

The matrices A , C , and R have dimensions $m \times n$, $m \times k$ and $k \times n$. Set $E = \|A - CR\|_F^2 = \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=1}^n \{(A - CR)_{rs}\}^2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial E}{\partial C_{ij}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial C_{ij}} \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=1}^n \left(A_{rs} - \sum_{t=1}^k C_{rt} R_{ts} \right)^2 \\
 &= 2 \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=1}^n \left(A_{rs} - \sum_{t=1}^k C_{rt} R_{ts} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial C_{ij}} \left(A_{rs} - \sum_{u=1}^k C_{ru} R_{us} \right) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=1}^n \left(A_{rs} - \sum_{t=1}^k C_{rt} R_{ts} \right) \left(- \sum_{u=1}^k \delta_{ri} \delta_{uj} R_{us} \right) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=1}^n \left(\sum_{t=1}^k C_{rt} R_{ts} - A_{rs} \right) \delta_{ri} R_{js} = 2 \sum_{s=1}^n \left(\sum_{t=1}^k C_{it} R_{ts} - A_{is} \right) R_{js} \\
 &= 2 \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^n (CR)_{is} R_{js} - \sum_{s=1}^n A_{is} R_{js} \right\} = 2 \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^n (CR)_{is} (R^T)_{sj} - \sum_{s=1}^n A_{is} (R^T)_{sj} \right\} \\
 &= 2 \left\{ (CRR^T)_{ij} - (AR^T)_{ij} \right\} = 2 \left\{ (CR - A)R^T \right\}_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial E}{\partial R_{ij}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial R_{ij}} \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=1}^n \left(A_{rs} - \sum_{t=1}^k C_{rt} R_{ts} \right)^2 \\
 &= 2 \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=1}^n \left(A_{rs} - \sum_{t=1}^k C_{rt} R_{ts} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial R_{ij}} \left(A_{rs} - \sum_{u=1}^k C_{ru} R_{us} \right) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=1}^n \left(A_{rs} - \sum_{t=1}^k C_{rt} R_{ts} \right) \left(- \sum_{u=1}^k \delta_{ui} \delta_{sj} C_{ru} \right) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=1}^n \left(\sum_{t=1}^k C_{rt} R_{ts} - A_{rs} \right) \delta_{sj} C_{ri} = 2 \sum_{r=1}^m \left(\sum_{t=1}^k C_{rt} R_{tj} - A_{rj} \right) C_{ri} \\
 &= 2 \left\{ \sum_{r=1}^m (CR)_{rj} C_{ri} - \sum_{r=1}^m A_{rj} C_{ri} \right\} = 2 \left\{ \sum_{r=1}^m (C^T)_{ir} (CR)_{rj} - \sum_{r=1}^m (C^T)_{ir} A_{rj} \right\} \\
 &= 2 \left\{ C^T (CR)_{ij} - (C^T A)_{ij} \right\} = 2 \left\{ C^T (CR - A) \right\}_{ij}, \text{ so}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial C} = 2(CR - A)R^T \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial E}{\partial R} = 2C^T(CR - A).$$

Page 75 had the transpose of the correct $\partial E / \partial R$. Fortunately still okay since we set $\partial E / \partial R = 0$ and can safely transpose 0.