

# m248Week7\_Action\_of\_SVD

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- 3 Week 7 Notes: Singular Value Decomposition in Action
- 4 Let's use the singular value decomposition to explore the action of a matrix  $A$  on space. We will work with two dimensional matrices because they are easy to visualize.
- 5 First we explore the action of  $A$  on the special vectors which are the columns of  $V$ :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The singular value decomposition of  $A$  is

$$A = U\Sigma V^t = \begin{pmatrix} 0.93788501 & 0.34694625 \\ 0.34694625 & -0.93788501 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5.41565478 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.29254915 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.10911677 & 0.99402894 \\ 0.99402894 & -0.10911677 \end{pmatrix}$$

is equivalent to

$$AV = U\Sigma,$$

which means that the action of  $A$  on the orthonormal columns of  $V$  is the same as stretching/squeezing the columns of  $U$  by the singular values. That is,

$$Av_1 = \sigma_1 u_1$$

and

$$Av_2 = \sigma_2 u_2$$

**6** The following code shows that  $A$  sends the special vectors  $v$ 's to multiples of the other special vectors  $u$ 's

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[49]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# define A as a numpy array
A=np.array([[1,5],[-1,2]])

# perform SVD on A
U,sigma,Vt=np.linalg.svd(A)
print("U=\n",U)
print("sigma=\n",sigma)
# store sigma in a diagonal matrix that has the same shape as A
Sigma=np.diag(sigma)
print("Sigma=\n",Sigma)
print("Vt=\n",Vt)

# Check whether you can recover A
print('U.Sigma.Vt=\n',U.dot(Sigma.dot(Vt)))
print('A=\n',A)

# These are the columns of U
u_1=U[:,0]
u_2=U[:,1]

# These are the columns of V (not Vt, I transpose Vt first)
V=Vt.T
v_1=V[:,0]
v_2=V[:,1]

# This is A acting on the columns of V
Av_1=A.dot(v_1)
Av_2=A.dot(v_2)

# Plot the vectors using arrow in matplotlib.pyplot.axes
# set the figure and labels
plt.figure(figsize=(15,15))
vec= plt.axes()
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plt.axis('scaled') # the scale on the x-axis is the same as the y-axis
plt.xlim(-7,7)
plt.ylim(-7,7)
plt.title('Singular Value Decomposition: Action of A on the columns of V')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')

# plot the vectors as arrows
arrow_v_1=vec.arrow(0, 0, *v_1, head_width=0.5, head_length=0.5, color='g',
    ↪label='v_1')
arrow_v_2=vec.arrow(0, 0, *v_2, head_width=0.5, head_length=0.5,
    ↪color='m',label='v_2')
arrow_u_1=vec.arrow(0, 0, *u_1, head_width=0.5, head_length=0.5, color='b',
    ↪label='u_1')
arrow_u_2=vec.arrow(0, 0, *u_2, head_width=0.5, head_length=0.5, color='c',
    ↪label='u_2')
arrow_Av_1=vec.arrow(0, 0, *Av_1,head_width=0.5, head_length=0.5, color='r',
    ↪label='Av_1')
arrow_Av_2=vec.arrow(0, 0, *Av_2,head_width=0.5, head_length=0.5, color='r',
    ↪label='Av_2')

# set the legend
plt.legend([arrow_v_1,arrow_v_2,arrow_u_1,arrow_u_2,arrow_Av_1,arrow_Av_2],
    ↪['v_1','v_2','u_1','u_2','Av_1','Av_2'],loc=1, prop={'size': 30})

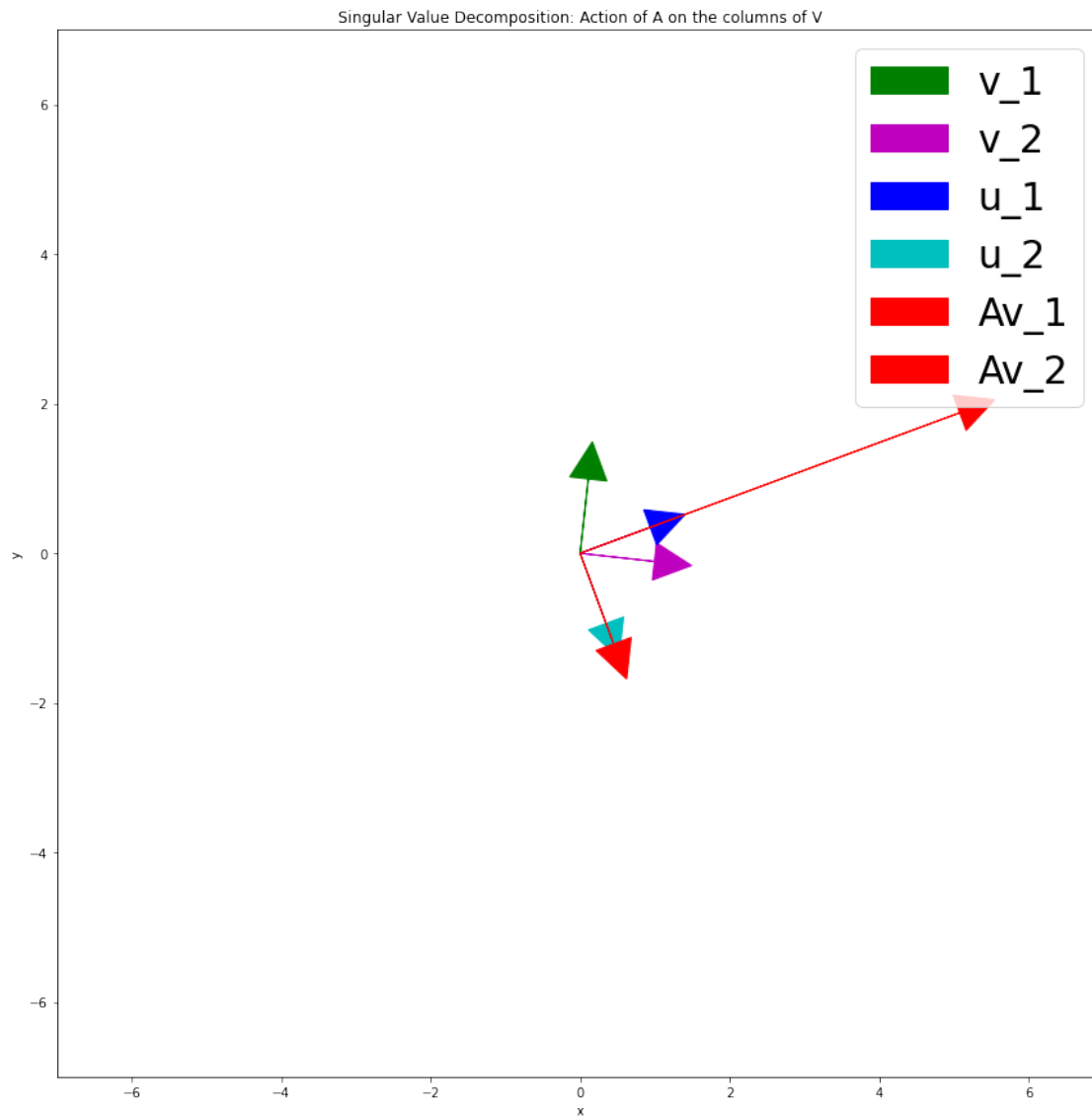
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U=
[[ 0.93788501  0.34694625]
 [ 0.34694625 -0.93788501]]
sigma=
[5.41565478 1.29254915]
Sigma=
[[5.41565478 0.
 ]
 [0.
 1.29254915]]
Vt=
[[ 0.10911677  0.99402894]
 [ 0.99402894 -0.10911677]]
U.Sigma.Vt=
[[ 1.  5.]
 [-1.  2.]]
A=
[[ 1  5]
 [-1  2]]

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[49]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7fd1d72cffd0>



## 7 Let's use the SVD to explore the action of a matrix on the standard unit vectors in 2D space.

$$A = U\Sigma V^t$$

$U$  and  $V$  could be rotation or reflection matrices.

The transpose of a rotation matrix is a rotation in the opposite direction. So if a matrix rotates clockwise its transpose rotates counterclockwise.

A rotation matrix clockwise by an angle  $\theta$  is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

A rotation matrix counterclockwise by an angle  $\theta$  is the transpose of the above matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

A reflection matrix about a line  $L$  making an angle  $\theta$  with the  $x$ -axis is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & -\cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinant of a rotation matrix is 1 and the determinant of the reflection matrix is  $-1$ . Notice that both rotations and reflections have orthonormal rows and columns. Also, their inverse is their transpose.

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[46]: e1=[1,0]
      e2=[0,1]

      Vt_e1=(Vt).dot(e1)
      Vt_e2=(Vt).dot(e2)
      Sigma_Vt_e1=Sigma.dot(Vt_e1)
      Sigma_Vt_e2=Sigma.dot(Vt_e2)
      U_Sigma_Vt_e1=U.dot(Sigma_Vt_e1)
      U_Sigma_Vt_e2=U.dot(Sigma_Vt_e2)

      # Plot the vectors using arrow in matplotlib.pyplot.axes
      # set the figure and labels
      plt.figure(figsize=(15,15))
      vec= plt.axes()
      plt.axis('scaled') # the scale on the x-axis is the same as the y-axis
      plt.xlim(-7,7)
      plt.ylim(-7,7)
      plt.title('Singular Value Decomposition: Action of A on the standard unit_
      ↪vectors')
      plt.xlabel('x')
      plt.ylabel('y')

      # plot the vectors as arrows
      arrow_e1=vec.arrow(0, 0, *e1, head_width=0.5, head_length=0.5, color='g',
      ↪label='e1')
      arrow_e2=vec.arrow(0, 0, *e2, head_width=0.5, head_length=0.5,
      ↪color='m',label='e2')
      arrow_Vt_e1=vec.arrow(0, 0, *Vt_e1, head_width=0.5, head_length=0.5,
      ↪color='r',label='Vt_e1')
      arrow_Vt_e2=vec.arrow(0, 0, *Vt_e2, head_width=0.5, head_length=0.5,
      ↪color='b',label='Vt_e2')
      arrow_Sigma_Vt_e1=vec.arrow(0, 0, *Sigma_Vt_e1, head_width=0.5, head_length=0.
      ↪5, color='c',label='Sigma_Vt_e1')
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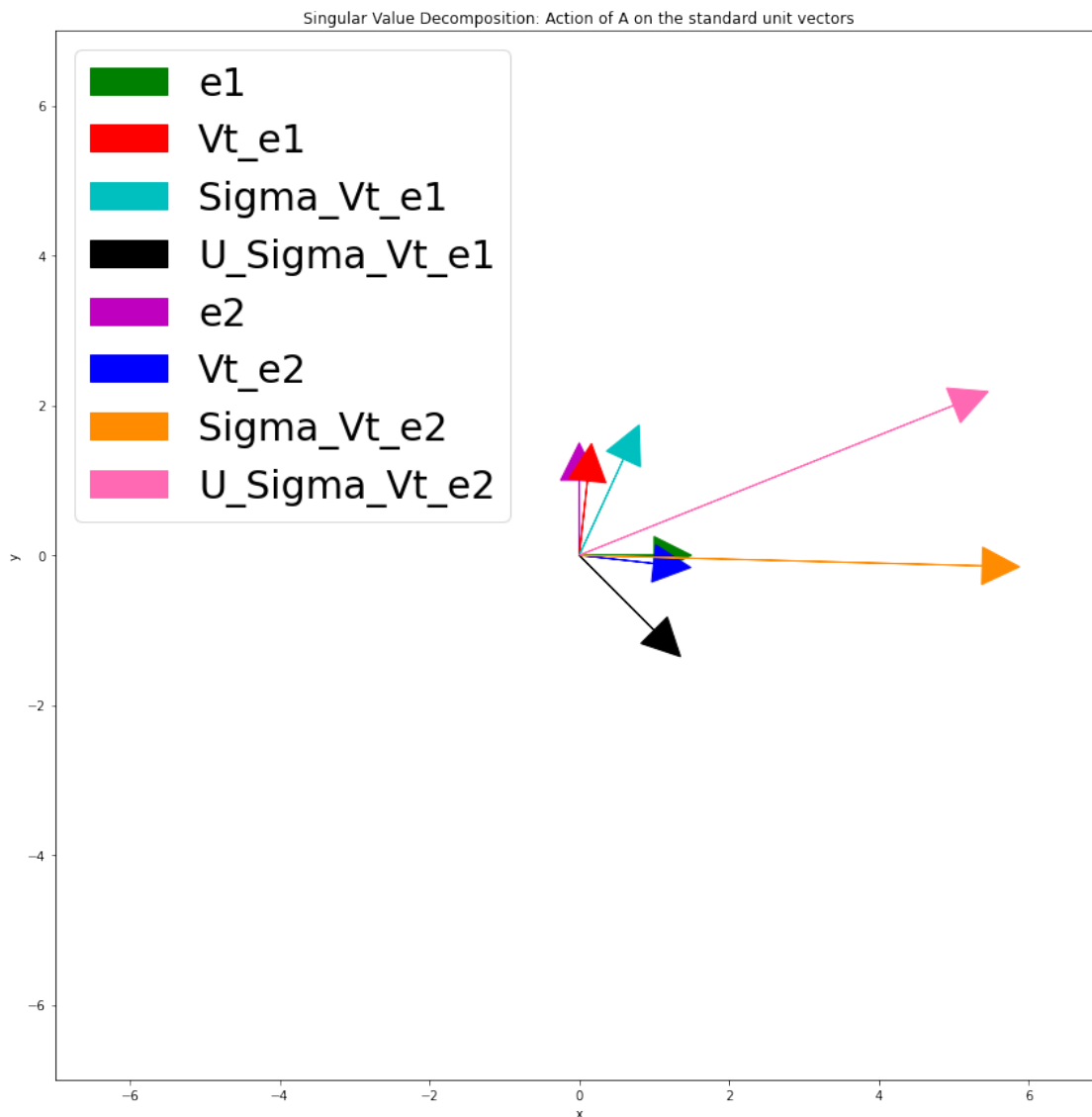
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arrow_Sigma_Vt_e2=vec.arrow(0, 0, *Sigma_Vt_e2, head_width=0.5, head_length=0.
↪5, color='darkorange',label='Sigma_Vt_e2')
arrow_U_Sigma_Vt_e1=vec.arrow(0, 0, *U_Sigma_Vt_e1, head_width=0.5,↪
↪head_length=0.5, color='k',label='U_Sigma_Vt_e1')
arrow_U_Sigma_Vt_e2=vec.arrow(0, 0, *U_Sigma_Vt_e2, head_width=0.5,↪
↪head_length=0.5, color='hotpink',label='U_Sigma_Vt_e2')

# set the legend
plt.legend([arrow_e1,arrow_Vt_e1,arrow_Sigma_Vt_e1, arrow_U_Sigma_Vt_e1,↪
↪arrow_e2,arrow_Vt_e2, arrow_Sigma_Vt_e2, arrow_U_Sigma_Vt_e2],↪
↪['e1','Vt_e1','Sigma_Vt_e1','U_Sigma_Vt_e1','e2','Vt_e2','Sigma_Vt_e2','U_Sigma_Vt_e2'],loc
↪prop={'size': 30})

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## 8 There are three ways to multiply two matrices $A_{m \times n}$ and $B_{n \times s}$ together:

1.

**8.1 Row-column approach:** Produce one entry  $(ab)_{ij}$  at a time by taking the dot product of a row with a column:

$$(ab)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

2.

**8.2 Column-columns approach:** Produce one column  $(AB)_l$  at a time by linearly combining the columns of  $A$  with the entries in the columns of  $B$ :

$$(AB)_l = b_{1l}A_1 + b_{2l}A_2 + \cdots + b_{nl}A_n$$

3.

**8.3 Column-row approach:** Produce rank one pieces of the product one at a time by multiplying a column of  $A$  with the corresponding row of  $B$ , then add all these rank one matrices together to get the final product  $AB$ :

$$AB = A_1 B_1^r + A_2 B_2^r + \cdots + A_n B_n^r$$

where  $A_l$  is the  $l$ th column of  $A$  and  $B_l^r$  is the  $l$ th row of  $B$ .

## 9 Multiplying by a diagonal matrix $\Sigma$ :

1. If you multiply  $A$  by  $\Sigma$  from the right  $A\Sigma$  then you scale the columns of  $A$  by the  $\sigma$ 's.
2. If you multiply  $A$  by  $\Sigma$  from the left  $\Sigma A$  then you scale the rows of  $A$  by the  $\sigma$ 's.

## 10 How does this help us understand the usefulness of the Singular Value Decomposition?

Recall that  $A = U\Sigma V^t$ . We can expand this product using the sum of rank one matrices method to multiply  $U\Sigma$  with  $V^t$  (note that  $U\Sigma$  scales each column  $U_i$  of  $U$  by  $\sigma_i$ ):

$$A = U\Sigma V^t = \sigma_1 U_1 V_1^t + \sigma_2 U_2 V_2^t + \cdots + \sigma_r U_r V_r^t$$

where  $r$  is the rank of the matrix  $A$ . The great thing about this expression is that it splits  $A$  into a sum of rank one matrices arranged according to their order of importance. Moreover, it provides a straightforward way to approximate  $A$  by lower rank matrices by setting lower singular values to zero.

## 11 The matrices $U$ and $V$ above are both reflection matrices:

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1. Find the angle of the straight lines  $L_U$  and  $L_V^t$  that acts as a mirror for this reflection.
2. Find the equations of the lines of reflection.
3. Use python to plot these lines.
4. On the same plot, plot a general vector  $x$ ,  $V^t x$ ,  $\Sigma V^t x$ , and  $U \Sigma V^t x = Ax$

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## 12 Time to finally understand how to calculate the singular value decomposition of any matrix $A = U \Sigma V^t$ :

1. The columns of  $V$  are the orthonormal eigenvectors of the symmetric matrix  $A^t A$
2. The columns of  $U$  are the orthonormal eigenvectors of the symmetric matrix  $A A^t$
3. The singular values  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r$  are the square roots of the eigenvalues of  $A^t A$  or  $A A^t$ . Recall that singular values must be non-negative.
4. Recall  $A v_i = \sigma_i u_i$

**12.1 Note:** Every real symmetric positive definite (positive eigenvalues) matrix is diagonalizable  $S = P D P^{-1}$ , has orthogonal eigenvectors and positive eigenvalues.  $A^t A$  and  $A A^t$  happen to both be symmetric positive semi-definite (meaning their eigenvalues are non-negative).



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