

SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITION (SVD)

THE SVD PROVIDES A NUMERICALLY STABLE MATRIX DECOMPOSITION AND IS GUARANTEED TO EXIST. SVD CAN BE USED FOR:

- OBTAINING LOW RANK APPROXIMATIONS OF MATRICES
- PERFORMING PSEUDO-INVERSES OF NON-SQUARE MATRICES
- DECOMPOSE HIGH DIMENSIONAL DATA INTO ITS MOST STATISTICALLY DESCRIPTIVE FACTORS.

COMPLEX SYSTEMS GENERATE A LOT OF DATA THAT CAN BE ARRANGED IN LARGE MATRICES. OTHERWISE, TYPICALLY, THESE MATRICES ARE LOW RANK, MEANING THAT JUST A SUBSPACE OF THEM IS REALLY IMPORTANT AND THERE ARE FEW DOMINANT PATTERNS THAT EXPLAIN THE HIGH DIMENSIONAL DATA. SVD IS A NUMERICALLY STABLE AND EFFICIENT METHOD TO EXTRACT THESE PATTERNS. WE CAN CALL THESE DOMINANT PATTERNS A MANIFOLDS OR LOW DIMENSIONAL ATTRACTOR

SVD ALLOWS TO DISCOVER THE LOW-DIMENSIONAL REPRESENTATION OF THE DATA IN A PURELY DATA-DRIVEN WAY WITHOUT THE ADDITION OF EXPERT KNOWLEDGE OR INTUITION.

DIFFERENTLY FROM THE EIGENDECOMPOSITION THE SVD IS GUARANTEED TO EXIST.

LET CONSIDER A LARGE DATA SET $\underline{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$

$$\underline{X} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \underline{x}_1 & \underline{x}_2 & \dots & \underline{x}_m \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

WHERE THE COLUMNS $\underline{x}_k \in \mathbb{C}^m$ MAY BE MEASUREMENTS FROM SOME SIMULATIONS. IN THE CASE OF TIME-SERIES DATA $\underline{x}_k = \underline{x}(k\Delta t)$. THE COLUMNS ARE OFTEN CALLED SNAPSHOTS, AND m IS THE NUMBER OF THEM.

BEFORE INTRODUCING THE SVD LET'S GO BACK A LITTLE BIT. WHEN A VECTOR IS MULTIPLIED BY A MATRIX \underline{A} , IT PRODUCES A NEW VECTOR THAT IS NOW ALIGNED IN A NEW DIRECTION WITH A NEW LENGTH.

THE ROTATION AND STRETCHING OF A TRANSFORMATION CAN BE PRECISELY CONTROLLED BY PROPER CONSTRUCTION OF THE MATRIX \underline{A} .

FOR EXAMPLE,

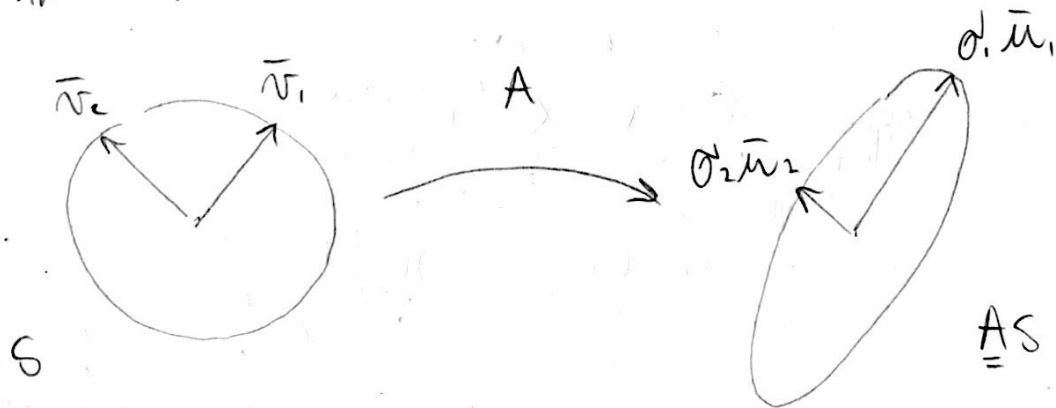
$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \vartheta & -\sin \vartheta \\ \sin \vartheta & \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

ROTATES \underline{x} BY AN ANGLE ϑ . THE TRANSFORMATION PRODUCED BY \underline{A} IS KNOWN AS A UNITARY TRANSFORMATION SINCE $\underline{A}^{-1} = \underline{A}^T$. TO SCALE THE VECTOR LENGTH WE APPLY THE MATRIX

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \underline{I}$$

IN THIS WAY WE CAN SEPARATELY CONTROL THE ROTATION AND SCALING IN A TWO DIMENSIONAL VECTOR SPACE. THE \underline{A} IS ESSENTIALLY A TRANSFORMATION THAT STRETCHES/COMPRESSES AND ROTATES A GIVEN SET OF VECTORS.

WHAT HAPPENS TO A HYPER-SPHERE UNDER A MATRIX MULTIPLICATION? IT BECOMES AN HYPER-ELLIPSE.



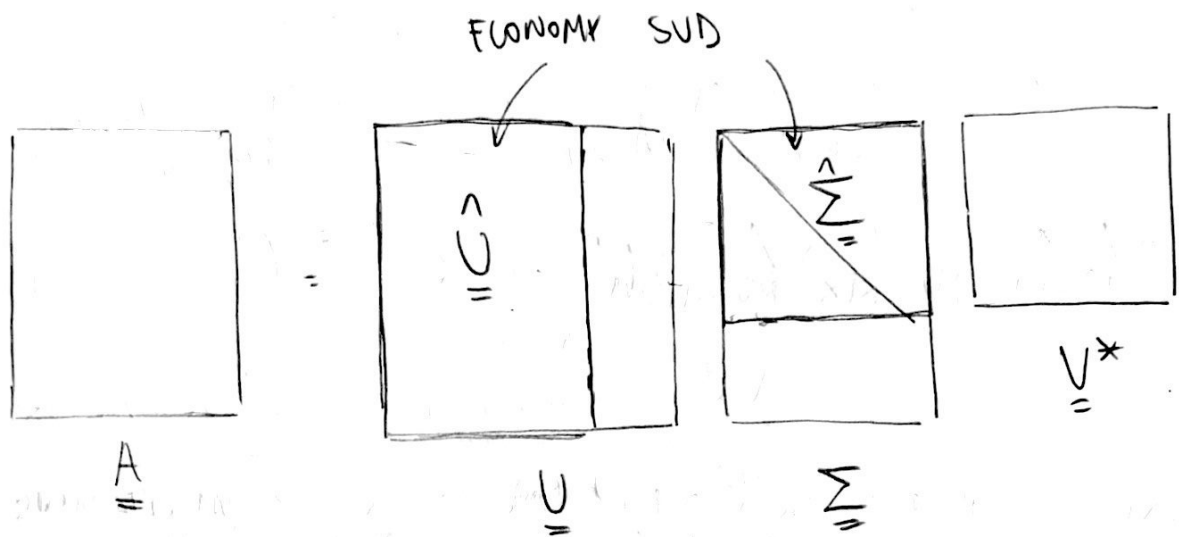
THE UNIT SPHERE IS DESCRIBED BY n UNIT VECTORS \underline{n}_i IN THE \mathbb{R}^n SPACE. IF WE APPLY \underline{A} TO THE SPHERE S WE WILL OBTAIN THE HYPER-ELLIPSE \underline{AS} WHERE THE VECTORS \underline{n}_i ARE STRETCHED BY σ_i AND ARE ROTATED AS \underline{m}_i . THE QUANTITIES $\sigma_i \underline{m}_i$ ARE THE PRINCIPAL SEMI-AXES OF THE HYPER-ELLIPSE.

$$\underline{A} \underline{n}_i = \sigma_i \underline{m}_i$$

$\underline{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ IS UNITARY

$\underline{V} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ IS UNITARY

$\underline{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ IS DIAGONAL



IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE DIAGONAL ENTRIES OF $\underline{\Sigma}$ ARE NON-NEGATIVE AND ORDERED FROM LARGEST TO SMALLEST.

Theorem: EVERY MATRIX $\underline{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ HAS A SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITION. FURTHERMORE, THE SINGULAR VALUES σ_j ARE UNIQUELY DETERMINED, AND, IF \underline{A} IS SQUARE AND THE σ_j DISTINCT, THE SINGULAR VECTORS $\{\underline{u}_j\}$ AND $\{\underline{v}_j\}$ ARE UNIQUELY DETERMINED UP TO A COMPLEX SIGN.

HOW WE COMPUTE THE SVD?

$$\underline{A}^T \underline{A} = (\underline{U} \underline{\Sigma} \underline{V}^*)^T (\underline{U} \underline{\Sigma} \underline{V}^*) = \underline{U} \underline{\Sigma} \underline{U}^* \underline{U} \underline{\Sigma} \underline{V}^* = \underline{U} \underline{\Sigma}^2 \underline{V}^*$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{A}^T = (\underline{U} \underline{\Sigma} \underline{V}^*) (\underline{U} \underline{\Sigma} \underline{V}^*)^T = \underline{U} \underline{\Sigma} \underline{V}^* \underline{U} \underline{\Sigma} \underline{U}^* = \underline{U} \underline{\Sigma}^2 \underline{U}^*$$

$$\underline{A}^T \underline{A} \underline{V} = \underline{V} \underline{\Sigma}^2 \quad (.)$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{A}^T \underline{U} = \underline{U} \underline{\Sigma}^2$$

THE TWO RELATIONS IN (.) ARE NOTHING BUT TWO CONSISTENT EIGENVALUE PROBLEMS. WE CAN SEE THAT $\underline{A}^T \underline{A}$ AND $\underline{A} \underline{A}^T$ SHARE THE SAME EIGENVALUES.

▷ DIAGONALIZATION

CONSIDER THE SYSTEM OF DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \underline{y} = \underline{A} \underline{y}$$

ASSUMING A SOLUTION OF THE FORM.

$$\underline{y} = \underline{x} \exp(\lambda t)$$

WE OBTAIN AN EGV PROBLEM.

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x}$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} - \lambda \underline{I} \underline{x} = (\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

1. FIRST OPTION: THE DETERMINANT OF $(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I})$ IS NOT ZERO. THE MATRIX IS NONSINGULAR AND ITS INVERSE $(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I})^{-1}$ CAN BE FOUND. THE SOLUTION IN THIS CASE IS

$$\underline{x} = (\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I})^{-1} \underline{0} = \underline{0}$$

THIS IS THE TRIVIAL SOLUTION.

2. SECOND OPTION: THE DETERMINANT IS ZERO, THE MATRIX IS SINGULAR AND ITS INVERSE CANNOT BE FOUND. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT A SOLUTION EXISTS BUT THIS IS THE ONLY CONDITION TO OBTAIN A NON TRIVIAL SOLUTION.

$$A x_1 = \lambda_1 x_1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$A x_n = \lambda_n x_n$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{x} \underline{\Lambda}$$

WE CAN COMPARE THE FACTORIZATION OF THE MATRIX A THROUGH EIGENVALUE DECOMPOSITION AND THROUGH SVD.

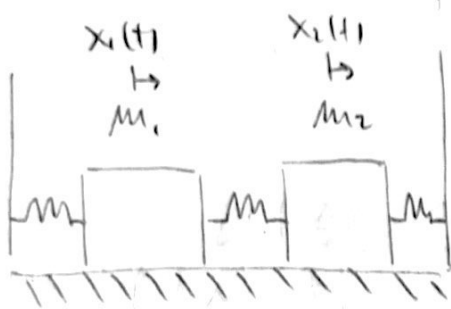
EVD $\rightarrow A = X \Lambda X^{-1}$ ONLY ONE BASIS X

SVD $\rightarrow A = U \Sigma V^*$ TWO BASIS U, V

ANOTHER USEFUL APPLICATION OF EVD AND EVD₂ IS THE POWER OF A MATRIX: COMPUTING A^n DIRECTLY IS EXPENSIVE BUT.

$$\begin{aligned} A^n &= (X \Lambda X^{-1})^n = \underbrace{(X \Lambda X^{-1})}_1 \underbrace{(X \Lambda X^{-1})}_2 \dots \underbrace{(X \Lambda X^{-1})}_n \\ &= X \Lambda^n X^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

THE EXPONENTIAL OF A DIAGONAL MATRIX IS CHEAP TO COMPUTE.



DIAGONALIZATION IS ALSO USEFUL IN REAL SYSTEM ANALYSIS. INSTEAD OF WORKING IN THE ORIGINAL COORDINATE SYSTEM WE CAN DIAGONALIZE AND WORK IN A NEW SPACE WHERE THE TWO DIRECTION OF MOTION ARE INDEPENDENT.

LET'S CONSIDER NOW THE DIAGONALIZATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SVD. SINCE U AND V ARE ORTHONORMAL BASES IN $\mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ AND $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ RESPECTIVELY, THEN ANY VECTOR IN THESE SPACES CAN BE EXPANDED IN THEIR BASIS. CONSIDER $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{C}^m$ AND $\underline{a} \in \mathbb{C}^n$:

$$\underline{b} = U \hat{\underline{b}}$$

$$\underline{a} = V \hat{\underline{a}}$$

NOW CONSIDER:

$$A \underline{a} = \underline{b} \rightarrow U^* \underline{b} = U^* A \underline{a} = U^* U \Sigma V^* \underline{a} \rightarrow \hat{\underline{b}} = \Sigma \hat{\underline{a}}$$

WE SAW THAT MATRICES CAN BE DIAGONALIZED VIA EITHER SVD DECOMPOSITION OR EIGENVALUE DECOMPOSITION BUT, WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES?

SVD

EVD

2 basis $\underline{U}, \underline{V}$

1 basis \underline{X}

1.

more flexibility since
orthonormal

orthonormality is not
guaranteed

2.

orthonormal

not always orthonormal

orthonormality just with
hermitian matrix

3.

exists always

not always exist

▷ SVD THEOREMS.

Theorem: IF MATRIX \underline{A} IS RANK r , THEN THERE EXIST r NON ZERO SVD.

Theorem: THE RANGE OF \underline{A} IS $\text{range}(\underline{A}) = \langle \underline{u}_1, \dots, \underline{u}_r \rangle$
THE NULL OF \underline{A} IS $\text{null}(\underline{A}) = \langle \underline{v}_{r+1}, \underline{v}_{r+2}, \dots, \underline{v}_n \rangle$

Theorem: THE NORM $\|\underline{A}\|_2 = \sigma_1$ AND $\|\underline{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}$
WHERE $\|\cdot\|_F$ STANDS FOR THE FROBENIUS NORM. THEY
ESSENTIALLY MEASURE THE ENERGY OF A MATRIX

THE RATIO $\|\underline{A}\|_2 / \|\underline{A}\|_F$ MEASURES THE PORTION OF THE ENERGY IN
THE SMALLEST AXIS \underline{u}_1

Theorem: THE NON ZERO SINGULAR VALUES OF \underline{A} ARE THE SQUARE
ROOTS OF THE NON ZERO EIGENVALUES OF $\underline{A}^* \underline{A}$ OR $\underline{A} \underline{A}^*$

$$\phi_j(x) = (x - x_0)^j$$

TAYLOR EXPANSION

$$\phi_j(x) = \cos(jx)$$

DISCRETE COSINE TRANSFORM

$$\phi_j(x) = \sin(jx)$$

DISCRETE SINE TRANSFORM

$$\phi_j(x) = \exp(jx)$$

FOURIER TRANSFORM

$$\phi_j(x) = \psi_{a,b}(x)$$

WAVELET TRANSFORM

$$\phi_j(x) = \phi_{\lambda_j}(x)$$

EIGENFUNCTION EXPANSION

$\psi_{a,b}(x)$ IS THE BEST REPRESENTATION TO SHRINK DATA WHILE $\phi_{\lambda_j}(x)$ IS THE MOST INTERPRETABLE ONE, THE WEIGHTING COEFFICIENTS $a_j(t)$ CAN BE OBTAINED EASILY SINCE THE BASIS FUNCTIONS ARE ORTHONORMAL:

$$\int \phi_j(x) \phi_m(x) dx = \begin{cases} 1 & j=m \\ 0 & j \neq m \end{cases}$$

SO:

$$a_j(t) = \int f(x,t) \phi_j(x) dx$$

ONCE ANY COMPLETE BASIS EXPANSION CAN REPRESENT THE FUNCTION $f(x,t)$ TO ANY DESIRED ORDER OF ACCURACY GIVEN N LARGE, WHICH IS THE BEST ONE? WE WANT A BASIS THAT ALLOWS TO USE THE SMALLEST N POSSIBLE WHILE ACHIEVING THE DESIRED LEVEL OF ACCURACY. THESE SPECIAL, ORDERED, ORTHONORMAL FUNCTIONS ARE CALLED THE PROPER ORTHONORMAL MODES (POM) FOR THE FUNCTION $f(x,t)$. THE BASIS FUNCTIONS ARE COMPUTED WITH THE SVD. THE POM MODES ARE THE COLUMNS OF \underline{U} WHICH ARE SCALED BY THE SINGULAR VALUES AND THEIR EVOLUTION IN TIME IS GIVEN BY THE COLUMNS OF \underline{V} .

Theorem: IF $\underline{A} = \underline{A}^*$ (self-adjoint) THEN THE SINGULAR VALUES OF \underline{A} ARE THE ABSOLUTE VALUES OF THE EIGENVALUES OF \underline{A}

Theorem: FOR $\underline{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$, THE DETERMINANT IS GIVEN BY
 $|\det(\underline{A})| = \prod_{j=1}^m \sigma_j$

Theorem: \underline{A} IS THE SUM OF r RANK-ONE MATRICES

$$\underline{A} = \sum_{j=1}^r \sigma_j \underline{u}_j \underline{v}_j^*$$

THIS LAST EXPRESSION REPRESENTS THE MATRIX \underline{A} AS A LINEAR SUPERPOSITION OF SVD MODES.

Theorem: FOR ANY N SO THAT $0 \leq N \leq r$ WE CAN DEFINE A PARTIAL SUM

$$\underline{A}_N = \sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_j \underline{u}_j \underline{v}_j^*$$

AND IF $N = \min\{m, n\}$, DEFINE $\sigma_{N+1} = 0$. THEN

$$\|\underline{A} - \underline{A}_N\|_2 = \sigma_{N+1}$$

THE SVD GIVES A TYPE OF LEAST-SQUARE FITTING ALGORITHM ALLOWING US TO PROJECT THE MATRIX ONTO LOW DIMENSIONAL REPRESENTATIONS.

▷ MODAL EXPANSIONS

THE PROBLEM HERE IS TO FIND A SUITABLE BASE IN WHICH REPRESENT THE PROBLEM

$$f(x, t) \approx \sum_{j=1}^N a_j(t) \phi_j(x)$$

THE MOST COMMONLY USED EXPANSION BASIS ARE.