

**Exercise P10:** Use by-hand calculations to determine SVDs of the following matrices. Note that in the decomposition  $A = U\Sigma V^*$ , the factor  $\Sigma$  is unique but the factors  $U, V$  are not, and thus there will be more than one correct answer.

a.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

Since the given matrix is diagonal, and square we can simply factor into  $U\Sigma V^*$ , like the following

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We could throw the  $[0 \ -1]'$  column into either unitary matrix, since  $\Sigma$  must contain all non-negative values and be in decreasing diagonal order.

b.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

Note that the given matrix would be in the form of  $\Sigma$  simply by swapping the first and third rows. Doing so we get the following decomposition,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

c.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

Recall from Theorem 5.4 that we can compute the singular values of a matrix by solving for the square root of the eigenvalues of  $A^*A$  and  $AA^*$ . In our case, let's consider  $AA^*$ ,

$$AA^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that since  $AA^*$  is diagonal matrix the eigenvalues are the values on the diagonal. Thus our eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 0$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ . Solving for the corresponding

eigenvectors, we get the following,

$$I\lambda_1 - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus  $v_1 = [1; 0]$  and solving for the second eigenvector,

$$I\lambda_2 - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus we get that  $v_2 = [0; 1]$ . By Theorem 5.4 we know that the singular values of  $A$  are  $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{2}$  and  $\sigma_2 = 0$ . Furthermore the eigenvalues to our corresponding sigma form the columns of the matrix  $U$ . Putting everything together we get that,

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

To solve for  $V^*$  lets first recall the column/row interpretation of the SVD,

$$A = u_i \sigma_i v_i^*.$$

Solving for the row  $v_i^*$ ,

$$\frac{u_i^* A}{\sigma_i} = v_i^*.$$

Solving for the first row  $v_1^*$  we get the following,

$$v_1^* = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}' \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}{\sqrt{2}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}'$$

Since we only have one non-trivial singular value, to get the second row  $v_2^*$  all we need is an orthonormal vector to  $v_1^*$ , so we can consider the following,

$$v_2^* = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}'$$

Thus our  $V^*$  matrix is the following,

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The full SVD for  $A$  comes out to,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

d.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

Again recalling Theorem 5.4 and considering the eigenvalue decomposition of  $A^*A$  we get the following,

$$A^*A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solving for the eigenvalues,

$$\begin{aligned} \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 5 & 4 \\ 4 & \lambda - 5 \end{bmatrix} \right) &= 0 \\ (\lambda - 5)^2 - 4^2 &= 0 \\ \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 9 &= 0 \\ (\lambda - 9)(\lambda - 1) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we get that the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 9$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$ . Solving for the eigenvectors we get,

$$\begin{aligned} I\lambda_1 - \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} v_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} v_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Which gives a  $v_1 = [1; 1]$ , normalizing we get  $v_1 = [\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}; \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}]$ . Solving for the second eigenvector,

$$\begin{aligned} I\lambda_2 - \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} v_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -4 \\ -4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} v_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Which gives us  $v_2 = [-1; 1]$ , and normalizing we get  $v_2 = [-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}; \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}]$ . By Theorem 5.4 we know have values for,

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ V^* &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Considering the column/row interpretation of the SVD we can solve for the columns of  $U$ ,

$$A = u_i \sigma_i v_i^*.$$

Solving for the column  $u_i$  by left multiplying both sides by  $v_i$  and dividing by  $\sigma_i$ ,

$$\frac{Av_i}{\sigma_i} = u_i.$$

Substituting to get  $u_1$ ,

$$\frac{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}}{3} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Substituting to solve for  $u_2$ ,

$$\frac{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}}{1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore the full SVD of  $A$  comes out to,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Exercise P11:** Theorem 5.7 interprets the SVD as saying that any matrix  $A$  is the sum of rank-one matrices, a sum of outer products from columns of  $U$  and  $V$ , and weighted by the singular values  $\sigma_j$ . Furthermore Theorem 5.8 shows that the partial sums are the nearest lower-rank approximations to  $A$  in the induced 2-norm. The goal of this exercise is to see these ideas.

a. Consider the 4x3 matrix,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 9 \\ 2 & 6 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using Matlab/Octave to compute the full SVD of  $A$ . What is the rank of  $A$ ?

**Solution:**

**Code:**

```
>> A = [3 1 4; 1 5 9; 2 6 5 ; 3 5 8]
```

```
>> [U, S, V] = svd(A)
```

```
U =
```

```
-0.268    0.770    0.348   -0.463
-0.607   -0.068   -0.729   -0.309
-0.462   -0.605    0.571   -0.309
-0.588    0.193    0.146    0.772
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S =
```

```
16.787    0    0
    0    2.925    0
    0    0    2.376
    0    0    0
```

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V =
```

```
-0.244    0.551    0.798
-0.537   -0.762    0.362
-0.807    0.340   -0.482
```

- b. Part (a) suggests that printing the entries of generic unitary matrixes is not very informative. On the other hand we can view matrixes as images. Generate side-by-side block images of the matrix  $A$ , and its rank-two and rank-one best approximations.

### Solution:

Using the following function, along with the given `blockimage.m` script were used to generate the blockimages of the rank one and rank two approximations of  $A$ ,

### Code:

```
function [Ahat] = RankApprox(A, n)
%The following code takes a matrix A and a
%rank n and returns A's best rank n
%approximation.
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[U, S, V] = svd(A);
Ahat = U(:,1:n)*S(1:n,1:n)*V(:,1:n)';
```

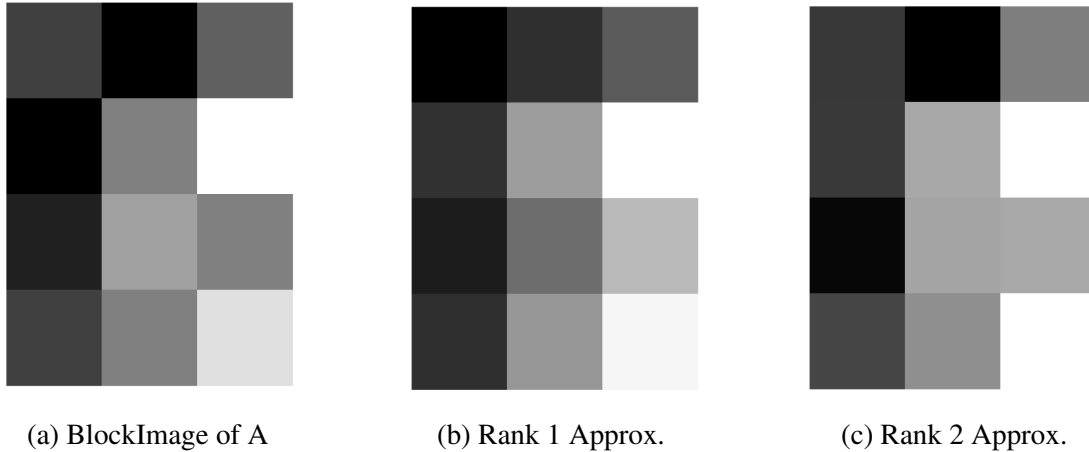


Figure 1: Matrix A Approximations

c. Describe in words what the image of any rank-one matrix looks like.

**Solution:**

A rank-one matrix has the property that all column vectors are linearly dependent, and all row vectors are linearly dependent. Therefore when we look at the block image of a rank one matrix each row will be some multiple of every other row and each column will be some multiple of every other column. More broadly for larger rank-one matrices we might begin to notice a faint plaided pattern, where white lines begin to form in the rows and columns that are generated by a multiple close to zero.

**Exercise 3.4:** Example 3.6 shows that if  $E$  is an outer product  $E = uv^*$ , then  $\|E\|_2 = \|u\|_2\|v\|_2$ . Is the same true for the Frobenius norm, i.e.,  $\|E\|_F = \|u\|_F\|v\|_F$ ? Prove it or give a counter example.

**Solution:**

Suppose that  $E$  is an outer product  $E = uv^*$ . Now consider the Frobenius Norm of the matrix  $E$  and by substitution we get,

$$\|E\|_F = \|uv^*\|_F.$$

Since each term of the outer product can be written in the form  $u_i v_j$  we can substitute into

the definition of the Forbenius norm to get,

$$\|E\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |u_i v_j|^2}.$$

Through some algebra we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \|E\|_F &= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |u_i v_j|^2}, \\ &= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |u_i|^2 |v_j|^2}, \\ &= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m |u_i|^2 \sum_{j=1}^n |v_j|^2}, \\ &= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m |u_i|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n |v_j|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Invoking the definition of the Forbenius norm we finally get,

$$\|E\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m |u_i|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n |v_j|^2} = \|u\|_F \|v\|_F.$$

**Exercise 4.4:** Two matrices  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  are unitarily equivalent if  $A = QBQ^*$  for some unitary  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ . Is it true or false that  $A$  and  $B$  are unitarily equivalent if and only if they have the same singular values?

*Proof.* Contradiction ( $\rightarrow$ ): Suppose that  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  are unitarily equivalent with SVDs  $A = U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^*$  and  $B = U_2 \Sigma_2 V_2^*$  such that,  $\Sigma_1 \neq \Sigma_2$ . By the definition of unitarily equivalent we know that for some unitary  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ ,

$$A = QBQ^*.$$

By substitution we get that,

$$A = U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^* = QU_2 \Sigma_2 V_2^* Q^*.$$

Note that since  $Q$ ,  $U$ , and  $V^*$  are unitary  $QU_2$  and  $V_2^* Q^*$  are also unitary. Thus  $A$  has two distinct SVDs contradicting Theorem 4.1 (Uniqueness of the SVD).  $\square$

*Proof.* Counter Example ( $\Leftarrow$ ): Consider the following matrices,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

One can quickly see that both matrices have the same singular values. Plugging into the the unitary equivalents formula we get,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = Q \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} Q^* = QQ^* = I.$$

A clear contradiction. □

c

**Exercise 5.1:** In Example 3.1 we considered the matrix (3.7) and asserted, among other things, that its 2-norm is approximately 2.9208. Using the SVD, work out the exact values for the minimum and maximum singular values.

**Solution:**

Recall the matrix from example 3.1,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

From Theorem 5.4 we know that to solve for the singular values of  $A$  need to solve for the square root of the eigenvalues of  $AA^*$  (or  $A^*A$ ), setting up the characteristic equation,

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 5 & 4 \\ 4 & \lambda - 4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0,$$

$$(\lambda - 5)(\lambda - 4) - 4^2 = 0,$$

$$\lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 4 = 0.$$

Solving with the quadratic formula we get that  $\lambda_1 = \frac{9+\sqrt{65}}{2}$  and  $\lambda_2 = \frac{9-\sqrt{65}}{2}$ . Taking the square roots we get the singular values,

$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\frac{9 + \sqrt{65}}{2}},$$

$$\sigma_2 = \sqrt{\frac{9 - \sqrt{65}}{2}}.$$



**Exercise 5.2:** Using the SVD, prove that any matrix in  $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is the limit of a sequence of matrices of full rank. In other words, prove that the set of full-rank matrixes is a dense subset of  $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ . Use the 2-norm for your proof.

*Proof.* Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  with an SVD such that  $A = U\Sigma V^*$ . Now suppose some  $A_n \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  with an SVD such that  $A_n = U(\Sigma - \frac{1}{n}I)V^*$  (full-rank is implicit in this definition). Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and note that by the Archimedean Property there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq N$  we know that  $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ . Consider the following,

$$\|A_n - A\|_2 = \|U\left(\Sigma + \frac{1}{n}I\right)V^* - U\Sigma V^*\|_2 = \|U\left(\frac{1}{n}I\right)V^*\|_2 = \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{N} < \epsilon.$$

Thus any matrix in  $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is the limit of a sequence of matrices of full rank.

□