

# Tensors: theory and applications

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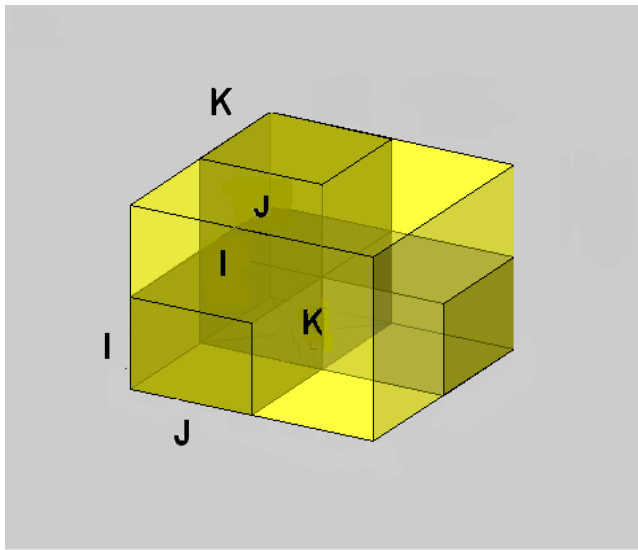
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This amounts to SVD (Singular Value Decomposition) of matrices:

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