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# Linear Algebra

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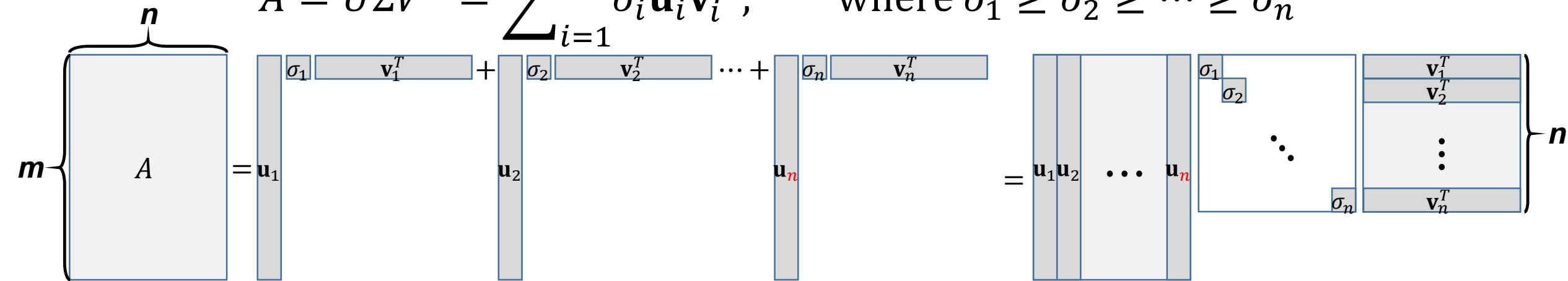
# Eigendecomposition in Machine Learning

- In machine learning, we often handle symmetric positive (semi-)definite matrix.
- Given a (feature-by-data item) matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,
- $A^T A$  represents a (data item-by-data item) similarity matrix between all pairs of data items, where the similarity is computed as an inner product.
- Likewise,  $AA^T$  represents a (feature-by-feature) similarity matrix between all pairs of features, indicating a kind of correlations between features.
  - Covariance matrix in principal component analysis
  - Gram matrix in style transfer

# Low-Rank Approximation of a Matrix

- Recall a rectangular matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , its SVD can be represented as the sum of outer products

$$A = U\Sigma V^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T, \quad \text{where } \sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n$$



- Consider the problem of the best low-rank approximation of  $A$ :

$$\hat{A}_r = \arg \min_{A_r} \|A - A_r\|_F \quad \text{subject to } \text{rank}(A_r) \leq r$$

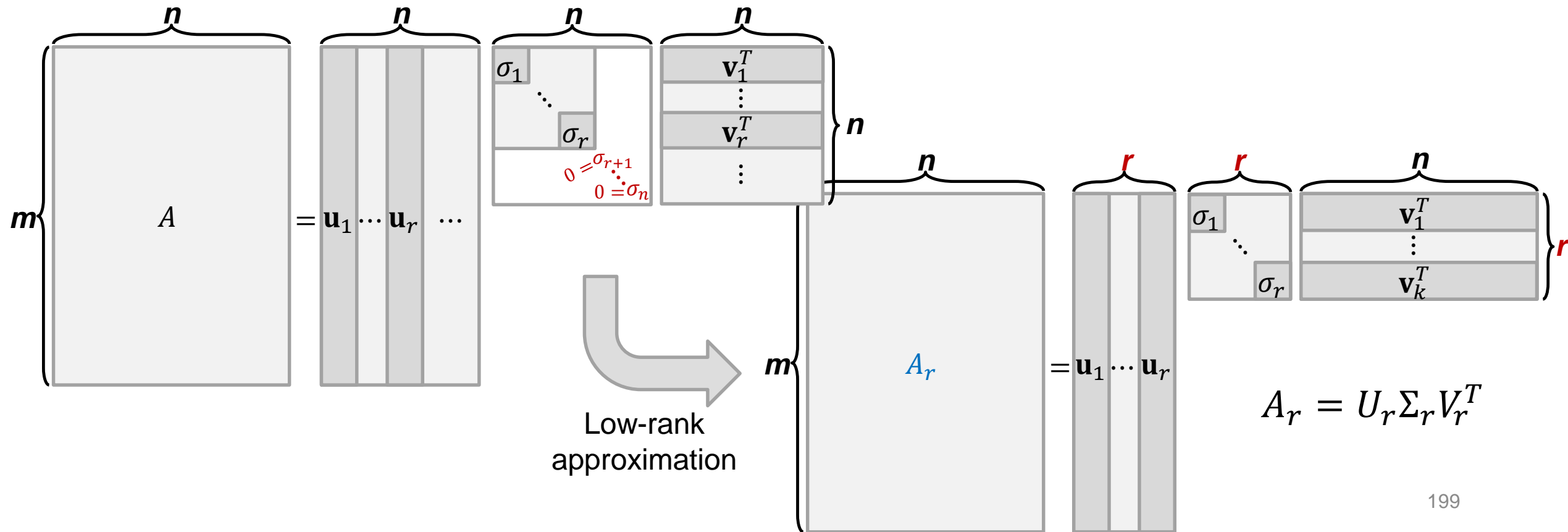
- The optimal solution is given as

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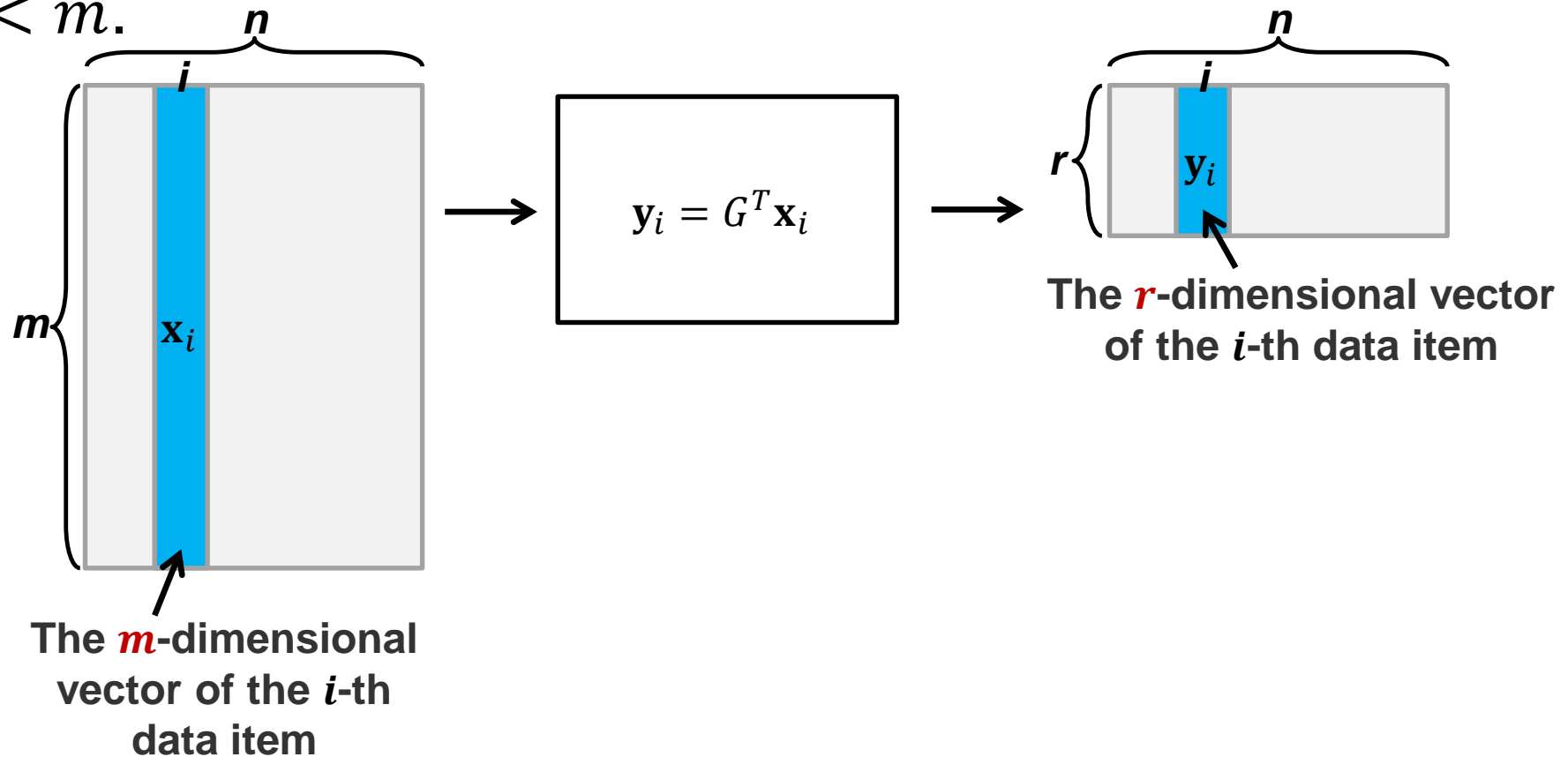
- We approximate  $A$  as  $A_r$  by setting  $\sigma_i = 0$  for  $\forall i \geq (r + 1)$

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \simeq A_r = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T = U_r \Sigma_r V_r^T$$



# Dimension-Reducing Transformation

- Given a (feature-by-data item) matrix  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , consider the linear transformation,  $G^T: \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m \mapsto \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^r$ , where  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$  and  $r < m$ .



# Dimension-Reducing Transformation

- Can we find the linear transformation,  $\mathbf{y}_i = G^T \mathbf{x}_i$ , where the columns of  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$  are **orthonormal**, that best preserves the pairwise similarity between data items,  $S = X^T X$ ?
- $Y = G^T X$ , and their pairwise similarity is written as
$$Y^T Y = (G^T X)^T G^T X = X^T G G^T X$$
- Then, the above problem is written as
$$\hat{G} = \arg \min_G \|S - X^T G G^T X\|_F \text{ subject to } G^T G = I_k$$
- Given  $X = U \Sigma V^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$ , where  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n$ , the optimal solution is given as
$$\hat{G} = U_r = [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{u}_r]$$



# Dimension-Reducing Transformation

- In this case,  $Y = \hat{G}^T X = U_r^T U \Sigma V^T = \Sigma_r V_r^T$ .
- We can show that this generates the best solution for the best rank- $r$  approximation of  $S$ .



# Further Study

- Principal component analysis
  - <http://www.math.union.edu/~jaureguj/PCA.pdf>
  - <http://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~jerryzhu/cs540/handouts/PCA.pdf>
- Lectures on low-rank matrix factorization for topic modeling and word2vec
  - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLep-kTP3NkcNqn2MtzkscRITDYTiQKjzD>
- Lecture on gram matrix in style transfer
  - <https://youtu.be/VC-YFRSp7IM>