

Homework 5

Gram-Schmidt

1. Use the Gram-Schmidt algorithm to compute QR decompositions of the following matrices.

(a) $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Solution:

See attached pdf.

2. Let $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_k\}$ be an orthonormal set in \mathbb{R}^n .

- (a) Show that

$$P_1 = (I - q_1 q_1^T)(I - q_2 q_2^T) \dots (I - q_k q_k^T)$$

is a projection matrix.

- (b) Show that

$$P_2 = I - q_1 q_1^T - q_2 q_2^T - \dots - q_k q_k^T$$

is a projection matrix.

- (c) Show that $P_1 = P_2$. Though mathematically equivalent, the first form of projection is more numerically stable and is used in modified Gram-Schmidt, whereas the second form is used in classical Gram-Schmidt.

Solution:

It is okay to first show (b), then (c), and then conclude that (a) follows from (b) and (c). It is also okay to do the 3 parts in order directly.

We will first show (c). Let

$$S_j = \sum_{i=1}^j q_i q_i^T,$$

and note that $S_j q_{j+1} q_{j+1}^T = 0$ because of the orthogonality of the q_j 's. Then

$$(I - S_{j-1})(I - q_j q_j^T) = I - S_{j-1} - q_j q_j^T + S_{j-1} q_j q_j^T = I - S_{j-1} - q_j q_j^T = I - S_j. \quad (1)$$

Applying this to the definition of P_1 , it follows that $P_1 = P_2$. Next, we show (b) that P_2 is a projection matrix. Let $S = S_k$, so that $P_2 = I - S$, and note that S is a projection matrix since

$$S^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k q_i q_i^T q_j q_j^T = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k q_i \delta_{ij} q_j^T = \sum_{i=1}^k q_i q_i^T = S.$$

Then P_2 is a projection, since

$$P_2^2 = (I - S)(I - S) = I - 2S + S^2 = I - 2S + S = I - S = P_2.$$

Finally, (c) and (b) together imply (a).

In the next two problems, you will implement QR factorization by both the classical and the modified Gram-Schmidt algorithms, and study the instability of classical Gram-Schmidt. Note: You may do this assignment in Python if you prefer (in which case you should convert the code skeleton below to Python).

3. Write Matlab/Octave code to compute matrices Q and R such that $A = QR$ using the Gram-Schmidt process, or the modified Gram-Schmidt process, by filling in the function below. Include your code.

```
function [Q,R] = MyGS(A,modified)

[m,n] = size(A);
R = zeros(n);

for k=1:n
    v_k = A(:,k);
    % orthogonalize against previous columns
    for j=1:k-1
        if (modified)
            R(j,k) = Q(:,j)'*v_k; % modified
        else
            R(j,k) = Q(:,j)'*A(:,k); % classical
        end
        v_k = v_k - Q(:,j)*R(j,k);
    end
    R(k,k) = norm(v_k);
    Q(:,k) = v_k ./ R(k,k);
end

end
```

4. Study the instability of Classical Gram-Schmidt by running the function below.

```
function GSInstability(lo,hi)

mGS_orthogonality = [];
mGS_factorization = [];
cGS_orthogonality = [];
cGS_factorization = [];

for i = lo:hi
    A = hilb(i) + eye(i) * 1e-6;
    [Q,R] = MyGS(A,false);
    cGS_orthogonality(i-lo+1) = norm(Q'*Q-eye(i));
    cGS_factorization(i-lo+1) = norm(Q*R - A);
    [Q,R] = MyGS(A,true);
    mGS_orthogonality(i-lo+1) = norm(Q'*Q-eye(i));
    mGS_factorization(i-lo+1) = norm(Q*R - A);
end

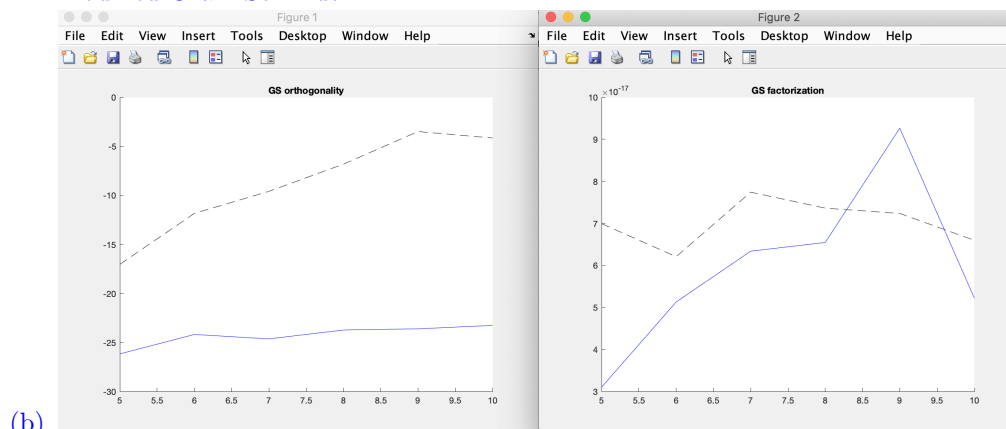
figure
hold on
plot(lo:hi,log(cGS_orthogonality),'--k');
plot(lo:hi,log(mGS_orthogonality),'-b');
title('GS orthogonality');

figure
hold on
plot(lo:hi,cGS_factorization,'--k');
plot(lo:hi,mGS_factorization,'-b');
title('GS factorization');
end
```

- What is being plotted by the code?
- Include the plots generated.
- Are Modified Gram-Schmidt and Classical Gram-Schmidt computing accurate factorizations? I.e., how close are A and $Q * R$? Explain based on the plot generated.
- Are Modified Gram-Schmidt and Classical Gram-Schmidt computing an orthogonal Q ? Explain based on the plot generated.

Solution:

- The first plot compares the orthogonality of the Q matrices obtained through Classical Gram-Schmidt and Modified Gram-Schmidt.



- (c) Both Modified Gram-Schmidt and Classical Gram-Schmidt compute factorizations where $\|QR - A\|$ is very small, so both satisfy $A = QR$ up to some small numerical error.
- (d) Modified Gram-Schmidt and Classical Gram-Schmidt differ significantly in the orthogonality of the Q that they compute. For Modified Gram-Schmidt, the orthogonality error $\|Q^T Q - I\|$ is very small as desired, but for Classical Gram-Schmidt, the orthogonality error is many orders of magnitude larger and increases as the size of the matrix increases.

Householder transformations

5. (Strang II.2 7) Find a Householder reflection matrix H such that $H \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, for some $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

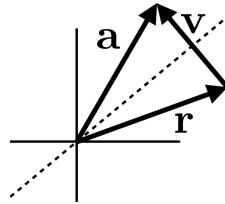
Let

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{H} \end{pmatrix},$$

with $\hat{H} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then $r_1 = 4$, and $r_2 = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 4} = 3$. The Householder vector is $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$, so

$$\hat{H} = I - 2 \frac{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T}{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}} = I - \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. (Strang II.2 6) A Householder reflection matrix has the form $H = I - 2 \frac{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2}$. Let $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r}$, where $\|\mathbf{a}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{r}\|_2$, as illustrated in the figure. Confirm that $H\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{r}$. This shows how to construct a Householder reflection matrix that reflects one vector to another, as in the case of Householder QR, where $\mathbf{r} = \alpha \mathbf{e}_1$.



Solution:

We will use the fact that $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r}$.

$$\begin{aligned} H\mathbf{a} &= \left(I - \frac{2\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \right) \mathbf{a} = \left(I - \frac{2(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r})(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r})^T}{(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r})^T (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r})} \right) \mathbf{a} \\ &= \mathbf{a} - \frac{2(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r})(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{a})}{(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r})^T (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r})} = \mathbf{a} - \frac{2(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r})(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{a})}{(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r})} \\ &= \mathbf{a} - \frac{2(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r})(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{a})}{2(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{a})} = \mathbf{a} - (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{r}. \end{aligned}$$

Singular Value Decomposition

7. (T&B 4.1) Determine SVDs of the following matrices (by hand calculation):

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (b) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (c) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (d) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (e) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solution:

In general, the SVD of A is written $A = U\Sigma V^T$, with

- U, V orthogonal matrices, and
- Σ diagonal matrix with $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0$.

(a) This is almost in SVD form. We just to negate the -2 since all singular values should be non-negative.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that the left-most matrix acts to row-scale the middle matrix.

(b) Here we just need to symmetrically permute the matrix so that the positions of the diagonal elements are flipped. The left-most matrix applies a row permutation while the right-most matrix applies a column permutation.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Here we only require a column permutation.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For parts (d) and (e), we note that for a 2×2 matrix, the SVD is

$$U\Sigma V^T = \begin{pmatrix} | & | \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 \\ | & | \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{v}_1^T & - \\ -\mathbf{v}_2^T & - \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + \sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T.$$

Therefore we can construct A out of two rank-one matrices $\sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T$ and $\sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T$.

(d) We note that $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is rank one, because it has a repeated column, so we write it as $\sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is not yet in the desired form, because $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is not normalized. Normalizing, we get $\sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, so

$$1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T.$$

Since the matrix is rank one, $\sigma_2 = 0$. Now it just remains to find unit vectors \mathbf{u}_2 and \mathbf{v}_2 that are normalized and orthogonal to \mathbf{u}_1 and \mathbf{v}_1 , respectively. These are given by

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Combining all the terms, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

(e) We take a similar approach as in (d). The matrix has rank one and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Normalizing, we have

$$= 2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix},$$

giving

$$\sigma_1 = 2, \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since the matrix is rank one, $\sigma_2 = 0$. Completing the orthonormal bases for U and V , we get

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

So the SVD is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

8. Let A be an $m \times n$ singular matrix of rank r with SVD

$$\begin{aligned} A = U\Sigma V^T &= \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_m \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_r & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1^T \\ \mathbf{v}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_n^T \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{cc} \hat{U} & \tilde{U} \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_r & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{V}^T \\ \tilde{V}^T \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$, \hat{U} consists of the first r columns of U , \tilde{U} consists of the remaining $m - r$ columns of U , \hat{V} consists of the first r columns of V , and \tilde{V} consists of the remaining $n - r$ columns of V . Give bases for the spaces $\text{range}(A)$, $\text{null}(A)$, $\text{range}(A^T)$ and $\text{null}(A^T)$ in terms of the components of the SVD of A , and a brief justification.

Solution:

A summary of the relationships between the columns of U and V and the spaces associated with A is given in the following table:

$\text{range}(A)$	\tilde{U}
$\text{null}(A)$	\hat{V}
$\text{range}(A^T)$	\hat{V}
$\text{null}(A^T)$	\tilde{U}

These results are explained below. First note that A can also be written as

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T.$$

Given any vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have using the above sum,

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

This shows that any $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x}$ in the range of A is a linear combination of $\mathbf{u}_i, 1 \leq i \leq r$. Therefore, the columns of \hat{U} form a basis for $\text{range}(A)$.

Now let \mathbf{z} be such that $A\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$, i.e., $\mathbf{z} \in \text{null}(A)$. Then

$$\mathbf{0} = A\mathbf{z} = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i (\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{z}) \mathbf{u}_i$$

Since $\sigma_i \neq 0, 1 \leq i \leq r$, and the \mathbf{u}_i are linearly independent, we must have $\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{z} = 0, 1 \leq i \leq r$ or $\mathbf{z} \perp \hat{V}$. Therefore, $\mathbf{z} \in \text{span}(\tilde{V})$, so the columns of \tilde{V} form a basis for $\text{null}(A)$. The SVD of A^T is $A^T = V \Sigma^T U^T$. Therefore, by the same arguments above for A , the columns of \hat{V} form a basis for $\text{range}(A)$, and the columns of \tilde{U} form a basis for $\text{null}(A^T)$.

9. Use the SVD of A to show that for an $m \times n$ matrix of full column rank n , the matrix $A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ is an orthogonal projector onto $\text{range}(A)$.

Solution:

Let $P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$. First, P is a projector if P is idempotent, i.e., $P^2 = P$. We check this:

$$\begin{aligned} P^2 &= [A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T] [A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T] \\ &= A [(A^T A)^{-1} A^T A] (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \\ &= A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = P. \end{aligned}$$

Next, P is an orthogonal projector if $P = P^T$. We check this:

$$\begin{aligned} P^T &= [A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T]^T = (A^T)^T (A^T A)^{-T} A^T \\ &= A [(A^T A)^T]^{-1} A^T = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = P. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we show that $\text{range}(P) = \text{range}(A)$. Since A has full column rank n , then we can write

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T, \quad \sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n > 0.$$

Substituting this expression for P , we get

$$\begin{aligned} P &= A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \right) \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \right) \right]^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-1} \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T. \end{aligned}$$

Note that this is an SVD form for P , and by the arguments in Problem 6, $\text{range}(P) = \text{span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n) = \text{range}(A)$.

10. (adapted from I.9 1) (**Eckart-Young theorem in ℓ^2**) Consider a matrix A with SVD $A = U\Sigma V^T$. The matrix A could have a large rank. Constructing **low rank** approximations to A can be very useful (e.g., data compression). One such low rank approximation, constructed from the SVD, is

$$A_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T,$$

for small k , i.e., the approximation we get by keeping the largest k terms in the SVD of A . The Eckart-Young Theorem says that A_k is a **best** rank- k approximation to A (when “best” is measured in ℓ^2). That is, any other rank- k approximation, B , will be no better: $\|A - B\|_2 \geq \|A - A_k\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}$. What are the singular values (in descending order) of $A - A_k$? Omit any zeros.

Solution:

We know that

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

where r is the rank of A . Therefore,

$$A - A_k = \sum_{i=k+1}^r \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T.$$

This tells us the SVD of $A - A_k$, so its singular values are $\sigma_{k+1} \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r$.

11. (adapted from I.9 2) Find a closest rank-1 approximation to these matrices (L^2 or Frobenius norm $\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^T A)}$):

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution:

Denote the closest rank-1 approximation to A_i as \tilde{A}_i . A_1 already has the form of Σ in its SVD, so $\tilde{A}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

The SVD of A_2 is

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

so the closest rank-1 approximation is

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, using Octave/Matlab we find that

$$A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7071 & -0.7071 \\ 0.7071 & 0.7071 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6.7082 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.2361 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.3162 & 0.9487 \\ -0.9487 & 0.3162 \end{pmatrix},$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A}_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.7071 & -0.7071 \\ 0.7071 & 0.7071 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6.7082 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.3162 & 0.9487 \\ -0.9487 & 0.3162 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1.5000 & 4.5000 \\ 1.5000 & 4.5000 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$