4.10 Find the rank-1 approximation of

$$\mathbf{A} = \left[\begin{array}{rrr} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

Solution.

First we have to perform SVD to obtain $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{V}$ such that $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$. We already did that in Exercise 4.8.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

For rank-1 approximation,
$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Therefore,
$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$