way that makes it closer to modern **typed** languages.
- This talk has shown such a typed approach at work with an example — defining and proving properties of the data cube operator.
- This extends previous efforts on applying LA to OLAP (Macedo and Oliveira, 2015)
- Our main aim is to formalize previous work in the field e.g. by Datta and Thomas (1999) and by Pedersen and Jensen (2001) — in an unified way.



- We wish to exploit the **parallelism** inherent in linear algebra (LA) processing to implement data cubing in an efficient, parallel way.
- The properties of **cube** can be used to **optimize** LA scripts involving data cubes.
- Preliminary results (Oliveira, 2016; Pontes et al., 2017) show LA scripts encoding data analysis operations performing better on HPC architectures than standard competitors.

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