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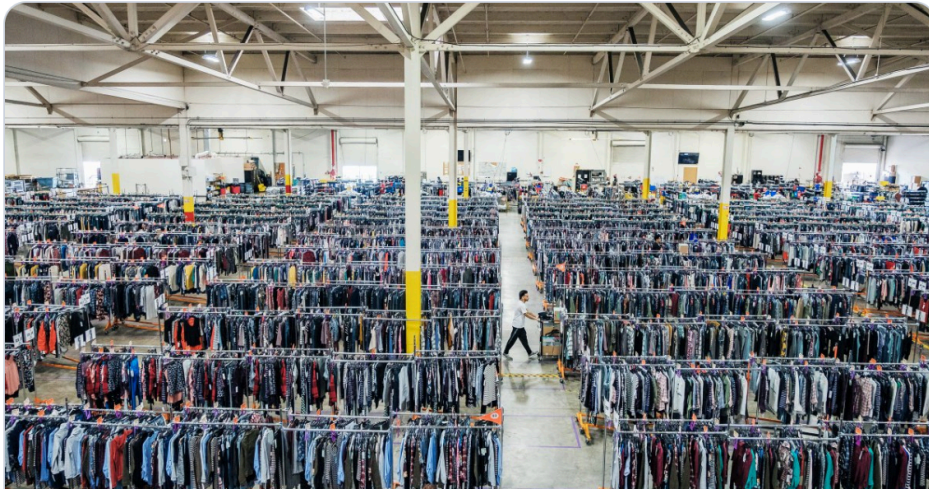
Activity 14

- Unit 3 + 4 Quiz, next week Thursday
- Unit 3 and 4 practice problems are posted
- Homework 6 is longer than homework 5, start early
- Today - Unit 4 continued
 - Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues, Power iterations
 - Graphs, adjacency matrices, and PageRank
- Today's activity
 - PageRank

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Stitch Fix is using something called eigenvector decomposition, a concept from quantum mechanics, to tease apart the overlapping “notes” in an individual’s style. Using physics, the team can better understand the complexities of the clients’ style minds.



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Just to clarify, “eigenvector decomposition” is from ~1880, quantum physics (arguably) started with Einstein’s photoelectric effect discovery in 1905.

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with scipy library... `scipy.linalg.svd(user_likes_matrix)`

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eigenvouch that they are not

Today – Eigen decomposition, power iteration, adjacency matrices

Eigen decomposition

B (square) symmetric positive definite matrix

diagonal

orthonormal rows, cols

$$B = E \Lambda E^T$$
$$B = U \Sigma V^T$$

What if matrix isn't symmetric?

$$A A^T = U \Sigma^2 U^T$$

Eigenvectors of $A A^T$ are left singular vectors of A

$$A^T A = V \Sigma^2 V^T$$

Eigenvectors of $A^T A$ are right singular vectors of A

Singular values of A : $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$

Power iteration (main idea)

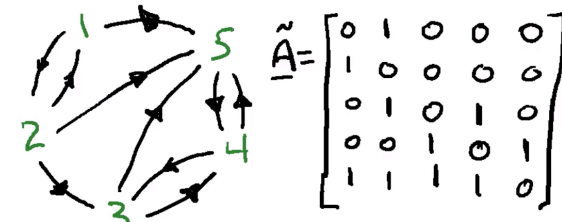
$$(A A^T)^k = U \Sigma^2 U^T U \Sigma^2 U^T \dots U \Sigma^2 U^T$$
$$= U \Sigma^{2k} U^T$$

imagine that $\sigma_1 = 1$, others less than 1

$$= U \Sigma^{2k} U^T \rightarrow \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{u}_1^T$$

Adjacency matrix

- Graph: nodes with edges between them
- Adjacency matrix: non-zero entry $A_{i,j}$ if edge from j to i
- *Transition probability matrix: normalize columns of adjacency matrix to 1*



- Normalize columns to get Q , transition probability matrix

$Q^k \mathbf{b} \rightarrow$ direction of first eigenvector of Q .

- represents steady state probability