

Compute the SVD

Consider the matrix

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

- i) Compute its SVD $A = U\Sigma V^T$.
- ii) Write A as a sum of rank-1 matrices.
- iii) Is A invertible?

Hint: For i) follow this recipe:

1. Compute the eigenvalues λ_i with eigenvectors v_i of $A^T A$. Index the eigenvalues so that $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > 0$, where $r :=$ "number of positive eigenvalues". Normalize the eigenvectors v_i .
2. For $i = 1, \dots, r$: Set $\sigma_i := \sqrt{\lambda_i}$ and $u_i := \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A v_i$.
[Until here we will already have the reduced SVD]
3. Extend the bases:
 - If $r < n$: Find orthonormal $v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n \in \ker(A)$ by solving $A v_i = 0$ and orthogonalizing.
 - If $r < m$: Find orthonormal $u_{r+1}, \dots, u_m \in \ker(A^T)$ by solving $A^T u_i = 0$ and orthogonalizing.

Solution:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 25 & 20 \\ 20 & 25 \end{pmatrix}$$

i) COMPUTE SVD:

1. Compute $\sigma(A^T A)$ and corresponding eigenvectors.

- Eigenvalues:

$$0 \stackrel{!}{=} \det(A^T A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 25 - \lambda & 20 \\ 20 & 25 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = (25 - \lambda)^2 - 400$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 25 - \lambda = \pm \sqrt{400} = \pm 20$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 = 45, \quad \lambda_2 = 5.$$

- Eigenvectors v_1 and v_2 are solutions of $(A^T A - \lambda_i I) v_i = 0$.

a)

$$(A^T A - \lambda_1 I) = \begin{pmatrix} -20 & 20 \\ 20 & -20 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} -20 & 20 & 0 \\ 20 & -20 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} -20 & 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow -x_1 + x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 \in \left\{ s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\text{Choose } s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ and } v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned}(A^T A - \lambda_2 I) &= \begin{pmatrix} 20 & 20 \\ 20 & 20 \end{pmatrix} \\ \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 20 & 20 & 0 \\ 20 & 20 & 0 \end{array} \right) &\rightsquigarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 20 & 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \\ \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 = 0 &\Rightarrow x_1 = -x_2.\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_2 \in \left\{ s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\text{Choose } s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ and } v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Set $\sigma_1 := \sqrt{45} = 3\sqrt{5}$, $\sigma_2 := \sqrt{5}$.

Compute u_i :

$$\begin{aligned}u_1 &= \frac{1}{\sigma_1} A v_1 = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{5}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{1}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \\ u_2 &= \frac{1}{\sigma_2} A v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

3. Since $2 = r = m = n$, we are done.

ii) A as sum of rank-1 matrices:

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \sigma_2 u_2 v_2^T = \underbrace{\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{10}\sqrt{2}}}_{\frac{3}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} (1 \ 1) + \underbrace{\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{10}\sqrt{2}}}_{\frac{1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (-1 \ 1) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

iii) A invertible?

Yes, since $\sigma_1 \neq 0 \neq \sigma_2$ and thus Σ is invertible implying that the product $U\Sigma V^T = A$ is invertible with inverse $A^{-1} = V\Sigma^{-1}U^T$.