

# Factorization

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## Matrix factorizations

- $A = LU$  lower & upper triangular (for square matrices)  
elimination, solving linear systems
- $A = QR$  Q: orthonormal columns, Gram-Schmidt
- $S = Q\Lambda Q^T$  S: symmetric matrices  
Diagonal eigenvalue matrix

Eigenvalues

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 & \dots & q_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_1^T \\ \vdots \\ q_n^T \end{pmatrix}$$

Fact: Eigenvectors are orthogonal for a symmetric matrix.

$$(Q\Lambda)Q^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum (\text{col of } Q\Lambda) \times (\text{row of } Q^T)$$

$$= \sum \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

a matrix like that is rank 1

$\Rightarrow$  Sum of rank 1 matrices

$$Q\Lambda's \text{ 1st column} = \lambda_1 q_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Sum of } \lambda_1 q_1 q_1^T \dots$$

$$= \sum_i \lambda_i q_i q_i^T \quad (\text{spectral theorem})$$

Break a symmetric matrix  $S$  in rank 1 pieces

$$S = \lambda_1 q_1 q_1^T + \lambda_2 q_2 q_2^T + \dots + \lambda_n q_n q_n^T$$

Verify:  $Sq_1 = \lambda_1 q_1$  why? → Because eigenvectors are orthonormal  
 $Sq_2 = \lambda_2 q_2$

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

Diagonal (pointing to  $\Sigma$ )  
Orthogonal (pointing to  $U$  and  $V$ )

— singular value decomposition (SVD)  
(works for every matrix)

$$\rightarrow A = X \Lambda X^{-1}$$