

# Singular Value Decomposition

SVD is based on a theorem from linear algebra which says that a rectangular matrix  $M$  can be split down into the product of three new matrices:

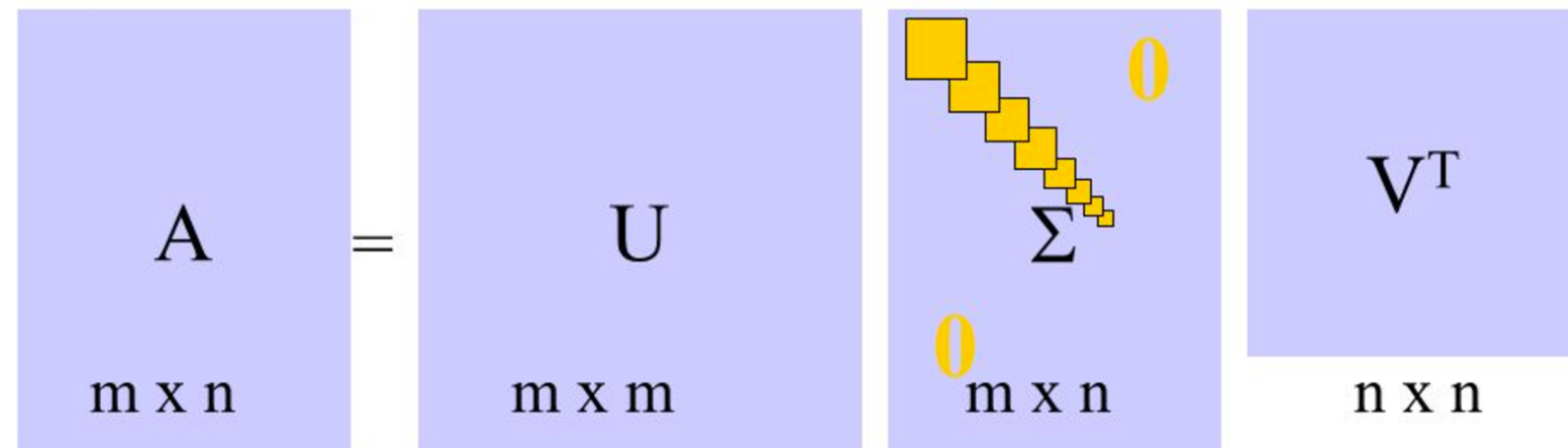
- An orthogonal matrix  $U$ ;
- A diagonal matrix  $S$ ;
- The transpose of an orthogonal matrix  $V$ .

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# Singular Value Decomposition

Usually written as follows:

$$A_{mn} = U_{mm} S_{mn} V_{nn}^T$$



where

- $U^T U = I$ ;  $V^T V = I$ ;
- the columns of  $U$  are orthonormal eigenvectors of  $AA^T$ ,
- the columns of  $V$  are orthonormal eigenvectors of  $A^T A$ , and
- $S$  is a diagonal matrix containing the square roots of eigenvalues from  $U$  or  $V$  in decreasing order, called singular values. The singular values are always real numbers.
- If the matrix  $A$  is a real matrix, then  $U$  and  $V$  are also real.

# Calculating the SVD

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Calculating the SVD consists of finding the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $AA^T$  and  $A^T A$ .

- the eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  will produce the columns of  $V$
- the eigenvectors of  $AA^T$  will produce the columns of  $U$ .

# Calculating the SVD

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1. Compute  $A^T$ ,  $A^T A$  (or  $AA^T$ )
2. Compute eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  and sort them in descending order along its diagonal by resolving:  
$$\| A^T A - \lambda I \| = 0$$
  - Characteristic equation above: its resolution gives eigenvalues of  $A^T A$ .
  - Square root the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  to obtain the **singular** values of  $A$ .
  - Build a diagonal matrix  $S$  by placing singular values in descending order along its diagonal and compute  $S^{-1}$
  - Re-use eigenvalues from step 2 in descending order and compute the eigenvectors of  $A^T A$ . Place these eigenvectors along the columns of  $V$  and compute its transpose  $V^T$ .
3. Compute  $U$  as  $U = AS^{-1}V$
4. Compute the true scores  $T$  as  $T = US$

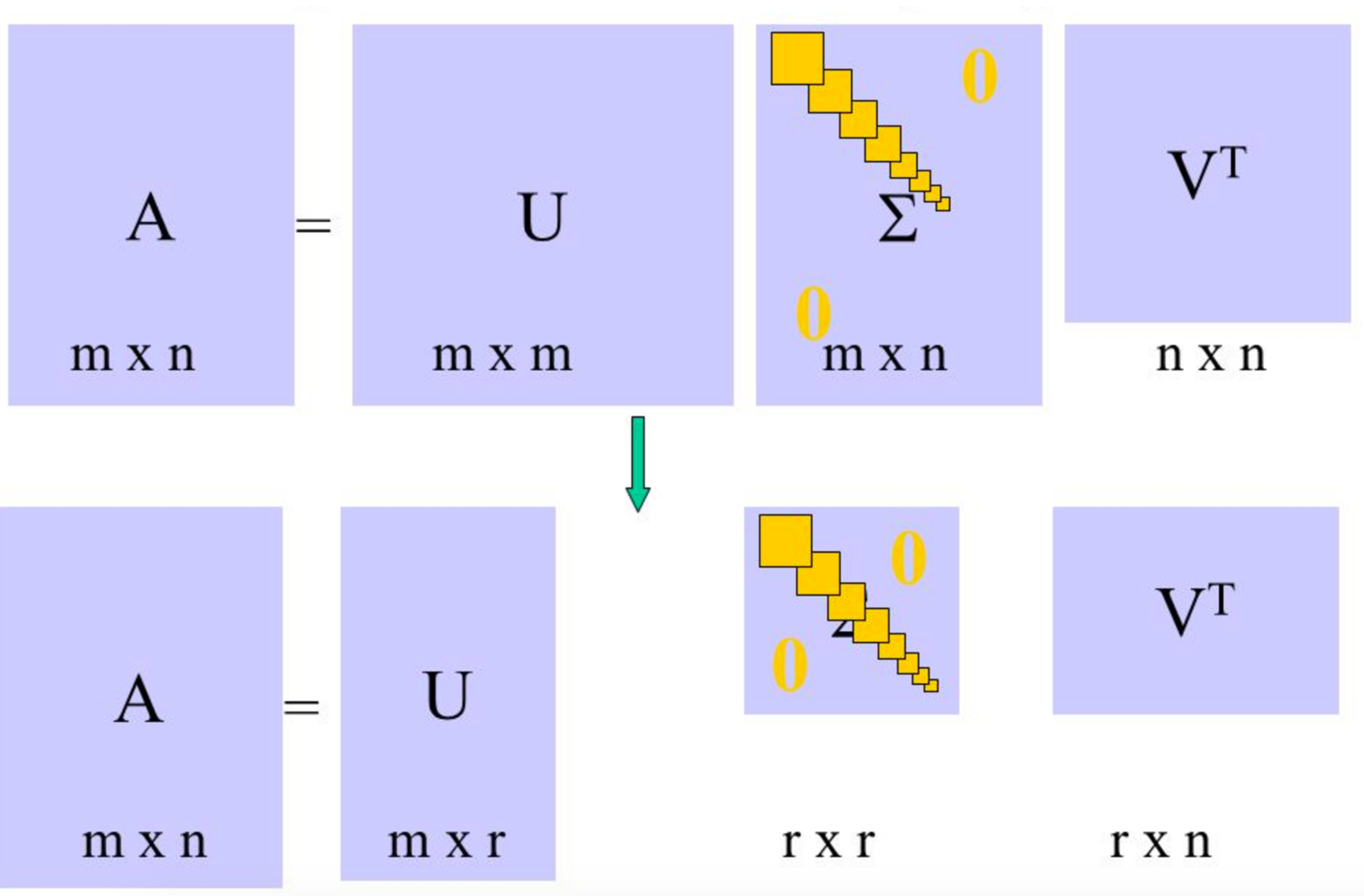
# Truncated SVD

SVD	Truncated SVD
$A_{mn} = U_{mm} S_{mn} V_{nn}^T$	$A_{mn} = U_{mt} S_{tt} V_{tn}^T$

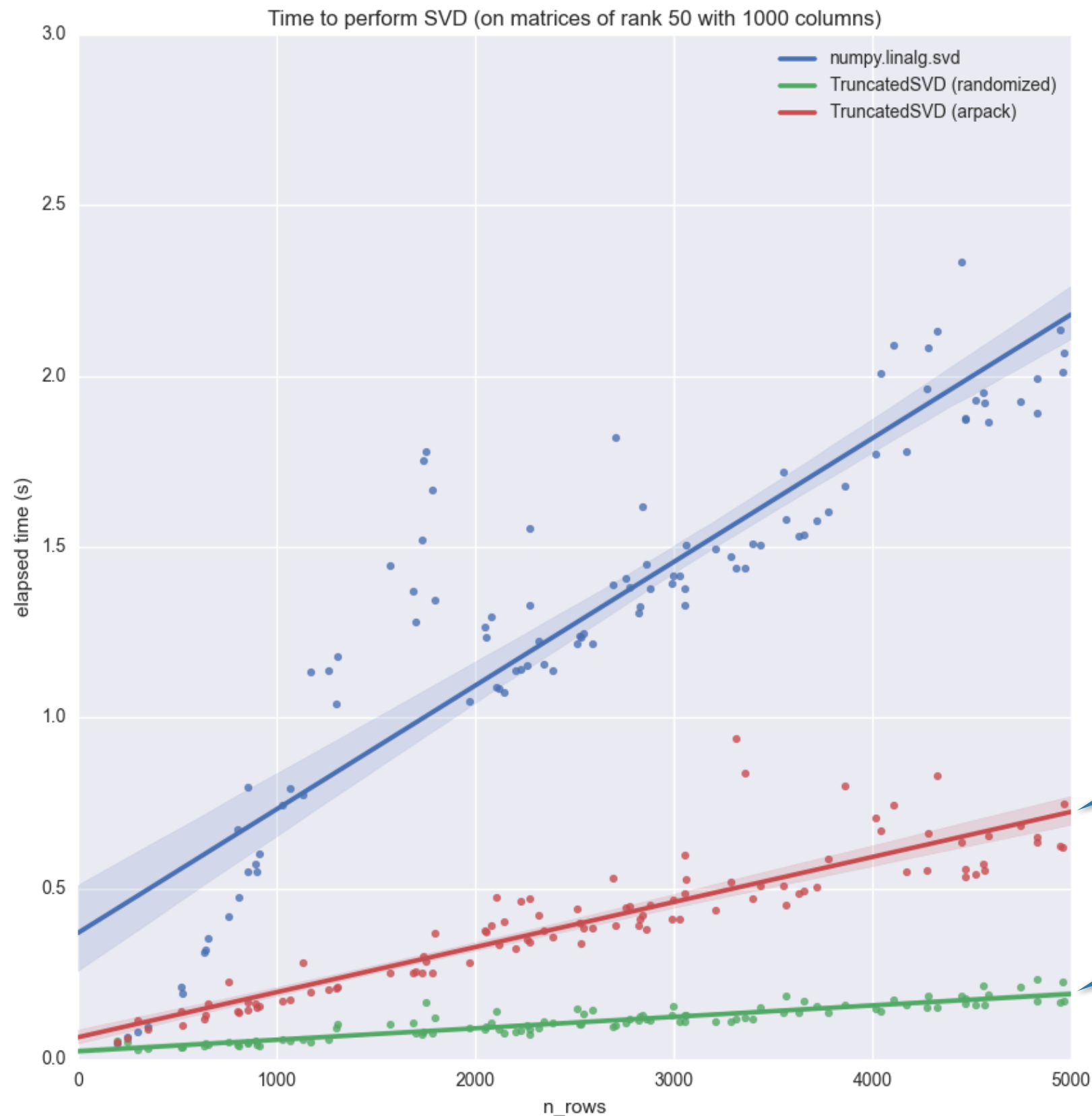
- **Only** the  $t$  column vectors of  $U$  and  $t$  row vectors of  $V^*$  corresponding to the  $t$  largest singular values  $S_t$  are calculated.
- **The rest of the matrix is discarded.**
  - much **quicker** and more economical.
- The matrix  $U_t$  is thus  $m \times t$ ,  $S_t$  is  $t \times t$  diagonal, and  $V_t^*$  is  $t \times n$ .

The truncated SVD is no longer an exact decomposition of the original matrix  $M$ , the approximate matrix  $M$  is the closest approximation to  $M$  that can be achieved by a matrix of rank  $t$ .

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