

# Singular Value Decomposition (matrix factorization)

# Singular Value Decomposition

The SVD is a factorization of a  $m \times n$  matrix into

$$m \times n \quad A = U \Sigma V^T \quad m \times m \quad m \times n \quad n \times n$$

where  $U$  is a  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix,  $V^T$  is a  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix and  $\Sigma$  is a  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix.

For a square matrix ( $m = n$ ):

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_n \end{pmatrix}^T$$

$\Sigma$  is a diagonal matrix with singular values  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \dots$

$U$  is a matrix of left singular vectors  $u_i$

$V^T$  is a matrix of right singular vectors  $v_i$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ u_1 & u_2 & \dots & u_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ v_1^T & v_2^T & \dots & v_n^T \end{pmatrix}$$

# Reduced SVD

What happens when  $A$  is not a square matrix?

1)  $m > n$

$$A = U \Sigma V^T = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_n & \dots & u_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_n & & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1^T & \dots & v_n^T & \dots & v_m^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagram illustrating the Reduced SVD for  $m > n$ . Matrix  $A$  is shown as a vertical stack of  $n$  columns, labeled  $m \times n$ . It is decomposed into  $U$  (vertical stack of  $n$  columns),  $\Sigma$  (diagonal matrix of singular values), and  $V^T$  (vertical stack of  $n$  columns). The  $U$  matrix has  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns, while  $V^T$  has  $n$  rows and  $m$  columns.

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_n & \dots & u_m \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_n & & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} v_1^T & \dots & v_n^T & \dots & v_m^T \end{bmatrix}$$

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$m > n$

$$A = \sum_{r=1}^R \sigma_r u_r v_r^T$$

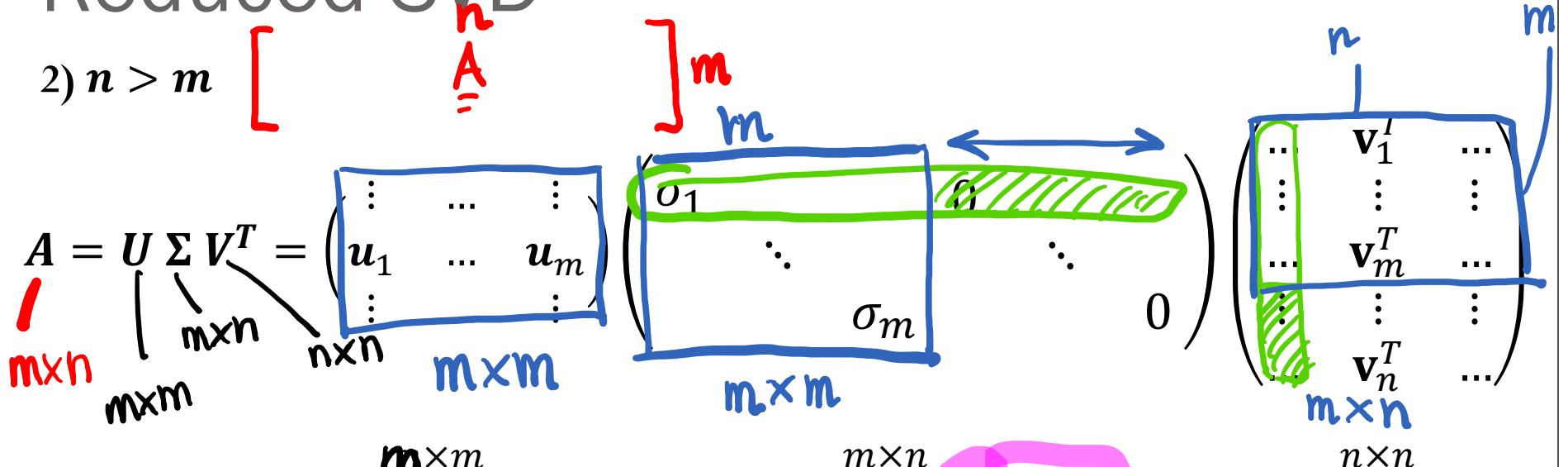
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T & \dots & \sigma_n u_n v_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Reduced SVD

2)  $n > m$



$$\boxed{\begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} \overline{A} \\ \text{m} < n \end{matrix} & = & U \sum_R V_R^T \\ \begin{matrix} \text{mxm} \\ \text{mxm} \end{matrix} & & \begin{matrix} \text{mxn} \\ \text{mxm} \end{matrix} \end{matrix}}$$

General:

$$A = \sum_R U_R \Sigma_R V_R^T$$

$\begin{matrix} \text{mxn} \\ \text{mxm} \\ \text{mxn} \end{matrix}$     $\begin{matrix} \text{mxm} \\ \text{m} < n \\ \text{mxm} \end{matrix}$     $\begin{matrix} \text{m} > n \\ \text{m} > n \\ \text{m} > n \end{matrix}$

$U_R : m \times K$   
 $\Sigma_R : K \times K$   
 $V_R^T : K \times n$

$$K = \min(m, n)$$

Let's take a look at the product  $\Sigma^T \Sigma$ , where  $\Sigma$  has the singular values of a  $A$ , a  $m \times n$  matrix.

$m > n$

$$\Sigma^T \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_n & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_n & \\ & & & 0 \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_n^2 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Sigma_R^2$

$n > m$

$$\Sigma^T \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_m & \\ & & & 0 \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_m & \\ & & & 0 \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \sigma_m^2 & & & \\ & & & 0 & & \\ & & & & 0 & \\ & & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Sigma_R^2$

Assume  $\mathbf{A}$  with the singular value decomposition  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T$ . Let's take a look at the eigenpairs corresponding to  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ :

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T)^T (\mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T)$$

$$= (\mathbf{V}^T)^T \Sigma^T \underbrace{\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U}}_{\mathbf{I}} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T$$

$$= \mathbf{V} \Sigma^T \mathbf{I} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T \quad \Sigma^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & \\ & \sigma_2^2 & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{V} \Sigma^T \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} \Sigma^2 \mathbf{V}^T}$$

$$(x, \lambda) \boxed{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} x = \lambda x}$$

$$(\mathbf{ABC})^T = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$$

$$\mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{U}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$$

Diagonalization:

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{X}^{-1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  columns of  $\mathbf{V}$  are the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$

$\Rightarrow$  diagonal entries of  $\Sigma^2$  are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$

$$\boxed{\lambda_i = \sigma_i^2}$$

$$x, \lambda = \text{eig}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$$

In a similar way,

$$\underline{\underline{A^T A}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A A^T &= (U \Sigma V^T) (U \Sigma V^T)^T \\ &= U \Sigma V^T (V^T)^T \Sigma^T U^T \\ &= U \Sigma \underbrace{V^T V}_{I} \Sigma^T U^T & V^{-1} = V^T \\ &= U \Sigma \Sigma^T U^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{A A^T = U \Sigma^2 U^T}$$

$$B = X D X^{-1}$$

→ columns of  $U$  are the eigenvectors of  $A A^T$

# How can we compute an SVD of a matrix A ?

1. Evaluate the  $n$  eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  la.eig(A^TA)
2. Make a matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  from the normalized vectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$ . The columns are called “right singular vectors”.

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Make a diagonal matrix from the square roots of the eigenvalues.

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix}$$

*singular values*       $\sigma_i^2 = \lambda_i$

$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$  and  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \dots$

4. Find  $\mathbf{U}$ :  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T$   $\Rightarrow$   $\mathbf{U} \Sigma = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}$ . The columns are called the “left singular vectors”.

$$\boxed{\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V} \Sigma^{-1}}$$

# Singular values are always non-negative

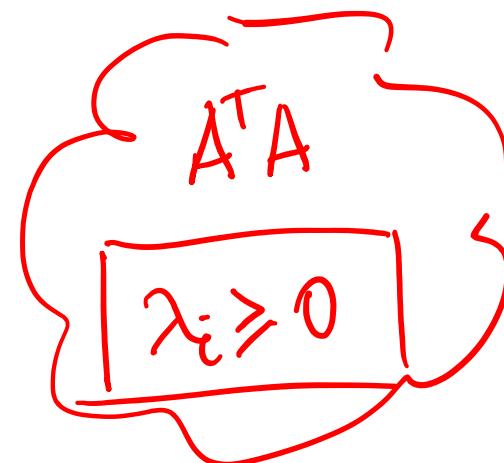
- A matrix is positive definite if  $\underline{x^T B x > 0}$  for  $\underline{\forall x \neq 0}$
- A matrix is positive semi-definite if  $\underline{x^T B x \geq 0}$  for  $\underline{\forall x \neq 0}$

$A^T A$

$$\underbrace{x^T (A^T A) x}_{y \cdot y} = \underbrace{(Ax)^T Ax}_{y \cdot y} = \|Ax\|_2^2 \geq 0$$
$$y \cdot y = \|y\|_2^2$$

$A^T A$  is positive semi-definite

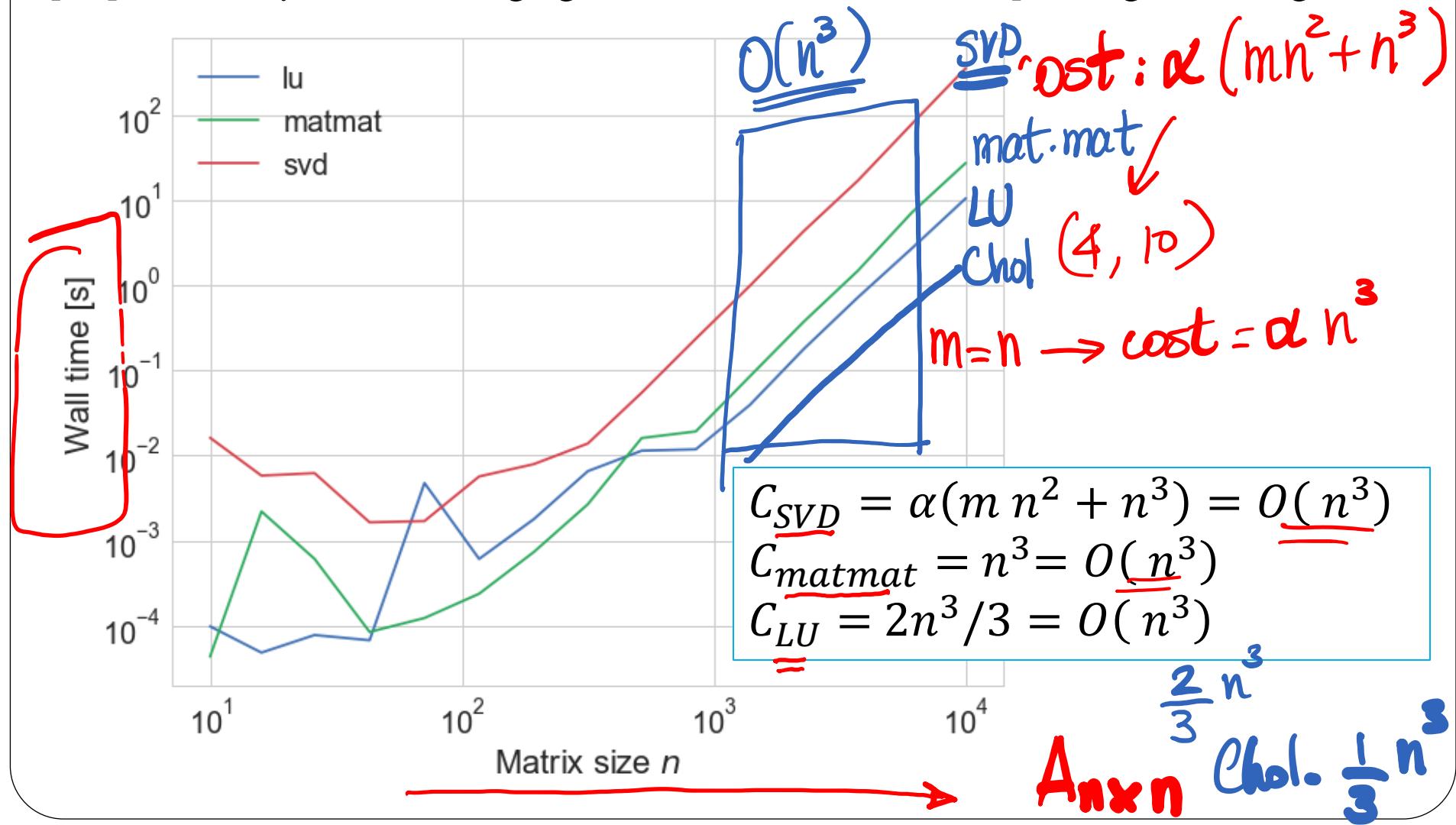
$$A^T A x = \lambda x \rightarrow (x, \lambda)$$
$$x^T A^T A x = \lambda x^T x = \lambda \underbrace{\|x\|_2^2}_{> 0}$$
$$\lambda = \frac{x^T A^T A x}{\|x\|_2^2} = \frac{\|Ax\|_2^2}{\|x\|_2^2} \geq 0$$



# Cost of SVD

$A_{m \times n}$

The cost of an SVD is proportional to  $m n^2 + n^3$  where the constant of proportionality constant ranging from 4 to 10 (or more) depending on the algorithm.



# SVD summary:

- The SVD is a factorization of a  $m \times n$  matrix into  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T$  where  $\mathbf{U}$  is a  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix,  $\mathbf{V}^T$  is a  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix and  $\Sigma$  is a  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix.
- In reduced form:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}_R \Sigma_R \mathbf{V}_R^T$ , where  $\mathbf{U}_R$  is a  $m \times k$  matrix,  $\Sigma_R$  is a  $k \times k$  matrix, and  $\mathbf{V}_R$  is a  $n \times k$  matrix, and  $k = \min(m, n)$ .
- The columns of  $\mathbf{V}$  are the eigenvectors of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ , denoted the right singular vectors.
- The columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  are the eigenvectors of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$ , denoted the left singular vectors.
- The diagonal entries of  $\Sigma^2$  are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ .  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$  are called the singular values.
- The singular values are always non-negative (since  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  is a positive semi-definite matrix, the eigenvalues are always  $\lambda \geq 0$ )