

1. Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

let A be an m -by- n matrix with $m \geq n$.¹ Then we can write

$$A = U\Sigma V^T,$$

where U is m -by- n orthogonal matrix ($U^T U = I_n$) and V is n -by- n orthogonal matrix ($V^T V = I$), and $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n)$, where $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0$.

$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$ are called *singular values*. The columns $\{u_i\}$ of U are called *left singular vectors* of A . The columns $\{v_i\}$ of V are called *right singular vectors*.

2. Connection/difference between eigenvalues and singular values.

- (a) eigenvalues of $A^T A$ are σ_i^2 , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. The corresponding eigenvectors are the right singular vectors v_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
- (b) eigenvalues of $A A^T$ are σ_i^2 , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $m - n$ zeros. The left singular vectors u_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are corresponding eigenvectors for the eigenvalues σ_i^2 . One can take any $m - n$ other orthogonal vectors that are orthogonal to u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n as the eigenvectors for the zero eigenvalues.

3. Suppose that A has full column rank, then the pseudo-inverse can also be written as²

$$A^+ \equiv (A^T A)^{-1} A^T = V \Sigma^{-1} U^T.$$

4. Suppose that

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > \sigma_{r+1} = \dots = \sigma_n = 0,$$

Then

- (a) the rank of A is r ,
- (b) the range of A is spanned by $[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r]$.
- (c) the nullspace of A is spanned by $[v_{r+1}, v_{r+2}, \dots, v_n]$.

5. $\|A\|_2 = \sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^T A)}$.6. Assume $\text{rank}(A) = r$, then the SVD of A can be rewritten as

$$A = E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_r$$

where E_k for $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ is a rank-one matrix of the form

$$E_k = \sigma_k u_k v_k^T,$$

and is referred to as the k -th *component matrix*.

¹If $m < n$, the SVD can be defined by considering A^T .

²If $m < n$, then $A^+ = A^T (A A^T)^{-1}$.

Component matrices are orthogonal to each other, i.e.,

$$E_j E_k^T = 0, \quad j \neq k.$$

Furthermore, since $\|E_k\|_2 = \sigma_k$, we know that

$$\|E_1\|_2 \geq \|E_2\|_2 \geq \cdots \geq \|E_r\|_2.$$

It means that the contribution each E_k makes to reproduce A is determined by the size of the singular value σ_k .

7. Optimal rank- k approximation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\substack{B : m \times n \\ \text{rank}(B) = k}} \|A - B\|_2 &= \|A - A_k\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $A_k = E_1 + E_2 + \cdots + E_k$.

Note that A_k can be rewritten as

$$A_k = U_k \Sigma_k V_k^T,$$

where $\Sigma_k = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_k)$, U_k and V_k are the first k columns of U and V , respectively.

8. The problem of applying the leading k components of A to analyze the data in the matrix A is called **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**.

9. An application of PCA for loss data compression.

Note that A_k can be represented by $mk + k + nk = (m + n + 1)k$ elements, in contrast, A is represented by mn elements. Therefore, we have

$$\text{compression ratio} = \frac{(m + n + 1)k}{mn}$$

Matlab script: `svd4image.m`