

Linear Data Analysis
Orthonormal Vectors and the Singular
Variance Decomposition

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a I Did Not Shoot the SVD

We shall explore some application of the SVD

- Left Singular Vectors: basis of data space
- right singular vectors: basis of weight space
- singular values are generalized EigenValues
- approximations of data space

An interesting application of this is splitting an audio into its 2 distinct components of Music and Speaking, as demonstrated by Professor Ellis. (Song: I Shot The Sheriff)

b Examples of the SVD

Consider the matrix:

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It has the SVD of:

$$[U_1, S_1, V_1] = \text{svd}(A_1).$$

$$U_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.98 & -0.19 \\ 0.19 & 0.98 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5.19 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.19 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.19 & -0.98 \\ 0.98 & 0.19 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Note that this is all in MatLab notation.

Consider the next example:

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>> A2 = [1 -1 ; -1 1]
A2 =
     1  -1
    -1   1
>> [U2,S2,V2] = svd(A2)
U2 =
   -0.71   0.71
    0.71   0.71
S2 =
    2.00   0.00
    0.00   0.00
V2 =
   -0.71  -0.71
    0.71  -0.71
```

Note that:

- the matrix A_2 has a rank of 1 as S_2 only has 1 non zero value on the diagonal
- the absence of a value in the second column of S_2 denotes that the second column of V_2 is the nullspace of A_2
- the presence of a value in the first column of S_2 denotes to use that the first column of U_2 is a basis vector for the column space of A_2 .

These analysis are general and so if the above conditions apply, the corresponding inference holds (for SVD)

c Matrix Spaces and the SVD

Consider the following computation:

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>> A3 = [1 -1 ; -1 1 ; 2 0]
A3 =
     1  -1
    -1   1
     2   0
>> [U3,S3,V3] = svd(A3)
U3 =
   -0.50   0.50  -0.71
    0.50  -0.50  -0.71
   -0.71  -0.71  -0.00
S3 =
    2.61   0.00
    0.00   1.08
    0.00   0.00
V3 =
   -0.92  -0.38
    0.38  -0.92
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Note that:

- the third vector in U_3 is a basis for the complement of the column space of A_3

Consider the Rank deficient matrix and its computation:

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>> A4 = [1 -1 2 ; -1 1 -2]
A4 =
     1  -1   2
    -1   1  -2
>> [U4,S4,V4] = svd(A4)
U4 =
   -0.71   0.71
    0.71   0.71
S4 =
    3.46   0.00   0.00
    0.00   0.00   0.00
V4 =
   -0.41  -0.91  -0.00
    0.41  -0.18   0.89
   -0.82   0.37   0.45
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Note that:

- there is only one non zero value in S_4 which means that the rank of A_4 is 1
- there is a value in the first column of S_4 which means that the first column of U_4 is a basis vector for A_4

- there is no value in column 2 of S_4 , which means column 2 of U_4 is a basis for the complement of the column space of A
- columns where a 0 value is on the diagonal of S indicates that the corresponding column in V is a basis vector for the nullspace of A . Additionally, if a column in S does not correspond to a column in A , then said column in S is a basis vector for the nullspace of A

d Nullspace and the SVD

Consider a rank deficient matrix: $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &\in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \\
 A &= U \Sigma V^\top \\
 U &= [\vec{u}_1 \quad \vec{u}_2] \\
 \Sigma &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 V &= [\vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{v}_2] \\
 \vec{w} &\in \mathbb{R}.
 \end{aligned}$$

What is $A\vec{w}$? It is the following:

$$A\vec{w} = U \Sigma V^\top \vec{w}.$$

So then what is $V^\top \vec{w}$

$$V^\top \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1^\top \cdot \vec{w} \\ \vec{v}_2^\top \cdot \vec{w} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note: ‘ \cdot ’ is the dot product.

And continuing to derive the equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma V^\top \vec{w} &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1^\top \cdot \vec{w} \\ \vec{v}_2^\top \cdot \vec{w} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{w} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

When is the first entry $\sigma_1 \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{w}$ equal to 0?

If and only if $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{w} = 0$, which is true when $\vec{w} \propto \vec{v}_2$. Thus, $A\vec{w} = 0$ if and only if $\vec{w} \propto \vec{v}_2$. Therefore the nullspace of A is \vec{v}_2

e Orthonormal Basis Vectors and the SVD

Consider the following computation: Note that:

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>> A5 = [1 -1 ; -1 1 ; 2 -2.02]
A5 =
    1.00 -1.00
   -1.00  1.00
    2.00 -2.02
>> [U5,S5,V5] = svd(A5)
U5 =
   -0.41  0.58 -0.71
    0.41 -0.58 -0.71
   -0.82 -0.58  0.00
S5 =
    3.48  0.00
    0.00  0.01
    0.00  0.00
V5 =
   -0.70  0.71
    0.71  0.70
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- a large ratio between non zero values in S_5 is indicative of that the matrix A_5 is *almost* rank deficient.

$$\frac{S_5(1,1)}{S_5(2,2)} = 427.1043$$

which suggest that an error of 1% could have a whole number change of 4 on the result. If we ignore smaller values like 0.01 we can say that mathematically, this matrix is rank deficient

- corresponding vectors in U_5 to these smaller values in S_5 are ‘almost’ the null space of A_5

SVD Properties

for a general matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

- $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is an Orthonormal basis for the data space of A
- $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is an Orthonormal basis for the weight space of A

- $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$: singular value ‘diagonal’ matrix which is made up of the singular values (pseudo-Eigenvalues) of A . Same dimensions as A
- the last $(n - r)$ columns of V are a basis for the nullspace of A

Learning Summary

Students should now be able to

- determine the rank of A from SVD
- find column space from left singular vectors
- find the nullspace from right singular vectors
- find the orthogonal complements from U and V