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(CANDEC, PARFAC)

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Fast low rank approximations

For matrix $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ *CUR* approximation:

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Similar extensions of *CUR* approximation to tensors

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