

Eigenvalue decomposition and singular value decomposition

Eigenvalue decomposition (EVD) (spectral decomposition)

Given square, symmetric, positive-definite ($p \times p$) matrix A (in statistics often Σ, S, ρ, R):

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i e_i e_i^T = E \Lambda E^T$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \dots & \uparrow \\ e_1 & \dots & e_p \\ \downarrow & \dots & \downarrow \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } E \text{ is orthogonal } (E^T = E^{-1})$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_p \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda_i, i = 1..p$ the eigenvalues are solutions to characteristic equation $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$e_i, i = 1..p$ the eigenvectors are solutions to eigenvalue problems $Ae_i = \lambda_i e_i, \|e_i\| = 1$

Singular value decomposition (SVD)

Given general ($n \times p$) matrix B where $n > p = \text{rank}(B)$ (in statistics often data matrix X, Z):

$$B = \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i u_i v_i^T = U \Lambda V^T \quad (\text{rank-reduced, "economy" SVD form})$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \dots & \uparrow \\ u_1 & \dots & u_p \\ \downarrow & \dots & \downarrow \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } U^T U = I \quad (U^T \text{ is pseudo-inverse of } U)$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_p \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \dots & \uparrow \\ v_1 & \dots & v_p \\ \downarrow & \dots & \downarrow \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } V \text{ is orthogonal } (V^T = V^{-1})$$

$\lambda_i, i = 1..p$ the singular values are **square roots** of the p eigenvalues of $B^T B$

$u_i, i = 1..p$ are the eigenvectors corresponding to the p non-zero eigenvalues of $B B^T$

$v_i, i = 1..p$ are the eigenvectors corresponding to the p eigenvalues of $B^T B$
