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Theorem 1 (Eckart–Young–Mirsky). *The r -truncated SVD of a matrix, A is the best rank r approximation in the spectral norm.*

Proof. this is the proof

$$\begin{aligned}\|A - B\|_2^2 &\geq \|(A - B)x\|_2^2 \\ &= \|Ax\|_2^2 \\ &= \|U\Sigma V^T x\|_2^2 \\ &= \|\Sigma V^T x\|_2^2 \\ &= \text{expand} \\ &\geq \sigma_{r+1}^2 \\ &= \|A - A_r\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

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