

Figure 3.6 a

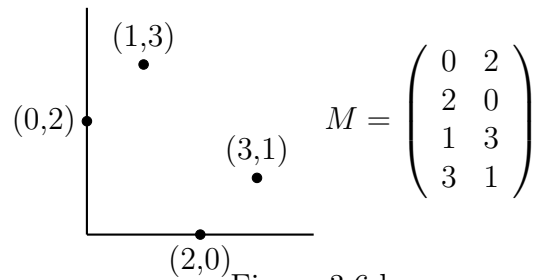


Figure 3.6 b

**Figure 3.6:** SVD problem

1. Run the power method starting from  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $k = 3$  steps. What does this give as an estimate of  $v_1$ ?
2. What actually are the  $v_i$ 's,  $\sigma_i$ 's, and  $u_i$ 's? It may be easiest to do this by computing the eigenvectors of  $B = A^T A$ .
3. Suppose matrix  $A$  is a database of restaurant ratings: each row is a person, each column is a restaurant, and  $a_{ij}$  represents how much person  $i$  likes restaurant  $j$ . What might  $v_1$  represent? What about  $u_1$ ? How about the gap  $\sigma_1 - \sigma_2$ ?

**Exercise 3.7** Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix whose rows are orthonormal. Prove that the columns of  $A$  are orthonormal.

**Exercise 3.8** Suppose  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix with block diagonal structure with  $k$  equal size blocks where all entries of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  block are  $a_i$  with  $a_1 > a_2 > \dots > a_k > 0$ . Show that  $A$  has exactly  $k$  nonzero singular vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  where  $\mathbf{v}_i$  has the value  $(\frac{k}{n})^{1/2}$  in the coordinates corresponding to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  block and 0 elsewhere. In other words, the singular vectors exactly identify the blocks of the diagonal. What happens if  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_k$ ? In the case where the  $a_i$  are equal, what is the structure of the set of all possible singular vectors?

**Hint:** By symmetry, the top singular vector's components must be constant in each block.

**Exercise 3.9** Interpret the first right and left-singular vectors for the document term matrix.

**Exercise 3.10** Verify that the sum of  $r$ -rank one matrices  $\sum_{i=1}^r c_i \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{y}_i^T$  can be written as  $XC Y^T$ , where the  $\mathbf{x}_i$  are the columns of  $X$ , the  $\mathbf{y}_i$  are the columns of  $Y$ , and  $C$  is a diagonal matrix with the constants  $c_i$  on the diagonal.

**Exercise 3.11** Let  $\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$  be the SVD of  $A$ . Show that  $|\mathbf{u}_1^T A| = \sigma_1$  and that  $|\mathbf{u}_1^T A| = \max_{|\mathbf{u}|=1} |\mathbf{u}^T A|$ .

**Exercise 3.12** If  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r$  are the singular values of  $A$  and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$  are the corresponding right-singular vectors, show that

1.  $A^T A = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$
2.  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$  are eigenvectors of  $A^T A$ .
3. Assuming that the eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  are unique up to multiplicative constants, conclude that the singular vectors of  $A$  (which by definition must be unit length) are unique up to sign.

**Exercise 3.13** Let  $\sum_i \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$  be the singular value decomposition of a rank  $r$  matrix  $A$ .

Let  $A_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$  be a rank  $k$  approximation to  $A$  for some  $k < r$ . Express the following quantities in terms of the singular values  $\{\sigma_i, 1 \leq i \leq r\}$ .

1.  $\|A_k\|_F^2$
2.  $\|A_k\|_2^2$
3.  $\|A - A_k\|_F^2$
4.  $\|A - A_k\|_2^2$

**Exercise 3.14** If  $A$  is a symmetric matrix with distinct singular values, show that the left and right singular vectors are the same and that  $A = V D V^T$ .

**Exercise 3.15** Let  $A$  be a matrix. How would you compute

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \arg \max_{|\mathbf{v}|=1} |A\mathbf{v}|?$$

How would you use or modify your algorithm for finding  $\mathbf{v}_1$  to compute the first few singular vectors of  $A$ .

**Exercise 3.16** Use the power method to compute the singular value decomposition of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Exercise 3.17** 1. Write a program to implement the power method for computing the first singular vector of a matrix. Apply your program to the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \cdots & 9 & 10 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & \cdots & 10 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 9 & 10 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$