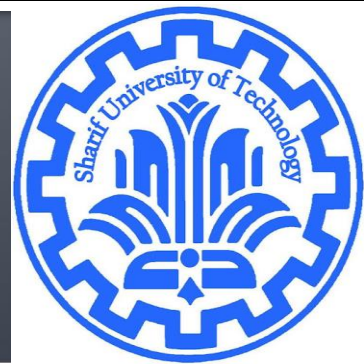


# Singular Values and Singular Vectors

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# Singular Value

- $S_{m \times n}$

$$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i} \quad \lambda_i \in \sigma(S^T S), i = 1, \dots, n$$

- $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{m-1} \geq \sigma_m$

- Example

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 11 & 14 \\ 8 & 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S^T S = \begin{bmatrix} 80 & 100 & 40 \\ 100 & 170 & 140 \\ 40 & 140 & 200 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \sigma(S^T S) = \{360, 90, 0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \sigma_1 = \sqrt{360} = 6\sqrt{10} \\ \sigma_2 = \sqrt{90} = 3\sqrt{10} \\ \sigma_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

# Singular value and eigenvalue

## ■ Lemma

$\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  are orthonormal eigenvectors of matrix  $S^T S$  then singular values of matrix  $S$  are norm of  $Sv_i$  vectors:

$$\|Sv_i\| = \sigma_i$$

## ■ Proof?

Example:

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 11 & 14 \\ 8 & 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad S^T S = \begin{bmatrix} 80 & 100 & 40 \\ 100 & 170 & 140 \\ 40 & 140 & 200 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{360}, \sigma_2 = \sqrt{90}, \sigma_3 = 0$$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} :$$

$$Sv_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \|Sv_1\| = \sqrt{18^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{360} = \sigma_1$$

$$Sv_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \|Sv_2\| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-9)^2} = \sqrt{90} = \sigma_2$$

$$Sv_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \|Sv_3\| = 0 = \sigma_3$$

# Singular value and Rank

## ■ Lemma

$\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  are orthonormal eigenvectors of matrix  $S^T S$  and  $S$  has  $r$  non-zero singular value:

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0, \quad \sigma_{r+1} = \dots = \sigma_n = 0$$

- $\{Sv_1, \dots, Sv_r\}$  is a orthogonal basis for range of  $S$
- $\text{rank}(S) = r$ 
  - Proof?

Rank of Matrix = Number of nonzero singular values

# Introduction

- Generalization of the spectral decomposition that applies to all matrices, rather than just normal matrices.
- Applications:
  - Compute the size of a matrix (in a way that typically makes more sense than norm)
  - Provide a new geometric interpretation of linear transformations
  - Solve optimization problems
  - Construct an “almost inverse” for matrices that do not have an inverse.

# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- Given any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , algorithm to find matrices  $U$ ,  $V$ , and  $\Sigma$  such that (always exists)

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

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

$U$  is  $m \times m$  and orthonormal (always real)

$\Sigma$  is  $m \times n$  and diagonal with non-negative (always real) called singular values.

$V$  is  $n \times n$  and orthonormal (always real)

Columns of  $U$  are the eigenvectors of  $AA^T$  (called the left singular vectors).

Columns of  $V$  are the eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  (called the right singular vectors).

The non-zero singular values are the positive square roots of non-zero eigenvalues of  $AA^T$  or  $A^T A$ .

# SVD Comparison

SVD	Diagonalization	Spectral decomposition	Schur triangularization
applies to every single matrix (even rectangular ones).	only applies to matrices with a basis of eigenvectors	only applies to normal matrices	only applies to square matrices
matrix $\Sigma$ in the middle of the SVD is diagonal (and even has real non-negative entries)	do not guarantee an entrywise non-negative matrix	do not guarantee an entrywise non-negative matrix	only results in an upper triangular middle piece
It requires two unitary matrices $U$ and $V$	only required one invertible matrix	only required one unitary matrix	only required one unitary matrix

# SVD

- The  $\sum_i$  are called the singular values of  $\mathbf{A}$
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular, some of the  $\sum_i$  will be 0
- In general  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{number of nonzero } \sum_i$
- SVD is mostly unique (up to permutation of singular values, or if some  $\sum_i$  are equal)



# SVD for Square Matrix

The SVD is a factorization of a  $m \times n$  matrix into

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

where  $U$  is a  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix,  $V^T$  is a  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix and  $\Sigma$  is a  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix.

For a square matrix ( $m = n$ ):

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \dots$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dots & \mathbf{v}_1^T & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \mathbf{v}_n^T & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}^T$$

# Reduced SVD

$$\blacksquare [Sv_1 \quad \cdots \quad Sv_r \quad 0 \quad \cdots \quad 0]_{m \times n} = [\sigma_1 u_1 \quad \cdots \quad \sigma_r u_r \quad 0 \quad \cdots \quad 0]_{m \times n}$$

$$[Sv_1 \quad \cdots \quad Sv_r \quad Sv_{r+1} \quad \cdots \quad Sv_n] = [\sigma_1 u_1 \quad \cdots \quad \sigma_r u_r \quad 0 \quad \cdots \quad 0]$$

$$S[v_1 \quad \cdots \quad v_n] = [u_1 \quad \cdots \quad u_m] \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \sigma_1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \\ 0 & \cdots & \sigma_r & \\ \hline & & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$S_{m \times n} V_{n \times n} = U_{m \times m} \Sigma_{m \times n}$$

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

# Reduced SVD

What happens when  $\mathbf{A}$  is not a square matrix?

$n > m$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_m \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}}_{m \times m} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \sigma_m & & & \end{pmatrix}}_{m \times n} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dots & \mathbf{v}_1^T & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \mathbf{v}_m^T & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \mathbf{v}_n^T & \dots \end{pmatrix}}_{n \times n}$$

We can instead re-write the above as:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma}_R \mathbf{V}_R^T$$

where  $\mathbf{V}_R$  is a  $n \times m$  matrix and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}_R$  is a  $m \times m$  matrix

In general:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}_R \mathbf{\Sigma}_R \mathbf{V}_R^T$$

$\mathbf{U}_R$  is a  $m \times k$  matrix  
 $\mathbf{\Sigma}_R$  is a  $k \times k$  matrix  
 $\mathbf{V}_R$  is a  $n \times k$  matrix

Now  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are not orthogonal.  
 But their columns are orthonormal.

$$k = \min(m, n)$$

# Reduced SVD

■  $m > n$

$$A = U \Sigma V^T = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}}_{m \times m} \dots \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}}_{m \times m} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \\ & & 0 \\ & & \vdots \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{m \times n} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dots & \mathbf{v}_1^T & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \mathbf{v}_n^T & \dots \end{pmatrix}}_{n \times n}$$

We can instead re-write the above as:

$$A = U_R \Sigma_R V^T$$

Now  $U$  and  $V$  are not orthogonal.  
But their columns are orthonormal.

Where  $U_R$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix and  $\Sigma_R$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix

# Reduced SVD

Let's take a look at the product  $\Sigma^T \Sigma$ , where  $\Sigma$  has the singular values of a  $A$ , a  $m \times n$  matrix.

$$\Sigma^T \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & 0 & & \\ & \ddots & & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_n & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & \vdots & & \\ & & 0 & & \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_n^2 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{n \times n}$$

$m > n$        $n \times m$        $m \times n$

$$\Sigma^T \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_m & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & \vdots & & \\ & & 0 & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & 0 & & \\ & \ddots & & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_m & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & & & 0 & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_m^2 & & & & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & & & \\ 0 & & & & 0 & & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$n > m$        $n \times m$        $m \times n$        $n \times n$

# Reduced SVD

- Wide Matrix

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline m \times n \\ \hline S \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline m \times m \\ \hline U_r \quad U \\ \hline m \times r \quad \quad \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline m \times n \\ \hline \Sigma_r \quad \Sigma \\ \hline r \times r \quad \quad \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|} \hline n \times n \\ \hline V_r^T \quad V^T \\ \hline r \times n \quad \quad \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline m \times n \\ \hline S \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline m \times r \\ \hline U_r \\ \hline \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|} \hline r \times r \\ \hline \Sigma_r \\ \hline \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|} \hline r \times n \\ \hline V_r^T \\ \hline \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

# Reduced SVD

- Tall Matrix

$$\begin{array}{c} m \times n \\ S \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} m \times m \\ U_r \quad U \\ m \times r \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} m \times n \\ \Sigma_r \quad \Sigma \\ r \times r \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} n \times n \\ V_r^T \quad V^T \\ r \times n \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} m \times n \\ S \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} m \times r \\ U_r \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} r \times r \\ \Sigma_r \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} r \times n \\ V_r^T \end{array}$$

# How can we compute an SVD of a matrix $A$ ?

Assume  $A$  with the singular value decomposition  $A = U \Sigma V^T$ . Let's take a look at the eigenpairs corresponding to  $A^T A$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A^T A &= (U \Sigma V^T)^T (U \Sigma V^T) \\ (V^T)^T (\Sigma)^T U^T (U \Sigma V^T) &= V \Sigma^T \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} \Sigma V^T = V \Sigma^T \Sigma V^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } A^T A = V \Sigma^2 V^T$$

Recall that columns of  $V$  are all linear independent (orthogonal matrix), then from diagonalization ( $B = XDX^{-1}$ ), we get:

- the columns of  $V$  are the eigenvectors of the matrix  $A^T A$
- The diagonal entries of  $\Sigma^2$  are the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$

Let's call  $\lambda$  the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$ , then  $\sigma_i^2 = \lambda_i$



# How can we compute an SVD of a matrix $A$ ?

- In a similar way,

$$\begin{aligned} AA^T &= (U \Sigma V^T) (U \Sigma V^T)^T \\ (U \Sigma V^T)(V^T)^T (\Sigma)^T U^T &= U \Sigma \mathbf{V^T V} \Sigma^T U^T = U \Sigma \Sigma^T U^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } AA^T = U \Sigma^2 U^T$$

Recall that columns of  $U$  are all linear independent (orthogonal matrices), then from diagonalization ( $B = XDX^{-1}$ ), we get:

- The columns of  $U$  are the eigenvectors of the matrix  $AA^T$

# How can we compute an SVD of a matrix $A$ ?

1. Evaluate the  $n$  eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
2. Make a matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  from the normalized vectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$ . The columns are called “right singular vectors”.

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Make a diagonal matrix from the square roots of the eigenvalues.

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \dots$$

4. Find  $\mathbf{U}$ :  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T \Rightarrow \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V} \Rightarrow \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}$ . The columns are called the “left singular vectors”.

# How can we compute an SVD of a matrix A?

## ■ Example

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S^T S = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -9 \\ -9 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rank}(S) = 1$$

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - 18\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma_1 = \sqrt{18}, \sigma_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 3\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Sv_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2/\sqrt{2} \\ -4/\sqrt{2} \\ 4/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow u_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma_1} Sv_1 = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 2/\sqrt{2} \\ -4/\sqrt{2} \\ 4/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}, u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow U = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = U\Sigma V^T$$

# Lemma

## ■ Unitary Freedom of PSD Decompositions

Suppose  $B, C \in \mathcal{M}_{m,n}(\mathbb{F})$ . The following are equivalent:

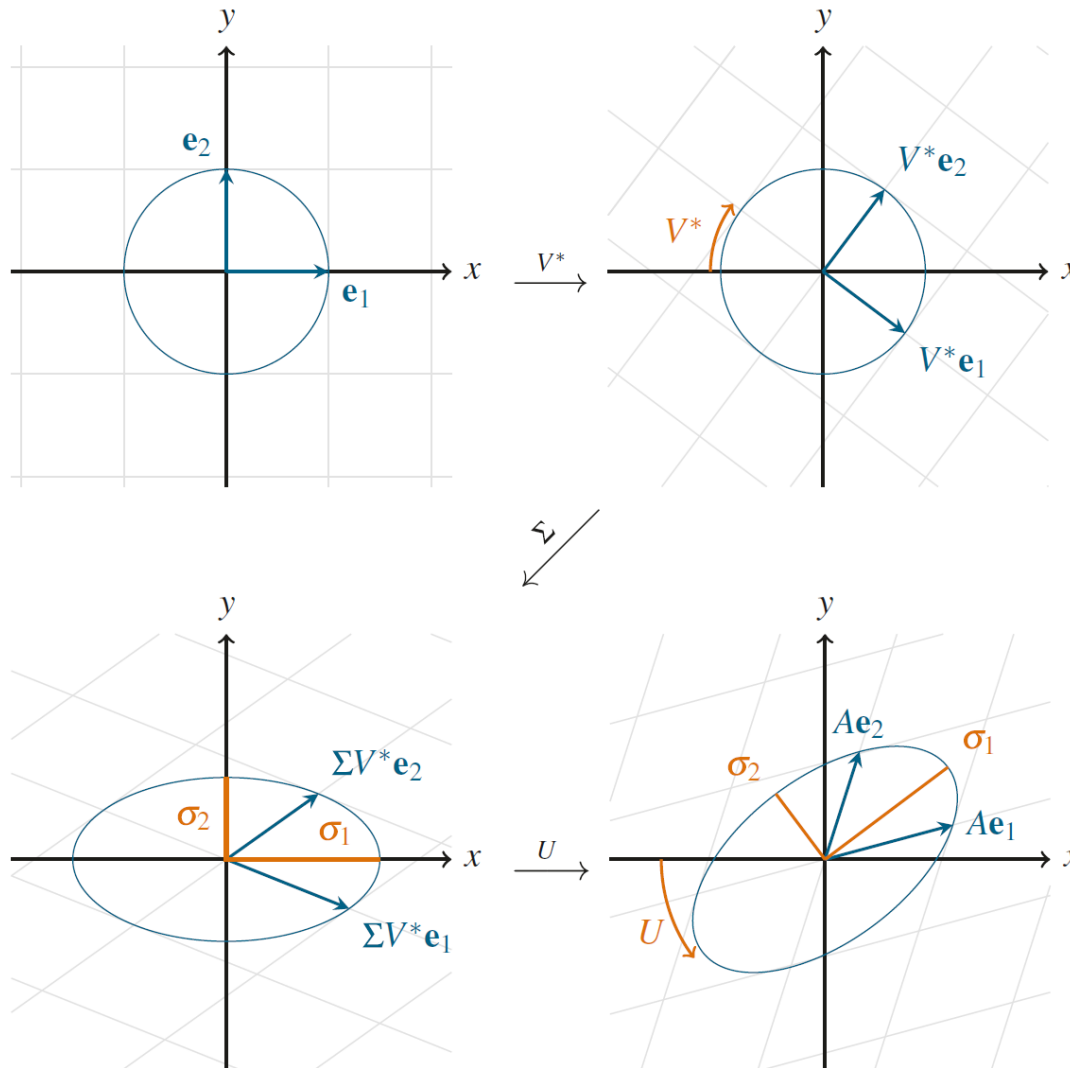
- a) There exists a unitary matrix  $U \in \mathcal{M}_m(\mathbb{F})$  such that  $C = UB$ ,
- b)  $B^*B = C^*C$ ,
- c)  $(B\mathbf{v}) \cdot (B\mathbf{w}) = (C\mathbf{v}) \cdot (C\mathbf{w})$  for all  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , and
- d)  $\|B\mathbf{v}\| = \|C\mathbf{v}\|$  for all  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ .

# SVD Proof

- If  $m \neq n$  then  $A^*A, AA^*$  have different sizes, but they still have essentially the same eigenvalues—whichever one is larger just has some extra 0 eigenvalues.
- The same is actually true of  $AB$  and  $BA$  for any  $A$  and  $B$ .
- Proof SVD:

# Geometric Interpretation and the Fundamental Subspaces

the product of a matrix's singular values equals the absolute value of its determinant



# Determining the rank of a matrix

Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $m \times n$  rectangular matrix where  $m > n$ :

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_n & \dots & \mathbf{u}_m \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_n & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & \vdots & & \\ & & 0 & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dots & \mathbf{v}_1^T & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \mathbf{v}_n^T & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dots & \sigma_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \sigma_n \mathbf{v}_n^T & \dots \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + \sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T + \dots + \sigma_n \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{v}_n^T$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$$

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \text{ what is } \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}_1) = ?$$

In general,  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}_k) = k$

# Rank of a matrix

For general rectangular matrix  $A$  with dimensions  $m \times n$ , the reduced SVD is:

$$A = U_R \Sigma_R V_R^T$$

$m \times n$        $m \times k$        $k \times k$        $k \times n$

$k = \min(m, n)$

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_k & \\ 0 & & 0 & \\ & & \vdots & \\ & & 0 & \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & 0 & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_k & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $\sigma_i \neq 0 \forall i$ , then  $\text{rank}(A) = k$  (Full rank matrix)

In general,  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ , where  $r$  is the number of non-zero singular values  $\sigma_i$

$r < k$  (Rank deficient)



# Rank of a matrix

- The rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  equals the number of non-zero singular values which is the same as the number of non-zero diagonal elements in  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ .
- Rounding errors may lead to small but non-zero singular values in a rank deficient matrix, hence the rank of a matrix determined by the number of non-zero singular values is sometimes called “effective rank”.
- The right-singular vectors (columns of  $\mathbf{V}$ ) corresponding to vanishing singular values span the null space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- The left-singular vectors (columns of  $\mathbf{U}$ ) corresponding to the non-zero singular values of  $\mathbf{A}$  span the range of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

# Conclusion

- Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m,n}$  be a matrix with  $\text{rank}(A) = r$  and singular value decomposition  $A = U\Sigma V^*$ , where

$$U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \mid \mathbf{u}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \mathbf{u}_m] \quad \text{and} \quad V = [\mathbf{v}_1 \mid \mathbf{v}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \mathbf{v}_n].$$

Then

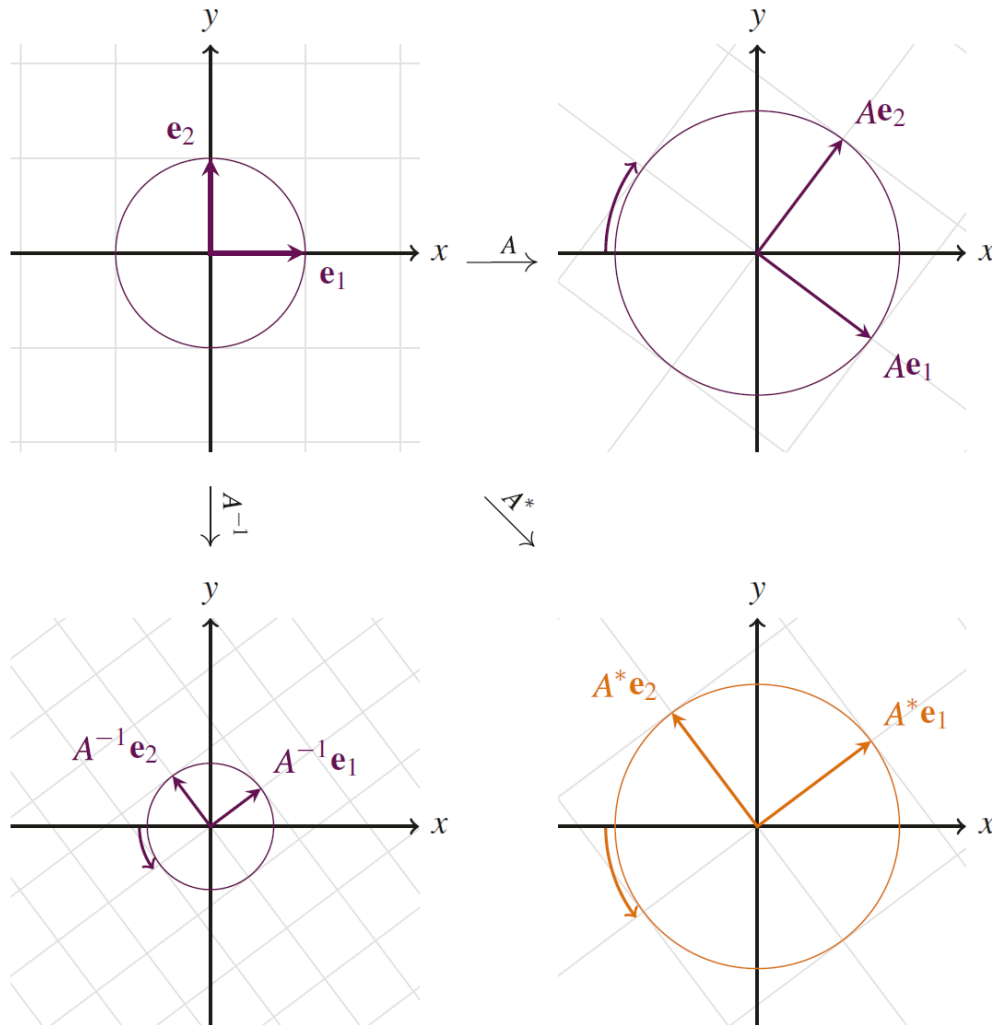
- a)  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\text{range}(A)$ ,
- b)  $\{\mathbf{u}_{r+1}, \mathbf{u}_{r+2}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\text{null}(A^*)$ ,
- c)  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\text{range}(A^*)$ , and
- d)  $\{\mathbf{v}_{r+1}, \mathbf{v}_{r+2}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\text{null}(A)$ .

# A Geometric Interpretation

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

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

$$A^{-1} = V\Sigma^{-1}U^*$$



# SVD and Inverses

- Why is SVD so useful?
- Application #1: inverses
- $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = (\mathbf{V}^T)^{-1} \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{V} \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{U}^T$ 
  - Using fact that inverse = transpose for orthogonal matrices
  - Since  $\Sigma$  is diagonal,  $\Sigma^{-1}$  also diagonal with reciprocals of entries of  $\Sigma$

# SVD and Inverses

- $A^{-1} = (V^T)^{-1} \Sigma^{-1} U^{-1} = V \Sigma^{-1} U^T$
- This fails when some  $\Sigma_i$  are 0
  - It's *supposed* to fail – singular matrix
- Pseudoinverse: if  $\Sigma_i = 0$ , set  $1/\Sigma_i$  to 0 (!)
  - “Closest” matrix to inverse
  - Defined for all (even non-square, singular, etc.) matrices
  - Equal to  $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$  if  $A^T A$  invertible

# Pseudo-inverse

- **Problem:** if  $\mathbf{A}$  is rank-deficient,  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  is not be invertible

**How to fix it:** Define the Pseudo Inverse

**Pseudo-Inverse of a diagonal matrix:**

$$(\mathbf{\Sigma}^+)_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sigma_i}, & \text{if } \sigma_i \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } \sigma_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Pseudo-Inverse of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ :**

$$\mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^+\mathbf{U}^T$$

# Pseudo-inverse

If a matrix  $A$  has the singular value decomposition

$$A=UWV^T$$

then the pseudo-inverse or Moore-Penrose inverse of  $A$  is

$$A^+=V^TW^{-1}U$$

If  $A$  is 'tall' ( $m>n$ ) and has full rank

$$A^+=(A^TA)^{-1}A^T \quad (\text{it gives the least-squares solution } x_{lsq}=A^+b)$$

If  $A$  is 'short' ( $m<n$ ) and has full rank

$$A^+=A^T(AA^T)^{-1} \quad (\text{it gives the least-norm solution } x_{l-n}=A^+b)$$

In general,  $x_{pinv}=A^+b$  is the minimum-norm, least-squares solution.

# SVD and Eigenvectors

- Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T$ , and let  $x_i$  be  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $\mathbf{V}$
- Consider  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} x_i$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} x_i &= \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T x_i = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^2 \mathbf{V}^T x_i = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{V} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \sum_i^2 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \sum_i^2 x_i \end{aligned}$$

- So elements of  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  are sqrt(eigenvalues) and columns of  $\mathbf{V}$  are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ 
  - What we wanted for robust least squares fitting!



# SVD and Matrix Similarity

- One common definition for the norm of a matrix is the Frobenius norm:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij}^2$$

- Frobenius norm can be computed from SVD

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sum_i \Sigma_i^2$$

- So changes to a matrix can be evaluated by looking at changes to singular values

# SVD and Matrix Similarity

- Suppose you want to find best rank- $k$  approximation to  $\mathbf{A}$ 
  - Answer: set all but the largest  $k$  singular values to zero
- Can form compact representation by eliminating columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  corresponding to zeroed  $\Sigma_i$