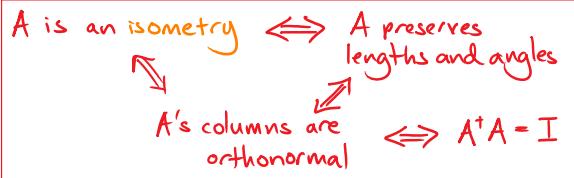


## Lecture 14: Singular-value decomposition (class)

Admin: Reading: Meyer 5.12 }  
Strang 6.3 } Singular-value decomposition

Recall:



real, square isometry  
 = Orthogonal } rows and columns  
 complex, square isometry  
 = Unitary } orthonormal  
 $A^T = A^{-1}$

Spectral norm  $\|A\| = \text{maximum stretch}$   
 $= \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|}$

Properties

- $\|A\| \geq 0$ , and  $\|A\|=0 \Leftrightarrow A=0$
- $\|A\bar{x}\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|\bar{x}\|$   
 matrix norm      vector/matrix norm
- $\|\alpha A\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|A\|$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$
- $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\|$   
 (the amount you can stretch an input by applying AB is at most the stretch from applying B times the stretch from applying A.)
- If U and V are unitary,  $\|U\| = \|V\| = 1$  and  $\|UV\| = \|A\| \Rightarrow$  basis-independent  
 (because unitaries don't change lengths).
- $\left\| \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \max \{ \|A\|, \|B\| \}$   
 eg, if A is a diagonal matrix,  
 $\|A\| = \max |a_{ii}|$ .
- If  $\text{rank}(A)=1$ , with  $A = \bar{u}v^T$ ,  $\|A\| = \|\bar{u}\| \cdot \|v\|$ .

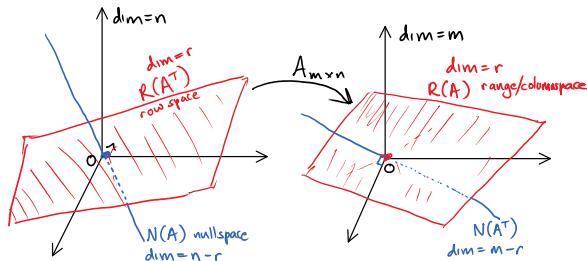
Today:

## SINGULAR-VALUE DECOMPOSITION (SVD)

Theoretical motivation:

Any linear transformation A maps points in the rowspace  $R(A^T)$  to distinct points in the columnspace  $R(A)$ . [Rank-Nullity Thm.]

How??



Practical motivation: Many applications, including

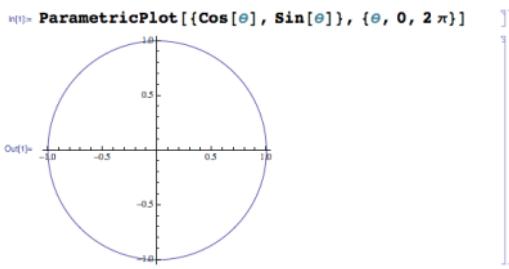
- Practical motivation: Many applications, including
- \* Solving linear equations  $Ax = b$  → What is the sensitivity, e.g., to numerical errors?
  - Find the shortest solution
  - When there is no solution, find  $x$  to minimize  $\|Ax - b\|$
  - Least-squares regression analysis
- \* Rank minimization
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
  - Data mining, clustering, recommendation systems,...

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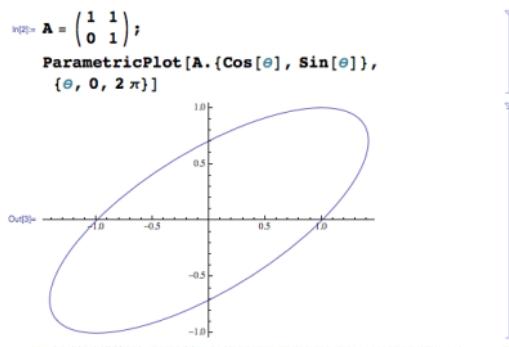
Informally: Any linear transformation can be split into:

- a rotation, followed by
- scaling vectors in or out

Proof by example:



Choose a matrix, and plot its effect on the unit circle.  
Observe that the result looks like an ellipse. (It is an ellipse!)



Now find the points that are shrunk or expanded the most, using calculus.

Take the derivative, with respect to  $\theta$ , of  
 $\text{Norm}[A.(Cos[\theta], Sin[\theta])]^2$ , set it to zero, and solve.

```
In[4]:= v = A.{Cos[\theta], Sin[\theta]};
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In[5]:= D[v.v, \theta] // Simplify
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In[6]:= FindRoot[\%, \theta == 0, {\theta, 0}]
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In[7]:= {Cos[\theta] + Sin[\theta], Sin[\theta]}
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In[8]:= 2 Cos[2 \theta] + Sin[2 \theta]
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In[9]:= \theta \rightarrow -0.553574
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Let  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  be the resulting angle, and the resulting angle plus  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (the angle of the perpendicular line).

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In[7]:= {θ1, θ2} = {-0.5535743588970453`,
 -0.5535743588970453` + π/2};
u1 = {Cos[θ1], Sin[θ1]};
u2 = {Cos[θ2], Sin[θ2]};

v1 = A.u1;
scale1 = Norm[v1];
v1 /= scale1;

v2 = A.u2;
scale2 = Norm[v2];
v2 /= scale2;
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Now observe that the matrix we started with can be decomposed as a rotation/reflection taking  $u_1$  to  $v_1$  and  $u_2$  to  $v_2$ , followed by scaling  $v_1$  by  $scale_1$  and  $v_2$  by  $scale_2$ .  
(The Chop[] command cuts off small entries.)

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In[16]:= scale1 Transpose[{v1}].{u1} +
 scale2 Transpose[{v2}].{u2} // Chop //
 MatrixForm
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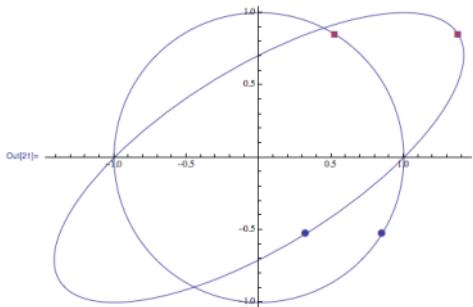
Out[16]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1. & 1. \\ 0 & 1. \end{pmatrix}$$

We can plot the results to see visually that we have indeed identified the principal axes of the ellipse.

```
In[17]:= plot1 = ParametricPlot[A.{Cos[θ], Sin[θ]},
 {θ, 0, 2 π}];
dots = ListPlot[{A.u1}, {A.u2}],
 PlotMarkers → {Automatic, Medium};

plot2 = ParametricPlot[{Cos[θ], Sin[θ]},
 {θ, 0, 2 π}];
dots2 = ListPlot[{u1}, {u2}],
 PlotMarkers → {Automatic, Medium};
Show[plot1, dots, plot2, dots2]
```



Mathematica's build-in SingularValueDecomposition command ( $[U, S, V] = svd(A)$  in Matlab/Octave) does all this automatically.

```
In[22]:= MatrixForm /@ SingularValueDecomposition[A] //
 FullSimplify // N
{u2, u1}
{scale2, scale1}
{v2, v1}

Out[22]= {{{0.850651, -0.525731},
 {0.525731, 0.850651}},
 {{1.61803, 0.}, {0., 0.618034}}, {{0.525731, -0.850651},
 {0.850651, 0.525731}}}

Out[23]= {{0.525731, 0.850651}, {0.850651, -0.525731}]

Out[24]= {1.61803, 0.618034}

Out[25]= {{0.850651, 0.525731}, {0.525731, -0.850651}}
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octave:1> A = [1 1; 0 1];
octave:2> [V, S, U] = svd(A)
V =
0.85065 -0.52573
0.52573 0.85065

S =
Diagonal Matrix
1.61803 0
0 0.61803

U =
0.52573 -0.85065
0.85065 0.52573

octave:3> V * S * U'
ans =
1.0000e+00 1.0000e+00
1.1102e-16 1.0000e+00

```

Before seeing why this works in general,  
we need one more fact about the spectral matrix norm:

**Key Lemma:** For any matrix  $A$ ,

$$\|A\| = \|A^T\|$$

In fact, if  $\|A\vec{u}\| = \|A\|\|\vec{u}\|$ ,

i.e.,  $\vec{u}$  is stretched maximally by  $A$ ,

then  $\vec{v} = A\vec{u}$  is stretched maximally by  $A^T$ :

$$\|A^T\vec{v}\| = \|A\|\|\vec{v}\|.$$

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \right\|_A$$

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 7 \\ 3 & 8 \\ 4 & 9 \\ 5 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{A^T}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|A^T\vec{x}\| = \|A\|\|\vec{x}\|$$

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Proof:

Let  $\vec{u}_1$  be any unit vector with  $\|A\vec{u}_1\| = \|A\|$ , and

$$v_1 = \frac{A\vec{u}_1}{\|A\vec{u}_1\|} = \frac{A\vec{u}_1}{\|A\|}$$

Extend  $\vec{u}_1$  to an orthonormal basis for the input  
 "      "      "      "      "      "      output

In these bases

$$[A] = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vec{u}_1 & \vec{u}_2 & \vec{u}_3 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ B & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{u}_1 = \|A\|\vec{v}_1$$

Claim:  $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$ .

Pf: Let  $\vec{x} = \alpha\vec{v}_1 + \beta\vec{b}$

$$\|A\vec{x}\|^2 = \left\| \left( \alpha\|A\| + \beta\|b\|^2 \right) \vec{v}_1 + \beta B\vec{b} \right\|^2 = (\alpha\|A\| + \beta\|b\|^2)^2 + \beta^2 \|Bb\|^2$$

Span  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots\}$

$$\Rightarrow \|A\|^2 \geq \frac{\|A\vec{x}\|^2}{\|\vec{x}\|^2} \geq \frac{(\alpha\|A\| + \beta\|b\|^2)^2}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2\|b\|^2}$$

To get something nice, choose  $\alpha = \|A\|$ ,  $\beta = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \|A\|^2 \geq \frac{(\|A\|^2 + \|b\|^2)^2}{\|A\|^2 + \|b\|^2} = \|A\|^2 + \|b\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{b}\| = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{b} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  In these bases

$$[A] = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & \dots \\ \parallel A \parallel & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \quad B$$

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & \dots \\ \parallel A \parallel & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \quad B^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A^T\| \geq \|A\|$$

applying this twice implies  
 $\|A\| \geq \|A^T\| \Rightarrow \|A\| = \|A^T\|. \square$

Now apply this proof recursively:

$$[A] = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & \dots \\ \parallel A \parallel & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{apply to } C} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & \dots \\ \parallel A \parallel & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{apply to } C} \dots \xrightarrow{\text{apply to } C} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & \dots \\ \parallel A \parallel & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_1 = \frac{Av_1}{\|Av_1\|}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{Av_2}{\|Av_2\|}$$

### SINGULAR-VALUE DECOMPOSITION (SVD)

Theorem: Any matrix  $A_{m \times n}$  can be written

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^{\min(m,n)} \sigma_j \vec{v}_j \vec{u}_j^T$$

where

$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{\min(m,n)} \geq 0$  ← singular values,  $\sigma_i = \|A\|$

$\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  is orthonormal

$\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_m$  is orthonormal

Notation:

← right sing. vectors

← left sing. vectors

Interpretation:

$$A \vec{u}_i = \sum_j \sigma_j \vec{v}_j (\vec{u}_j^T \vec{u}_i) = \sigma_i \vec{v}_i$$

$$v_j \cdot u_i = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Problem with this proof: Transpose is basis-dependent  
 The above proof worked not with  $A$  and  $A^T$   
 but with  $(UAV)$  and  $(UAV)^T$ .

It is okay since orthogonal matrices don't change norm:  
 $\|UAV\| = \|A\|$        $\|V^T A^T U^T\| = \|A^T\|$ .

Observe: We can repeat the argument.

$$A_{m \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u}_1 & \vec{u}_2 & \dots & \vec{u}_n \\ \parallel A \parallel & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \quad B$$

Conclusion: There exist orthonormal bases  
 $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n$  and  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$

such that

$$A \vec{u}_1 = \|A\| \vec{v}_1$$

$$A \vec{u}_2 = \|B\| \vec{v}_2$$

$$A \vec{u}_3 = \|C\| \vec{v}_3$$

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Matrix notation:

$$A = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \text{left sing. vectors} & \text{singular values} & \text{right sing. vectors} \\ \hline \vec{v}_1 & \sigma_1 & \vec{u}_1^T \\ \vec{v}_2 & \sigma_2 & \vec{u}_2^T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vec{v}_m & \sigma_m & \vec{u}_m^T \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

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

↑ nonnegative diagonal  
orthogonal

Remark: If  $A$  is a **complex** matrix, everything still works, except  $U$  and  $V$  are **unitary**. The singular values in  $D$  are still **non-negative real numbers**.

Applications:

$$A^T A = \sum_j \sigma_j^2 \vec{v}_j \vec{v}_j^T$$

$$A A^T = \sum_{j,k} \sigma_j \vec{v}_j \vec{u}_j^T \vec{u}_k \vec{v}_k^T = \sum_j \sigma_j^2 \vec{v}_j \vec{v}_j^T$$

$v_j \cdot u_k = \delta_{jk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j=k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow \|A A^T\| = \sigma_1 = \|A\|^2 = \|A\| \cdot \|A^T\|$$

Example:

$$A A^T A A^T A A^T A = \sum_j \sigma_j^2 \vec{v}_j \vec{v}_j^T$$

$$\| \quad \circ \quad \| = \sigma_1^2 = \|A\|^2$$

### Examples of the SVD:

Note: We usually compute the SVD with a computer. Simple examples can be done by hand. Later, we'll see how to get the **SVD of A** from the **spectral decomposition of  $A^T A$**  (or  $A A^T$ ).

Exercise: Compute, by hand, the SVDs of

left sing. vectors	singular values	right sing. vectors
$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\sigma_1 = 1$	$v_1 = e_1$
$\ A\  = 1$	$\sigma_2 = 1$	$v_2 = -e_2$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$v_1 = e_1$	$\sigma_1 = 1$	$v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1)$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots = \pm(1, 1)$

$$\|A\|=1$$

A :

$$\begin{array}{c} v_1 = u_1 \\ v_2 = u_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n = u_n \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} v_1 = e_1 \\ v_2 = e_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n = e_n \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \sigma_1 = 1 \\ \sigma_2 = 1 \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_n = 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1) \\ u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1) \\ \vdots \\ u_n = e_1 = (0) \end{array}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$C = n \times n$  unitary.

$$\|C\|=1$$

square isometry

left sing. vectors

$$\begin{array}{l} v_1 = Cu_1 \\ v_2 = Cu_2 \\ v_3 = Cu_3 \\ \vdots \\ v_n = Cu_n \end{array}$$

singular values

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \dots = 1$$

$u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots$

right sing. vectors

D = m x n isometry

$$m \geq n$$

$$v_1 = Du_1$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \dots = 1$$

any orthonormal basis

$$v_2 = Du_2$$

$$u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$$

$$v_3 = Du_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$v_n = Du_n$$

$v_{n+1} \} \text{ extend } v_1, \dots, v_n$   
 $i \} \text{ to an orthonormal}$   
 $v_m \} \text{ basis}$

$$\|E\| = \sigma_1 = 6$$

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 0 & 0 \\ -6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

left sing. vectors

sing. values

right singular vectors

$$-e_2$$

$$e_1$$

$$e_3$$

$$\sigma_1 = 6$$

$$\sigma_2 = 5$$

$$\sigma_3 = 3$$

$$\vec{e}_1$$

$$e_2$$

$$e_3$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1)$$

$$\sigma_1 = 1 + \varepsilon$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1)$$

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|F\| = 1 + \varepsilon$$

$$\varepsilon > 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1) \text{ if } 0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1) \text{ if } 1 \leq \varepsilon \end{array} \right\} \sigma_2 = |1 - \varepsilon|$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1)$$

left sing. values

$$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1)$$

$$\sigma_1 = |1 + \varepsilon|$$

$$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1)$$

$$\sigma_2 = |1 - \varepsilon|$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1)$$

$$\vec{e}_1$$

$$\vec{e}_2$$

$$\vec{e}_3$$

$$C = \vec{u}\vec{v}^\top$$

i.e. any rank-one matrix

$$\|\vec{u}\|$$

$$\|\vec{v}\|$$

$$\frac{\gamma}{\|\vec{v}\|}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{unitary}}$$

left sing. vectors

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}D\vec{e}_1$$

singular values

$$\sqrt{2}$$

right sing. vectors

$$\vec{e}_1$$

$$\vec{e}_2$$

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

left sing. vectors

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\vec{e}_2 + \vec{e}_3)$$

singular values

$$2 \neq 3$$

right sing. vectors

$$\vec{e}_3$$

$$\vec{e}_1$$

$$\vec{e}_2$$

$$\vec{e}_4$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\vec{e}_2 - \vec{e}_3)$$

$$2 - 1 = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\vec{e}_1 - \vec{e}_5)$$

$$\vec{e}_1$$

$$\vec{e}_5$$

$$\vec{e}_1$$

$$\vec{e}_1$$

$$1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1$$

$$\vec{e}_1$$

$$\sqrt{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1)$$

$$\vec{e}_1$$

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 & 3 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{SVD}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e_1 - e_3 \\ e_1 + e_2 - e_3 \\ e_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad ?$$

Matlab example:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ \vec{v}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8507 & 0.5257 \\ 0.5257 & 0.8507 \end{pmatrix} \\ D &= \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 = \|A\| \\ 1.6180 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.6180 = \sigma_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ U &= \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u}_1 & \vec{u}_2 \\ \vec{u}_2 & \vec{u}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5257 & -0.8507 \\ 0.8507 & 0.5257 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} >> A = [1 1; 0 1]; \\ >> [V, D, U] = svd(A) \\ &\quad \left| \begin{array}{l} >> V * D * U' \\ \text{ans} = \\ \begin{matrix} 1.0000 & 1.0000 \\ 0.0000 & 1.0000 \end{matrix} \\ >> u1 = U(:,1); \\ >> v1 = V(:,1); \\ >> sigma1 = D(1,1); \\ >> A * u1 \\ \text{ans} = \\ \begin{matrix} 1.3764 \\ 0.8507 \end{matrix} \\ >> sigma1 * v1 \\ \text{ans} = \\ \begin{matrix} 1.3764 \\ 0.8507 \end{matrix} \end{array} \right| \end{aligned}$$

Question: Is the SVD of a matrix unique?

$$A = \sum_j \sigma_j \vec{v}_j \vec{u}_j^T$$

SVD and the rank-nullity theorem

- Observe:
- columnspace  $R(A) = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_j \mid \sigma_j > 0\}$   
(since any output  $A\vec{x}$  is in this span)
  - rowspace  $R(A^T) = \text{Span}\{\vec{u}_j \mid \sigma_j > 0\}$
- $\Rightarrow \text{Rank}(A) = \# \text{ of nonzero singular values}$

Corollary: (Rank-Nullity Theorem)

$$\begin{aligned} \dim R(A) &= \dim R(A^T) \\ \dim N(A) + \dim R(A^T) &= n \\ \dim N(A^T) + \dim R(A) &= m \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{follows} \\ \text{immediately} \\ \text{from SVD!} \end{array} \right.$$

- $A^{-1}$  exists  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$A^{-1} =$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A^{\dagger}\| =$$

Using singular values to determine numerically the rank of a matrix

Example:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

but, generically, any perturbation of A will have rank 4.

>> A = diag([1 1 0 0]); rank(A + 10^-3 \* randn(4,4))

ans =

4

Intuitively, after a small perturbation, the new matrix's SVD will look like

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \pm \epsilon & & & 0 \\ & 1 \pm \epsilon & & \\ & & \epsilon & \\ & & & \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{rank is 4}$$

Observe: Small perturbations can increase the rank, but they can't decrease the rank — at least if they are small enough.

If  $\|\text{perturbation}\| < \frac{\text{smallest positive singular value}}{\text{singular value}}(A)$   
then  $\text{rank}(A + \text{perturbation}) \geq \text{rank}(A)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Generically, numerical matrices will have full rank.

To compute rank numerically, compute all the singular values, and then throw away the really small ones (below the threshold of numerical accuracy).

### More corollaries of the key lemma ( $\|A\| = \|A^T\|$ )

Corollary:  $\|A^*A\| = \|A\|^2 = \|AA^*\|$ .

Proof: We showed before that  $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\|$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|A^*A\| &\leq \|A^*\| \cdot \|A\| \\ &= \|A\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

and by the lemma this norm is achieved by the same  $\vec{x}$  that achieves  $\|A\vec{x}\| = \|A\| \cdot \|\vec{x}\|$ .  $\square$

Corollary:  $\|A^T\| = \|A\|$ , even for complex matrices, since  $\|A^{\dagger}\| = \|A^T\|$  — the difference between  $A^{\dagger}$  and  $A^T$  is just complex conjugation, which doesn't change any lengths.

Corollary:  $\underbrace{\|A \cdot A^* \cdot A \cdot A^* \cdots \cdot A \cdot A^*\|}_{m \text{ times}} = \|A\|^{2m}$

Corollary: If A is real and symmetric ( $A = A^T$ ) or complex and Hermitian ( $A = A^{\dagger}$ ), then  $\|A^m\| = \|A\|^m$ .

Example: For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\|A\| = \sqrt{2}$

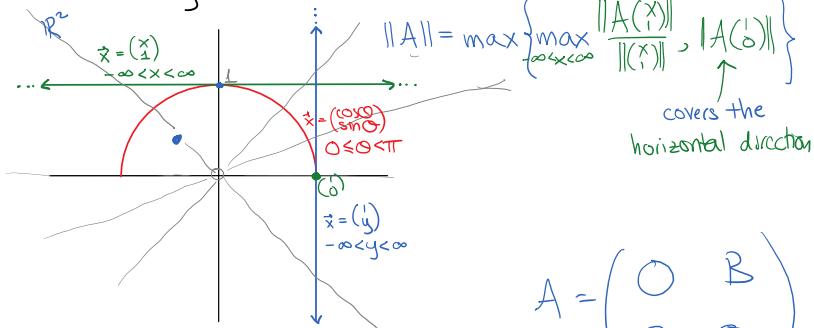
$$\begin{aligned} \text{but } A^n &= A \\ \text{since } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \|A^n\| &= \sqrt{2} \ll \sqrt{2} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

### Different parameterizations

Using  $\|A\| = \max_{\vec{x} : \|\vec{x}\|=1} \|A\vec{x}\|$ , we need to optimize over length-one vectors — except  $\|A(-\vec{x})\| = \|A\vec{x}\|$ .

$\Rightarrow$  for an  $m \times 2$  matrix,  $\|A\| = \max_{\theta \in [0, \pi)} \|A \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}\|$ .

Using  $\|A\| = \max_{\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}} \frac{\|A\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} = \frac{\|Ab\vec{x}\|}{\|b\vec{x}\|}$  we can use any parameterization that covers every direction ( $\pm 1$ ) for any  $b \neq 0$



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_1 > \sigma_2$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \|A\| = \max\{\|B\|, \|C\|\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= v_1 e_1^T + v_2 e_2^T \sigma_1 \\ &= \|v_1\| \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} e_1^T + \|v_2\| \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} e_2^T \Rightarrow \|A\| = \sigma_1 \\ &\text{left singular vectors} \quad \text{right sing. vectors} \end{aligned}$$

