

Matrix Decomposition and Approximation

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3. Singular Value Decomposition

3.1 Introduction

Theorem 4.22 (SVD Theorem). Let $A^{m \times n}$ be a rectangular matrix of rank $r \in [0, \min(m, n)]$. The SVD of A is a decomposition of the form

$$\begin{matrix} n \\ \boxed{A} \\ m \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} m \\ \boxed{U} \\ m \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} n \\ \boxed{\Sigma} \\ m \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} n \\ \boxed{V^T} \\ n \end{matrix} \quad (4.64)$$

with an orthogonal matrix $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ with column vectors $u_i, i = 1, \dots, m$, and an orthogonal matrix $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with column vectors $v_j, j = 1, \dots, n$. Moreover, Σ is an $m \times n$ matrix with $\Sigma_{ii} = \sigma_i \geq 0$ and $\Sigma_{ij} = 0, i \neq j$.

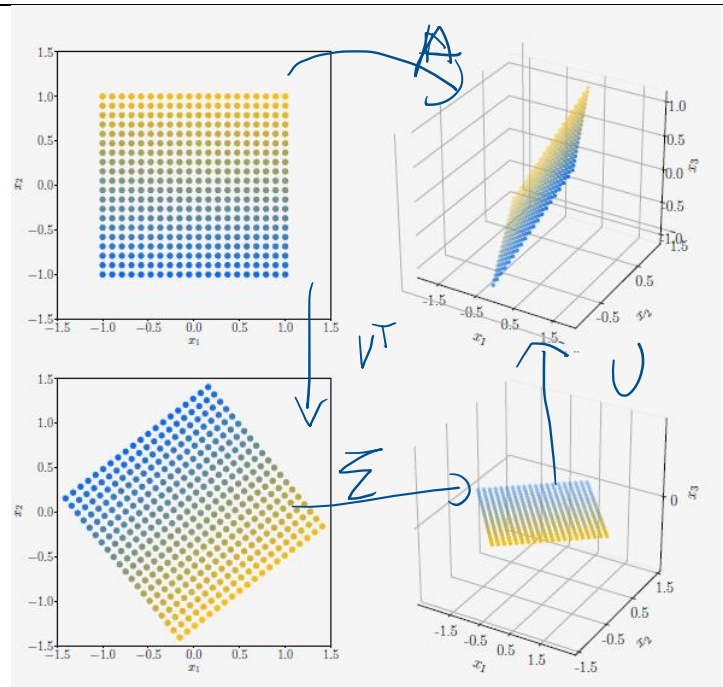
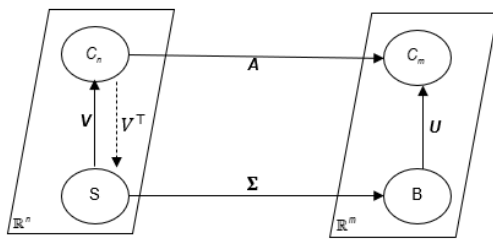
The diagonal entries $\sigma_i, i = 1, \dots, r$, of Σ are called the *singular values*, u_i are called the *left-singular vectors*, and v_j are called the *right-singular vectors*. By convention, the singular values are ordered, i.e., $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r \geq 0$.

Remark

- The matrix Σ is unique
- The matrix Σ have the same size of A , this mean Σ can be rectangular

Several types of Σ .

$m = n$	$m > n$	$m < n$
$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_n \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_m \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ <p><i>Handwritten:</i> $m - m$</p>	$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & \dots & 0 & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_n & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ <p><i>Handwritten:</i> $m - m$</p>
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3.2 Construction of the SVD

3.2.1 $m = n$

1. Construct V

- 1.1 Determine the eigenvalues of $A^T A$.
- 1.2 Order the eigenvalues such that $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ and their respective eigenvectors.
- 1.3 Normalize the eigenvectors.
- 1.4 $V = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]$, v_i *eigenvector*.

2. Construct Σ

- $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m)$;
- $VDV^T = A^T A = (U\Sigma V^T)^T (U\Sigma V^T) = V\Sigma \underbrace{U^T U}_I \Sigma V^T = V\Sigma^2 V^T$;
- $VDV^T = V\Sigma^2 V^T \Leftrightarrow D = \Sigma^2$;

$$2.1 \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\lambda_2} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Construct U

$$3.1 \text{ Determine } \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ if for some } i, \lambda_i = 0, \text{ then replace } \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_i}} \text{ by } 0.$$

3.2 If for every i $\lambda_i \neq 0$ then:

$$3.2.1 U = AV\Sigma^{-1}$$

- $U\Sigma V^T = A \Leftrightarrow U\Sigma = AV \Leftrightarrow U = AV\Sigma^{-1};$
- U is orthogonal $U^T U = (AV\Sigma^{-1})^T (AV\Sigma^{-1}) = \Sigma^{-1} \underbrace{V^T A^T AV}_{\Sigma^2} \Sigma^{-1} = I_n;$
- $A^T A = V D V^T = V \Sigma^2 V^T \Leftrightarrow V^T A^T A V = \Sigma^2;$

3.3 If for some i , $\lambda_i = 0$, then:

$$3.3.1 W_1 = AV\Sigma_I.$$

Suppose n_1 is the number $\lambda_i = 0$, then W_1 has n_1 null columns.

1.3.2 Choose the submatrix W , constitute by the $n - n_1$ non null columns of W_1 .

1.3.3 Find the subspace $Z = (W)^\perp$ (orthogonal complement);

1.3.3.1 Choose $u_1 \dots u_{n_1}, n_1$ vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , such that $\text{rank}([W, u_1 \dots u_{n_1}]) = n$.

The vectors and the columns of W must be linearly independent.

3.3.3.2 Using the Gram-Schmidt process find vectors z_1, \dots, z_{n_1} , such that

$\{w_1 \dots, w_{m-n_1}, z_1, \dots, z_{n_1}\}$ is an orthonormal base.

$$3.3.4 U = [w_1 \dots, w_{m-n_1}, z_1, \dots, z_{n_1}].$$

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.($\underbrace{\lambda_{m+1} = \dots = \lambda_n}_{n-m \text{ eigenvalues are zero}} = 0$).

1.3 Normalize the eigenvectors

$$V = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n] \quad v_i \text{ eigenvector}.$$

2. Construct Σ

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\lambda_2} & \dots & 0 & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sqrt{\lambda_m} & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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3.2 $W_1 = AV\Sigma_I$

W_1 has at least $m - n$ null columns, suppose n_1 is the number of null columns.

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3.4.2 Using the Gram-Schmidt process find vectors z_1, \dots, z_{n_1} , such that $\{w_1 \dots, w_{m-n_1}, z_1, \dots, z_{n_1}\}$ is an orthonormal base.

3.5 $U = [w_1 \dots, w_{m-n_1}, z_1, \dots, z_{n_1}]$

4. Matrix Approximation

Consider $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with the factorization $A = U\Sigma V^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

We construct a rank-1 matrix $A_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ as

$$A_i := u_i v_i^T$$

u_i is the i th column of U , and v_i is the i th column of V .

A matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ of rank r can be written as a sum of rank-1 matrices A_i so that

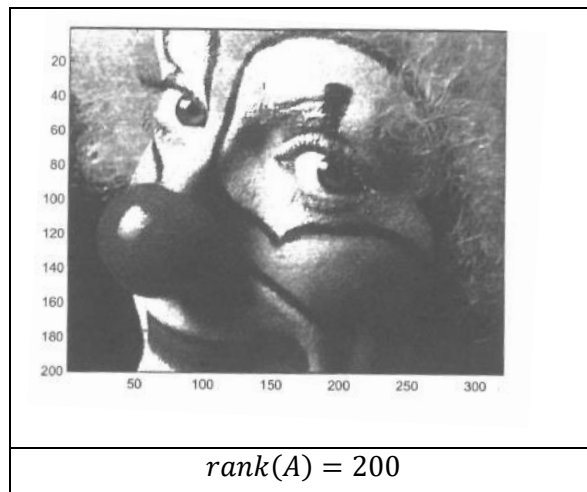
$$A = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i u_i v_i^T = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i A_i, \quad (4.91)$$

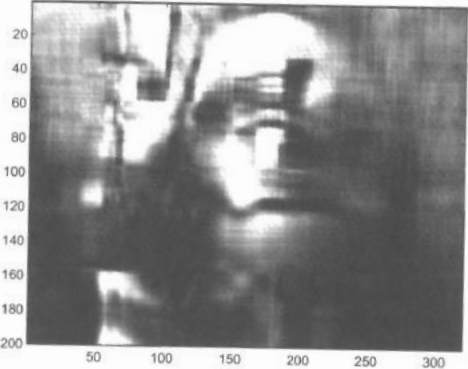
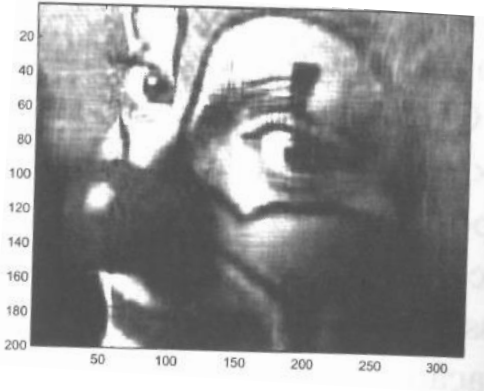
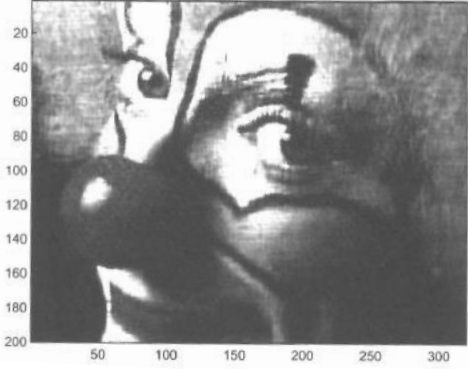
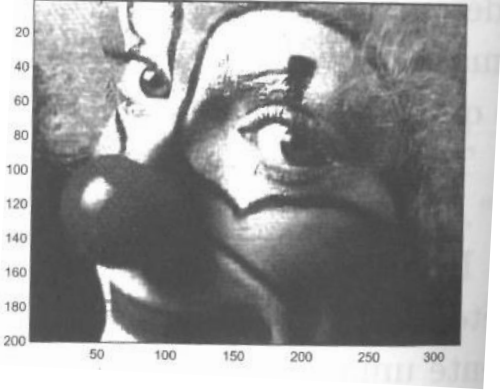
Definition

$$\hat{A}(k) := \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i u_i v_i^T = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i A_i \quad (4.92)$$

The matrix $\hat{A}(k)$ is called *rank - k* approximation of A with $\text{rank}(\hat{A}(k)) = k$.

Example



	
Approximation with rank-10 matrix	Approximation with rank-20 matrix
	
Approximation with rank-30 matrix	Approximation with rank-50 matrix $\sigma_{50} = 0.02\sigma_1$

Definition 4.23 (Spectral Norm of a Matrix). For $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$, the *spectral norm* of a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is defined as

$$\|A\|_2 := \max_x \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2}. \quad (4.93)$$

We introduce the notation of a subscript in the matrix norm (left-hand side), similar to the Euclidean norm for vectors (right-hand side), which has subscript 2. The spectral norm (4.93) determines how long any vector x can at most become when multiplied by A .

Theorem 4.24. *The spectral norm of \mathbf{A} is its largest singular value σ_1 .*

Theorem 4.25 (Eckart-Young Theorem (Eckart and Young, 1936)). *Consider a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ of rank r and let $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ be a matrix of rank k . For any $k \leq r$ with $\hat{\mathbf{A}}(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^\top$ it holds that*

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}(k) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\operatorname{rk}(\mathbf{B})=k} \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_2, \quad (4.94)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \hat{\mathbf{A}}(k)\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}. \quad (4.95)$$