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Question 6 - Theoretical question:

Let A be a matrix of finite size. If A is real, then it admits a decomposition into a real singular values real singular values $A = U \Sigma V^*$ with U and V matrices with real coefficients.

A has a size: $m \times n$

$A^* A$ of size $n \times n$ is a square matrix of dimension n .

The ^{adjoint} matrix of $A A^*$ is written: $(A A^*)^* = (A^* A^*)^* = A^* A$

The matrix $A^* A$ is hermitian because it is equal to its adjoint.

$A^* A$ is real because its coefficients are the products of coefficients of real A .

When we do an eigenvalue decomposition of $A^* A$, we obtain the diagonal matrix D which contains n eigenvalues. They are

0 or n ^{different} eigenvalues λ_m , $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $m \leq n$

We obtain the matrix of singular values Σ containing singular values real and positive

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

The matrix V^* is composed of the eigenvectors of $A^* A$

To determine them, we pose $(A^* A) x_m = \lambda_m x_m$ where x_m are eigenvectors. Thus we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_m \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} (a_{11} - \lambda_m) x_1 & a_{12} x_2 & \dots & a_{1n} x_n \\ a_{21} x_1 & (a_{22} - \lambda_m) x_2 & \dots & a_{2n} x_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} x_1 & a_{m2} x_2 & \dots & (a_{mn} - \lambda_m) x_n \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

The following system must be solved

$$\begin{cases} (a_{11} - \lambda_m)x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0 \\ a_{21}x_1 + (a_{22} - \lambda_m)x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + (a_{mn} - \lambda_m)x_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

Where the coefficients a_{ij} and the eigenvalues λ_m are positive values. There are therefore solutions for these systems.

Solving the system as a function of x_1 and posing $x_1 = 1$ we obtain the eigenvectors for the value λ_m with necessarily positive coefficient.

So we have positive eigenvectors which form V^* which is consequently also positive. Its adjoint V has real coefficients.

V is defined as:

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

$$AV = U \Sigma V^* V$$

$$AV \Sigma^{-1} = U \Sigma \Sigma^{-1}$$

$$AV \Sigma^{-1} = U$$

Now it is a matrix product of three matrices with real coefficients, the matrix U has real coefficients.

So we have shown that if A has real coefficients the vectors U and V have real coefficients too.