

Topic 3: Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ be **any** matrix. The SVD allows to interpret (break down) the action of A on vectors (i.e as a linear operation) as a sequence of three simpler steps. i.e.) as action of 3 different structured matrices:

1. Reflection / Rotation (**orthogonal matrix**) in the domain \mathbb{R}^n
2. Scaling (**diagonal operator**)
3. Reflection / Rotation (**orthogonal matrix**) in the image space \mathbb{R}^m

This is similar to the eigenvalue decomposition by applying the following tradeoffs:

In the eigenvalue decomposition (EVD), we write A as VDV^{-1} , where A is square, V, D have the same dimensions as A , and V is invertible. Here V is a change of basis matrix allowing to map the operator to a diagonal version of it.

i.e) map vectors to standard basis vector, then apply the scaling from D , and then revert the change of basis operation.

The *EVD* has a number of drawbacks:

1. Does not always exist. e.g) for non-square matrices
2. Does not always exist even for square matrices. e.g) missing eigenvectors for eigenvalues of multiplicity > 1
3. You need complex geometry.

In the **SVD**

- **Give up:** the same matrix V on both sides
- **Gain:**
 - a. Always exist for **any** matrix square & non-square
 - b. If A is real, so is the *SVD*. So the geometry is expressible in real terms.
 - c. The diagonal part of the *SVD* has non-negative elements, which you can choose to be ordered.
 - d. **Singular vectors always exist.**

In some special cases, the *SVD* & *EVD* are the same.

We first state the *SVD* as a theorem, explore some of its implications & interpretations, understand its geometry, & and then prove it, & also see an algorithm for computing it.

Theorem: Existence of SVD

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ be any matrix.

There exists:

1. $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ orthogonal
 2. $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{\min(m,n)}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, where:
 - $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{\min(m,n)} \geq 0$
 3. $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ orthogonal,
- s.t** $A = U\Sigma V^T$
- Note: here, V^T is a notational convenience

There are several ways of expressing this relationship. i.e) several ways to write SVD.

1. $A = U\Sigma V^T$, is called the **full SVD**

2. **Reduced SVD:**

- a. Case 1: $m \geq n$ (case tall)

Take:

$U = [U_1, U_2]$, U_1 has shape $m \times n$, U_2 has shape $m \times (m - n) \rightarrow m \times m$ eventually

$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, Σ_1 has shape $n \times n$, 0 has shape $(m - n) \times n \rightarrow m \times n$ eventually

$V \rightarrow$ no need to break down, $n \times n$.

Then $(m \times m) (m \times n) (n \times n) \rightarrow (m \times n)$, which is same shape as A :

$$\begin{aligned} A &= U\Sigma V^T \\ &= [U_1, U_2] \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T \\ &= (U_1 \Sigma_1 + U_2 0) V^T \\ &= U_1 \Sigma_1 V^T \end{aligned}$$

- b. Case 2: $m < n$ (case wide)

$U \rightarrow$ leave unchanged

$\Sigma = [\Sigma_1, 0]$, Σ_1 has shape $m \times n$, 0 has shape $m \times (m - n)$

$V = [V_1, V_2]$, V_1 has shape $n \times m$, V_2 has shape $n \times (n - m)$

We then get $(m \times m) (m \times n) (n \times n) \rightarrow (m \times n)$:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= U\Sigma V^T \\ &= U[\Sigma_1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} V_1^T \\ V_2^T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= U\Sigma_1 V_1^T \end{aligned}$$

c. **Case 3:** SVD as a sum of rank-1 matrices

$U = [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m], u_i \in \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow (m \times m)$

$\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{\min(m,n)}), \Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ (Unchanged)

$V = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n], v_j \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (n \times n)$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= U\Sigma V^T \\ &= [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m] \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{\min(m,n)}) \begin{bmatrix} v_1^T \\ v_2^T \\ \vdots \\ v_n^T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 v_1^T \\ \sigma_2 v_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_{\min(m,n)} v_{\min(m,n)}^T \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{possibly the zero terms}) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\min(m,n)} \sigma_k u_k v_k^T \end{aligned}$$

- **Note:** each $\sigma_k, k \in [1, \min(m, n)]$ is a real value, $u_k v_k^T$ is a shape $(m \times 1) (1 \times n)$ matrix multiplication, which results in a $(m \times n)$ matrix. Thus the sum equals to a $(m \times n)$ matrix scaled with all σ_k values.

- **Example** of $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{\min(m,n)})$

Say we have A being 3 by 2, then even Σ is 3 by 2 guarantee, but we only have 2 values: σ_1, σ_2

and the whole Σ will look like:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definitions of SVD components

1. $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{\min(m,n)}$ are called the **singular values** of matrix A
2. v_1, \dots, v_n are called the **right singular vectors** of A
3. u_1, \dots, u_m are called the **left singular vectors** of A

Note:

1. The *SVD* can also be defined for complex matrices. i.e) $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ can be written as $A = U\Sigma V^H$ with u, v **unitary**. Σ diagonal real \implies same form as before.

- H : complex conjugate transpose.
- **unitary**: $u^H u = uu^H = I_m, v^H v = vv^H = I_n$

2. **Is SVD unique????**

Generally, NO!

Generally, *SVD* is **not** unique. e.g) in the *reduced vs full* expression we have zero blocks (e.g. tall case u_2 is an arbitrary completion, starting from u_1 to the orthogonal matrix U)

Also, e.g. in the **rank-1 expression**, $\sigma_k u_k v_k^T = \sigma_k (-u_k)(-v_k)^T$

However!

$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{\min(m,n)}$, the **singular values are unique** (with the constraints **positive, decreasing**).

As well, the left and right singular vectors corresponding to **non-zero** singular values are **unique depending on sign (+/-) choices**.

Example of Uses of SVD

Set up

Write the rank-1 representation, but remove any zero singular values, so, that is to say:

$$A = \sum_{k=1}^r \sigma_k u_k v_k^T$$

Where:

1. $r \leq \min(m, n)$
2. $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$

Ex 1: Image of A (as a linear transformation)

We take the v_1, \dots, v_n , the right singular vectors and express any vector in \mathbb{R}^n by a linear combination with them since we know that SVD provides an orthogonal matrix $V \implies$ orthonormal column space \implies orthonormal basis of column space.

Let $x = \alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$, here we have (v_1, \dots, v_n are an orthonormal set & form a basis for \mathbb{R}^n)

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= \sum_{k=1}^r \sigma_k u_k v_k^T (\alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^r \sigma_k \alpha_k u_k \end{aligned}$$

- since $v_k^T v_j = 0$ if $j \neq k$ and $v_k^T v_j = 1$ if $j = k$

Here as α'_k s range over \mathbb{R} , $\sigma_k \alpha_k$ also range over \mathbb{R} , thus $\text{Image}(A) = \text{span}\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r\}$

- where u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r are from the left singular vectors

Rank:

$\text{col rank}(A) = \dim \text{Image}(A) = r = \# \text{ of non-zero singular values}$

Here $\text{row rank}(A) = r = \text{col rank}(A)$ because the singular values for A^T are the same as for A since $A^T = V \Sigma^T U^T$

- Identical σ'_k s singular values but arranged in a slightly different way

Geometry of Action of A using SVD

To understand the geometry, first look at the action on vectors from a diagonal matrix Σ . Say, as an example:

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \|x\|_2 = 1$$

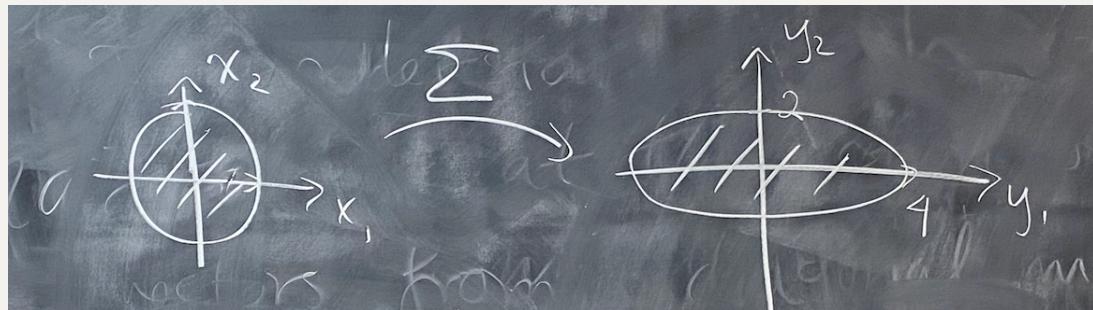
Then we have:

$$\Sigma x = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = y$$

and it maps the unit circle to another circle of radius 2 (y).

It also maps $\|x\|^2 \leq 1$ to vectors y s.t $\|y\|^2 \leq 4$, i.e) circle to circle & full ball to full ball (i.e interiro)

What about $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, then we have $y = \begin{pmatrix} 4x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$



This maps circle to ellipse both boundary & interior.

This is an ellipse because $1 = \|x\|^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 = (\frac{y_1}{4})^2 + (\frac{y_2}{2})^2$.

- The boundary here is captured by the relation with **equality**
- & the interior is captured if you use 1
 $\geq \|x\|^2 = \|x\|^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 = (\frac{y_1}{4})^2 + (\frac{y_2}{2})^2$
 - interior: refers to all the points inside and on the boundary of the shape

Another example with a 0 diagonal element:

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ take } 1 = \|x\|^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$$

then we have:

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \Sigma x = \begin{pmatrix} 3x_1 \\ 2x_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here, we thus have:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 \\ &\geq x_1^2 + x_2^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{y_1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y_2}{2}\right)^2 \text{ boundary} \\ OR \\ &\geq \left(\frac{y_1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y_2}{2}\right)^2 \text{ interior} \end{aligned}$$

When “reducing” dimension, you may map boundary (3 dimensional, since x_1, x_2, x_3) to boundary (2 dimensional with equal sign, y_1, y_2) or interior with bigger or equal to (y_1, y_2).

As well if you replace the equal sign by:

$1 \geq \dots$, you then map interior of the original sphere to the interior of the image ellipsoid. In A4, asking to characterize these possibilities.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\geq x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 \text{ interior} \\ &\geq x_1^2 + x_2^2 \\ &\geq \left(\frac{y_1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y_2}{2}\right)^2 \text{ interior} \end{aligned}$$

Now adding the other components of the *SVD* (the left/right singular vectors) only **reorients the shapes**, first in the domain through V , and later in the image-space through U .

Putting all together, the action of a matrix produces the following geometrical schema:

$$V^T v_1 = [v_1^T] v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = e_1$$

$$V^T v_2 = [v_2^T] v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = e_2$$

$$U \sigma_1 e_1 = [u_1, u_2] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma_1 u_1$$

$$U \sigma_2 e_2 = [u_1, u_2] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma_2 u_2$$

Matrix Norms (prerequisite for proof of SVD)

The $m \times m$ matrices with addition and scalar multiplication can be packaged into a vector space, so that you can define norms on them.

There are two ways to do so:

1. You can just define arbitrary norms, e.g. **Frobenius norm (F-norm)**

- **Def:** Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, the Frobenius norm is the following: (sum up all entries's square, then square root them all)

$$\|A\|_F = \left(\sum_{\substack{i=1,..m \\ j=1,...n}} a_{ij}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

2. **Induced norm**, (i.e. induced by an underlying vector)

- **Def:** Let $\|\cdot\|$ be a vector norm (1-norms, 2-norms) on $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m$ and $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. The induced matrix norm on A is defined by:

$$\|A\| = \max_{\substack{x \neq 0 \\ x \in \mathbb{R}^n}} \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|} = \max_{\substack{\|x\|=1 \\ x \in \mathbb{R}^n}} \|Ax\| = \text{maximum stretch (scaling) that } A \text{ can apply}$$

Here, $\|\cdot\|$ notation is overloaded because $\|x\|$ applies to \mathbb{R}^n and $\|Ax\|$ applies to \mathbb{R}^m , and $\|A\|$ has a dependency on each one above.

Usually people keep to one “kind” of norm in $\mathbb{R}^m \& \mathbb{R}^n$, e.g. 2-norm (which means, we do not change how to compute the norm of vectors when changing between ranges)

3. **Side Question:**

- Is the Frobenius norm induced? How do we know?

The F-norm is not induced because:

e.g.) Let's compute the F-norm and induced norm of identity matrix:

$$\text{i.} \quad \|I_m\|_F = \sqrt{(\text{all elements})} = \sqrt{m}$$

$$\text{ii.} \quad \|I_m\| = \max_{\|x\|=1} \|Ix\| = \max_{\|x\|=1} \|x\| = 1$$

Therefore the F-norm can not be induced.

More Preparation for proof of SVD

Lemma 1

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Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

Then we have:

$$\|A\|_2 = \max_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ y \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ \|x\|_2 = \|y\|_2 = 1}} y^T A x = \max_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ y \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ \|x\|_2 = \|y\|_2 = 1}} x^T A^T y = \|A^T\|_2$$

- **where both $\|A\|_2, \|A^T\|_2$ are induced**

- **Note:**

- Within the proof (see below), we found (by existence argument) a v , such that with

$$\|v\|_2 = 1, x = v, y = \frac{Av}{\|Av\|_2}, \text{ we achieve these bounds.}$$

- This v was defiened by the one which is unit norm & achieves $\|A\|_2 = \|Av\|_2$

Note 1: The fact that $\|A\|_2$ is attenined at some v , $\|v\|_2 = 1$ is an instance of the extreme-value theorem for continuous function:
 $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ on closed & bounded sets.

Note 2: $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous because $+, \cdot$ are themselves continuous. As well $\|\cdot\|_2 : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is also continuous because it's a square root of a sum of squares. So the composition $\|A \cdot\| : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function.

Proof

1. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ be arbitrary with $\|x\|_2 = \|y\|_2 = 1$, Then:

$$\begin{aligned} y^T A x &= \langle y, Ax \rangle \\ &\leq \|y\|_2 \|Ax\|_2 \text{ by Cauchy-Schwarz} \\ &= \|Ax\|_2 \text{ since } \|y\|_2 = 1 \\ &\leq \|A\| \text{ by def of induced norm since } \|x\|_2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

This shows $\|A\|$ is an upper bound for the set $y^T A x, \|x\|_2 = \|y\|_2 = 1$, since $\|A\|$, the induced norm, is bounded by: $\max_{\|x\|=1, x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|Ax\|_2$, which is larger than a regular $\|Ax\|_2$

We now explicitly show that this upper bound is achieved. Take

$$v \in \mathbb{R}^n, \|v\| = 1, s.t. \|Av\|_2 = \|A\|$$

Take $u = \frac{Av}{\|Av\|_2}$, which is also unit, $\|u\|_2 = 1$

$$\text{Then } u^T A v = \left(\frac{Av}{\|Av\|_2}\right)^T A v = \frac{\|Av\|_2^2}{\|Av\|_2} = \|Av\|_2 = \|A\|$$

with this choice of u, v i.e) $y = u, x = v$, we achieve the upper bound $\|A\|_2$

This completes proof of first equal sign

2. $y^T A x = x^T A^T y$ because both sides are scalar

3. This is a restatement of proof of 1 for A^T and an analogous proof applies.

Lemma 2

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With A, u, v as in [lemma 1](#) (u, v in the proof), let $\sigma_1 = \|A\|_2$, then we have:

1. $Av = \sigma_1 u$
2. $A^T u = \sigma_1 v$

Proof

1. By construction of u, v from [lemma 1](#):

$$u = \frac{Av}{\|Av\|_2}, \|Av\|_2 = \|A\|_2 = \sigma_1 \text{ by definition of both}$$

then, we have: $\sigma_1 u = Av$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &= \sigma_1 u^T u, \|u\|_2^2 = 1 \\ &= \sigma_1 u^T \frac{Av}{\|Av\|_2} \\ &= u^T Av \text{ since } \sigma_1 = \|A\|_2 = \|Av\|_2 \text{ (could've used lemma 1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \quad &= v^T A^T u \text{ since transposing a scalar preserves the value} \\ &= \langle v, A^T u \rangle \\ &\leq \|v\|_2 \|A^T u\|_2 \text{ by C-S} \\ &= \|A^T u\|_2 \text{ because } \|v\|_2 = 1 \\ &\leq \|A^T\|_2 \text{ since } \|u\|_2 = 1 \text{ by def of matrix 2-norm} \\ &= \sigma_1 \end{aligned}$$

so all inequalities are actually equalities (since σ_1 appears at the beginning and the end). Here in the C-S inequality, we know that equality occurs when the underlying vectors are collinear. Here v & $A^T u$ are collinear (which was the point: i.e. to show that A^T maps u back into $\text{span}\{v\}$). To figure out the multiplier, let $A^T u = \gamma v$ for some scalar γ

$$\text{Then: } \sigma_1 = v^T A^T u = v^T \gamma v = \gamma \text{ since } \|v^T v\| = \|v\|_2^2 = 1$$

This shows that u, v as defined are paris s.t.

- A maps v to $\sigma_1 u$
- A^T maps u to $\sigma_1 v$

These σ_1, u, v become the largest singular value & left & right singular vectors. The rest of the proof is by induction on the dimension of A where we remove u_1v from $\mathbb{R}^m \& \mathbb{R}^n$ respectively & reduce the subspace by looking at $u^\perp \& v^\perp$ and reduce the operator to a smaller one action on these subspaces. We now formalize

Main Proof of Existence of SVD

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, assume $m \geq n$ because the case $m < n$ can be covered by transposition, since transposing an SVD form $u\Sigma v^T$, (u, v are orthogonal, Σ is diagonal, non negative) also produces an SVD form.

For one induction

Let

$$A = a = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{pmatrix}_{m \times 1}$$

Then the set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^1 with $\|v\| = 1$ is just $v = \pm 1$, with $\|Av\|_2 = \|a\|_2$ or $\|-a\| = \|a\|_2$ for v s.t. $\|v\|_2 = 1$

Therefore, here $\|A\|_2 = \|a\|_2 = \sigma_1$. Note: $\|A\|_2$ is the operator norm = vector 2-norm just for these $R^{m \times 1}$ matrices

we have 2 choices of v_1 both achieving $\|A\|_2 = \|Av\|$ we take $v = +1$ for convenience.

Then:

$$u = \frac{Av}{\|Av\|} = \frac{a}{\|a\|} = \frac{a}{\sigma_1}$$

Complete u to an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^m (we do not need to do for v because $v \in \mathbb{R}^1$, so it's already a complete basis)

Say $U = [u, u_2, \dots, u_m]$ be an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^m (after completion). so U is an orthogonal matrix.

Then:

$$U_{m \times m} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{m \times 1} v_{1 \times 1}^T = [u, u_2, \dots, u_m] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma_1 u = a = A$$

This is a valid *SVD* because

- v is orthogonal matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{1 \times 1}$
- u is orthogonal matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{1 \times 1}$ by construction in $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is diagonal
($m \times 1$ shape)

Induction Hypothesis

Suppose *SVD* can be constructed for any real matrix up to $\dim(m-1) \times (n-1), n \geq 2$

Induction Step

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, m \geq n$. Take the following:

- $\sigma_1 = \|A\|_2$ Note that σ_1 is already maximized based on lemma 1
- $v_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ s.t. $\sigma_1 = \|A\|_2 = \|Av_1\|_2$ with $\|v_1\|_2 = 1$
- $u_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m, u_1 = \frac{Av_1}{\|Av_1\|_2}$ so that $Av_1 = \sigma_1 u_1, A^T u_1 = \sigma_1 v_1$ (from lemma 2)

Complete both v_1 & u_1 to orthonormal bases and write:

- $\tilde{V} = [v_2, \dots, v_n]$, and $[v_1, \tilde{V}]$ is orthogonal in \mathbb{R}^n
- $\tilde{U} = [u_2, \dots, u_m]$, and $[u_1, \tilde{U}]$ is orthogonal in \mathbb{R}^m

Apply $[u_1, \tilde{U}]^T$ and $[v_1, \tilde{V}]$ to the left and right of A respectively to get:

$$\begin{aligned} & [u_1, \tilde{U}]^T A [v_1, \tilde{V}] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} u_1^T \\ \tilde{U}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Av_1 & A\tilde{V} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} u_1^T Av_1 & u_1^T A\tilde{V} \\ \tilde{U}^T Av_1 & \tilde{U}^T A\tilde{V} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Shapes and Simplify:

- $u_1^T : 1 \times m, Av_1 : m \times 1$, thus the left top corner gives a scalar: 1×1
 - $u_1^T Av_1 = u_1^T \sigma_1 u_1 = \sigma_1$ by definition of u_1 and since $\|u_1\| = 1$
- $u_1^T : 1 \times m, A\tilde{V} : m \times (n-1)$, the shape matches, however, we can simplify it by:
 - $u_1^T A\tilde{V} = \sigma_1 v_1^T \tilde{V} = 0$ since $u_1^T A = (A^T u_1)^T = (\sigma_1 v_1)^T = \sigma_1 v_1^T$ and since $v_1 \perp \tilde{V}$, it ends up being 0
- $\tilde{U}^T : (m-1) \times m, Av_1 : m \times 1$, thus the left bottom corner matrix multiplication works
 - $\tilde{U}^T Av_1 = \tilde{U} \sigma_1 u_1 = 0$ since $Av_1 = u_1$ and $\tilde{U} \perp u_1$, thus it ends up being 0 (orthogonality)
- $\tilde{U}^T : (m-1) \times m, A : m \times n, \tilde{V} : n \times (n-1)$, thus the bottom right corner gives: $(m-1) \times (n-1)$
 - $\tilde{U}^T A\tilde{V} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} B \in \mathbb{R}^{(m-1) \times (n-1)}$. So by the induction hypothesis $\exists U_2, \Sigma_2, V_2$ in SVD form s.t. $B = U_2 \Sigma_2 V_2^T$

Rewrite:

$$[u_1, \tilde{U}]^T A [v_1, \tilde{V}] = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^T Av_1 & u_1^T A\tilde{V} \\ \tilde{U}^T Av_1 & \tilde{U}^T A\tilde{V} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & U_2 \Sigma_2 V_2^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Recap from what has been covered so far in the proof:

- During the induction step, we reached a stage of showing that:

$$[u_1, \tilde{U}]^T A [v_1, \tilde{V}] = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^T Av_1 & u_1^T A\tilde{V} \\ \tilde{U}^T Av_1 & \tilde{U}^T A\tilde{V} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & U_2 \Sigma_2 V_2^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Where we invoked I, H in B stating that it can be written in SVD form.

- Therefore:

$$A = [u_1, \tilde{U}] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & U_2 \Sigma_2 V_2^T \end{bmatrix} [v_1, \tilde{V}]^T$$

we need to extract U_2, V_2^T from the middle matrix in order to obtain a diagonal

Trick:

$$= [u_1, \tilde{U}] \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & V_2 \end{bmatrix} [v_1, \tilde{V}]^T$$

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 $m \times 1 \quad (m-1) \times 1 \quad (m-1) \times 1 \quad (n-1) \times 1 \quad (n-1) \times 1$
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{U} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{\Sigma} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{V}$

$\underbrace{(m-1) \times (m-1)}_{(m-1) \times (m-1)} \quad \underbrace{(m-1) \times (n-1)}_{(m-1) \times (n-1)} \quad \underbrace{(n-1) \times (n-1)}_{(n-1) \times (n-1)}$

Here, the product composing U is of two orthogonal matrices and the product of orthogonal matrices is also an orthogonal matrix. (e.g. if Q_1, Q_2 are square, orthogonal of the same dimension, then $(Q_1 Q_2)^T (Q_1 Q_2) = Q_2^T Q_1^T Q_1 Q_2 = I$)

Then we can write:

$$A = \left([u_1, \tilde{U}] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & V_2 \end{bmatrix} [v_1, \tilde{V}]^T \right) = U \Sigma V^T$$

shapes: $(m \times m * m \times m) * m \times n * (n \times n * n \times n) \rightarrow m \times n$

- **This completes the proof of existence!!**

To achieve ordering of $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \dots \geq \sigma_{\min(m,n)}$, you can argue that the form achieved is already with the correct ordering since we can show that $\sigma_1 = \|A\|_2$ by choice is the largest singular value & the others are correctly ordered by the induction hypothesis.

OR, we can argue that a correct reordering can be achieved by reordering the singular vectors.

Preserves:

1. orthogonality of left & right matrices
2. preserve the product: this can be seen most easily by recalling that SVD can be expanded (equivalent to full SVD) as a sum of rank-1 matrices.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\min(m,n)} \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$$

Helpful Notes for Assignment 4

1. Q3, d -> removed! Incorrect question

Lower Rank approximations to A

Def: Distance between matrices

Given a matrix norm $\|\cdot\|$, the distance between matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is defined by $\|A - B\|$

A question you may ask is: what is the closest matrix B of rank k to A , where $\text{rank}(A) = n$ or $> k$

what is the answer in the 2-norm?

Answer (A4)

Take $A = \sum_{i=1}^{\min(m,n)} \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$ (SVD), Take $B = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$. This works in both 2-norm and F-norms.

Another Note for A4

Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ orthogonal, then $\|QA\|_2 = \|A\|_2$ because the operator norm is defined via a vector norm & the matrix Q preserves the underlying vector norm. Formally, we write:

$$\begin{aligned}\|A\|_2 &= \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^m} \|Ax\|_2 = \|Av\|_2 \text{ for some } v, \|v\|_2 = 1 \\ &= \|QAv\|_2 \text{ since } Q \text{ is orthogonal matrix (recall: } \|Qu\| = \|u\|)\end{aligned}$$

since $\|QAx\|_2 = \|Ax\|_2, \forall x, \|x\|_2 = 1$, then $\|QA\|_2 = \|A\|_2$

What about $\|AQ_2\|_2$ where $Q_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$?

- It is also orthogonal. Again, this is equal to $\|A\|_2$ since for any matrix, the 2-norm equal the 2-norm of its transpose

What about $\|QA\|_F$ & $\|AQ_2\|_F$?

Do these orthogonal matrices preserve the $\|A\|_F$?

$$\|A\|_F^2 = \|a_1\|_2^2 + \cdots + \|a_n\|_2^2 \text{ where } A = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\|QA\|_F^2 &= \|[Qa_1, \dots, Qa_n]\|_F^2 \\ &= \|Qa_1\|_2^2 + \cdots + \|Qa_n\|_2^2 \\ &= \|a_1\|_2^2 + \cdots + \|a_n\|_2^2 \text{ Q preserves 2-norm of vectors} \\ &= \|A\|_F^2\end{aligned}$$

So we have: $\|A\|_F = \|Q\|_F$, as well as $\|AQ\|_F = \|A\|_F$, since transposing a matrix preserves its F-norm (since we are just summing all elements squared & taking square root)

Topic 4: Eigenvalue Decomposition (EVD)

When discussing *EVD*, even for real matrices, we can not avoid \mathbb{C} because generally characteristic polynomials only split to linear factors in \mathbb{C} .

In this class, we use \mathbb{C} for some of the theory but only explore algorithms on subclasses of matrices (real, symmetric)

which are guaranteed to have real eigenvalues.

Definition: Eigen Pair

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ (or $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$). An **eigenvalue** of A is a scalar $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $\exists v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ called **eigenvector** ($v \neq 0$), satisfying that $Av = \lambda v$. The pair (λ, v) is called an **eigenpair** of A .