

Scientific Computing for Biologists

Singular Value Decomposition and Biplots

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Overview of Lecture

- Singular Value Decomposition
 - Algebra of SVD
 - Geometry of SVD
 - Relationship to Eigendecomposition
 - Applications of SVD
- Biplots
 - Simultaneous representation of rows and columns of a matrix

Hands-on Session

- SVD and Biplots in R
- Applications of SVD in R
 - 'Seriation' using SVD
 - Matrix approximation and image compression using SVD

Matrix Decomposition

A matrix decomposition is a factoring of a matrix into simpler parts.

Some familiar factorizations:

$$12 = 3 \times 4 = 2 \times 6$$

$$x^2 - 4 = (x - 2)(x + 2)$$

Matrix decomposition is the same idea!

Eigendecomposition

You've already been introduced to one way to decompose a square matrix, A :

$$A = VDV^{-1}$$

where:

- V is a matrix of eigenvectors (in columns)
- D is a diagonal matrix with eigenvalues along diagonal.

when A is real-valued and symmetric then V is orthogonal.

Singular Value Decomposition

$$A = U S V^T$$

$n \times p$

$n \times n$
left
singular
vectors

$n \times p$
singular
values

$p \times p$
right
singular
vectors

- When written like this U and V are orthonormal.
- Sometimes SVD is written as:

$$\underset{(n \times p)}{A} = \underset{(n \times p)}{U} \underset{(p \times p)}{S} \underset{(p \times p)}{V^T}$$

Facts about SVD

- Singular Value Decomposition is often referred to as giving the “basic structure” of a matrix
- The rank of A is equivalent to the number of non-zero singular values in $A = USV^T$

$$\text{rank}(A) \leq \min(n, p)$$

- The Euclidean norm (L_2) norm of a matrix is the relative amount it stretches a vector:

$$|A|_E = \frac{|Ax|}{|x|}$$

The L_2 norm of A is given by S_{11} .

Geometric Interpretation of SVD

Any matrix, $A_{n \times p}$, represents a linear transformation from $\mathbb{R}^p \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$.

SVD can be thought of decomposing the transformation specified by A into a simple form:

$$A = (\text{rotation})(\text{scaling})(\text{rotation})$$

- U and V are orthonormal (orthogonal) matrices \leadsto Orthonormal matrices represent rigid rotations (or rotation plus reflection).
- Diagonal matrices represent “stretching”

SVD Example

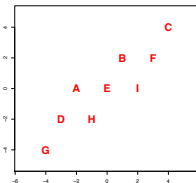
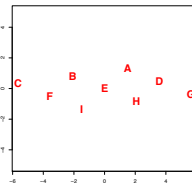
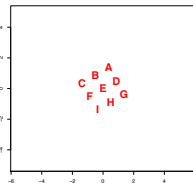
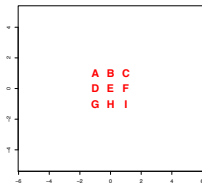
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = U S V^T$$

where

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} -0.75 & -0.66 \\ -0.66 & 0.75 \end{bmatrix}, S = \begin{bmatrix} 4.13 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.97 \end{bmatrix}, V^T = \begin{bmatrix} -0.86 & -0.50 \\ 0.50 & -0.86 \end{bmatrix}$$

Geometry

$$x \xrightarrow{\text{rotation (+ reflection)}} V^T x \xrightarrow{\text{scaling}} S V^T x \xrightarrow{\text{rotation (+ reflection)}} U S V^T x$$



Relationship of SVD to Eigendecomposition

$$A = USV^T \quad (1)$$

$$A^T A = (VSU^T)(USV^T) \quad (2)$$

$$= VSU^T USV^T \quad (3)$$

$$= VSSV^T \quad (4)$$

Equation 4 follows from the fact that U is orthonormal ($U^T U = I$)

If we let $D = SS$, we can rewrite equation 4 as:

$$A^T A = VDV \quad \text{Eigendecomposition!} \quad (5)$$

- The singular values S_{ii} are $\sqrt{D_{ii}}$ where d_{ii} are the eigenvalues of $A^T A$.
- The columns of V are the eigenvectors of $A^T A$.

Using SVD to do PCA

Let X be a mean-centered $n \times p$ data matrix. The covariance matrix is given by:

$$C = \frac{1}{n-1} X^T X$$

By SVD we can write $X = USV^T$, therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \frac{1}{n-1} VSU^T USV^T \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} VSSV^T \end{aligned}$$

- The PC vectors are given by the columns of V (rows of V^T)
- The PC scores are given by UD , where $D = SS$

Another Way of Thinking about SVD

Observations in
measurement space

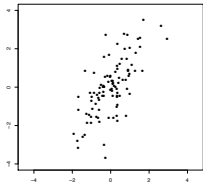
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Observations
in PC Space

← rotation

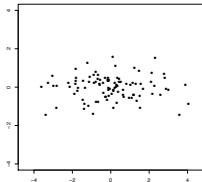
Inverse of
Eigenvectors

X



=

US



V^T

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\theta \approx \frac{\pi}{3}$

Applications of SVD

- Pseudoinverse of an arbitrary matrix
- Matrix approximation
- Biplots
- ... and many more ...

Pseudoinverse via SVD

The pseudoinverse of a matrix is a generalization of the concept of a matrix inverse. Only square matrices have a matrix inverse; the pseudoinverse applies to an arbitrary $n \times p$ matrix.

Given an $n \times p$ matrix A find matrix A^+ such that:

$$\begin{aligned}AA^+A &= A \\A^+AA^+ &= A^+ \\(AA^+)^T &= AA^+ \\(A^+A)^T &= A^+A\end{aligned}$$

Moore-Penrose Inverse via SVD:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{if } A &= USV^T \\A^+ &= VS^+U^T\end{aligned}$$

where S^+ has the reciprocal of non-zero elements of S .

SVD for Matrix Approximation

If $A = USV^T$ then the optimal (least-squares) k -dimensional approximation of A (where $k < \text{rank}(A)$) is given by:

$$\tilde{A} = US^*V^T$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{ii}^* &= S_{ii} \text{ for } i \leq k \\ S_{ii}^* &= 0 \text{ for } i > k \end{aligned}$$

Biplots

- Technique for simultaneously displaying row and column data (observations and variables)
- Invented by K. Gabriel (see also papers by Gower)

Given a data matrix, X , we can use SVD to approximate X as so:

$$\tilde{X}_k = US^*V^T$$

(k-dimensional approximation to X)

We can rewrite \tilde{X}_k as a product of two matrices:

$$X = GH^T$$

where

$$G = U(S^*)^\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad H^T = (S^*)^{1-\alpha}V^T$$

Biplots, cont.

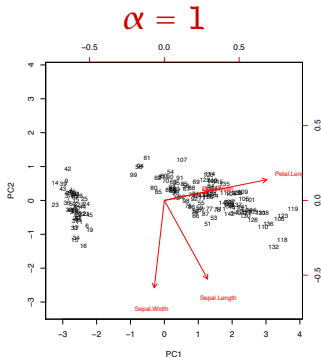
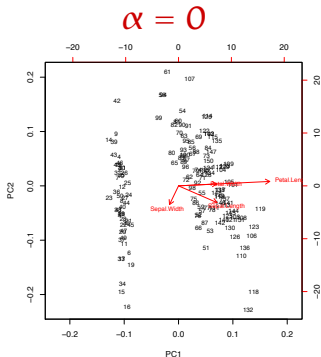
$$\begin{aligned}G &= U(S^*)^\alpha \text{ (row effects)} \\H^T &= (S^*)^{1-\alpha} V^T \text{ (columns effects)}\end{aligned}$$

Different choices of α emphasize different relationships in the data.

- $\alpha = 0$, column-metric preserving biplot; optimally approximates variance-covariance structure. Cosine of angles between vectors approximate correlations; distances between points approximate Mahalanobis distance (“correlation biplot”)
- $\alpha = 1$, row-metric preserving biplot; optimally approximates Euclidean distances among observations. Coordinates of observations correspond to PC scores; coordinates of variables correspond to eigenvector coefficients (“distance biplot”). PCs are ‘sphered’.

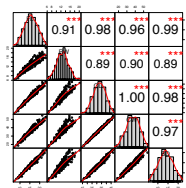
Biplots, Example

- Observations drawn as points in space of PCs
- Variables drawn as vectors in PC space



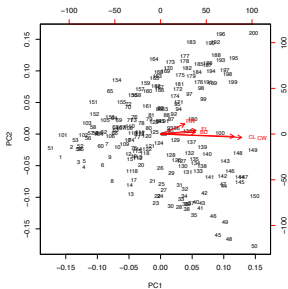
PCA Biplots of Iris data set.

Biplots, Example II

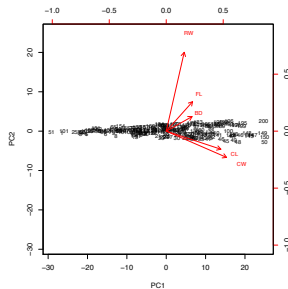


Crabs Dataset
from MASS library

Column preserving
 $\alpha = 0$



Row preserving
 $\alpha = 1$



Biplots for dataset of five morphological measurements on crabs.