

# Décompositions tensorielles et applications

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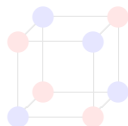
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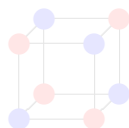
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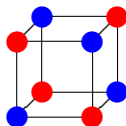
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## Towards a unique terminology?

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- *Canonical decomposition* [Weinstein'84, Carroll'70, Chiantini-Ciliberto'06, Comon'00, Khoromskij, Tyrtysnikov]
- *Parafac* [Harshman'70, Sidiropoulos'00]
- *Optimal computation* [Strassen'83]
- Minimum-length *additive decomposition* (AD) [Iarrobino'96]
- **Suggestion:**
- *Canonical Polyadic decomposition (CP)* [Comon'08, Grasedyk, Espig...]
- *CP* does also already stand for Candecomp/Parafac [Bro'97, Kiers'98, tenBerge'04...]

# Psychometrics



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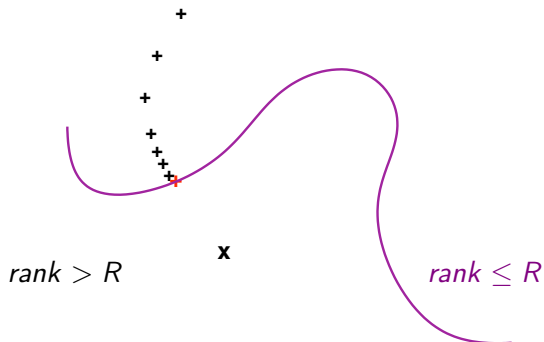
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*[Bini'79, Schönhage'81, Strassen'83, Likteig'85]*



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**Référence:** arxiv:1212.6663

# Applications

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- 2 Sonar, Radar, Télécommunications, Traitement d'antenne
- 3 Imagerie EEG, ECG
- 4 Environnement: tenseurs à éléments positifs
- 5 Complexité arithmétique
- 6 Compression
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# Spectrométrie fluorescente

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Loi de Beer-Lambert pour de faibles concentrations:

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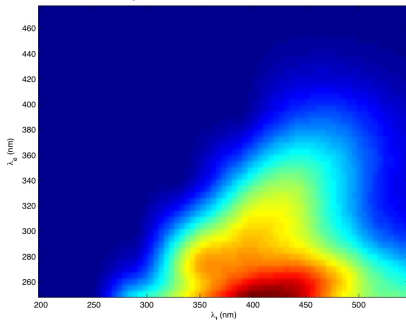
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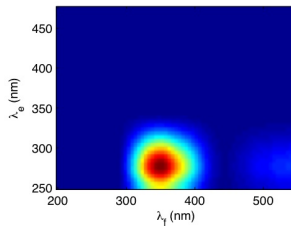
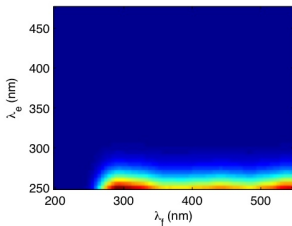
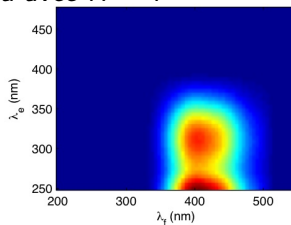
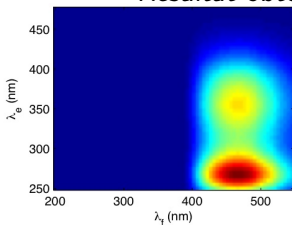


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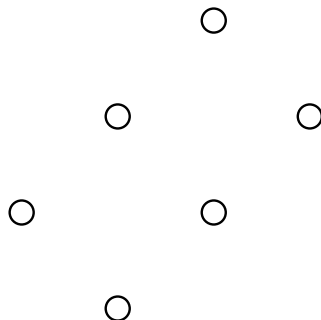
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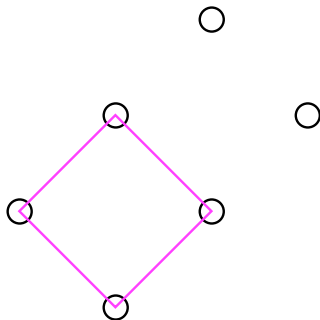
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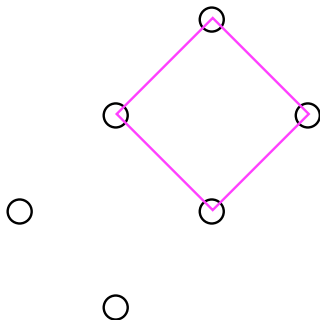
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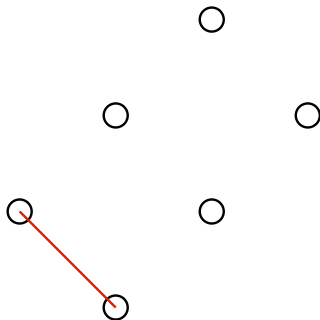
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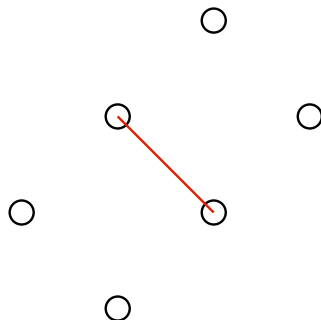
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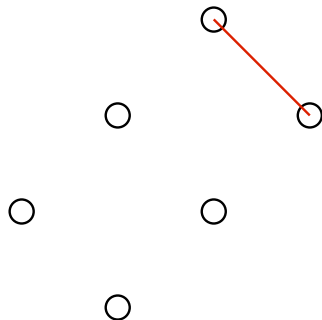
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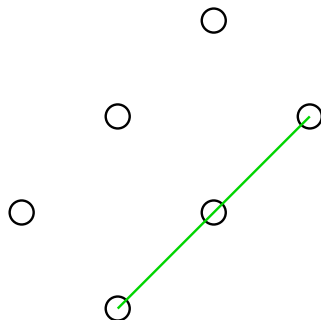
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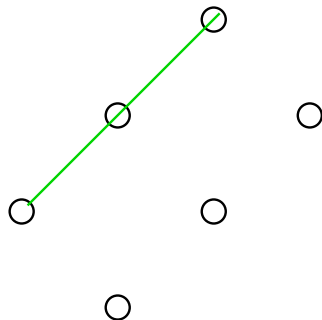
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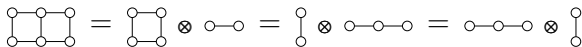
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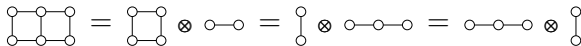
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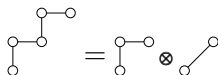
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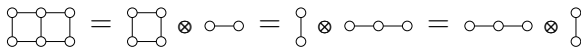


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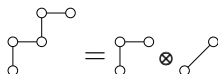
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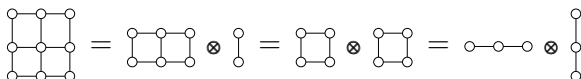
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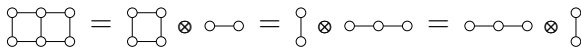
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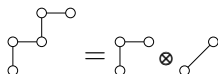
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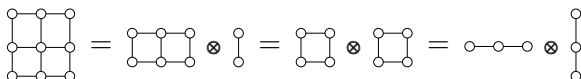
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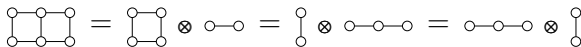
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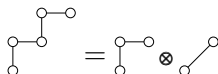
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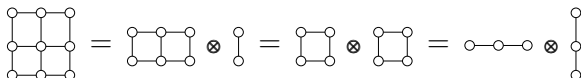
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## Polarization diversity

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Anatole France (1844-1924)

