

- Approximate Ncut for  $k = 2$ :

$$\min_A Ncut(A, \bar{A})$$

- Given a subset  $A \subset V$ , define  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$$x_i = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\text{vol}(\bar{A}) / \text{vol}(A)} & \text{if } v_i \in A \\ -\sqrt{\text{vol}(A) / \text{vol}(\bar{A})} & \text{if } v_i \in \bar{A} \end{cases}$$

- Then one can prove that

$$x^T Lx = \text{vol}(V) \cdot Ncut(A, \bar{A})$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n d_i x_i = 0 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad (Dx)^T \mathbf{1} = 0$$

$$x^T Dx = \text{vol}(V)$$

- The min problem becomes:

$$\min_A x^T Lx$$

subject to  $x_i$  as defined above,  $Dx \perp \mathbf{1}$ , and  $x^T Dx = \text{vol}(V)$ .

- Relaxed min problem:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} x^T Lx$$

subject to  $Dx \perp \mathbf{1}$ , and  $x^T Dx = \text{vol}(V)$ .

- Define  $y = D^{1/2} x$ . The relaxed problem becomes:

$$\min_{x \in R^n} y^T D^{1/2} L D^{1/2} y \equiv \min_{x \in R^n} y^T \hat{L} y$$

subject to  $y \perp D^{1/2} \mathbf{1}$ , and  $\|y\|^2 = \text{vol}(V)$ .

- **Solution of the relaxed min problem:** the eigenvector corresponding to the second smallest eigenvalue of  $L^\wedge$ .

## K-means clustering

- Clustering for  $k = 2$ . From the solution vector  $x$  (or  $y$ ), we need to find a partition. For example,

$$\begin{cases} v_i \in A & \text{if } x_i \geq 0 \text{ (or } y_i \geq 0) \\ v_i \in \bar{A} & \text{if } x_i < 0 \text{ (or } y_i < 0) \end{cases}$$

- It does not work for  $k > 2$ .
- **K-mean clustering**: Given a set of  $n$  data points  $\{p_j\}$ , find partitions  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  which solve the min problem

$$\min_{\{A_i\}} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{p \in A_i} \|p - \mu_i\|_2^2$$

1. Start with an initial guess for the  $k$  means  $\{\mu_i\}$ .
  2. Assign  $p$  to  $A_i$  if  $p$  is closest to  $\mu_i$ .
  3. Update  $\{\mu_i\}$  using the new partitions  $\{A_i\}$ .
  4. Repeat (1)-(3).
- For the case  $k = 2$ . Consider  $\{x_i\}$  as  $n$  points in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Apply the k-means algorithm to cluster the points into 2 groups.

## Unnormalized spectral clustering

- Construct the weighted adjacency matrix  $W$ .
- Compute the unnormalized  $L$ .
- Compute the first  $k$  eigenvectors  $q_1, \dots, q_k$  of  $L$ .
- Consider  $Q_k = [q_1, \dots, q_k]$ . Let  $p_i \in \mathbb{R}^k$  be the vector of row( $i$ ) of  $Q_k$ .
- For the  $n$  points  $\{p_i\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^k$ , apply the  $k$ -means algorithm to cluster them into  $k$  groups:  $\{A_1, \dots, A_k\}$ .

## Normalized spectral clustering

- Change  $L$  to  $L^\wedge$ .
- Change  $p_i$ :

$$\bar{p}_i = \frac{p_i}{\|p_i\|}$$

## How to define W?

- It is problem dependent.
- For image segmentation, W has a similar nonzero structure as the 2D Laplacian, if we only consider 4 neighbours.
- If we also include the 4 neighbours at the corners, there will be 8 neighbours. Then W has (at most) 8 nonzeros per row.
- In general, more neighbours  $\Rightarrow$  more nonzeros in W.
- In practice, only consider a small number of neighbours. E.g. neighbours that are within graph distance 1 or 2.
- $w_{ij}$  measures the similarity between pixel i and pixel j:
  - distance between pixel i and pixel j.
  - intensity difference between pixel i and pixel j.
- For example

$$w_{ij} = e^{-\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{\sigma_{dist}^2}} e^{-\frac{\|I_i - I_j\|^2}{\sigma_{int}^2}}$$

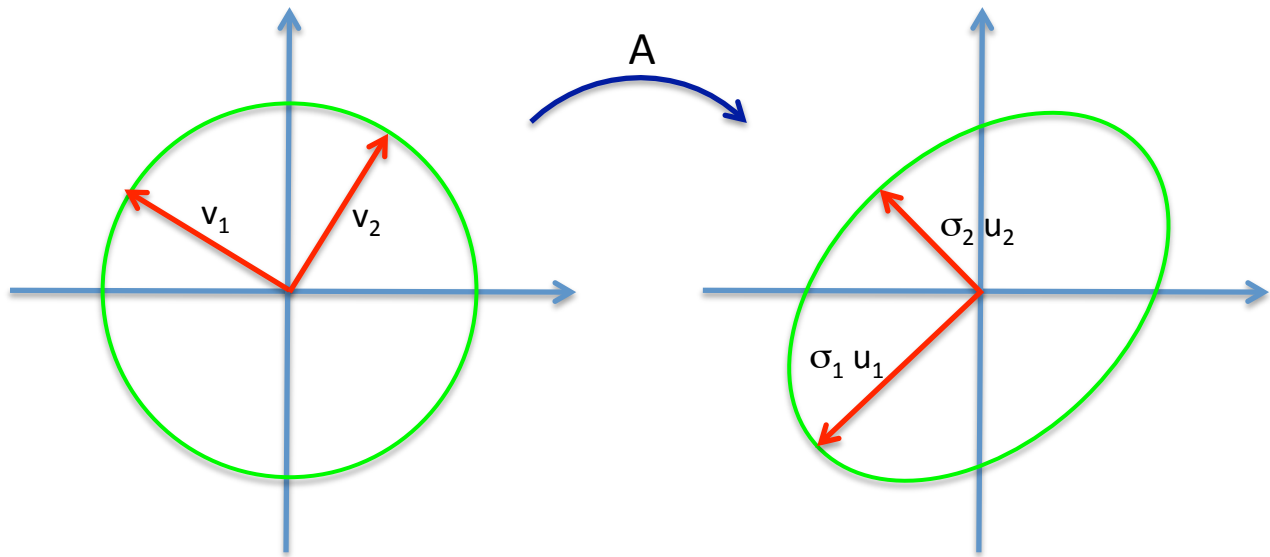
where pixel i is located at  $x_i$  with intensity  $I_i$  and pixel j is located at  $x_j$  with intensity  $I_j$ . Here  $x_i = (r, c)$ , if pixel i is at row r and column c.

## Singular Value Decomposition

### A geometric observation

The image of the unit circle sphere under any  $m \times n$  matrix is a hyperellipse.

e.g.



Let  $S$  be the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The image  $AS$  is an ellipse in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

- The  $n$  singular values of  $A$  are the lengths of the  $n$  principal semi-axes of  $AS$ :  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$ . Convention:  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0$ .
- The  $n$  left singular vectors of  $A$  are the unit vectors  $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  in the direction of the principal semi-axes.
- The  $n$  right singular vectors of  $A$  are the unit vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \in S$  such that  $Av_j = \sigma_j u_j$ .

## Reduced SVD

$$A v_j = \sigma_j u_j \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \cdots & v_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \cdots & u_n \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

$V \qquad \hat{U} \qquad \hat{\Sigma}$

$$\therefore AV = \hat{U}\hat{\Sigma}$$

where  $\hat{\Sigma} = \text{diag}$ ,  $\hat{U}$  and  $V$  have orthonormal columns.

Equivalently,

$$A = \hat{U}\hat{\Sigma}V^T$$

reduced SVD

$$\boxed{A} = \boxed{\hat{U}} \boxed{\hat{\Sigma}} \boxed{V^T}$$

## Full SVD

- Extend  $\hat{U} \rightarrow U = \text{orthogonal}$
- Accordingly,  $\hat{\Sigma} \rightarrow \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\Sigma} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \} n \\ \} m-n \end{matrix}$

Then

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

$\Sigma = \text{diag}$ ,  $U, V = \text{orthogonal}$

$$\boxed{A} = \boxed{U} \boxed{\Sigma} \boxed{V^T}$$

Theorem: Every matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has a singular value decomposition. The singular values are unique. If  $A$  is square and  $\sigma_j$  are distinct, then the left and right singular vectors are unique (modulo sign).

### SVD vs Eigendecomposition

- They both diagonalize a matrix  $A$ . SVD uses 2 bases (left and right singular vectors). Eigendecomposition uses 1 base (eigenvectors).
- SVD uses orthonormal vectors. Eigenvectors are not orthonormal in general.
- Not all matrices have an eigendecomposition. All matrices have a singular value decomposition.

### Matrix properties of SVD

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $p = \min(m, n)$ ,  $r$  = number of nonzero singular values of  $A$ .

Theorem:  $\text{rank}(A) = r$

Pf: The rank of a diag matrix = number of nonzero diag entries. Since

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

$U, V$  orth.  $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(\Sigma)$ .