

# **Singular Values and Singular Vectors**



# Reminder: Eigendecomposition

- Consider an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix  $A$ .
- Eigendecomposition of  $A$ :

$$A_{n \times n} = V_{n \times n} \Lambda_{n \times n} V_{n \times n}^T$$

Columns of  $V$  – eigenvectors of  $A$ ,  
 $V$  – orthogonal matrix:  $V^T = V^{-1}$ .

$\Lambda$  – diagonal matrix,  
diagonal elements  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  – eigenvalues of  $A$ .

# SVD: Motivation

- Eigendecomposition is great 😊
- But it only works for square and symmetric matrices ☹️

Singular Value Decomposition:  
generalization of eigendecomposition  
for *any* rectangular matrix.

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*What are those vectors and numbers?*



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$\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_r^2$  – corresponding non-zero eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  /  $AA^T$ .

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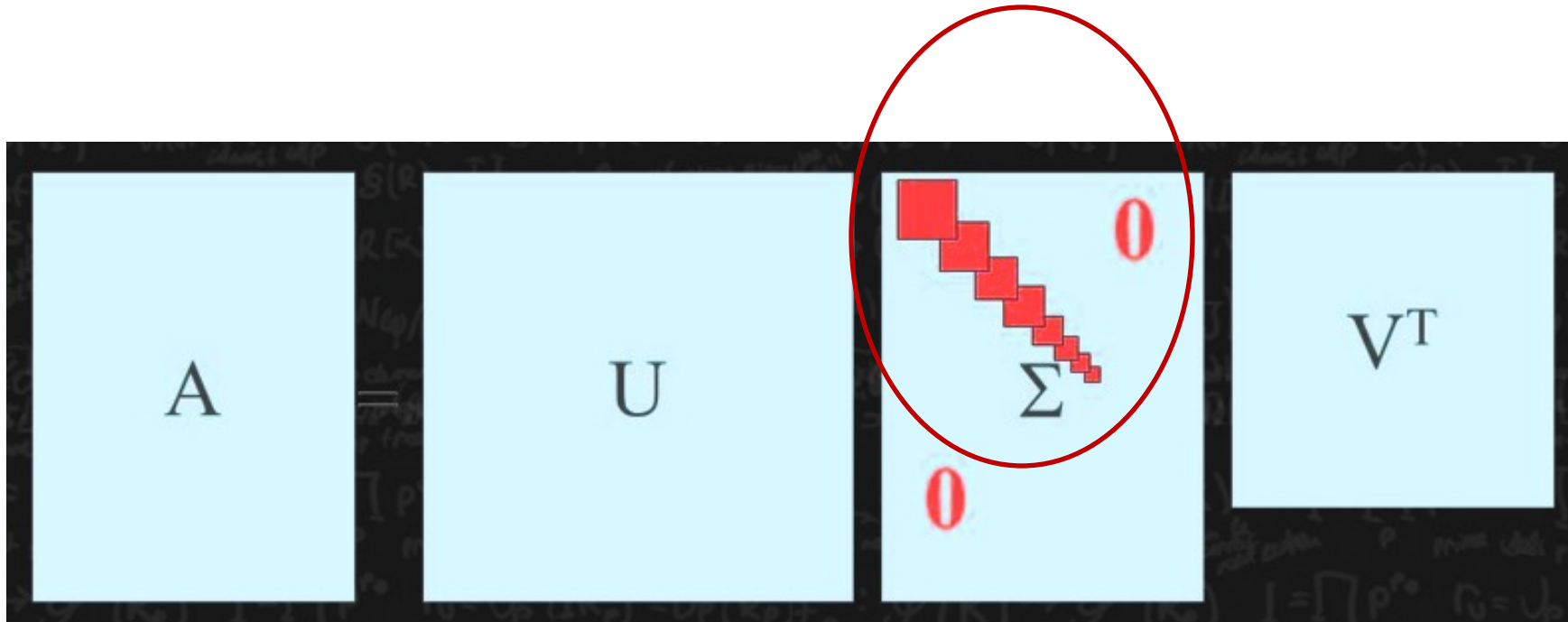
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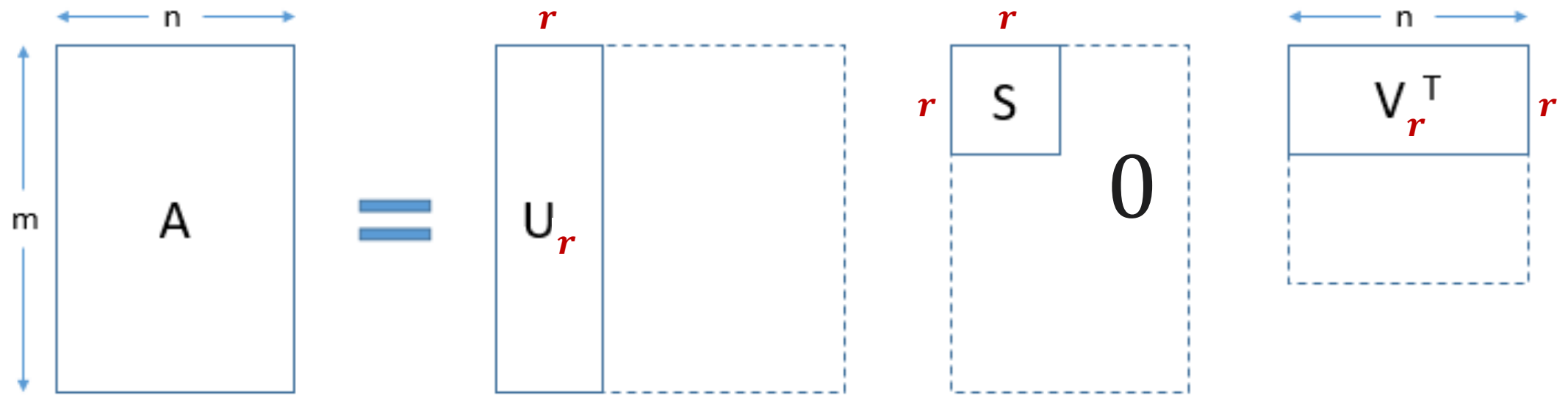
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Only  $r$  non-zero diagonal elements!





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$U_{m \times k}, V_{n \times k}$  – orthogonal matrices

$u_1, \dots, u_r$  – left singular vectors = *eigenvectors of  $AA^T$*

$v_1, \dots, v_r$  – right singular vectors = *eigenvectors of  $A^T A$*

$\Sigma_{r \times r}$  – diagonal matrix

$\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r > 0$  – singular values of  $A$

$\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_r^2$  – *non-zero eigenvalues of  $AA^T$  and  $A^T A$*

$$Av_i = \sigma_i u_i$$

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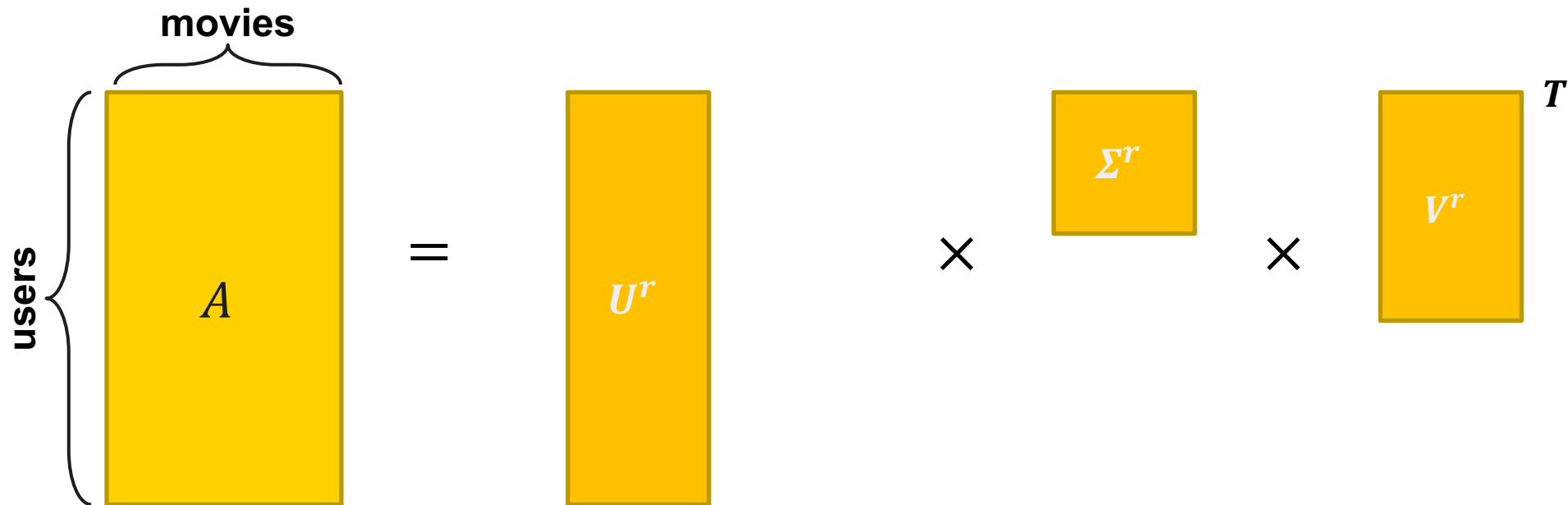
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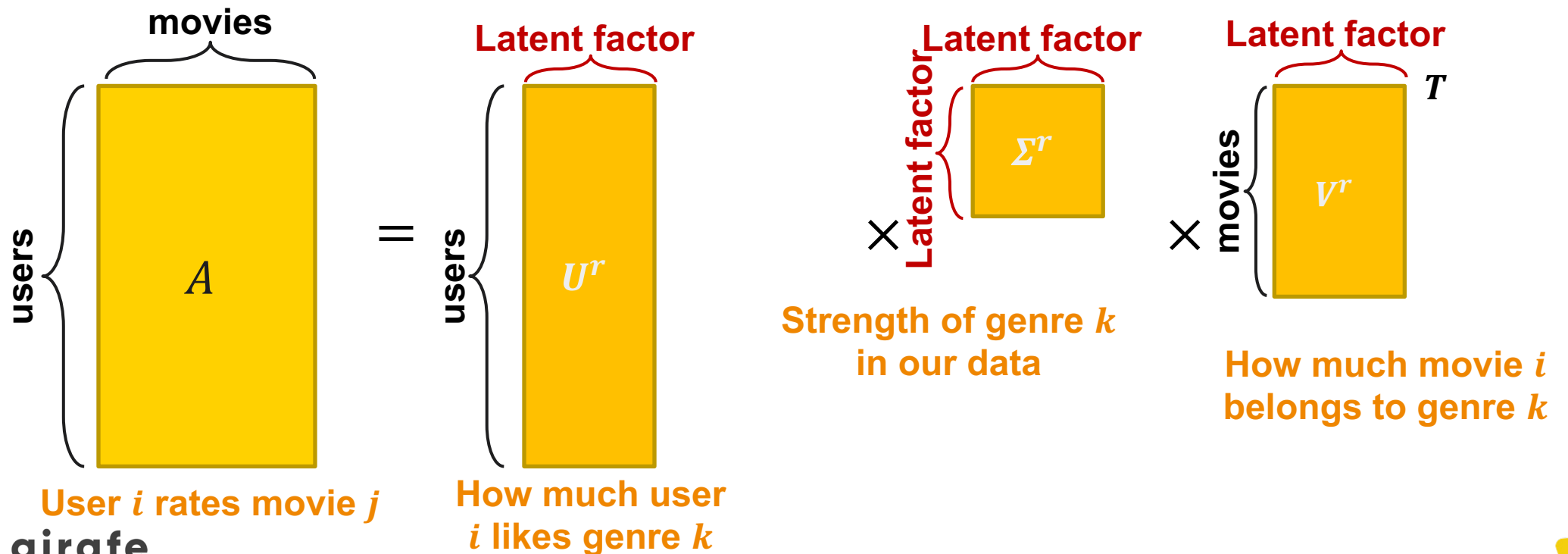
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