Physics-Aware Deep Nonnegative Matrix Factorization (PAD-NMF)

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Deep-NMF: Introduction



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A: It provides a nonnegative, additive decomposition of X

$$X \approx W^{(K)} H^{(K)} = W^{(K)}_S H^{(K)}_S + W^{(K)}_N H^{(K)}_N = S + N$$

where

$$W^{(K)} = \begin{bmatrix} W_S^{(K)} & W_N^{(K)} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad H^{(K)} = \begin{bmatrix} H_S^{(K)^{\top}} & H_N^{(K)^{\top}} \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$$



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Hence the need to split the gradients into positive and negative parts and back-propagate both quantities:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W_{\vec{n},\vec{r}}^{(k)}} \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W_{\vec{n},\vec{r}}^{(k)}} \end{bmatrix}_{+} &= \sum_{m,r} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial H_{r,m}^{(k+1)}} \\ \frac{\partial H_{r,m}^{(k+1)}}{\partial W_{\vec{n},\vec{r}}^{(k)}} \end{bmatrix}_{+} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial H_{r,m}^{(k+1)}} \\ \frac{\partial H_{r,m}^{(k)}}{\partial W_{\vec{n},\vec{r}}^{(k)}} \end{bmatrix}_{-} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

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- Construction of a suitable loss function for the training process, enforcing an accurate reconstruction of the clean component.



Example 1: Hits detection on synthetic data













Example 2: Hits detection on real data







