



# Decentralized Low-Rank Matrix Completion

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## Outline

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- Simulation and conclusion

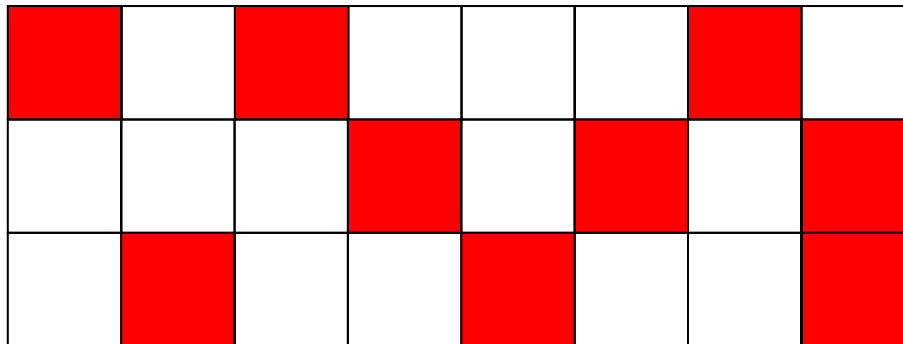
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## Background (I): matrix completion

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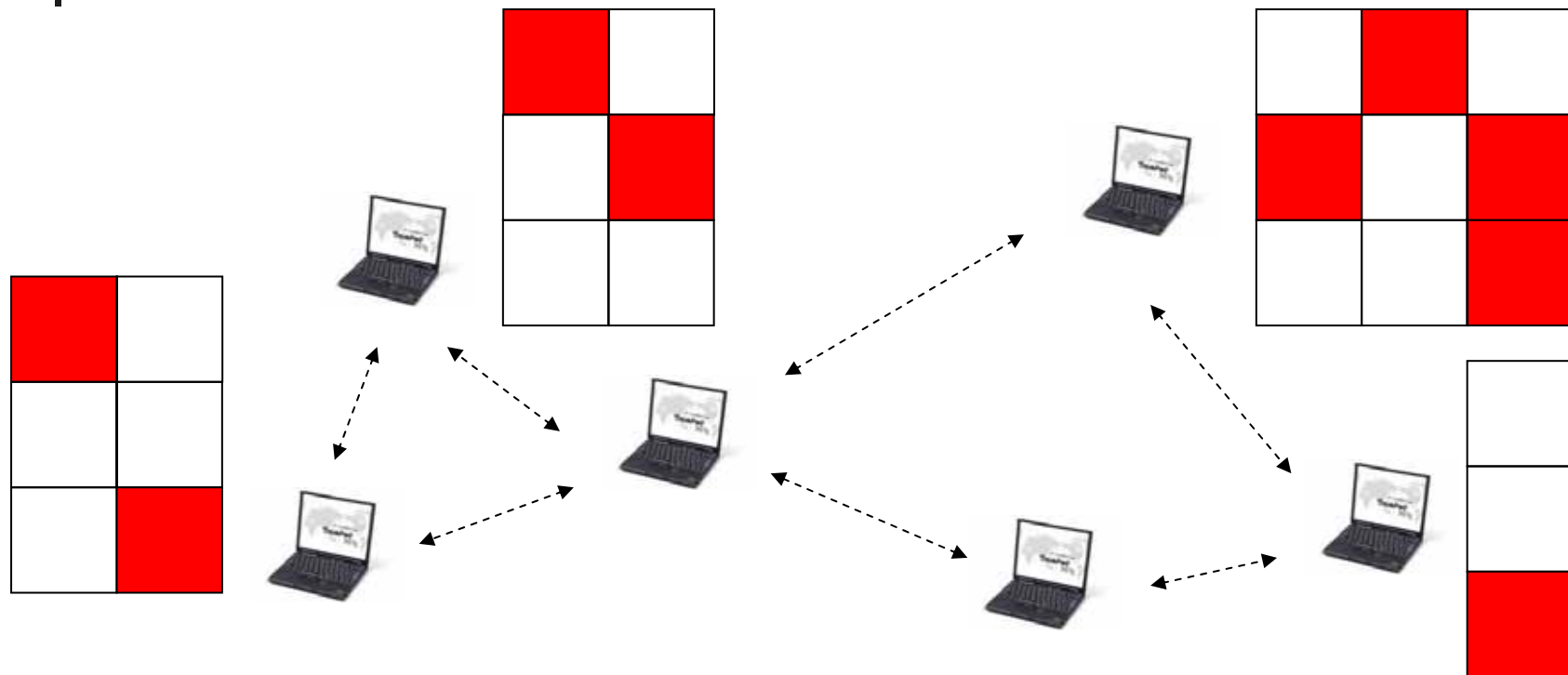
- Matrix completion problem
  - Knowing some entries of a matrix, to recover the others
  - Important prior: the matrix is low-rank



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- Related applications
  - Collaborative filtering
  - Internet traffic analysis
  - Sensor node localization

## Background (II): decentralized matrix completion



- Distributed data in distributed agents & no fusion center
  - Privacy, cost of data collection, etc
  - **Decentralized computing with limited information exchange**



## Problem formulation (I): two models

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- A connected network with  $L$  distributed agents
  - Agent  $i$  observes some entries of a data matrix  $\mathbf{W}_i \in \mathcal{R}^{N \times M_i}$
  - The whole data matrix is with rank  $r \ll \min(N, M)$

$$\mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{W}_2, \dots, \mathbf{W}_L] \in \mathcal{R}^{N \times M}$$

- Observation over a subset

$$\{W_{n,m}\}, (n, m) \in \Omega \subset \{(n, m) : 1 \leq n \leq N, 1 \leq m \leq M\}$$

- Nonconvex matrix factorization model

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Z}\|_F^2, & \mathbf{Z} \in \mathcal{R}^{N \times M}, \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{R}^{N \times r}, \mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{R}^{r \times M} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Z_{n,m} = W_{n,m}, \quad \forall (n, m) \in \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

- Convex nuclear norm minimization model

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{Z}} \quad & \|\mathbf{Z}\|_*, & \mathbf{Z} \in \mathcal{R}^{N \times M} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Z_{n,m} = W_{n,m}, \quad \forall (n, m) \in \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

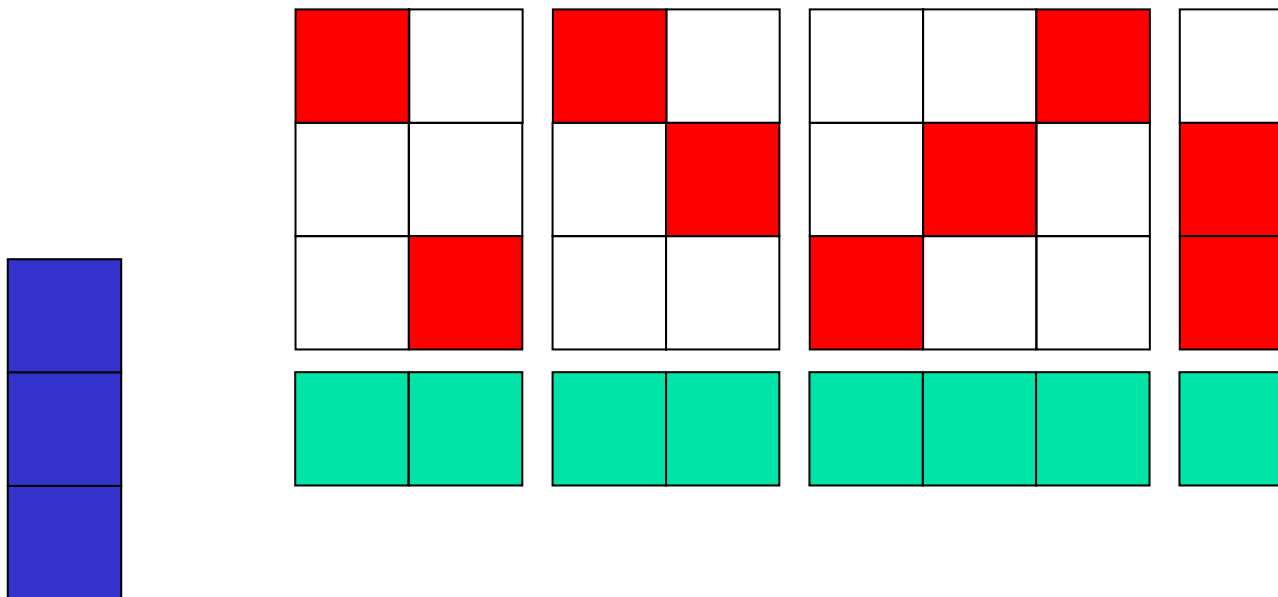


## Problem formulation (II): decentralized computing

- Decentralized matrix completion with the nonconvex model

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y} \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{W}_2, \dots, \mathbf{W}_L] = \mathbf{X}[\mathbf{Y}_1, \mathbf{Y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_L]$$
$$\mathbf{Z} = [\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_2, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_L]$$

- Public matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ : common to all agents
- Private matrix  $\mathbf{Y}_i$ : held by agent  $i$





## Problem formulation (III): nonconvex vs. convex

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- Nonconvex vs. convex in decentralized computing
  - Nonconvex: efficient computation of  $X$  and  $Y_i$  (and  $Z_i$ )
  - Convex: decentralized SVD as a subroutine



## Algorithm design (I): Gauss-Seidel method

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- Centralized Gauss-Seidel method: LMaFit

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{XY} - \mathbf{Z}\|_F^2, \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Z_{n,m} = W_{n,m}, \quad \forall (n, m) \in \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

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projection

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- A simple but nontrivial revision: replace  $\mathbf{X}(t+1)$  with

$$\mathbf{X}(t+1) = c\mathbf{Z}(t)\mathbf{Y}^T(t), \quad c > 0,$$

Since we care about  $\mathbf{Z}$  other than  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$



## Algorithm design (II): decentralized implementation

- If agent  $i$  knows  $X^{(i)}=X$ , the updates of  $Y_i$  and  $Z_i$  are easy

$$\mathbf{Y}(t+1) = (\mathbf{X}^T(t+1)\mathbf{X}(t+1))^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T(t+1)\mathbf{Z}(t),$$

Y-update

$$\mathbf{Y}_i(t+1) = ((\mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t+1))^T\mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t+1))^{-1}(\mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t+1))^T\mathbf{Z}_i(t),$$

$$\mathbf{Z}(t+1) = \mathbf{X}(t+1)\mathbf{Y}(t+1) + P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{W} - \mathbf{X}(t+1)\mathbf{Y}(t+1)).$$

Z-update

$$\mathbf{Z}_i(t+1) = \mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t+1)\mathbf{Y}_i(t+1) + P_{\Omega_i}(\mathbf{W}_i - \mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t+1)\mathbf{Y}_i(t+1)).$$

- How to update  $X^{(i)}$ ? Choose  $c=1/L$ :

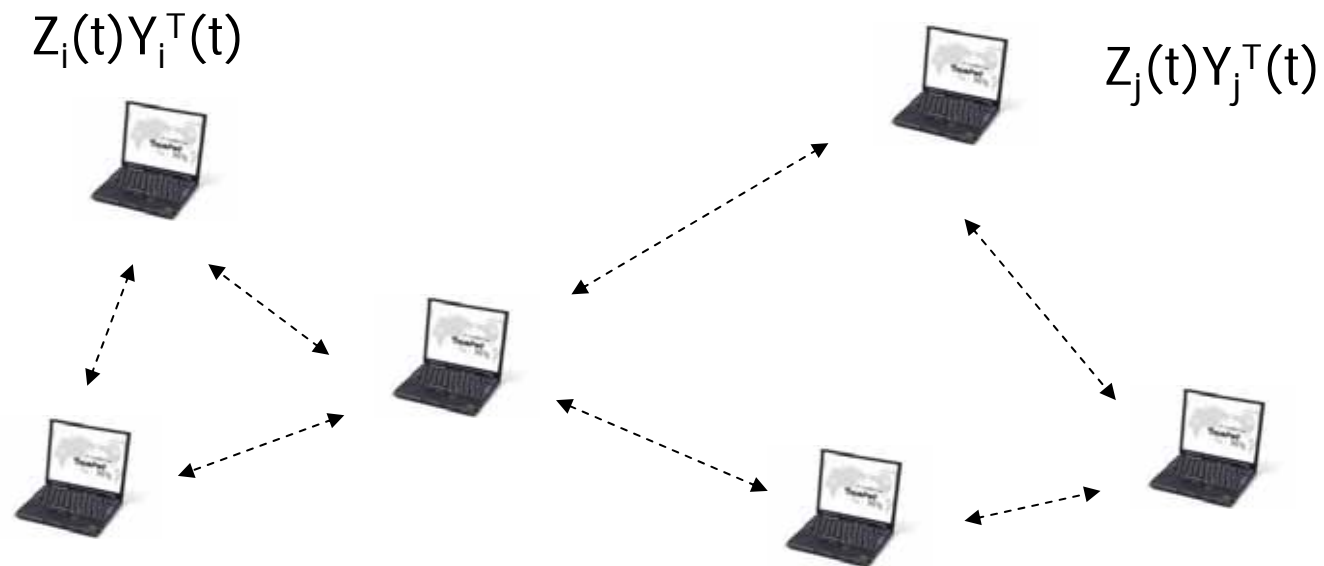
$$\mathbf{X}(t+1) = c\mathbf{Z}(t)\mathbf{Y}^T(t), \quad c > 0,$$

X-update is average consensus

$$\mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t+1) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L \mathbf{Z}_i(t)\mathbf{Y}_i^T(t),$$



## Algorithm design (III): average consensus



How to let all agents have the average?  
Communicating with neighbors and updating the value



## Algorithm design (IV): average consensus

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- Exactly solving the average consensus problem
  - Randomized gossip, alternating direction method (ADM)
  - Iterative algorithm: dividing each iteration into S slots
- The ADM is a powerful tool for decentralized optimization

$$\mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t+1) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L \mathbf{Z}_i(t) \mathbf{Y}_i^T(t), \quad \forall i.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^L \|\mathbf{U}^{(i)} - \mathbf{Z}_i(t) \mathbf{Y}_i^T(t)\|_F^2, \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(j)}, \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{N}_i, \forall i. \end{aligned}$$

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- Exact average consensus iterates with the ADM

$$\mathbf{X}^{(i)}\left(t + \frac{s+1}{S}\right) = \frac{\mathbf{Z}_i(t) \mathbf{Y}_i^T(t) - \alpha^{(i)}\left(t + \frac{s}{S}\right) + \beta |\mathcal{N}_i| \mathbf{X}^{(i)}\left(t + \frac{s}{S}\right) + \beta \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \mathbf{X}^{(j)}\left(t + \frac{s}{S}\right)}{1 + 2\beta |\mathcal{N}_i|}.$$

multiplier      positive constant      neighbors

$$\alpha^{(i)}\left(t + \frac{s+1}{S}\right) = \alpha^{(i)}\left(t + \frac{s}{S}\right) + \beta \left( |\mathcal{N}_i| \mathbf{X}^{(i)}\left(t + \frac{s+1}{S}\right) - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \mathbf{X}^{(j)}\left(t + \frac{s+1}{S}\right) \right).$$



## Algorithm design (V): inexact average consensus

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- Exact average consensus
  - Optimal when the network is connected
  - The decentralized algorithm = the centralized algorithm
  - Extra communication & coordination costs
- Inexact average consensus
  - Simply let  $S=1$  in the ADM; no more iterates
  - Different from the centralized algorithm



## Algorithm design (V): optimization framework

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- Updating **own private** from **own public**

$$\mathbf{Y}_i(t+1) = ((\mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t+1))^T \mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t+1))^{-1} (\mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t+1))^T \mathbf{Z}_i(t),$$

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- Updating **own public** from **own private** & **neighboring public**

$$\mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t+1) = \frac{\mathbf{Z}_i(t) \mathbf{Y}_i^T(t) - \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(i)}(t) + \beta |\mathcal{N}_i| \mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t) + \beta \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \mathbf{X}^{(j)}(t)}{1 + 2\beta |\mathcal{N}_i|},$$

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(i)}(t+1) = \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(i)}(t) + \beta \left( |\mathcal{N}_i| \mathbf{X}^{(i)}(t+1) - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \mathbf{X}^{(j)}(t+1) \right).$$

Question: can we protect the private information  $\mathbf{Z}_i$  and  $\mathbf{Y}_i$ ?



## Simulation (I): simulation settings

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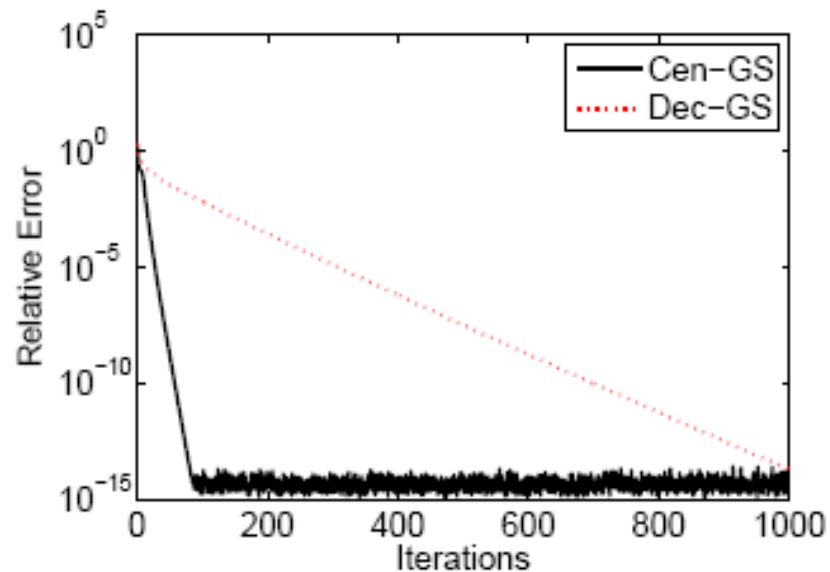
- Network settings
  - L=25 agents are randomly distributed in a 100 × 100 area
  - Two agents are neighbors if their distance < 30
- Data settings
  - N=300 rows, M=500 columns, 20 columns per agent
  - 100 × p percent randomly chosen entries can be observed
  - True rank K=4
- Performance evaluation: relative error

$$\|\mathbf{W} - \mathbf{XY}\|_F / \|\mathbf{W}\|_F$$



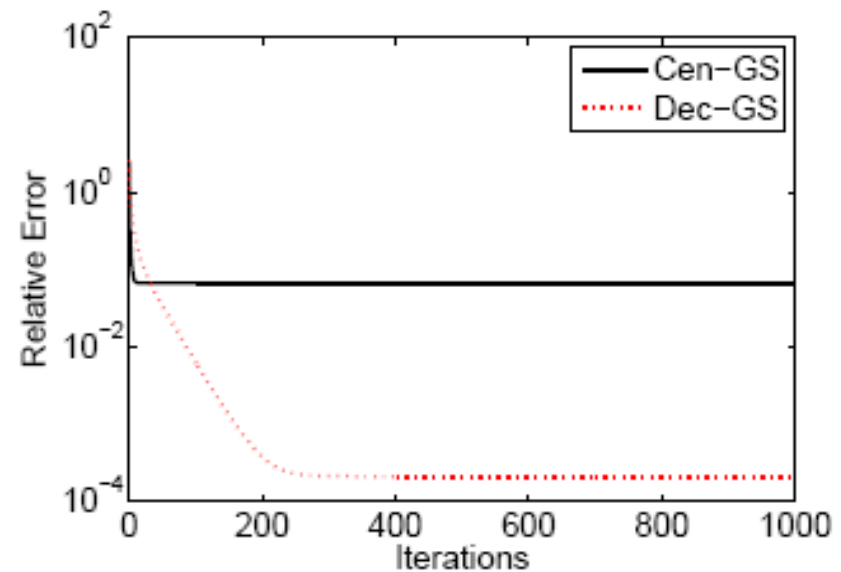
## Simulation (II): convergence

Knowing 80% data,  $p=0.8$



Estimated rank  $r=4=K$

- Decentralized = centralized
- Linear convergence rate



Estimated rank  $r=6>K$

- Decentralized > centralized
- Centralized with adaptive rank



## Conclusion

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- Concluding remarks
  - Discuss matrix completion in a decentralized manner
  - Use a nonconvex matrix factorization model
  - Main feature: **private**  $\leftrightarrow$  **public**
  - Gauss-Seidel for private, average consensus for public
- Open questions
  - When can we protect data privacy?
  - Convergence? Nonconvex model + inexact average consensus



**Thank you!**

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