

# SI231 Matrix Analysis and Computations

## Topic 7: Singular Value Decomposition

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- singular value decomposition
- matrix norms
- linear systems
- LS, pseudo-inverse, orthogonal projections
- low-rank matrix approximation
- singular value inequalities
- computation of the SVD

## Main Results

- any matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  admits a singular value decomposition

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T,$$

where  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are orthogonal, and  $\mathbf{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has  $[\mathbf{\Sigma}]_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$  and  $[\mathbf{\Sigma}]_{ii} = \sigma_i$  for all  $i$ , with  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{\min\{m,n\}} \geq 0$ .

- matrix 2-norm:  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \sigma_1$
- let  $r$  be the number of nonzero  $\sigma_i$ 's, partition  $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{U}_2]$ ,  $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{V}_2]$ , and let  $\tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}} = \text{Diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r)$ 
  - thin SVD:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}} \mathbf{V}_1^T$
  - pseudo-inverse:  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{V}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}^{-1} \mathbf{U}_1^T$
  - Linear system solution:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}$  for any  $\boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}_2)$ ,  $\mathbf{U}_2^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$
  - LS solution:  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{LS}} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}$  for any  $\boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}_2)$
  - orthogonal projection:  $\mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{U}_1^T$

## Main Results

- low-rank matrix approximation: given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $k \in \{1, \dots, \min\{m, n\}\}$ , the problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) \leq k} \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_F^2$$

has a solution given by  $\mathbf{B}^* = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$

- in this lecture, we will deal with the real matrices—the complex case follows along the same lines

# Singular Value Decomposition

**Theorem 7.1.** Given any  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , there exists a 3-tuple  $(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{V}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T,$$

$\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are orthogonal, and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  takes the form

$$[\mathbf{\Sigma}]_{ij} = \begin{cases} \sigma_i, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}, \quad \sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_p \geq 0, \quad p = \min\{m, n\}.$$

- the above decomposition is called the **singular value decomposition (SVD)**
- $\sigma_i$  is called the  $i$ th **singular value**
- $\mathbf{u}_i$  and  $\mathbf{v}_i$  are called the  $i$ th **left and right singular vectors**, resp.

$$\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{A} = \sigma_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \iff \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T \iff \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T$$

$$\iff \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \implies \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i = \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, p$$

$\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are called the **left and right singular vector matrices**, resp.

- the following notations may be used to denote singular values of a given  $\mathbf{A}$

$$\sigma_{\max}(\mathbf{A}) = \sigma_1(\mathbf{A}) \geq \sigma_2(\mathbf{A}) \geq \dots \geq \sigma_p(\mathbf{A}) = \sigma_{\min}(\mathbf{A})$$

## Different Ways of Writing out SVD

- **partitioned form:** let  $r$  be the number of nonzero singular values, and note  $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0, \sigma_{r+1} = \dots = \sigma_p = 0$ . Then,

$$\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{U}_1 \quad \mathbf{U}_2] \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\Sigma} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1^T \\ \mathbf{V}_2^T \end{bmatrix},$$

where

- $\tilde{\Sigma} = \text{Diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r)$ ,
  - $\mathbf{U}_1 = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$ ,  $\mathbf{U}_2 = [\mathbf{u}_{r+1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (m-r)}$ ,
  - $\mathbf{V}_1 = [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_2 = [\mathbf{v}_{r+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-r)}$ .
- **thin SVD (reduced SVD):**  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}_1 \tilde{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}_1^T$ 
    - in contrast, the one in Theorem 7.1 is also called **full SVD**

- **outer-product form (dyadic decomposition):**  $\mathbf{A} = \sum_{i=1}^p \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$

# SVD and Eigendecomposition

From the SVD  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$ , we see that

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}_1\mathbf{U}^T, \quad \mathbf{D}_1 = \mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{\Sigma}^T = \text{Diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_p^2, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{m-p \text{ zeros}}) \quad (*)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{D}_2\mathbf{V}^T, \quad \mathbf{D}_2 = \mathbf{\Sigma}^T\mathbf{\Sigma} = \text{Diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_p^2, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n-p \text{ zeros}}) \quad (**)$$

## Observations:

- $(*)$  and  $(**)$  are the SVD's of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  and  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$ , resp.
- $(*)$  and  $(**)$  are the eigendecompositions of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  and  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$ , resp.
- the left singular matrix  $\mathbf{U}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the eigenvector matrix of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$
- the right singular matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the eigenvector matrix of  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$
- the squares of nonzero singular values of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_r^2$ , are the nonzero eigenvalues of both  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  and  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$ .
- the relation between SVD and eigendec. can be used for analysis and computations

## Insights of the Proof of SVD

- the proof of SVD is constructive
- to see the insights, consider the special case of square nonsingular  $\mathbf{A}$
- $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  is PD, and denote its eigendecomposition by

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^T, \quad \text{with } \lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n > 0.$$

- let  $\mathbf{\Sigma} = \text{Diag}(\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_m})$ ,  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}$
- it can be verified that  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T = \mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}$
- how to prove the SVD in the general case? (requires a proof)



## Uniqueness of SVD

- the singular values  $\sigma_i$ 's are uniquely determined and the nonzero singular values are the positive square roots of the nonzero eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  or, equivalently, of  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$
- the multiplicity of a singular value  $\sigma$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the multiplicity of  $\sigma^2$  as an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  or, equivalently, of  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$
- a singular value  $\sigma$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  is simple (algebraic multiplicity is 1) if  $\sigma^2$  is a simple eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  or, equivalently, of  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$
- uniqueness of SVD is highly related to the multiplicity of singular values and zero singular values of  $\mathbf{A}$  and there are different kinds of characterizations; see Theorem 2.6.5 in [Horn-Johnson'12].

## Properties of SVD

**Property 7.1.** The following properties hold:

- (a)  $\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^T\mathbf{U}^T$
- (b)  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}^*$ ,  $\mathbf{A}^T$ , and  $\mathbf{A}^H$  have the same singular values
- (c)  $\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i = \sigma_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , or, equivalently, in matrix form  $\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{\Sigma}$
- (d)  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T) = \sum_{i=1}^p \sigma_i^2$
- (e) let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|\det(\mathbf{A})| = |\det(\mathbf{\Sigma})| = \prod_{i=1}^n \sigma_i$
- (f)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < q$  ( $\mathbf{A}$  is singular) if and only if 0 is one singular value of  $\mathbf{A}$
- (g) let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ , the singular values are the absolute values of eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$
- (h) if  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible,  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{U}^T$  (can be used to compute matrix inversion)
- (i) for orthogonal  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$ , SVD of  $\mathbf{PAQ}^T$  is given by  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}\mathbf{\Sigma}\tilde{\mathbf{V}}^T$  where  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}} = \mathbf{PU}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{QV}$ , i.e., singular values are orthogonally invariant (i.e.,  $\sigma_i(\mathbf{A}) = \sigma_i(\mathbf{PAQ}^T)$ ) but singular vectors not

## Properties of SVD

**Property 7.2.** The following properties hold:

- (a)  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{U}_1)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})^\perp = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{U}_2)$ ;  
( $\mathbf{U}_1$  and  $\mathbf{U}_2$  forms a set of orthogonal bases for  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T)$  resp.)
- (b)  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}_1)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T)^\perp = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}_2)$ ;  
( $\mathbf{V}_1$  and  $\mathbf{V}_2$  forms a set of orthogonal bases for  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  resp.)
- (c)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = r$  (the number of nonzero singular values).

Note:

- in practice, SVD can be used a numerical tool for computing bases of  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T)$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$
- we have previously learnt the following properties
  - $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$
  - $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = n - \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$

By SVD, the above properties are easily seen to be true

- SVD can also be used as a numerical tool to compute the rank of a matrix

# Matrix Norms

- the definition of a norm of a matrix is the same as that of a vector:
- $f : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a norm if
  - (i)  $f(\mathbf{A}) \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{A}$ ;
  - (ii)  $f(\mathbf{A}) = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$ ;
  - (iii)  $f(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \leq f(\mathbf{A}) + f(\mathbf{B})$  for any  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$ ;
  - (iv)  $f(\alpha \mathbf{A}) = |\alpha|f(\mathbf{A})$  for any  $\alpha, \mathbf{A}$
  - (v)  $f(\mathbf{AB}) \leq f(\mathbf{A})f(\mathbf{B})$  for any  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  (only for the case  $m = n$ )

## “Elementwise” Norms

- “elementwise” norm: treat  $\mathbf{A}$  as a  $m \times n$  vector
- in general, for  $p, q \geq 1$  it is given by

$$f(\mathbf{A}) = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}|^p \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

- for  $p = q = 2$ , we have the **Frobenius norm**  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2} = [\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})]^{1/2}$ 
  - note Frobenius norm has the orthogonal invariance property, then  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \|\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}\|_F = \|\mathbf{\Sigma}\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}$
- for  $p = q = \infty$ , we have the maximum norm  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$
- ...
- there are many other matrix norms

## Induced Norms

- induced norm or operator norm: the function

$$f(\mathbf{A}) = \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_\beta \leq 1} \|\mathbf{Ax}\|_\alpha$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha, \|\cdot\|_\beta$  denote any vector norms, can be shown to be a norm

- induced  $p$ -norm: matrix norms induced by the vector  $p$ -norm ( $p \geq 1$ )

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_p = \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p \leq 1} \|\mathbf{Ax}\|_p$$

- it is known that

- $\|\mathbf{A}\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}|$
- $\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$

- how about  $p = 2$ ?

# Induced Norms

- matrix 2-norm or spectral norm:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \sigma_{\max}(\mathbf{A}).$$

- proof:

– for any  $\mathbf{x}$  with  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2^2 &= \|\mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \|\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \\ &\leq \sigma_1^2 \|\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \sigma_1^2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq \sigma_1^2\end{aligned}$$

–  $\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2 = \sigma_1$  if we choose  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_1$

- **implication to linear systems:** let  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Ax}$  be a linear system. Under the input energy constraint  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq 1$ , the system output energy  $\|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2$  is maximized when  $\mathbf{x}$  is chosen as the 1st right singular vector
- **corollary:**  $\min_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1} \|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2 = \sigma_{\min}(\mathbf{A})$  if  $m \geq n$
- **corollary:** if  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible,  $\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2 = 1/\sigma_{\min}(\mathbf{A})$

## Induced Norms

Properties for the matrix 2-norm:

- $\|\mathbf{AB}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \|\mathbf{B}\|_2$ 
  - in fact,  $\|\mathbf{AB}\|_p \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_p \|\mathbf{B}\|_p$  for any  $p \geq 1$
- $\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$ 
  - a special case of the 1st property
- $\|\mathbf{QAW}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{A}\|_2$  for any orthogonal  $\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{W}$ 
  - we also have  $\|\mathbf{QAW}\|_F = \|\mathbf{A}\|_F$  for any orthogonal  $\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{W}$
- $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_F \leq \sqrt{p} \|\mathbf{A}\|_2$  (here  $p = \min\{m, n\}$ )
  - proof:  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^p \sigma_i^2}$ , and  $\sigma_1^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^p \sigma_i^2 \leq p\sigma_1^2$



## Schatten Norms

- applying the  $p$ -norm to the vector of singular values of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$

$$f(\mathbf{A}) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{m,n\}} \sigma_i(\mathbf{A})^p \right)^{1/p}, \quad p \geq 1,$$

is known to be a norm and is called the Schatten  $p$ -norm

- Frobenius norm when  $p = 2$ ; spectral norm when  $p = \infty$
- nuclear norm (or trace norm) when  $p = 1$ :

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_* = \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{m,n\}} \sigma_i(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}((\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{\frac{1}{2}})$$

- a special case of the Schatten  $p$ -norm
- a way to prove that the nuclear norm is a norm:
  - \* show that  $f(\mathbf{A}) = \max_{\|\mathbf{B}\|_2 \leq 1} \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A})$  is a norm
  - \* show that  $f(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{m,n\}} \sigma_i$
- finds applications in rank approximation, e.g., for compressive sensing and matrix completion [Recht-Fazel-Parrilo'10]

## Schatten Norms

- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$  is **nonconvex** in  $\mathbf{A}$  and is arguably hard to do optimization with it
- **Idea:** the rank function can be expressed as

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{m,n\}} \mathbb{1}\{\sigma_i(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0\},$$

and why not approximate it by

$$f(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{m,n\}} \varphi(\sigma_i(\mathbf{A}))$$

for some friendly function  $\varphi$ ?

- nuclear norm

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_* = \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{m,n\}} \sigma_i(\mathbf{A})$$

- uses  $\varphi(z) = z$
- is **convex** in  $\mathbf{A}$
- a convex envelope of  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$

# Linear Systems: Interpretation under SVD

- consider the linear system

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$

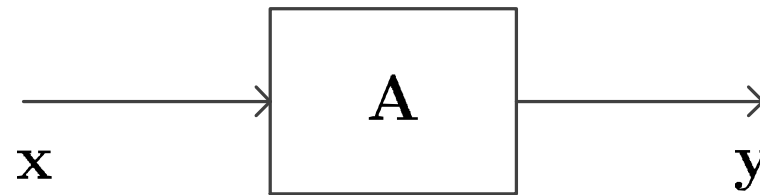
where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is the system matrix;  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the system input;  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the system output

- by SVD we can write

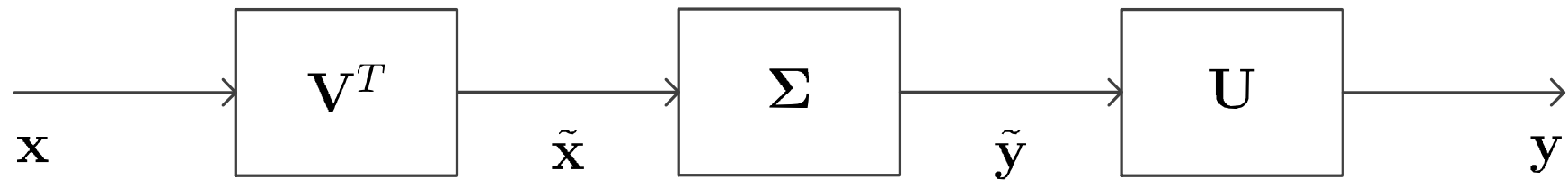
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}\tilde{\mathbf{y}}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \Sigma\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}$$

- Implication:** every linear system  $\mathbf{A}$  (a mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ) works by performing three processes in cascade, namely,
  - rotate/reflect the system input  $\mathbf{x}$  to form an intermediate system input  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$
  - form an intermediate system output  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}$  by element-wise rescaling  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  w.r.t.  $\sigma_i$ 's and by either removing some entries of  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  or adding some zeros
  - rotate/reflect  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}$  to form the system output  $\mathbf{y}$
- Implication:** every linear system  $\mathbf{A}$  reduces to the diagonal matrix  $\Sigma$  when the range  $\mathbf{y}$  is expressed in the basis of columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  and the domain  $\mathbf{x}$  is expressed in the basis of columns of  $\mathbf{V}$

# Linear Systems: Interpretation under SVD



(a) linear system

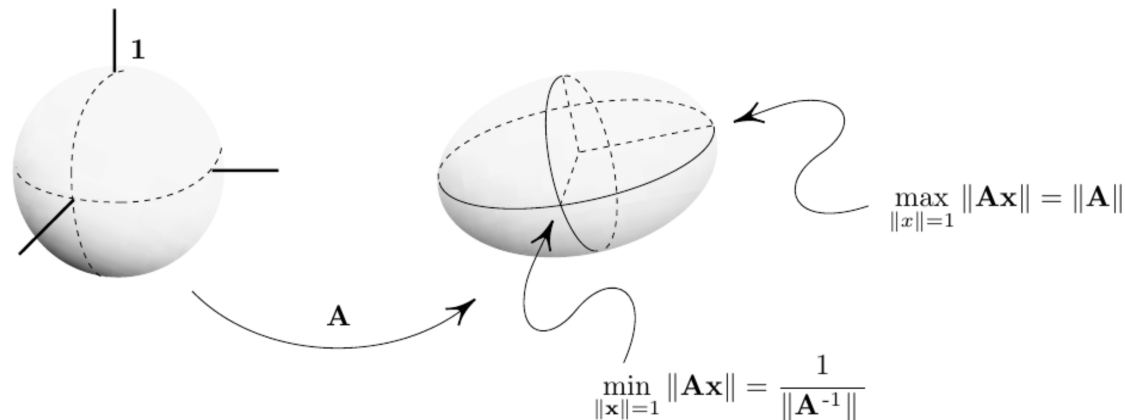


(b) equivalent system

## Linear Systems: Interpretation under SVD

- SVD reveals the geometry about linear transformation  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$
- consider the transformation of a unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  under a nonsingular  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  and the singular values tell how much distortion can occur under  $\mathbf{A}$

$$1 \geq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{V}\Sigma^{-1}\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 = \|\Sigma^{-1}\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{y}\|_2^2$$



(recall the result  $\sigma_{\min}\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq \sigma_{\max}\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$  for  $m \geq n$ )

- similar results apply to rectangular and singular  $\mathbf{A}$
- **Fact:** the image of the unit sphere under *any* linear map  $\mathbf{A}$  is a hyperellipse
- **Fact:** the amount of distortion of unit sphere under transformation  $\mathbf{A}$  determines the degree to which uncertainties in a linear system  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  can be magnified

# Linear Systems: Sensitivity Analysis

- Scenario:

- let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be nonsingular, and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\mathbf{x}$  be the solution to

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}.$$

- it is a well-determined linear system
- consider a perturbed version of the above system:  $\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A} + \Delta\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{y} + \Delta\mathbf{y}$ , where  $\Delta\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Delta\mathbf{y}$  are errors. Let  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  be a solution to the perturbed system

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\mathbf{A}}\hat{\mathbf{x}}.$$

- Problem: analyze how the solution error  $\|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2$  scales with  $\Delta\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Delta\mathbf{y}$
- remark:  $\Delta\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Delta\mathbf{y}$  may be floating point errors, measurement errors, etc

## Linear Systems: Sensitivity Analysis

- the **condition number** of a given nonsingular matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined as

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|$$

- $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) \geq 1$
  - $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be **well-conditioned** if  $\kappa(\mathbf{A})$  is small
  - $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be **ill-conditioned** if  $\kappa(\mathbf{A})$  is very large; that refers to cases where  $\mathbf{A}$  is close to singular (high linear dependence between columns or rows of  $\mathbf{A}$ )
  - it is customary to denote  $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \infty$  if  $\mathbf{A}$  is a singular matrix
- the 2-norm **condition number** of a given nonsingular matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is given by

$$\kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2 = \frac{\sigma_{\max}(\mathbf{A})}{\sigma_{\min}(\mathbf{A})}$$

- $\kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) = 1$  if  $\mathbf{A}$  is a multiple of an orthogonal matrix (**perfectly conditioned**)
- if not specially specified, the condition number is commonly referred to as  $\kappa_2(\mathbf{A})$

## Linear Systems: Sensitivity Analysis

**Theorem 7.2.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is known exactly and there is an uncertainty  $\Delta \mathbf{y}$ , then

$$\kappa_2^{-1}(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\|\Delta \mathbf{y}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{y}\|_2} \leq \frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} \leq \kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\|\Delta \mathbf{y}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{y}\|_2}.$$

(requires a proof)

- if  $\mathbf{A}$  is well-conditioned, a small uncertainty in  $\mathbf{y}$  cannot produce a very large solution error
- if  $\mathbf{A}$  is ill-conditioned, a small uncertainty in  $\mathbf{y}$  can produce a very large solution error; or a large uncertainty in  $\mathbf{y}$  can produce a very small solution error, which depends on the “direction” of  $\Delta \mathbf{y}$

**Theorem 7.3.** If  $\mathbf{y}$  is known exactly and there is an uncertainty  $\Delta \mathbf{A}$ , then

$$\frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}\|_2} \leq \kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\|\Delta \mathbf{A}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} \leq \frac{1}{1 - \kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\|\Delta \mathbf{A}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2}} \kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\|\Delta \mathbf{A}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2}.$$

(proof by yourself)



## Linear Systems: Sensitivity Analysis

**Theorem 7.4.** If there are uncertainties  $\Delta\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Delta\mathbf{y}$ , then

$$\frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}\|_2} \leq \kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) \left( \frac{\|\Delta\mathbf{A}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2} + \frac{\|\Delta\mathbf{y}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \|\hat{\mathbf{x}}\|_2} \right)$$

and

$$\text{or } \frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} \leq \frac{1}{1 - \kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\|\Delta\mathbf{A}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2}} \kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) \left( \frac{\|\Delta\mathbf{A}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2} + \frac{\|\Delta\mathbf{y}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{y}\|_2} \right).$$

(proof by yourself)

## Linear Systems: Sensitivity Analysis

**Theorem 7.5.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be a constant such that

$$\frac{\|\Delta \mathbf{A}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2} \leq \varepsilon, \quad \frac{\|\Delta \mathbf{y}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{y}\|_2} \leq \varepsilon.$$

If  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small such that  $\varepsilon \kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) < 1$ , then

$$\frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} \leq \frac{2\varepsilon \kappa_2(\mathbf{A})}{1 - \varepsilon \kappa_2(\mathbf{A})}.$$

(requires a proof)

- **Implications:**

- for small errors and in the worst-case sense, the relative error  $\|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2 / \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$  tends to increase with the condition number
- in particular, for  $\varepsilon \kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , the error bound can be simplified to

$$\frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} \leq 4\varepsilon \kappa_2(\mathbf{A})$$

where the error bound scales linearly with the condition number

# Linear Systems: Sensitivity Analysis

- Scenario:

- let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be nonsingular, and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . A vector  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{LS}}$  is an optimal solution to the LS problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

if and only if it satisfies the normal equation

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_{\text{LS}} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}.$$

- consider a perturbed version of the above system:  $\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A} + \Delta\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{y} + \Delta\mathbf{y}$ , where  $\Delta\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Delta\mathbf{y}$  are errors. Let  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  be a solution to the perturbed system

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \hat{\mathbf{A}} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\text{LS}} = \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \hat{\mathbf{y}}.$$

- Problem: analyze how the solution error  $\|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2$  scales with  $\Delta\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Delta\mathbf{y}$

# Linear Systems: Sensitivity Analysis

- note that the condition number

$$\kappa_2(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) = (\kappa_2(\mathbf{A}))^2$$

- **implication:** we should avoid directly solving the normal equation
- when the QR decomposition  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}$  is applied for LS solving, we have

$$\kappa_2(\mathbf{Q}) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) = \kappa_2(\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A}) = \kappa_2(\mathbf{R})$$

in which case the influence of  $\Delta \mathbf{A}$  and  $\Delta \mathbf{y}$  to the solution error in LS is proportional to  $\kappa_2(\mathbf{A})$  in the same way as in the linear system

- **implication:** LS via QR is more numerically stable
- **Question:** how to tackle the ill-conditioned  $\mathbf{A}$ ? one solution is the total least squares method (in [Topic 8: Least Squares Revisited](#)) which relies on the SVD

## Linear Systems: Solution via SVD

- **Problem:** given *general*  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , determine
  - whether  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  has a solution
  - what is the solution
- by SVD it can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} &\iff \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}_1 \tilde{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}_1^T \mathbf{x} \\ &\iff \mathbf{U}_1^T \mathbf{y} = \tilde{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}_1^T \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{U}_2^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0} \\ &\iff \mathbf{V}_1^T \mathbf{x} = \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{U}_1^T \mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{U}_2^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0} \\ &\iff \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}_1 \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{U}_1^T \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}, \text{ for any } \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}_2) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}), \\ &\quad \mathbf{U}_2^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$

- the linear system  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  is said to be **consistent** if  $\mathbf{U}_2^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$

## Linear Systems: Solution via SVD

- let us consider specific cases of the linear system solution characterization

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \iff \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}_1 \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{U}_1^T \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}, \text{ for any } \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}_2) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}), \\ \mathbf{U}_2^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0} \end{array}$$

- Case (a): full-column rank  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e.,  $r = n \leq m$ 
  - there is no  $\mathbf{V}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{U}_2^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is equivalent to  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{U}_1) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$
  - **Result:** the linear system has a solution if and only if  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$ , and the solution, if exists, is uniquely given by  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V} \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{U}_1^T \mathbf{y}$
- Case (b): full-row rank  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e.,  $r = m \leq n$ 
  - there is no  $\mathbf{U}_2$
  - **Result:** the linear system always has a solution, and the solution is given by  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}_1 \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}$  for any  $\boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$

## Least Squares: Solution via SVD

- consider the LS problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

for *general*  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

- we have, for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 &= \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{y} - \Sigma\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \\ &= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_1^T \\ \mathbf{U}_2^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} - \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}_1^T \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \right\|_2^2 \\ &= \|\mathbf{U}_1^T\mathbf{y} - \tilde{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}_1^T\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{U}_2^T\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 \\ &\geq \|\mathbf{U}_2^T\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

- the equality above is attained if  $\mathbf{x}$  satisfies  $\mathbf{U}_1^T\mathbf{y} = \tilde{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}_1^T\mathbf{x}$ , and that leads to an LS solution

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{U}_1^T\mathbf{y} = \tilde{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}_1^T\mathbf{x} &\iff \mathbf{V}_1^T\mathbf{x} = \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{U}_1^T\mathbf{y} \\ &\iff \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}_1\tilde{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{U}_1^T\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}, \text{ for any } \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}_2) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) \end{aligned}$$

## Pseudo-Inverse

The **pseudo-inverse** (or **Moore-Penrose inverse**) of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined as

$$\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{V}_1 \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{U}_1^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}.$$

From the above definition, we can show that

- let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger$  always exists and unique
- $\mathbf{x}_{LS} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}$  for any  $\boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}_2)$ ; the same applies to linear sys.  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$
- it can be easily shown that

$$\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{V} \Sigma^\dagger \mathbf{U}^T \quad \text{with} \quad \Sigma^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

- we also have  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{V}_1 \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{U}_1^T = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T$



## Pseudo-Inverse

- $\mathbf{A}^\dagger$  satisfies the Moore-Penrose conditions: (i)  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$ ; (ii)  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{A}^\dagger$ ; (iii)  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger$  is symmetric; (iv)  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric
- **note:** in general,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger \neq \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger\mathbf{A} \neq \mathbf{I}$

some properties of the Pseudo-Inverse:

- $(\mathbf{A}^\dagger)^\dagger = \mathbf{A}$
- $(\mathbf{A}^T)^\dagger = (\mathbf{A}^\dagger)^T$ ,  $(\mathbf{A}^H)^\dagger = (\mathbf{A}^\dagger)^H$ ,  $(\mathbf{A}^*)^\dagger = (\mathbf{A}^\dagger)^*$
- $(a\mathbf{A}^\dagger) = a^{-1}(\mathbf{A})^\dagger$  for  $a \neq 0$
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^\dagger) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^\dagger\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger)$
- $(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^\dagger = (\mathbf{A}^T)^\dagger(\mathbf{A})^\dagger$ ,  $(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^\dagger = (\mathbf{A})^\dagger(\mathbf{A}^T)^\dagger$
- $(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^\dagger\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger$ ,  $(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^\dagger\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger\mathbf{A}$
- for orthogonal  $\mathbf{P}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q})^\dagger = \mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{A}^\dagger\mathbf{P}^T$

## Pseudo-Inverse

some properties of the pseudo-inverse:

- $\mathbf{A}^\dagger = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^\dagger \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T)^\dagger$
- specially, when  $\mathbf{A}$  has full-column rank
  - the pseudo-inverse also equals  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T$
  - $\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$  (hence called **left inverse** in this case)
- specially, when  $\mathbf{A}$  has full-row rank
  - the pseudo-inverse also equals  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}$
  - $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{I}$  (hence called **right inverse** in this case)
- specially, when  $\mathbf{A}$  is square and has full rank
  - the pseudo-inverse also equals  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$
- **note:** for  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , in general (a)  $(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B})^\dagger \neq \mathbf{B}^\dagger \mathbf{A}^\dagger$ ; (b)  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\dagger \neq \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A}$ ; (c)  $(\mathbf{A}^k)^\dagger \neq (\mathbf{A}^\dagger)^k$ ; (d) positive eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger$  are not reciprocals of those of  $\mathbf{A}$

# Computation of the Pseudo-Inverse

- computation via SVD
  - rely on the computation of the SVD
- computation via QR decomposition (possibly with column pivoting)
  - for example, let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with full column rank and the thin QR is given by  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{R}_1$ , then

$$\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{R}_1^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_1^T$$

## Orthogonal Projections

- with SVD, the orthogonal projections of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})^\perp$  are, resp.,

$$\Pi_{\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{LS} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{U}_1^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$\Pi_{\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})^\perp}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{LS} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger) \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}_2 \mathbf{U}_2^T \mathbf{y}$$

- the **orthogonal projector (projection matrix)** and **orthogonal complement projector** of  $\mathbf{A}$  are resp. defined as

$$\mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{U}_1^T, \quad \mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A}^\perp = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger) = \mathbf{U}_2 \mathbf{U}_2^T$$

- properties (easy to show):
  - $\mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A}$  is idempotent, i.e.,  $\mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A}$
  - $\mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric
  - the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A}$  are either 0 or 1
  - $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$
  - the same properties above apply to  $\mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A}^\perp$ , and  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{P}_\mathbf{A}^\perp$

# Orthogonal Projections

- similarly, the orthogonal projector (projection matrix) and orthogonal complement projector of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  are resp. defined as

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{A}^T} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{V}_1^T = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{A}^\dagger}, \quad \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{A}^T}^\perp = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{V}_2 \mathbf{V}_2^T = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{A}^\dagger}^\perp$$

- $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{A}^T}$  and  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{A}^T}^\perp$  are the orthogonal projections onto  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T)$  (or  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^\dagger)$ ) and  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T)^\perp$  (or  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^\dagger)^\perp$ ) resp.

we also have the following properties:

- $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$
- $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^\dagger)$
- $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\dagger)$
- $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$

# Minimum 2-Norm Solution to Underdetermined Linear Systems

- consider solving the linear system  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  when  $\mathbf{A}$  is fat
- this is an **underdetermined** problem: we have more unknowns  $n$  than the number of equations  $m$
- assume that  $\mathbf{A}$  has full row rank. By now we know that any

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}, \quad \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}_2)$$

is a solution to  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ , but we may want to grab **one** solution only

- **Idea:** discard  $\boldsymbol{\eta}$  and take  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{y}$  as our solution
- **Question:** does discarding  $\boldsymbol{\eta}$  make sense?
- **Answer:** it makes sense under the **minimum 2-norm** problem formulation

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$

It can be shown that the solution is **uniquely** given by  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{y}$  (try the proof)

# Minimum 2-Norm Solution to Linear System and Least Squares

generally, for any  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$

- when  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  is consistent,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{y}$  is the unique (linear system/least squares) solution of minimum 2-norm
- when  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  is inconsistent,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{y}$  is the unique least squares solution of minimum 2-norm
- specifically, when  $\mathbf{A}$  is full-column rank,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{y}$  is the unique solution

## Generalized Condition Number

- the **condition number** of a general matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined as

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{A}^\dagger\|$$

- Scenario:**

- let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a general matrix, and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\mathbf{x}$  be the minimum 2-norm solution to

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}.$$

- consider a perturbed version of the above system:  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{y} + \Delta\mathbf{y}$ , where  $\Delta\mathbf{y}$  is the error. Let  $\Delta\mathbf{x} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}$  be the minimum 2-norm solution to

$$\Delta\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\Delta\mathbf{x}.$$

**Theorem 7.6.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is known exactly and there is an uncertainty  $\Delta\mathbf{y}$ , then

$$\kappa_2^{-1}(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\|\Delta\mathbf{y}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{y}\|_2} \leq \frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} \leq \kappa_2(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\|\Delta\mathbf{y}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{y}\|_2}.$$

- similar results hold for other scenarios...



# Low-Rank Matrix Approximation

**Aim:** given a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and an integer  $k$  with  $0 \leq k \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ , find a matrix  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  such that  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) \leq k$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  best approximates  $\mathbf{A}$

- it is somehow unclear about what a “best approximation” means, and we will specify one later
- closely related to the matrix factorization problem considered in [Topic 3: Least Squares](#)
- applications: PCA, dimensionality reduction,...—the same kind of applications in matrix factorization
- [truncated SVD](#): denote

$$\mathbf{A}_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$$

where the  $k$ th “partial sum” captures as much of the energy of  $\mathbf{A}$  as possible, and the meaning of “energy” will be specified later

- then perform the aforementioned approximation by choosing  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}_k$

## Toy Application Example: Image Compression

- let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a matrix whose  $(i, j)$ th entry  $a_{ij}$  stores the  $(i, j)$ th pixel of an image
- memory size for storing  $\mathbf{A}$ :  $mn$
- truncated SVD: store  $\{\mathbf{u}_i, \sigma_i \mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^k$  instead of the full  $\mathbf{A}$ , and recover the image by  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}_k$
- memory size for truncated SVD:  $(m + n)k$ 
  - much less than  $mn$  if  $k \ll \min\{m, n\}$

# Toy Application Example: Image Compression

original image, size = 101 x 1202

**SI 231 Matrix Computations**

truncated SVD,  $r = 3$

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truncated SVD,  $r = 5$

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truncated SVD,  $r = 10$

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truncated SVD,  $r = 20$

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## Low-Rank Matrix Approximation

- truncated SVD provides the best approximation in the LS sense:

**Theorem 7.7** (Eckart-Young-Mirsky). Consider the following problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) \leq k} \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_F^2$$

where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $k \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  are given. The truncated SVD  $\mathbf{A}_k$  is an optimal solution to the above problem and the minimum is  $\sum_{i=k+1}^p \sigma_i^2$  (a proof is given later)

- also note the matrix 2-norm version of the Eckart-Young-Mirsky theorem:

**Theorem 7.8.** Consider the following problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) \leq k} \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_2^2$$

where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $k \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  are given. The truncated SVD  $\mathbf{A}_k$  is an optimal solution to the above problem and the minimum is  $\sigma_{k+1}^2$  (cf. Theorem 2.4.8 in [\[Golub-Van Loan'13\]](#))

- the energy mentioned before is defined by either the Frobenius norm or the 2-norm

# Low-Rank Matrix Approximation

- recall the matrix factorization problem in [Topic 3](#):

$$\min_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{AB}\|_F^2$$

where  $k \leq \min\{m, n\}$ ;  $\mathbf{A}$  denotes a basis matrix;  $\mathbf{B}$  is the coefficient matrix

- the matrix factorization problem may be reformulated as (verify)

$$\min_{\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \text{rank}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq k} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Z}\|_F^2,$$

and the truncated SVD  $\mathbf{Y}_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$ , where  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$  denotes the SVD of  $\mathbf{Y}$ , is an optimal solution by [Theorem 7.7](#)

- thus, an optimal solution to the matrix factorization problem is

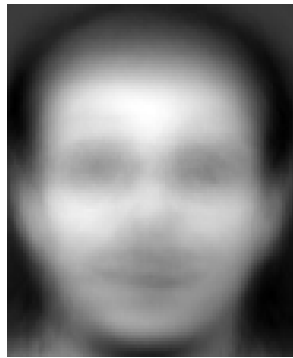
$$\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k], \quad \mathbf{B} = [\sigma_1 \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \sigma_k \mathbf{v}_k]^T$$

## Toy Demo: Dimensionality Reduction of a Face Image Dataset



A face image dataset. Image size =  $112 \times 92$ , number of face images = 400. Each  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is the vectorization of one face image, leading to  $m = 112 \times 92 = 10304$ ,  $n = 400$ .

# Toy Demo: Dimensionality Reduction of a Face Image Dataset



Mean face



1st principal left  
singular vector



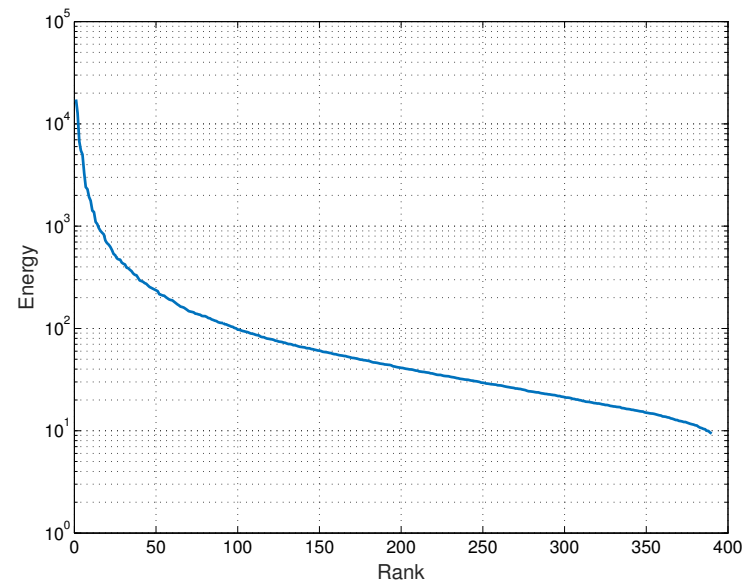
2nd principal left  
singular vector



3rd principal left  
singular vector



400th left singu-  
lar vector



Energy Concentration

# Variational Characterizations and Singular Value Inequalities

Similar to variational characterization of eigenvalues of Hermitian & real symmetric matrices in [Topic 5](#), we can derive various variational characterization results for singular values, e.g.,

- Courant-Fischer characterization:

$$\sigma_k(\mathbf{A}) = \min_{\dim \mathcal{S}_{n-k+1} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n} \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}_{n-k+1}, \|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2$$

- Weyl's inequality: for any  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,

$$\sigma_{k+l-1}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \leq \sigma_k(\mathbf{A}) + \sigma_l(\mathbf{B}), \quad k, l \in \{1, \dots, p\}, \quad k + l - 1 \leq p.$$

Also, note the corollaries

- $\sigma_k(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \leq \sigma_k(\mathbf{A}) + \sigma_1(\mathbf{B})$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, p$
- $|\sigma_k(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) - \sigma_k(\mathbf{A})| \leq \sigma_1(\mathbf{B})$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, p$
- $\sigma_1(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \leq \sigma_1(\mathbf{A}) + \sigma_1(\mathbf{B})$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, p$



## Singular Value Inequalities

- (interlacing) let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times l}$  be a submatrix of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\sigma_{i+m-k+n-l}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \sigma_i(\mathbf{B}) \leq \sigma_i(\mathbf{A})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p - (m - k + n - l)$ 
  - let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  be  $\mathbf{A}$  with one of its rows or columns deleted, then  $\sigma_{i+1}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \sigma_i(\mathbf{B}) \leq \sigma_i(\mathbf{A})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p - 1$
  - let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  be  $\mathbf{A}$  with a row and a column deleted, then  $\sigma_{i+2}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \sigma_i(\mathbf{B}) \leq \sigma_i(\mathbf{A})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p - 2$
- let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $1 \leq k \leq p$ , then
 
$$\sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i(\mathbf{A}) = \max_{\substack{\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} \\ \|\mathbf{u}_i\|_2=1 \ \forall i, \ \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_j=0 \ \forall i \neq j \\ \|\mathbf{v}_i\|_2=1 \ \forall i, \ \mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j=0 \ \forall i \neq j}} \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i = \max_{\substack{\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} \\ \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V})$$
- for  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are  $\lambda_i(\mathbf{A})$ 's with  $|\lambda_1(\mathbf{A})| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n(\mathbf{A})|$  and singular values of  $\mathbf{A}$  are  $\sigma_i(\mathbf{A})$ 's with  $\sigma_1(\mathbf{A}) \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n(\mathbf{A}) \geq 0$ , then  $\prod_{i=1}^k |\lambda_i(\mathbf{A})| \leq \prod_{i=1}^k \sigma_i(\mathbf{A})$  for  $k = 1, \dots, n$  and the equality holds when  $k = n$
- and many more...

# Proof of the Eckart-Young-Mirsky Thm. by Weyl's Inequality

An application of singular value inequalities is that of proving Theorem 7.7:

- for any  $\mathbf{B}$  with  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) \leq k$ , we have
  - $\sigma_l(\mathbf{B}) = 0$  for  $l > k$
  - (Weyl)  $\sigma_{i+k}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \sigma_i(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) + \sigma_{k+1}(\mathbf{B}) = \sigma_i(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p - k$
  - and consequently

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^p \sigma_i(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^2 \geq \sum_{i=1}^{p-k} \sigma_i(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^2 \geq \sum_{i=k+1}^p \sigma_i(\mathbf{A})^2$$

- the equality above is attained if we choose  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}_k$

## Computation of the SVD

- assume  $m \geq n$  and  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \dots \sigma_n > 0$

The power iteration can be used to compute the **thin SVD**, and the idea is as follows.

- form  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
- apply the power iteration to  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  to obtain  $\mathbf{v}_1$
- obtain  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1 / \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1\|_2$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1\|_2$  (why is this true?)
- do deflation  $\mathbf{A} := \mathbf{A} - \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T$ , and repeat the above steps until all singular components are found

## Computation of the SVD

The QR iteration can be used to compute the **thin SVD**, and the idea is as follows.

- form  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
- apply the (symmetric) QR iteration to obtain the eigendec.  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}_1 \tilde{\Sigma}^2 \mathbf{V}_1^T$
- solve  $\mathbf{U}\Sigma = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V}_1)\mathbf{\Pi}$  via QR factorization with column pivoting where  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is a diagonal matrix with diagonal entries being the nonnegative square root of diagonal entries of  $\tilde{\Sigma}^2$

**Remark:** this approach is **numerically unstable** which depends on the  $(\kappa(\mathbf{A}))^2$  (just as the issue in using the methods of normal equations for certain LS problems)

## Computation of the SVD

- Associated with any  $\mathbf{A}$  is the real symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ , whose eigenvalues tell us what the singular values of  $\mathbf{A}$  are, but the relationship between the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  and the singular values of  $\mathbf{A}$  is nonlinear.
- another real symmetric matrix assoc. with  $\mathbf{A}$  has better properties in this regard
- let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and define the real symmetric matrix

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{S}^{m+n}$$

- matrix  $\mathbf{J}$  is called the Jordan-Wielandt matrix
- eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{J}$  are  $\pm\sigma_1(\mathbf{A}), \dots, \pm\sigma_p(\mathbf{A})$  together with  $|m - n|$  zeros
- eigenvector of  $\mathbf{J}$  associated with  $\pm\sigma_i(\mathbf{A})$  ( $i = 1, \dots, p$ ) is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\mathbf{v}_i^T \pm \mathbf{u}_i^T]^T$

## Computation of the SVD

- if  $m \geq n$ ,  $\mathbf{J}$  obtains an eigendecomposition given by

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{Q} \text{Diag}(\sigma_1(\mathbf{A}), \dots, \sigma_p(\mathbf{A}), -\sigma_1(\mathbf{A}), \dots, -\sigma_p(\mathbf{A}), \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{m-n \text{ zeros}}) \mathbf{Q}^T$$

where  $\mathbf{Q}$  is

$$\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V} & \mathbf{V} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{U}_1 & -\mathbf{U}_1 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{U}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Fact:** by applying symmetric QR iteration to  $\mathbf{J}$  to find  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ , we are *implicitly* computing the QR iteration of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
- standard method to compute SVD from results for eigenvalues of real symmetric matrices

## Computation of the SVD

**Algorithm:** SVD via Symmetric QR Iteration

**input:**  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  ( $m \geq n$ )

form  $\mathbf{J}$

$[\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{\Lambda}] = \text{SymQRIteration}(\mathbf{J})$       % symmetric QR iteration

obtain  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  from  $\mathbf{Q}$

obtain  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  from  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$

**output:**  $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{V}$

- in [Topic 5](#), to reduce the computation cost in Hermitian eigenvalue problems
  1. apply orthogonal transformations to obtain a tridiagonal form (an upper Hessenberg form for general  $\mathbf{A}$ )  
(Recall: any  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{H}^n$  can be unitarily transformed to a tridiagonal form as  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{V}_T^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_T$ , but a diagonal form is not attainable)
  2. diagonalize the tridiagonal form by, say, the symmetric QR iteration
- since  $\mathbf{J}$  is symmetric, apply tridiagonal reduction beforehand can be desirable

## Computation of the SVD

- **Fact:** any  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  can be unitarily transformed to an upper bidiagonal form as  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{U}_B^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_B$  where  $\mathbf{B}$  is upper bidiagonal, but a diagonal form is not attainable
- it is easy to show if  $\mathbf{B}$  is bidiagonal then  $\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}$  is symmetric tridiagonal
  - the bidiagonal reduction of  $\mathbf{A}$  is related to the tridiagonal reduction of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
- for  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  ( $m \geq n$ ), the standard method for SVD computation is
  1. apply orthogonal transformations to obtain a upper bidiagonal form
  2. diagonalize the bidiagonal form

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Stage 1}} \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & & \\ & \times & \times & \\ & & \times & \times \\ & & & \times \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Stage 2}} \begin{bmatrix} \times & & & \\ & \times & & \\ & & \times & \\ & & & \times \end{bmatrix}$$



## Computation of the SVD

- **Bidiagonal reduction:** applying Householder reflectors alternately on the left and right
  - left reflector introduces zeros below the diagonal
  - right reflector introduces a row of zeros to the right of the first superdiagonal

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{U}_1^T} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_1 = \mathbf{U}_1^T \mathbf{A}} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{V}_1} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{U}_1^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_1} \rightarrow \dots$$

- $\mathbf{U}_1^T$  is the Householder reflector that reflects  $\mathbf{A}(1:m, 1)$
- $\mathbf{V}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \tilde{\mathbf{V}}_1 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $\tilde{\mathbf{V}}_1$  the Householder reflector that reflects  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_1(1, 2:n)$

## Computation of the SVD

- finally, we obtain

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{U}_n^T \mathbf{U}_{n-1}^T \cdots \mathbf{U}_1^T}_{\mathbf{U}_B^T} \mathbf{A} \underbrace{\mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{V}_2 \cdots \mathbf{V}_{n-2}}_{\mathbf{V}_B} = \mathbf{B}$$

where  $\mathbf{B}$  is a bidiagonal matrix that has the form

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 & & \\ & \alpha_2 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \beta_{n-1} \\ & & & \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

and it can be verified that  $\alpha_i \geq 0$  and  $\beta_i \geq 0$

- complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(4mn^2)$
- also called Golub-Kahan bidiagonalization

## Computation of the SVD

- **SVD of bidiagonal form  $\mathbf{B}$ :** the task is to solve a real symmetric eigenvalue problem for  $\mathbf{B}^T\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^T$ , or  $\mathbf{J}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{B}^T \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$ 
  - permutations are applied so that  $\mathbf{\Pi} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{B}^T \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Pi}^T$  is symmetric tridiagonal, and then methods for symmetric tridiagonal eigenvalue problems such as divide-and-conquer (cf. Chapter 8.3-8.5 of [\[Golub-Van Loan'13\]](#)) can be used
  - implicit QR iteration for  $\mathbf{B}^T\mathbf{B}$  or  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^T$  by directly working on  $\mathbf{B}$  (cf. Chapter 8.6.3 of [\[Golub-Van Loan'13\]](#))
- after we get the SVD  $\mathbf{B} = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}\mathbf{\Sigma}\tilde{\mathbf{V}}^T$ , the SVD for  $\mathbf{A}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \underbrace{\mathbf{U}_B \tilde{\mathbf{U}}}_{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{\Sigma} \underbrace{\tilde{\mathbf{V}}^T \mathbf{V}_B^T}_{\mathbf{V}^T}$$

## Computation of the SVD

**Algorithm:** SVD via Symmetric Tridiagonal QR Iteration

**input:**  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{U}_B^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_B$       % bidiagonal reduction for  $\mathbf{A}$

form  $\mathbf{J}_B$

$[\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{\Lambda}] = \text{SymTriQRIteration}(\mathbf{\Pi} \mathbf{J}_B \mathbf{\Pi}^T)$       % symmetric tridiagonal QR iteration

obtain  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{V}}$  from  $\mathbf{Q}$

obtain  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  from  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$

$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}_B \tilde{\mathbf{U}}$

$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_B \tilde{\mathbf{V}}$

**output:**  $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{V}$

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