

Class 12: Singular Value Decomposition

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Next week: Final Presentations!

- Sign up!
- Please be on time.

April 29: Final Project Due

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What are some examples?

- Netflix: Rows are users, columns are movies.
- Elections: Rows are Precincts, columns are Candidates.
- Demographics: Rows are Tracts, columns are income, race, age.

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What tasks can you accomplish?

- Fill in missing values (assuming missing at random)
- Component analysis (“dimensionality reduction”)
- Simplify patterns
- Predict new rows or columns

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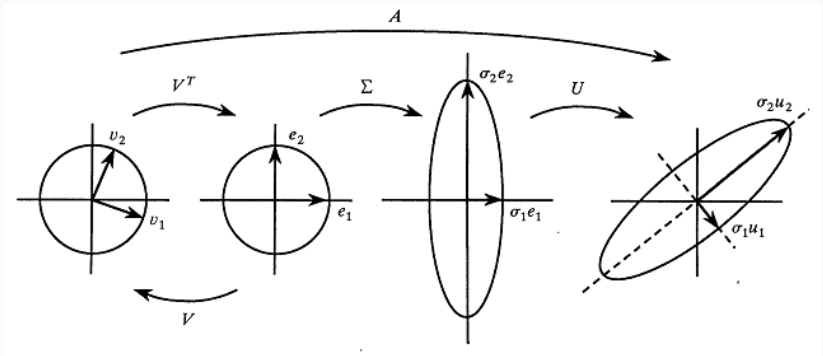
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- A has dimensions $N \times K$.
- U has dimensions $N \times M$.
- D is a diagonal matrix $M \times M$.
- V has dimensions $K \times M$.
- U and V are orthonormal.

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From <https://blogs.sas.com/content/iml/2017/08/28/singular-value-decomposition-svd-sas.html>

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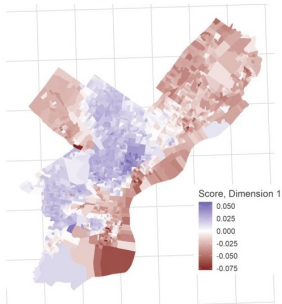
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$$A = \begin{vmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} \\ U_{21} & U_{22} \\ U_{31} & U_{32} \\ U_{41} & U_{42} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} D_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & D_{22} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} V_{11} & V_{21} & V_{31} & V_{41} \\ V_{12} & V_{22} & V_{32} & V_{42} \end{vmatrix}$$

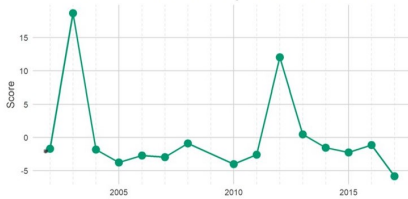
- U is components of the rows.
- V is components of the columns.
- D is in order of captured variance. Trimming D increases smoothing.
- Each row and each column gets a score in each dimension.
- Dimensions are orthogonal.
- Observation A_{ij} is estimated as $U_{i1}V_{j1}D_{11} + U_{i2}V_{j2}D_{22} + \dots$

Turnout Dimensions

Turnout Dimension 1



Dimension 1: Black and Hispanic Mobilization



$$U_{i1} V_{j1} D_{11} + U_{i2} V_{j2} D_{22} + \dots$$

- a. Python
- b. R
- c. Deployment (scraping, automating)
- d. Methodology (Risk Scores, Regressions)
- e. Paper writing (Question, Lit Review, etc.)