

In-class Exercise 15.1
Singular value decomposition
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1. Consider the square matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -11 & 45 & -33 \\ 7 & 2 & -25 \\ 0 & -8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Use `np.linalg.svd` to find the Singular Value Decomposition of A .
- (b) Verify that $A = U\Sigma V^T$.
- (c) Verify that the eigenvalues of AA^T and A^TA are the same, and that their square roots are the singular values contained in Σ .
- (d) Verify that the columns of U are the eigenvectors of AA^T and the columns of V are the eigenvectors of A^TA .

2. Repeat #1 (a)-(d) with the non-square matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -11 & 45 & -33 \\ 7 & 2 & -25 \\ 0 & -8 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. SVD has very important applications in statistics and machine learning, where it is used for principal component analysis (PCA) and dimension reduction.

Below are genetic data on six patients. Y_1 , Y_2 , and Y_3 have a certain disease and N_1 , N_2 , and N_3 do not. The expression of 8 genes were measured in each of the 6 patients.

| Patient | Gene 1 | Gene 2 | Gene 3 | Gene 4 | Gene 5 | Gene 6 | Gene 7 | Gene 8 |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Y_1 | 0.98 | 1.00 | 0.99 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.98 |
| Y_2 | 0.99 | 0.97 | 0.96 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.99 |
| Y_3 | 0.96 | 0.99 | 0.92 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.96 |
| N_1 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.91 | 0.98 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.96 |
| N_2 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.04 | 0.99 | 0.94 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.99 |
| N_3 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.96 | 0.98 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.99 |

- (a) From inspection, can you tell if there are certain genes that tend to be higher or lower in patients with the disease compared to patients without?
- (b) Find the SVD using Python and show that most of the information (variance) is given by the first two singular values.
- (c) Next we will perform dimensionality reduction, so we will only consider the two largest singular values (call this diagonal matrix S_2) and the corresponding first two columns in the U matrix (call this U_2). Create the matrix $B = U_2S_2$. B is size 6×2 .
- (d) Plot the coordinates in B on xy -axes. This is a 2D projection of the 6D data we began with. Does the figure make sense? If a 7th patient came along with data on these 8 genes, could we predict whether they have the disease?
- (e) Let the first two rows in the V^T matrix be V_2^T . Create the matrix $C = S_2V_2^T$. C is size 2×8 . Also plot the coordinates in C on xy -axes. Can we see which genes tend to be correlated with each other?

4. Below is some climatic data from 18 US cities.

| City | Precip (in.) | Precip (days) | July High (F) | Jan High (F) | Annual Sunshine (hr) |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Seattle | 39.34 | 156.2 | 77.4 | 48 | 2169.7 |
| Portland | 36.92 | 157 | 81.9 | 47.5 | 2340.9 |
| Juneau | 66.99 | 230.2 | 64 | 33.1 | 1530.7 |
| San Francisco | 22.89 | 71.2 | 66.3 | 57.8 | 3061.7 |
| Los Angeles | 14.25 | 34.1 | 82 | 68 | 3254.2 |
| Phoenix | 7.22 | 33.4 | 106.5 | 67.6 | 3871.6 |
| Las Vegas | 4.18 | 25.8 | 104.5 | 58.5 | 3825.3 |
| Miami | 67.41 | 141 | 90.6 | 76.2 | 3154 |
| Honolulu | 16.41 | 89.2 | 88.1 | 80.5 | 3035.9 |
| Hilo | 120.39 | 273 | 82.8 | 78.7 | 1817.4 |
| Chicago | 40.88 | 127 | 85.2 | 32.8 | 2508.4 |
| New York City | 49.52 | 125.4 | 84.9 | 39.5 | 2534.7 |
| Anchorage | 16.42 | 115.1 | 66.2 | 22.7 | 2061.2 |
| Fairbanks | 11.67 | 107.1 | 72.7 | -0.6 | 2105 |
| New Orleans | 63.35 | 115.1 | 91.4 | 62.5 | 2648.9 |
| Minneapolis | 31.62 | 118.8 | 83.4 | 23.6 | 2710.7 |
| Denver | 14.48 | 79.7 | 89.9 | 44.6 | 3106.6 |
| Boise | 11.51 | 89.2 | 92.7 | 38.8 | 2993.4 |

- Create a matrix A containing these values.
- Scale each column of A so that its mean is 0 and standard deviation is 1. In statistics, this is called the z -score of each value: we care about how many standard deviations above or below the mean each data point is.
- Perform SVD on the matrix.
- Next we will perform dimensionality reduction, so we will only consider the two largest singular values (call this diagonal matrix S_2) and the corresponding first two columns in the U matrix (call this U_2). Create the matrix $B = U_2 S_2$. B is size 18×2 .
- Plot the coordinates in B on xy -axes. This is a 2D projection of the 5D data we began with. Can we make any sense of the figure?