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LECTURE 21: more SVD

Finding a SVD for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ (with rank = r) from evals/evecs of:

$$A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

Claims 1-3 (last lecture):
Evals of $A^T A$ are real and nonnegative. r of them are strictly positive; the remaining $n-r$ are zero.

Step 1: Find orthogonal matrix $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ diagonalizing $A^T A$:

$$V^T A^T A V = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & \ddots & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > 0$$

Step 2: For each $i=1,\dots,r$ pick i th column \vec{v}_i of V (which is evec for $A^T A$ for eval λ_i). Let

$$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}, \quad \vec{u}_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A \vec{v}_i.$$

Which procedure to use? Choose $A^T A$ or AA^T based on which one looks simpler for finding evals/evecs. If $m < n$, AA^T ($m \times m$) is smaller than $A^T A$ ($n \times n$) and may be preferable.

Example 2 (from Lecture 20): $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Lecture 20: $A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 7 \\ 7 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$. Today: $AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 32 & 0 \\ 0 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$

$$AA^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

→ some claims can be adapted: real, nonnegative evals, r of which are strictly positive, remaining $m-r$ are zero.

Step 1: Find orthogonal matrix $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ diagonalizing AA^T :

$$U^T AA^T U = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & \ddots & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{m \times m}$$

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > 0$$

Step 2: For each $i=1,\dots,r$ pick i th column \vec{u}_i of U (which is evec of AA^T for eval λ_i).

Let

$$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}, \quad \vec{v}_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A^T \vec{u}_i.$$

Easier bc/ diagonal: choose $U=I$: $\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\lambda_1 = 32, \lambda_2 = 18 \Rightarrow \sigma_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1} = 4\sqrt{2}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_2} A^T \vec{u}_2 = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma_1} A^T \vec{u}_1 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Last time: same σ_1, σ_2 . \vec{u}_1, \vec{v}_1 same as today.

$$\vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}:$$

Signs of each opposite to those above but same outer product
 $\vec{u}_2 \vec{v}_2^T$.

Example 3 (from Lecture 20):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$U=I$ works for step 1

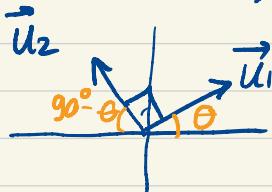
$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = A^T \vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = A^T \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since $AA^T = I$, any other orthonormal \vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2 will work.



$$\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ above are a special case: $\theta = 0$

$$\vec{v}_1 = A^T \vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = A^T \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ -\cos \theta \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{Conclusion:}$$

Repeated evals of $A^T A$ or AA^T ($\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$ in this example) are another source of nonuniqueness in SVD.

Full SVD: So far two forms studied:

$$1) \quad A = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T \quad (\text{outer product form})$$

$$2) \quad A = \underbrace{[\vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_r]}_{U_r \text{ } m \times r} \underbrace{[\overline{\sigma}_1 \dots \overline{\sigma}_r]}_{\Sigma_r \text{ } r \times r} \underbrace{[\vec{v}_1^T \dots \vec{v}_r^T]}_{V_r^T \text{ } r \times n} \quad (\text{compact form})$$

Full SVD is another equivalent form:

3) Complete $\vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_r$ to an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^m with $\vec{u}_{r+1} \dots \vec{u}_m$; complete $\vec{v}_1^T \dots \vec{v}_r^T$ to orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^n with $\vec{v}_{r+1}^T \dots \vec{v}_n^T$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{U_r}_{m \times m} \quad \underbrace{U_{m-r}}_{m \times (m-r)} \quad \underbrace{\Sigma_r}_{m \times n} \\ & \left[\vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_r \vec{u}_{r+1} \dots \vec{u}_m \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \overline{\sigma}_1 & \\ \vdots & \ddots \\ \overline{\sigma}_r & \\ \hline 0_{(m-r) \times r} & 0_{(m-r) \times (n-r)} \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} \vec{v}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_r^T \\ \hline \vec{v}_{r+1}^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n^T \end{array} \right] \} V_r^T \\ & =: U \quad (\text{orthogonal}) \\ & =: \Sigma \\ & =: V^T \quad (\text{orthogonal}) \end{aligned}$$

Note:

1) If A is wide and full row rank ($n > m = r$), then:

$$\Sigma = [\Sigma_r \ 0_{r \times (n-r)}].$$

If A is tall and full column rank ($m > n = r$), then

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_r \\ 0_{(m-r) \times r} \end{bmatrix}.$$

If A is square and full rank ($m = n = r$):

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_r.$$

- 2) $\vec{v}_{r+1} \dots \vec{v}_n$ are eigenvectors of $A^T A$ corresponding to 0 eigenvalues or, equivalently, an orthonormal basis for

$$\text{Null}(A^T A) = \text{Null}(A)$$

→ shown in proof of Claim 3 in Lec. 20

Since $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_{r+1}, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} = \text{col}(V_{n-r})$,

$$\text{col}(V_{n-r}) = \text{Null}(A).$$

$\vec{u}_{r+1} \dots \vec{u}_m$ are eigenvectors for 0 eigenvalues of $A A^T$ therefore an orthonormal basis for

$$\text{Null}(A A^T) = \text{Null}(A^T).$$

Thus,

$$\text{col}(U_{m-r}) = \text{Null}(A^T).$$

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

Therefore $A\vec{x}$ in the span of $\vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_r$ for any \vec{x} :

$$\text{Col}(U_r) = \text{Col}(A).$$

Similarly,

$$\text{Col}(V_r) = \text{Col}(A^T).$$

Example 1 (Lecture 20): $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= 5\sqrt{2} \left(\frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\sigma_1 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{U}_1} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{V}_1^T}$$

Put in full SVD form:

$$\vec{U}_2 = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{V}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = [\vec{U}_1 \ \vec{U}_2] = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad V = [\vec{V}_1 \ \vec{V}_2] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = U \begin{bmatrix} 5\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T$$

\vec{U}_1 spans $\text{col}(A)$, \vec{V}_1 spans $\text{col}(A^T)$

\vec{U}_2 spans $\text{Null}(A^T)$, \vec{V}_2 spans $\text{Null}(A)$.

Geometric Interpretation of SVD

$$A = U \sum V^T, \quad U \text{ and } V \text{ orthogonal matrices}$$

Note:

1) Multiplying a vector \vec{x} by an orthogonal matrix Q does not change its length:

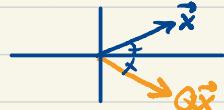
$$\|Q\vec{x}\| = \|\vec{x}\|$$

because $\|Q\vec{x}\|^2 = (Q\vec{x})^T(Q\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T \underbrace{Q^T Q}_{=I} \vec{x} = \vec{x}^T \vec{x} = \|\vec{x}\|^2$

Examples: $Q = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$ rotates by θ :



$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ reflects relative to horizontal axis:



In either case $Q\vec{x}$ is a re-orientation of \vec{x} . No change in magnitude: $\|Q\vec{x}\| = \|\vec{x}\|$.

2) Multiplying a vector by $\Sigma_r = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix}$ stretches the first entry by σ_1 , second entry by σ_2 , and so on.

Combining the observations above we can interpret multiplication of a vector \vec{x} by $A = U\Sigma V^T$ as the composition of three operations:

- $V^T \vec{x}$, which reorients \vec{x} without changing its length;
- $\Sigma(V^T \vec{x})$, which stretches the vector $V^T \vec{x}$ along each axis with corresponding singular value;
- $U(\Sigma V^T \vec{x})$, which again reorients the resulting vector.

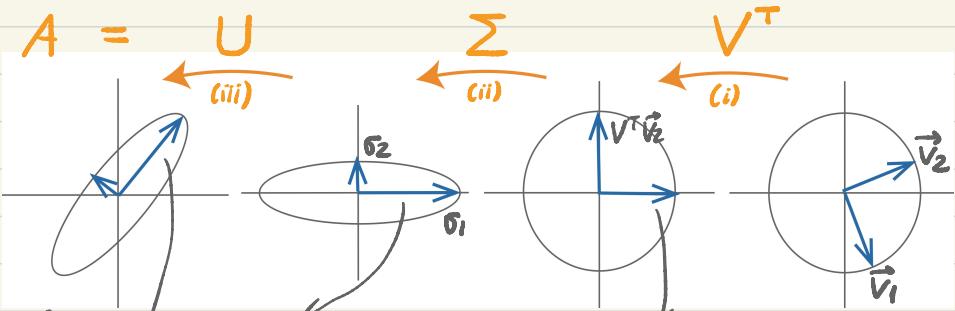


Illustration of multiplication $A\vec{x} = U\Sigma V^T \vec{x}$ when \vec{x} is \vec{v}_1 , first col. of V .

$$U\Sigma V^T \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1^T & \vec{v}_2^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \vec{v}_1^T \vec{v}_1 \\ \sigma_2 \vec{v}_1^T \vec{v}_2 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: $\|A\vec{x}\| \leq \sigma_1 \|\vec{x}\|$ because U and V^T do not change length and multiplication by Σ can amplify length by at most σ_1 .

This is not a conservative bound: it holds with equality when $\vec{x} = \vec{v}_1$ as shown above, or when $\vec{x} = \alpha \vec{v}_1$ for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.