当矩阵 $D \in R^{2n \times 4}$ 满秩时,寻找:

$$\min_{y} ||Dy||^2, st||y|| = 1 \tag{1}$$

的最小二乘解。上式等价于:

$$\min_{y} (Dy)^{T} (Dy) = \min_{y} y^{T} D^{T} Dy, st ||y|| = 1$$
 (2)

对 $D^TD$ 进行SVD分解,假设D的SVD分解为:

$$D = \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \mathbf{u}_{i} \mathbf{v}_{i}^{T} \tag{3}$$

则

$$D^T D = (\sum_i \sigma_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T) (\sum_j \sigma_j \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^T) = \sum_{i,j} \sigma_i \sigma_{j^{\vee}} {}_i (\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_j) \mathbf{v}_j^T$$
(4)

又 $\mathbf{u}_i^T\mathbf{u}_j$ 当 $i\neq j$ 时都等于0,因此继续化简:

$$D^T D = \sum_i \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \tag{5}$$

但是由于 $D^TD$ 是对称阵,SVD后的 $\mathbf{U}$ 阵与 $\mathbf{V}$ 阵相同,所以有 $\mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{v}_{i,i}$ 即有:

$$D^T D = \sum_i \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \tag{6}$$

其中:

$$\sigma_1^2 \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_4^2, \mathbf{u}_l^T \mathbf{u}_m = egin{cases} 0 & l 
eq m \ 1 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

假设 $y = \mathbf{u}_4 + \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{u}_4$ ,将式(2)代入式(1)中:

$$y^{T} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{4} \sigma_{j}^{2} \mathbf{u}_{j} \mathbf{u}_{j}^{T} \right) y = \sum_{j=1}^{4} y^{T} \sigma_{j}^{2} \mathbf{u}_{j} \mathbf{u}_{j}^{T} y = \sum_{j=1}^{4} \sigma_{j}^{2} (\mathbf{u}_{j}^{T} y)^{2}$$
 (7)

当j=4时有:

$$\sigma_4^2[\mathbf{u}_4^T(\mathbf{u}_4 + \mathbf{v})]^2 = \sigma_4^2(\mathbf{u}_4^T\mathbf{u}_4 + \mathbf{u}_4^T\mathbf{v}) = \sigma_4^2$$
(8)

因此将式(4)重写为:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{4} \sigma_{j}^{2} (\mathbf{u}_{j}^{T} y)^{2} = \sigma_{4}^{2} + \sum_{j=1}^{3} \sigma_{j}^{2} (\mathbf{u}_{j}^{T} y)^{2} = \sigma_{4}^{2} + \sum_{j=1}^{3} \sigma_{j}^{2} [\mathbf{u}_{j}^{T} (\mathbf{u}_{4} + \mathbf{v})]^{2}$$

$$(9)$$

由于 $\mathbf{u}_j^T\mathbf{u}_4=0, j=1\dots 3$ ,可继续将式(6)继续化简:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{4} \sigma_{j}^{2} (\mathbf{u}_{j}^{T} y)^{2} = \sigma_{4}^{2} + \sum_{j=1}^{3} \sigma_{j}^{2} (\mathbf{u}_{j}^{T} \mathbf{v})^{2} \ge \sigma_{4}^{2}$$

$$(10)$$

由上式可知,当 $\mathbf{v}=0,y=\mathbf{u}_4$ 时,式(4)有最小值。