

# SINGULAR-VALUE DECOMPOSITION

AP



# SPECTRAL METHODS: TRADITIONAL

Eigenpairs

$$A\vec{e} = \lambda\vec{e}$$

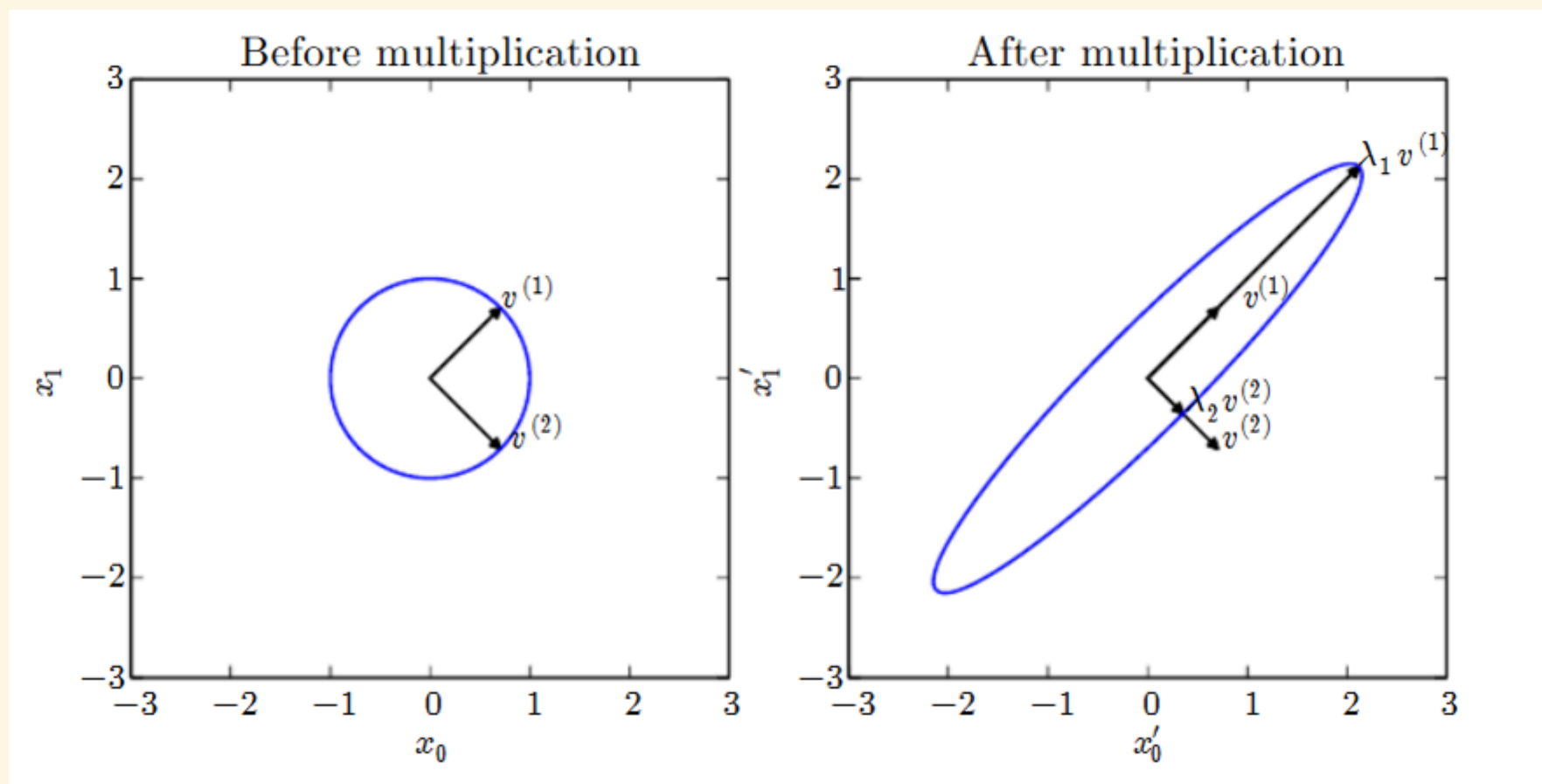


Figure 2.3: An example of the effect of eigenvectors and eigenvalues. Here, we have a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with two orthonormal eigenvectors,  $\mathbf{v}^{(1)}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}^{(2)}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_2$ . (Left) We plot the set of all unit vectors  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  as a unit circle. (Right) We plot the set of all points  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}$ . By observing the way that  $\mathbf{A}$  distorts the unit circle, we can see that it scales space in direction  $\mathbf{v}^{(i)}$  by  $\lambda_i$ .

# EIGENDECOMPOSITION:

$$M = Q\Lambda Q^{-1}$$

M is interpreted as the combination of three specific transformations

Computing its inverse,  $M^{-1}$ , is now much simpler

# THE IMPORTANCE OF MATRIX INVERSION

M. inversion solves linear systems of linear equations

$$M\vec{x} = \vec{v}$$

When M and  $\vec{v}$  are know, we find  $\vec{x}$

$$M^{-1}M\vec{x} = M^{-1}\vec{v}$$

$$I\vec{x} = M^{-1}\vec{v}$$

# M. INVERSION UNDERPINS REGRESSION

The solution  $\vec{x} = M^{-1}\vec{v}$  gives us the regression coefficients that define the linear regression model.

To estimate a new datapoint, say,  $[a, b]$ , just plug in the solution:

$$\hat{y} = [a, b] \cdot \vec{x}$$

Regression seen as solving the underlying linear system by matrix inversion

## PRACTICAL ASPECTS

Textbook inversion takes  $\Theta(n^3)$  operations: unfeasible

Advanced a. in Numpy run in  $\Theta(n^2)$  (but check for numeric issues)

Compute  $M^{-1}$  once then store and re-use it for different  $\vec{v}$

# MATRIX INVERSION

Thanks to properties of the  $Q$  matrix, where each column is an e-vector, inversion is simplified

$$M = Q\Lambda Q^{-1}$$

$$M^{-1} = (Q\Lambda Q^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$M^{-1} = Q^{-1}\Lambda^{-1}(Q^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$M^{-1} = Q^{-1}\Lambda^{-1}Q$$

where  $\Lambda^{-1}$  is obtained by simply substituting each  $\lambda_i$  on the diagonal with  $\frac{1}{\lambda_i}$



# SINGULAR-VALUE DECOMPOSITION

For rectangular matrices  $A_{(m \times n)}$  eigendecomposition is not defined

Instead, SVD provides a similar decomposition of the data matrix

The procedure is more complex

Until 1955, no general procedure for inverting rectangular m. was available

# THE DATA MATRIX

$$A_{(m \times n)}$$

There are  $m$  points (rows) inside a *space* of  $n$  dimensions (columns)

Each point is represented by an  $m$ -dimensional *row* vector

Each dimension is represented by an  $n$ -dimensional vector

By multiplying a rectangular matrix by its transpose we obtain a square matrix that represents an 'internal' relationship:

$$M_{(m \times m)} = A_{(m \times n)} \times A_{(n \times m)}^T$$

$$N_{(n \times n)} = A_{(n \times m)}^T \times A_{(m \times n)}$$

Let's extract their respective eigenpairs.

## NEW MATRIX: U

$U_{(m \times m)}$ : columns made up of eigenvectors of

$$M_{(m \times m)} = A_{(m \times n)} \times A_{(n \times m)}^T$$

notice that e-vectors are always orthogonal with each other:

$$\vec{U}_i^T \cdot \vec{U}_j = 0 \quad (i \neq j)$$

this will simplify computation

However, some further orthogonal column will have to be introduced with external methods as only  $\min(m, n)$  non-zero eigenpairs can be obtained.

## NEW MATRIX: V

$V_{(n \times n)}$ : columns made up of eigenvectors of  $N_{(n \times n)}$

Again, e-vectors are orthogonal to each other:  $\vec{V}_i^T \cdot \vec{V}_j = 0 \ (i \neq j)$

## NEW MATRIX: D (OR $\Sigma$ )

dispose the eigenvalues of  $N$  on the main diagonal of a rectangular  $m$ . that will be 0 everywhere else

$D_{(n \times m)}$  where  $D_{ii} = \sigma_i$  are the singular values

$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$  the  $i$ -th e-value of  $N = A^T A$

(it can also be constructed with  $M = AA^T$ )

# FINALLY...

$$A_{(m \times n)} = U_{(m \times m)} D_{(m \times n)} V_{(n \times n)}^T$$

- U is a orthogonal m. of *left-singular* (col.) vectors
- D is a diagonal matrix of *singular values*
- V is a orthogonal m. of *right-singular* (col.) vectors

Please see § 2.7 of [\[Goodfellow et al.\]](#)

# CONSEQUENCES

SVD generalises eigen-decomposition:

- any real matrix has one
- even non-square matrices admit one

overconstrained systems (more rows than cols.) can now be solved



# EXAMPLE

$$A_{(3 \times 2)} \vec{x} = \vec{v}$$

Focus on

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AA^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 11 & 17 \\ 11 & 25 & 39 \\ 17 & 39 & 61 \end{pmatrix}$$

Extract the eigenpairs:  $\lambda_1 = 91, v_1 = [0.15, 0.33, 0.52]$

Unfortunately,  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$ : we need a couple more orthogonal vectors to make up our matrix U

$$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 35 & 44 \\ 44 & 56 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 90.54$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0.26$

The singular values are  $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{(\lambda_1)} = 9.54$  and  $\sigma_2 = \sqrt{(\lambda_2)} = 0.51$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 9.53 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.51 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Putting it all together:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.15 & 0.231 & 0.882 \\ 0.33 & 0.527 & 0.216 \\ 0.52 & 0.823 & -0.451 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 9.53 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.51 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.62 & 0.79 \\ -0.79 & 0.62 \end{pmatrix}$$

Even though this formulation is far from the original and not easily interpreted, it has good properties.

# STUDY PLAN

# BACKGROUND STUDY

Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio and Aaron Courville: [Deep Learning, MIT Press, 2016](#).

available in HTML and PDF; it is *a refresher* of notation and properties: no examples and no exercises.

It can be read in the background.

- Phase 1: read §§ 2.1–2.7, then § 2.11.
- Phase 2: read §§ 2.8–2.10

# MOORE-PENROSE PSEUDO-INVERSE

# MOTIVATIONS

solve linear systems

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{v}$$

for non-square (rectangular) matrices:

- rows > columns: the problem is overconstrained (no solution?)
- rows < columns: the problem is overparametrized (infinite sols.?)



## REMINDER: THE IDEAL PROCEDURE

If  $A$  is squared ( $m=n$ ) and non-singular ( $|A| \neq 0$ ) then

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{v}$$

$$A^{-1}A\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{v}$$

$$I\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{v}$$

Compute  $A^{-1}$  once, run for different values of  $\vec{v}$

# THE PSEUDO-INVERSE

Given  $A_{\{(m\ n)\}}$ , Penrose seeks a matrix  $A^+$  that would work the same as the left inverse:

$$A^+ A \approx I$$

strengthen up the main diagonal before inversion:

$$A^+ = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} (A^T A + \alpha I)^{-1} A^T$$

Thanks to  $A^+$ , over-constrained linear systems can now be solved (w. approximation)

# SVD LEADS TO APPROX. INVERSION

for the decomposition

$$A = UDV^T$$

$$A^+ = VD^+U^T$$

where  $D^+$ , such that  $D^+ D = I$  is easy to calculate: D is diagonal.

Does  $A^+ A \approx I$ ?

Yes, because U and V are s. t.  $U^T U = V V^T = I$ .

$$V D^+ U^T \cdot U D V^T =$$

$$V D^+ I D V^T =$$

$$V D^+ D V^T =$$

$$V I V^T = V V^T = I$$