

# Computer Vision

## (Summer Semester 2020)

Lecture 5, Part 3

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

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- Requirements: Matrix Algebra and Vector Calculus
- Core Idea - Theoretical Background, Interpretation
- Applications

*Detailed explanations:* 1. <https://blog.statsbot.co/singular-value-decomposition-tutorial-52c695315254>  
2. <https://towardsdatascience.com/svd-8c2f72e264f>

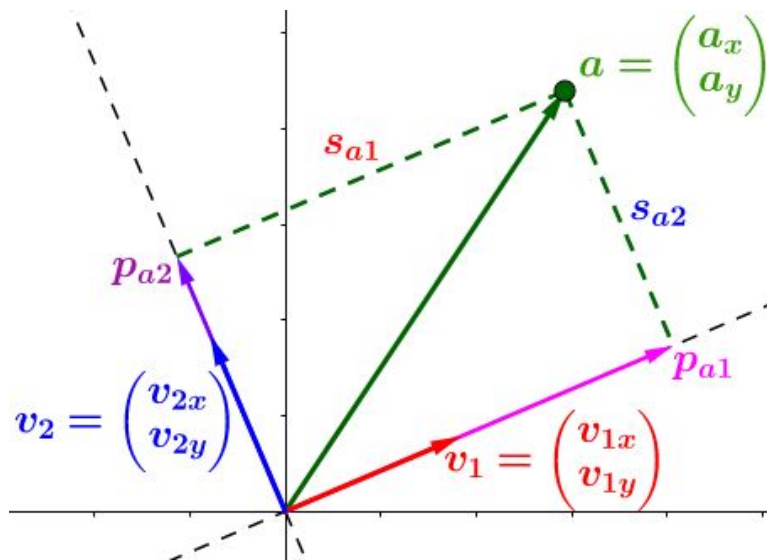
## Core Idea

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

- $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix
- $U$  is an  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix
- $\Sigma$  is an  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix
- $V$  is an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix

$$U^T U = V V^T = I$$

# Core Idea -- Vector Decomposition



$$a^T \cdot v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_x & a_y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_{1x} \\ v_{1y} \end{pmatrix} = s_{a1}$$

$$a^T \cdot v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_x & a_y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_{2x} \\ v_{2y} \end{pmatrix} = s_{a2}$$

**Matrix Form:**

$$a^T \cdot V = \begin{pmatrix} a_x & a_y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_{1x} & v_{2x} \\ v_{1y} & v_{2y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_{a1} & s_{a2} \end{pmatrix}$$

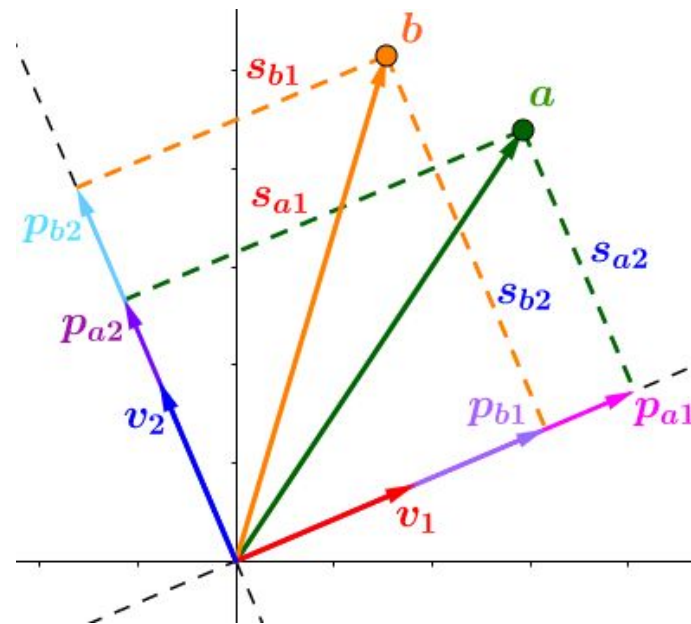
# Core Idea -- Add another point

$$A \cdot V = \begin{pmatrix} a_x & a_y \\ b_x & b_y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_{1x} & v_{2x} \\ v_{1y} & v_{2y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_{a1} & s_{a2} \\ s_{b1} & s_{b2} \end{pmatrix} = S$$

Add n-points

$$A \cdot V = \begin{pmatrix} a_x & a_y & \dots \\ b_x & b_y & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_{1x} & v_{2x} & \dots \\ v_{1y} & v_{2y} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_{a1} & s_{a2} & \dots \\ s_{b1} & s_{b2} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} = S$$

$n \times d$ 
 $d \times d$ 
 $n \times d$



## Core Idea -- Summary

$$A \cdot V = S$$

Diagram illustrating the SVD decomposition equation  $A \cdot V = S$  with annotations:

- $A$ : Matrix of points
- $\cdot$ : The dot product performs the projection
- $V$ : Matrix of decomposition axes
- $S$ : Matrix of the lengths of projections

# Decomposing $S$

$$A = S V^{-1} = S V^T$$

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

$$S = U \Sigma$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} s_{a1} & s_{a2} \\ s_{b1} & s_{b2} \end{pmatrix}$$

A column vector  
containing the lengths  
of projections of each  
point on the 1st axis  $v_1$

A column vector  
containing the lengths  
of projections of each  
point on the 2nd axis  $v_2$

# Decomposing $S$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} s_{a1} & s_{a2} \\ s_{b1} & s_{b2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Magnitude of 1st column} = \sigma_1 = \sqrt{(s_{a1})^2 + (s_{b1})^2}$$

$$\text{Magnitude of 2nd column} = \sigma_2 = \sqrt{(s_{a2})^2 + (s_{b2})^2}$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{s_{a1}}{\sigma_1} & \frac{s_{a2}}{\sigma_2} \\ \frac{s_{b1}}{\sigma_1} & \frac{s_{b2}}{\sigma_2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{a1} & u_{a2} \\ u_{b1} & u_{b2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

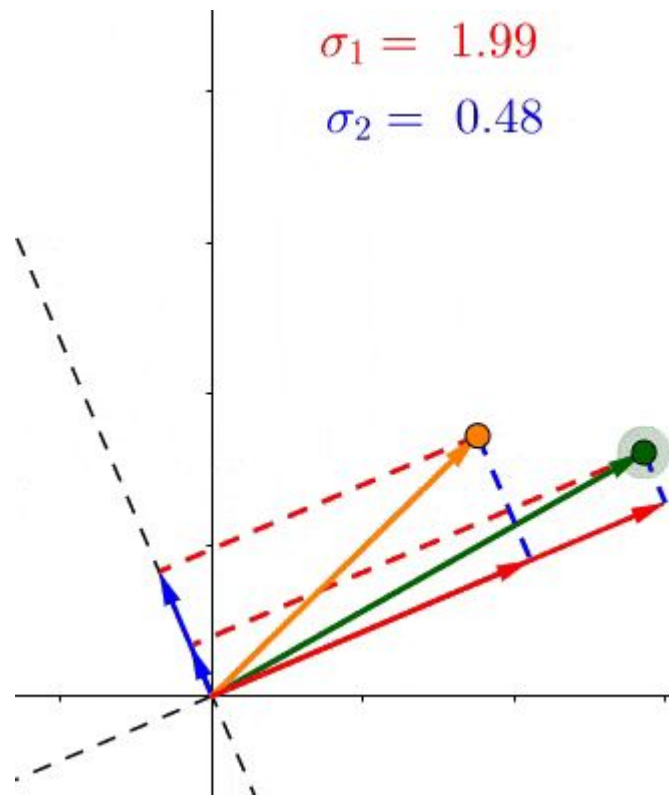
$\downarrow$   
 $U$

$\downarrow$   
 $\Sigma$



# Interpreting sigmas ( $\sigma$ )

...also called singular values



# Applications - Dimensionality reduction

$$a_{ij} \approx \sum_{k=1}^p u_{ik} s_k v_{jk}$$

Select the first  $p$  ( $n > p$ ) singular values

# Applications - Computing Homography

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

...the axes are decomposed into the columns of  $V^T$  (homography coordinates)

# Applications - Solving $Ax = b$

$$Ax = b$$

$$x = VS^{-1}U^Tb$$