

**1. SVD Short Questions** Assume we have the compact form of the SVD of  $A = U_1 S V_1^T = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T$ .

(a) Compute  $AV_1 V_1^T$

**Solutions:** Recall that  $V_1$  is an orthogonal matrix, so it has orthonormal columns, giving it the property  $V_1^T V_1 = I$ . Hence we can write:

$$AV_1 V_1^T = U_1 S V_1^T V_1 V_1^T = U_1 S V_1^T = A$$

(b) What is the subspace that spans the column space of  $A$ ?

**Solutions:** Given a vector  $\vec{x}$ , the column space of  $A$  is also the same as the space of all possible  $A\vec{x}$ .

$$A\vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T \vec{x}$$

But,  $\vec{v}_i^T \vec{x}$  is a scalar, hence,

$$A\vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^r (\sigma_i \vec{v}_i^T \vec{x}) \vec{u}_i$$

From that decomposition, we can see that  $A\vec{x}$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_r$ . Hence the span of columns of  $A$  is the subspace spanned by the columns of  $U_1$ .

**2. Frobenius Norm** In this problem we will investigate the properties of the Frobenius norm.

(a) The trace of a matrix is the sum of its diagonal entries. For example, let  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ , then,

$$\text{Tr}\{Q\} = \sum_{i=1}^N Q_{ii}$$

Much like the norm of a vector  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  is  $\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2}$ , the Frobenius norm of a matrix  $Q$  is defined as,

$$\|Q\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N |Q_{ij}|^2}$$

Note that matrices have other types of norms as well. With the above definitions, show that,

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\text{Tr}\{A^T A\}}$$

**Solutions:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}\{A^T A\} &= \sum_{i=1}^N (A^T A)_{ii} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{j=1}^N (A^T)_{ij} A_{ji} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ji} A_{ji} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N (A_{ji}^2) \\ &= \|A\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Show that if  $U$  and  $V$  are orthonormal, then

$$\|UA\|_F = \|AV\|_F = \|A\|_F$$

**Solutions:**

$$\|UA\|_F = \sqrt{\text{Tr}\{(UA)^T(UA)\}} = \sqrt{\text{Tr}\{A^T U^T U A\}} = \sqrt{\text{Tr}\{A^T A\}} = \|A\|_F$$

To show the second set of equality, we must note that  $\text{Tr}\{A^T A\} = \text{Tr}\{AA^T\}$ . Hence,

$$\|AV\|_F = \sqrt{\text{Tr}\{(AV)(AV)^T\}} = \sqrt{\text{Tr}\{AVV^T A^T\}} = \sqrt{\text{Tr}\{AA^T\}} = \|A\|_F$$

(c) Show that  $\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^2}$

**Solutions:**

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\|_F &= \|U\Sigma V^T\|_F = \|\Sigma V^T\|_F = \|\Sigma\|_F \\ &= \sqrt{\text{Tr}\{\Sigma^T \Sigma\}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^2} \end{aligned}$$

3)

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$  be a "fat" matrix, where  $M < N$ .  $A$  is full rank, with  $\text{Rank}\{A\} = M$ .

a).  $A = U_1 S V_1^T$  is the SVD of  $A$ . What are the sizes of  $U_1, S, V_1$ ?

solution:

Since  $\text{Rank}\{A\} = M$ ,  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$

$$A = \begin{matrix} & \boxed{\phantom{0000000000}} & \\ \text{M} & & \text{N} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{M} & \boxed{U_1} & \text{M} \\ & \text{M} & \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{M} & \boxed{S} & \text{M} \\ & \text{M} & \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} & \boxed{V_1^T} & \\ & & \text{N} \end{matrix}$$

$$S \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N} \quad U_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M} \quad V_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$$

b) You are given the following equation, where  $\vec{x}$  is unknown:

$$(1) \quad A \vec{x} = \vec{y}$$

$A$  is the same as above, and can represent some linear system.  $\vec{y}$  is known and can represent a desired output of system  $A$ . We would like to design an input  $\vec{x}$ , which satisfies the above equality. Note, that since  $A$  is fat, we can not just compute an inverse. In fact, there are infinite number of solutions to Eq. 1.

We define a pseudo-inverse  $A^\dagger = V_1 S^{-1} U_1^T$ .

Show that  $\hat{x} = A^\dagger \vec{y}$  is a solution to Eq. 1.

Solution:

$U_1$  is a square orthonormal matrix. Hence,  $U_1^T U_1 = U_1 U_1^T = I_{m \times m}$

$V_1$  is tall, and orthonormal. Hence,  $V_1^T V_1 = I_{m \times m}$  ( $V_1 V_1^T \neq I_{N \times N}$  !!!)

$$A\hat{x} = AA^T \vec{y} = U_1 \underbrace{S V_1^T V_1 S^{-1}}_{= I_{m \times m}} U_1^T \vec{y} = U_1 \underbrace{S S^{-1}}_{= I_{m \times m}} U_1^T \vec{y} = \underbrace{U_1 U_1^T}_{= I_{m \times m}} \vec{y} = \vec{y}$$

c) Show that  $\hat{x} + \tilde{x}$  is also a solution,

$$A(\hat{x} + \tilde{x}) = \vec{y}$$

only if  $\tilde{x}$  is spanned by the null-space of  $V_1$

Solution:

$$\vec{y} = A(\hat{x} + \tilde{x}) = \underbrace{A\hat{x}}_{\vec{y}} + A\tilde{x} = \vec{y} + A\tilde{x} \Rightarrow \text{true only if } A\tilde{x} = 0$$

$$A\tilde{x} = U_1 S V_1^T \tilde{x} = 0$$

Since  $S$  has non-zero diagonals, this is true only if  $V_1^T \tilde{x} = 0$

d) Show that when  $\hat{\vec{x}} = A^+ \vec{y}$ , is a solution for Eq. 1.  $\hat{\vec{x}}$  has the minimum norm among all solutions that satisfy Eq. 1.

In other words: let  $\vec{x} \mid A \vec{x} = y$ . If  $\vec{x} \neq \hat{\vec{x}}$ , then  $\|\vec{x}\| > \|\hat{\vec{x}}\|$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $A = U \Sigma V^T$  be the full SVD.  $V = [V_1 V_2]$

if  $\vec{x} \neq \hat{\vec{x}}$ , then  $\vec{x} = \hat{\vec{x}} + \tilde{\vec{x}}$

The norm does not change when multiplying by an orthonormal matrix. So,

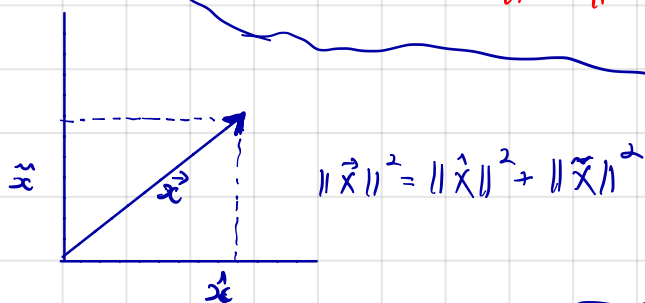
$$\|\vec{x}\|^2 = \|V V^T \vec{x}\|^2 = \|V V^T (\hat{\vec{x}} + \tilde{\vec{x}})\|^2 =$$

From part (C),

$$= \|V_1 V_1^T \hat{\vec{x}} + V_2 V_2^T \tilde{\vec{x}}\|^2$$

$V_1 \perp V_2$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} &= \|V_1 V_1^T \hat{\vec{x}}\|^2 + \|V_2 V_2^T \tilde{\vec{x}}\|^2 = \\ &= \|\hat{\vec{x}}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\vec{x}}\|^2 > \|\hat{\vec{x}}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$



e) From Midterm 1, Spring 16

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}^T.$$

Find the vector  $\vec{x}$  with the smallest norm, that satisfies,

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$\vec{x} = A^+ y = V_1 S^{-1} U_1^T$$

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

$$S^{-1} U_1^T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V_1 \cdot S^{-1} U_1^T = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -1 & -1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -1 & -1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^+ = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{x} = A^+ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

f) Now, let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$  be a tall full rank matrix,  $M > N$ . Given a set of equations,

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$$

there is generally no solution that satisfies all the equations exactly.

However, we know that the least squares solution  $x_{ls}$  minimizes the norm of the error  $\|A\vec{x}_{ls} - \vec{y}\|$

In 16A we learned that the solution has a closed form:

$$\vec{x}_{ls} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{y}$$

In that case, we can say that  $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$  is a pseudo-inverse of  $A$ .

Show that  $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = A^+ = V_1 S^{-1} U_1^T$

**Solution:**

Note that  $A$  is tall, so,

$$A = U_1 S V_1^T$$

Now  $V_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  is square and orthonormal. Also,

$U_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$  is tall and orthonormal so  $U_1^T U_1 = I_{N \times N}$

so,

$$(A^T A) = V_1 S \underbrace{U_1^T U_1}_{I_{N \times N}} S V_1^T = V_1 S^2 V_1^T$$

$$(A^T A)^{-1} = V_1 S^{-2} V_1^T$$

$$(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = V_1 S^{-2} \underbrace{V_1^T V_1}_{I_{N \times N}} S U_1^T = V_1 \underbrace{S^{-2} \cdot S}_{S^{-1}} U_1^T = \underline{\underline{V_1 S^{-1} U_1^T}}$$

$A^+ = V_1 S_1^{-1} U_1^T$  is also called the  
"Moore-Penrose Pseudo-Inverse"

The same equation using the SVD of  $A$  can be used for both tall and fat matrices.

When  $A$  is tall,  $A^+y$  will be the least squares solution.

When  $A$  is fat,  $A^+y$  will be the minimum norm solution.

Same-Same, but different!