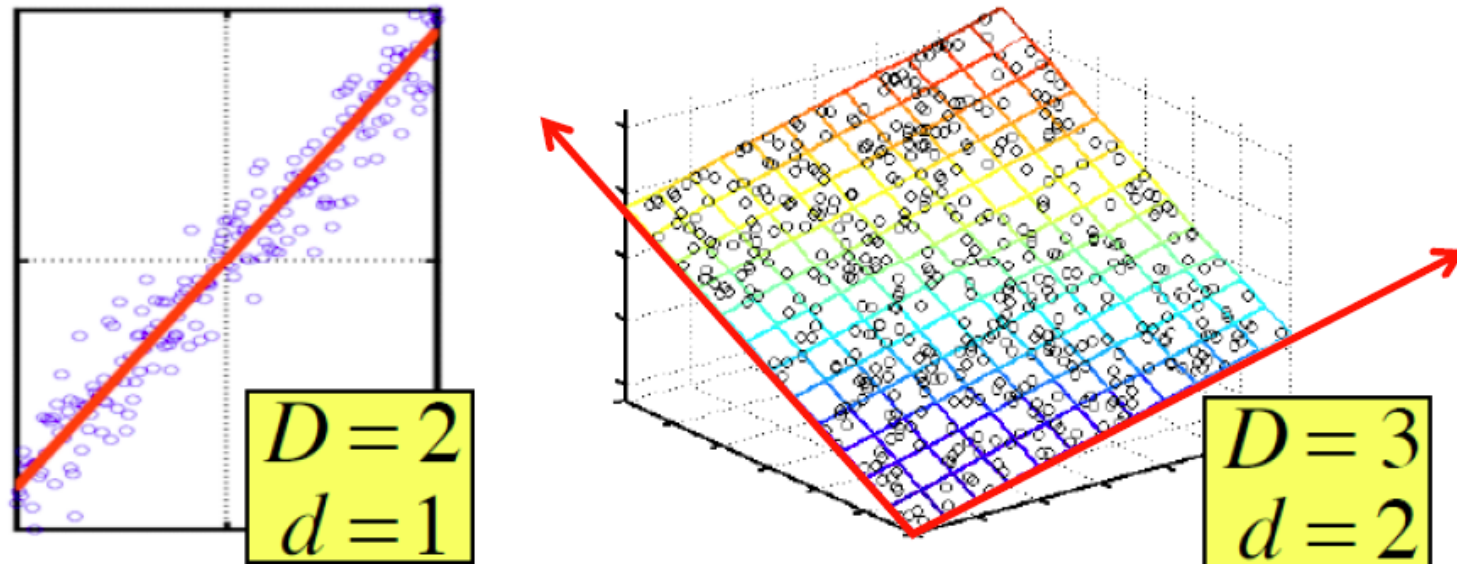


Dimensionality Reduction: SVD & CUR

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Dimensionality Reduction



- **Assumption:** Data lies on or near a low d -dimensional subspace
- **Axes of this subspace are effective representation of the data**

Dimensionality Reduction

- **Compress / reduce dimensionality:**
 - 10^6 rows; 10^3 columns; no updates
 - Random access to any cell(s); **small error: OK**

customer	day	We 7/10/96	Th 7/11/96	Fr 7/12/96	Sa 7/13/96	Su 7/14/96
ABC Inc.		1	1	1	0	0
DEF Ltd.		2	2	2	0	0
GHI Inc.		1	1	1	0	0
KLM Co.		5	5	5	0	0
Smith		0	0	0	2	2
Johnson		0	0	0	3	3
Thompson		0	0	0	1	1

The above matrix is really “2-dimensional.” All rows can be reconstructed by scaling $[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]$ or $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1]$

Rank of a Matrix

- **Q:** What is **rank** of a matrix **A**?
- **A:** Number of **linearly independent** rows of **A**
- **For example:**
 - Matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ has rank **r=2**
 - **Why?** The first two rows are linearly independent, so the rank is at least 2, but all three rows are linearly dependent (the first is equal to the sum of the second and third) so the rank must be less than 3.
- **Why do we care about low rank?**
 - We can write **A** as two “basis” vectors: $[1 \ 2 \ 1] \ [-2 \ -3 \ 1]$
 - And new coordinates of : $[1 \ 0] \ [0 \ 1] \ [1 \ -1]$

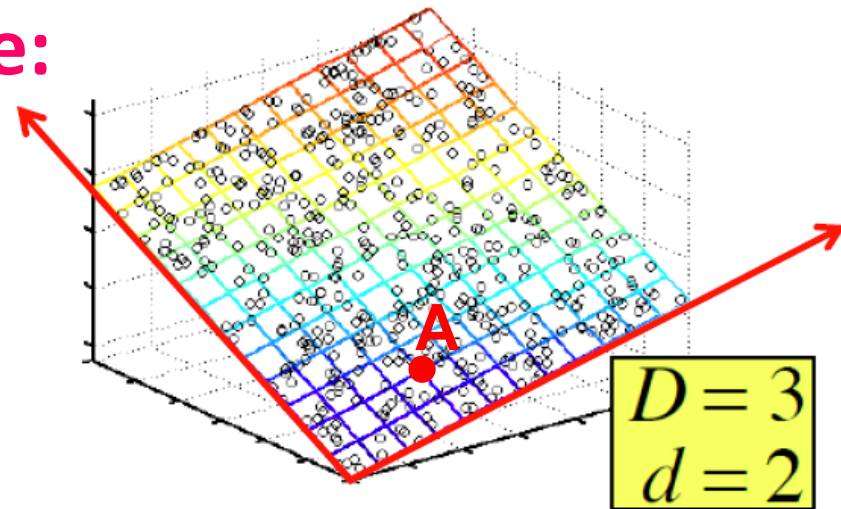
Rank is “Dimensionality”

- **Cloud of points 3D space:**

- Think of point positions

as a matrix:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} \end{matrix}$$

1 row per point:

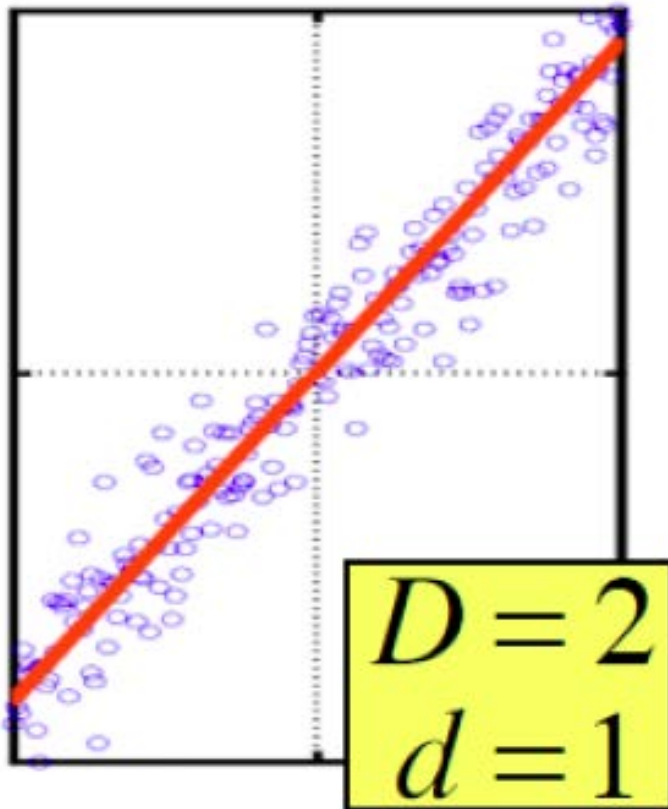


- **We can rewrite coordinates more efficiently!**

- Old basis vectors: $[1 \ 0 \ 0] \ [0 \ 1 \ 0] \ [0 \ 0 \ 1]$
- **New basis vectors: $[1 \ 2 \ 1] \ [-2 \ -3 \ 1]$**
- Then **A** has new coordinates: $[1 \ 0]$, **B**: $[0 \ 1]$, **C**: $[1 \ -1]$
 - **Notice:** We reduced the number of coordinates!

Dimensionality Reduction

- Goal of dimensionality reduction is to discover the axis of data!



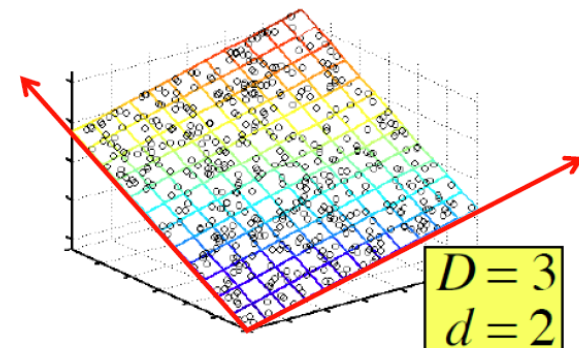
Rather than representing every point with 2 coordinates we represent each point with 1 coordinate (corresponding to the position of the point on the red line).

By doing this we incur a bit of **error** as the points do not exactly lie on the line

Why Reduce Dimensions?

Why reduce dimensions?

- **Discover hidden correlations/topics**
 - Words that occur commonly together
- **Remove redundant and noisy features**
 - Not all words are useful
- **Interpretation and visualization**
- **Easier storage and processing of the data**



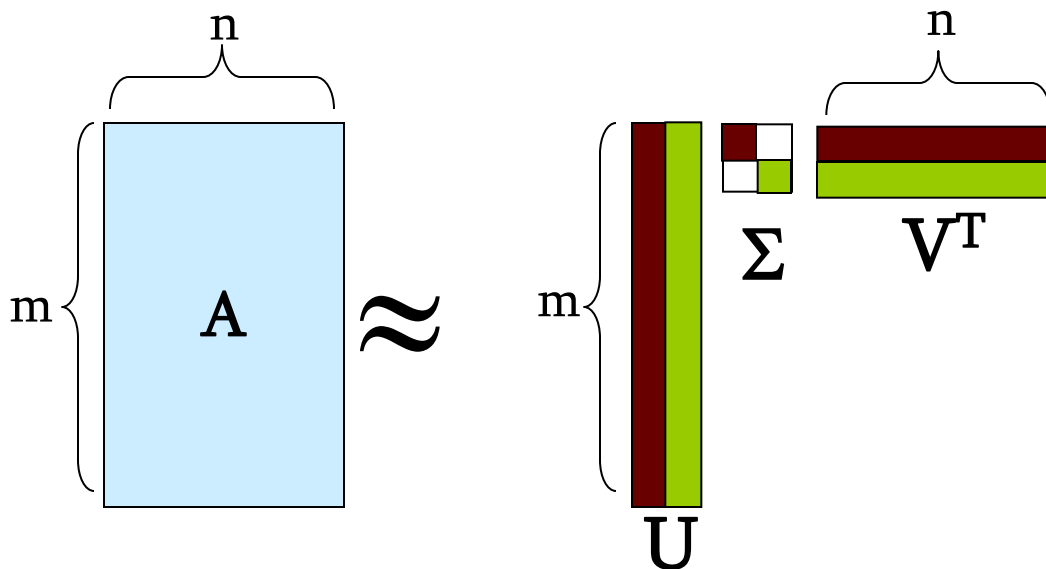
SVD - Definition

$$\mathbf{A}_{[m \times n]} = \mathbf{U}_{[m \times r]} \mathbf{\Sigma}_{[r \times r]} (\mathbf{V}_{[n \times r]})^T$$

- **A: Input data matrix**
 - $m \times n$ matrix (e.g., m documents, n terms)
- **U: Left singular vectors**
 - $m \times r$ matrix (m documents, r concepts)
- **Σ : Singular values**
 - $r \times r$ diagonal matrix (strength of each 'concept')
(r : rank of the matrix **A**)
- **V: Right singular vectors**
 - $n \times r$ matrix (n terms, r concepts)

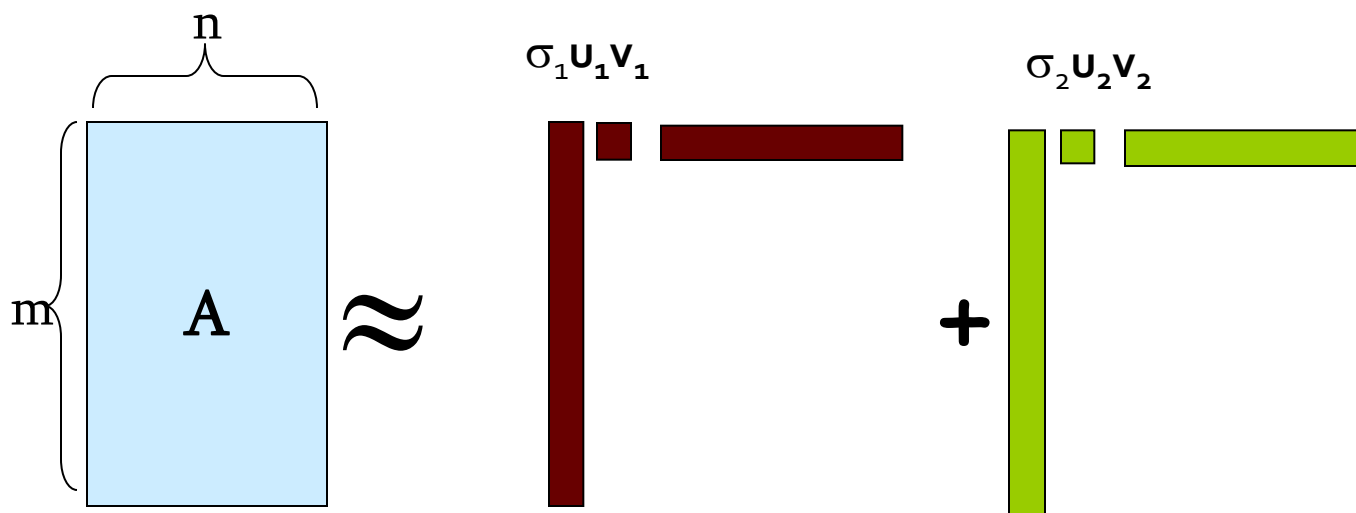
SVD

$$\mathbf{A} \approx \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T = \sum_i \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \circ \mathbf{v}_i^T$$



SVD

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σ_i ... scalar
 \mathbf{u}_i ... vector
 \mathbf{v}_i ... vector

SVD - Properties

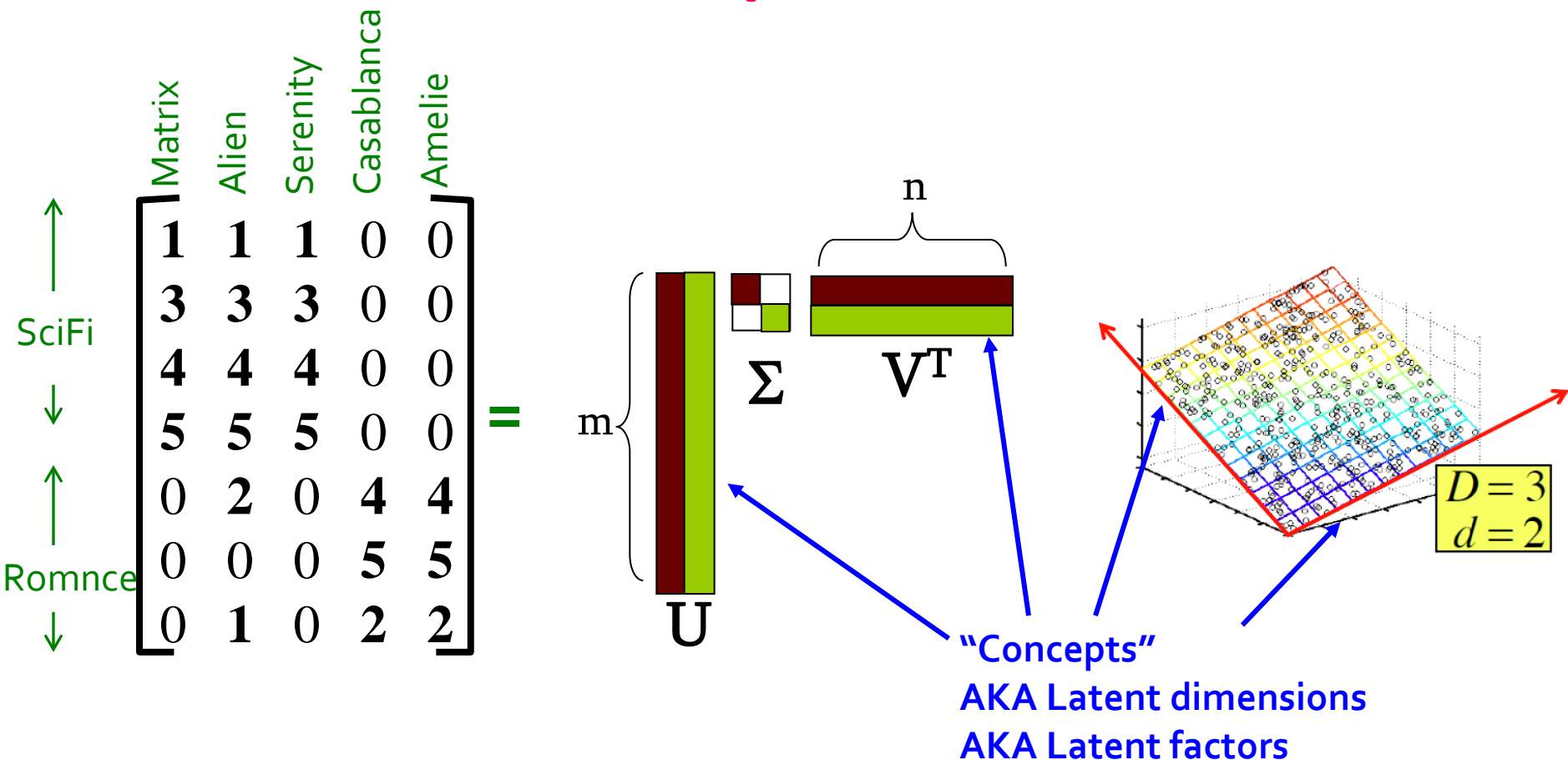
It is **always** possible to decompose a real matrix A into $A = U \Sigma V^T$, where

- U, Σ, V : **unique**
- U, V : **column orthonormal**
 - $U^T U = I; V^T V = I$ (I : identity matrix)
 - (Columns are orthogonal unit vectors)
- Σ : **diagonal**
 - Entries (**singular values**) are **positive**, and sorted in decreasing order ($\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq 0$)

Nice proof of uniqueness: <http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/~bast/ir-seminar-ws04/lecture2.pdf>

SVD – Example: Users-to-Movies

■ $A = U \Sigma V^T$ - example: Users to Movies



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Matrix Alien Serenity Casablanca Amelie

SciFi ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓

Romnce ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\
 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\
 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0.13 & 0.02 & -0.01 \\
 0.41 & 0.07 & -0.03 \\
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 0.07 & -0.29 & 0.32
 \end{bmatrix}
 \times
 \begin{bmatrix}
 12.4 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 9.5 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 1.3
 \end{bmatrix}
 \times
 \begin{bmatrix}
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 0.40 & -0.80 & 0.40 & 0.09 & 0.09
 \end{bmatrix}$$

SVD – Example: Users-to-Movies

■ $A = U \Sigma V^T$ - example: Users to Movies

Diagram illustrating the SVD decomposition of a user-movie rating matrix A into three matrices: U , Σ , and V^T .

Matrix A (Users to Movies):

	Matrix	Alien	Serenity	Casablanca	Amelie
SciFi	1	1	1	0	0
	3	3	3	0	0
	4	4	4	0	0
	5	5	5	0	0
Romance	0	2	0	4	4
	0	0	0	5	5
	0	1	0	2	2

Matrix U (User Latent Space):

0.13	0.02	-0.01
0.41	0.07	-0.03
0.55	0.09	-0.04
0.68	0.11	-0.05
0.15	-0.59	0.65
0.07	-0.73	-0.67
0.07	-0.29	0.32

Annotations for U :
 - SciFi-concept points to the first row (0.13, 0.02, -0.01).
 - Romance-concept points to the last row (0.07, -0.29, 0.32).

Matrix Σ (Singular Values):

12.4	0	0
0	9.5	0
0	0	1.3

Matrix V^T (Movie Latent Space):

0.56	0.59	0.56	0.09	0.09
0.12	-0.02	0.12	-0.69	-0.69
0.40	-0.80	0.40	0.09	0.09

The equation is represented as: $A = U \Sigma V^T$.

SVD – Example: Users-to-Movies

■ $A = U \Sigma V^T$ - example:

U is “user-to-concept” similarity matrix

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{SciFi} \\ \downarrow \\ \uparrow \\ \text{Romnce} \\ \downarrow \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c} \text{Matrix} \\ \text{Alien} \\ \text{Serenity} \\ \text{Casablanca} \\ \text{Amelie} \end{array}
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}
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SVD – Example: Users-to-Movies

■ $A = U \Sigma V^T$ - example:

Matrix Alien Serenity Casablanca Amelie

SciFi

Romnce

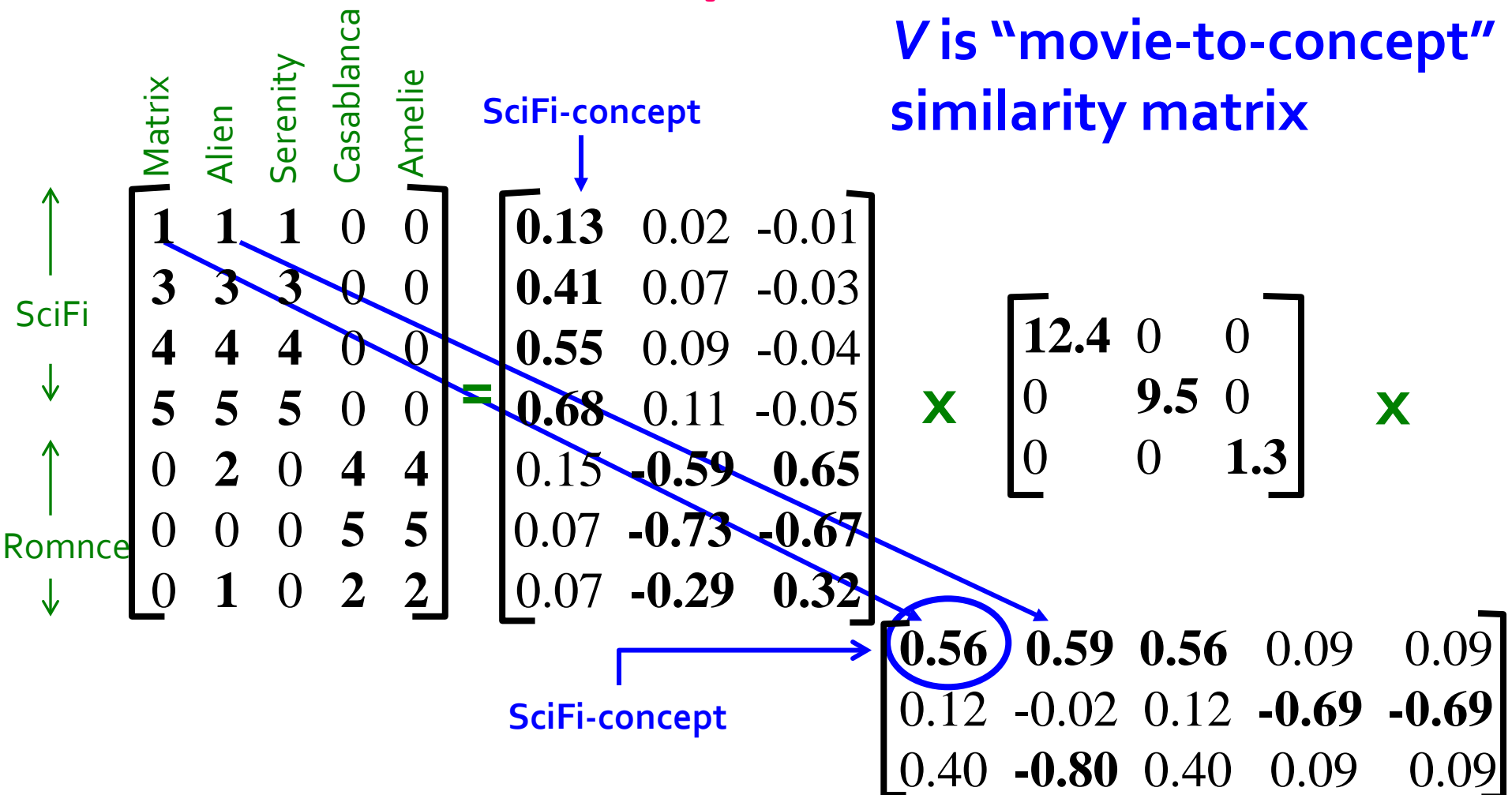
SciFi-concept

"strength" of the SciFi-concept

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SVD – Example: Users-to-Movies

■ $A = U \Sigma V^T$ - example:



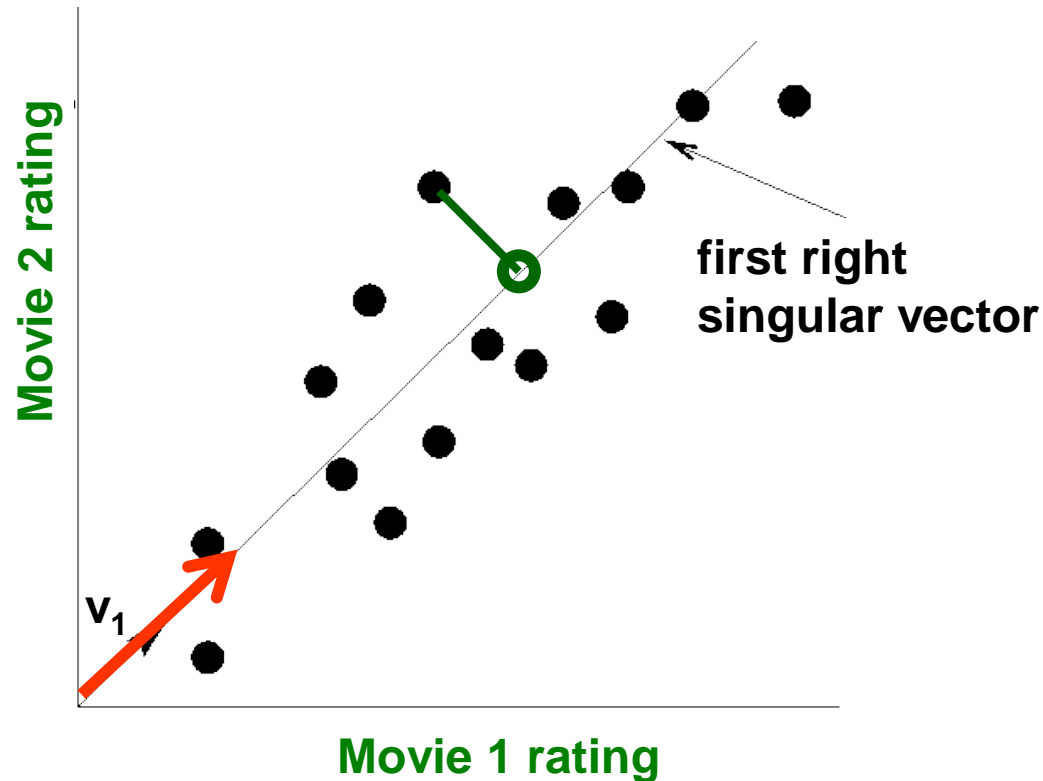
SVD - Interpretation #1

‘**movies**’, ‘**users**’ and ‘**concepts**’:

- U : user-to-concept similarity matrix
- V : movie-to-concept similarity matrix
- Σ : its diagonal elements:
‘strength’ of each concept

Dimensionality Reduction with SVD

SVD – Dimensionality Reduction



- Instead of using two coordinates (x, y) to describe point locations, let's use only one coordinate
- Point's position is its location along vector v_1
- **How to choose v_1 ? Minimize reconstruction error**

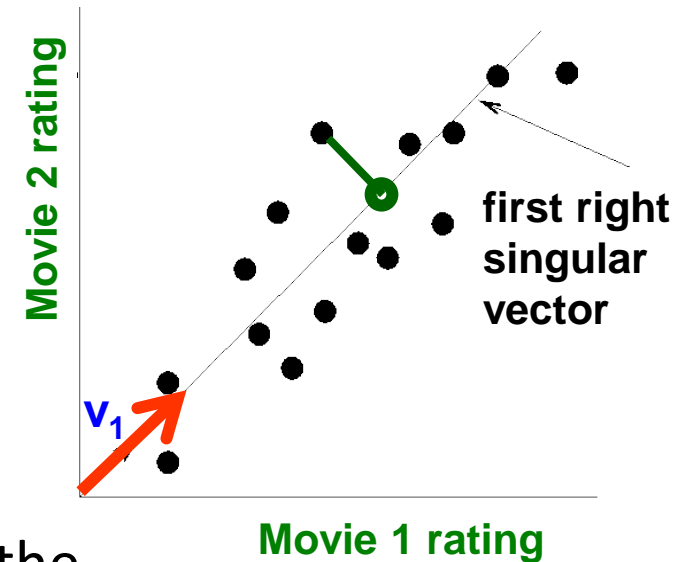
SVD – Dimensionality Reduction

- **Goal:** Minimize the sum of reconstruction errors:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^D \|x_{ij} - z_{ij}\|^2$$

- where x_{ij} are the “old” and z_{ij} are the “new” coordinates

- **SVD gives ‘best’ axis to project on:**
 - ‘best’ = minimizing the sum of reconstruction errors
- In other words, **minimum reconstruction error**



SVD - Interpretation #2

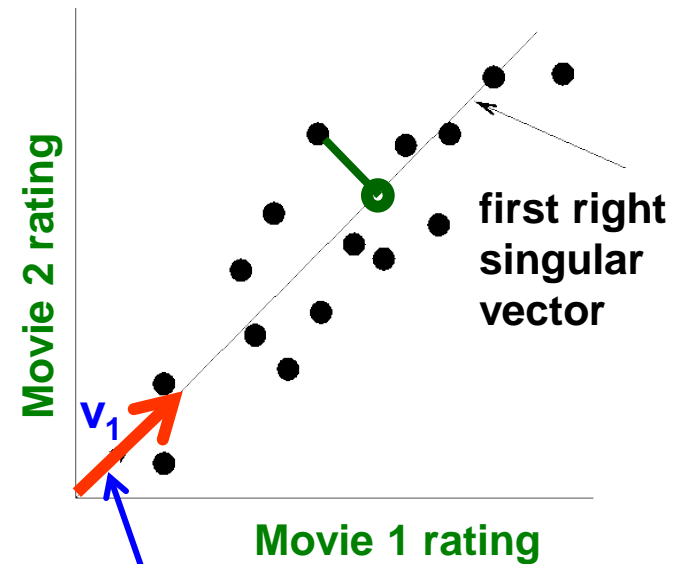
■ $A = U \Sigma V^T$ - example:

- V : “movie-to-concept” matrix
- U : “user-to-concept” matrix

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SVD - Interpretation #2

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variance ('spread') on the v_1 axis

Movie 2 rating
 Movie 1 rating
 v_1
 first right singular vector

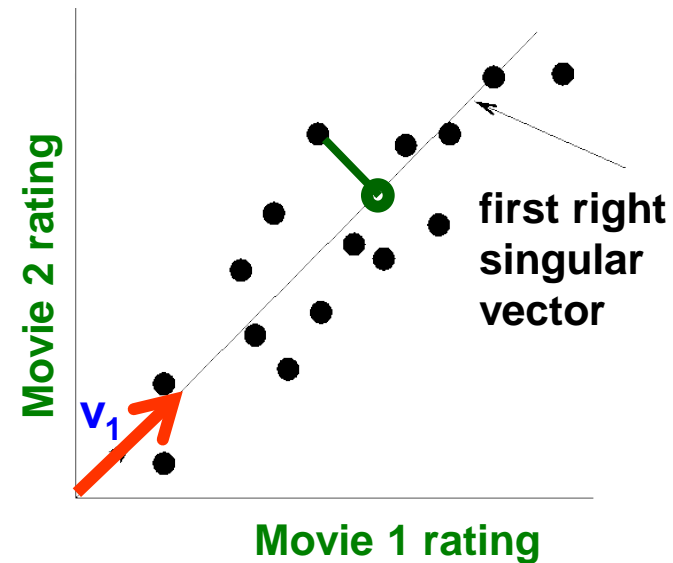
SVD - Interpretation #2

$A = U \Sigma V^T$ - example:

- **$U \Sigma$:** Gives the coordinates of the points in the projection axis

1	1	1	0	0
3	3	3	0	0
4	4	4	0	0
5	5	5	0	0
0	2	0	4	4
0	0	0	5	5
0	1	0	2	2

**Projection of users
on the “Sci-Fi” axis
($U \Sigma$)^T:**



1.61	0.19	-0.01
5.08	0.66	-0.03
6.82	0.85	-0.05
8.43	1.04	-0.06
1.86	-5.60	0.84
0.86	-6.93	-0.87
0.86	-2.75	0.41

SVD - Interpretation #2

More details

- **Q:** How exactly is dim. reduction done?

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Note: In the original image, the third column of the second matrix and the third row of the third matrix are crossed out with red lines, indicating they are the smallest singular values being set to zero for rank reduction.

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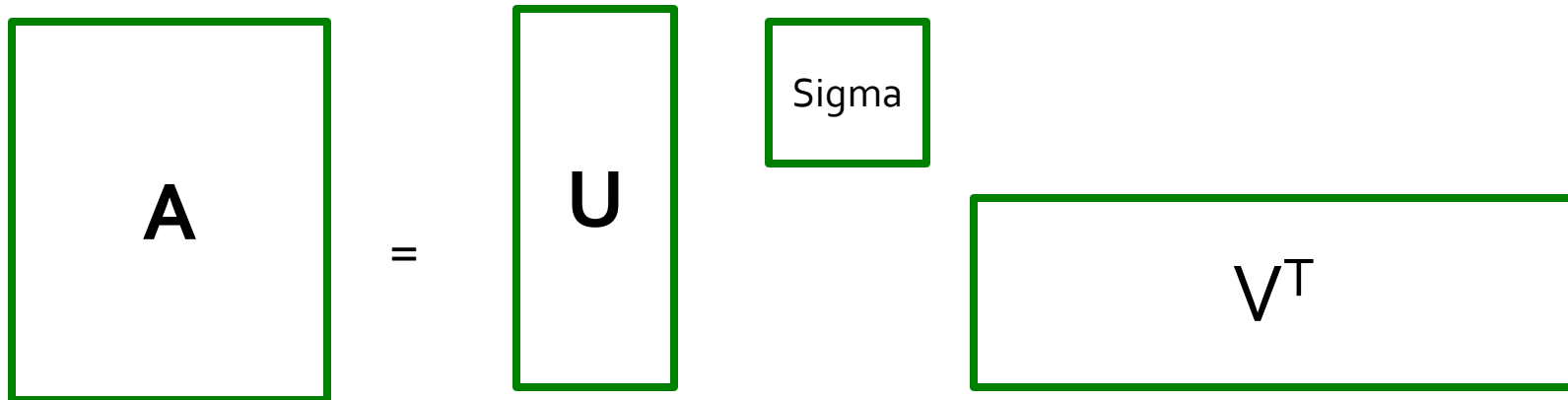
Frobenius norm:

$$\|M\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{ij} M_{ij}^2}$$

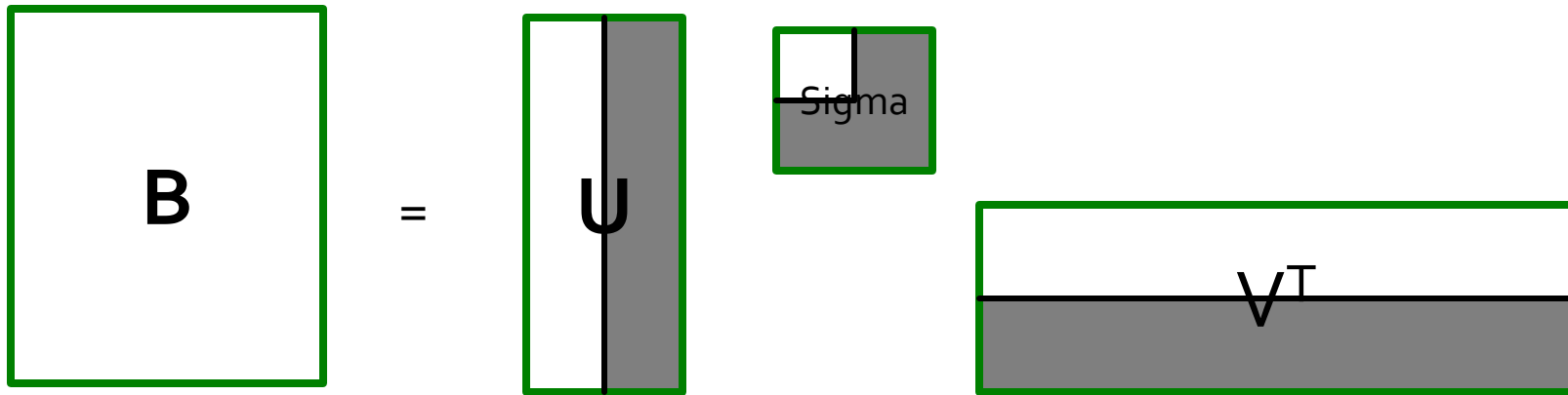
$$\|A-B\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{ij} (A_{ij}-B_{ij})^2}$$

is “small”

SVD – Best Low Rank Approx.



B is best approximation of A



SVD – Best Low Rank Approx.

■ Theorem:

Let $A = U \Sigma V^T$ and $B = U S V^T$ where

$S = \text{diagonal } r \times r \text{ matrix}$ with $s_i = \sigma_i$ ($i=1 \dots k$) else $s_i=0$
 then B is a **best** $\text{rank}(B)=k$ approx. to A

What do we mean by “best”:

- B is a solution to $\min_B \|A - B\|_F$ where $\text{rank}(B)=k$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ x_{m1} & & & x_{mn} \end{pmatrix}_{m \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & \dots & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \\ u_{m1} & & & \end{pmatrix}_{m \times r} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \ddots & \\ \vdots & & \end{pmatrix}_{r \times r} \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & \dots & v_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ & & \end{pmatrix}_{r \times n}$$

Refer to the MDS book for a proof.

$$\|A - B\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{ij} (A_{ij} - B_{ij})^2}$$

SVD - Interpretation #2

Equivalent:

‘spectral decomposition’ of the matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ u_1 & u_2 \\ | & | \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \text{ } \\ \text{ } & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & v_1 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & v_2 & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

SVD - Interpretation #2

Equivalent:

‘spectral decomposition’ of the matrix

$$\begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{m} \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \\ \uparrow \hspace{0.5cm} n \hspace{0.5cm} \downarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \hspace{0.5cm} k \text{ terms} \hspace{0.5cm} \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \\ \sigma_1 \begin{array}{c} \nearrow u_1 \\ n \times 1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \nwarrow v_1^T \\ 1 \times m \end{array} + \sigma_2 \begin{array}{c} u_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} v_2^T \end{array} + \dots \\ \text{Assume: } \sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \geq \dots \geq 0 \end{array}$$

Why is setting small σ_i to 0 the right thing to do?
Vectors u_i and v_i are unit length, so σ_i scales them.
So, zeroing small (rather than large) σ_i introduces less error.

SVD - Interpretation #2

Q: How many σ_s to keep?

A: Rule-of-a thumb:

keep 80-90% of 'energy' = $\sum_i \sigma_i^2$

$$\begin{array}{c} \updownarrow n \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{m} \quad \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} = \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + \sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T + \dots$$

Assume: $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \geq \dots$

SVD - Complexity

- **To compute SVD:**
 - $O(nm^2)$ or $O(n^2m)$ (whichever is less)
- **But:**
 - Less work, if we just want singular values
 - or if we want first k singular vectors
 - or if the matrix is sparse
- **Implemented in** linear algebra packages like
 - LINPACK, Matlab, SPlus, Mathematica ...

SVD - Conclusions so far

- **SVD: $A = U \Sigma V^T$: unique**
 - **U**: user-to-concept similarities
 - **V**: movie-to-concept similarities
 - **Σ** : strength of each concept
- **Dimensionality reduction:**
 - Keep the few largest singular values (80-90% of 'energy')
 - SVD: picks up linear correlations

Example of SVD & Conclusion

Case study: How to query?

- **Q: Find users that like 'Matrix'**
- **A: Map query into a 'concept space' – how?**

Diagram illustrating the mapping of a query into a concept space for finding users that like 'Matrix'.

The input matrix (User-Genre matrix) is shown with columns for movies and rows for genres. The columns are labeled: Matrix, Alien, Serenity, Casablanca, Amelie. The rows are labeled: SciFi, Romance. The matrix values are:

	Matrix	Alien	Serenity	Casablanca	Amelie
SciFi	1	1	1	0	0
	3	3	3	0	0
	4	4	4	0	0
	5	5	5	0	0
Romnce	0	2	0	4	4
	0	0	0	5	5
	0	1	0	2	2

This matrix is multiplied by a 3x3 matrix (Concept Space matrix) to produce a 3x5 matrix (User-Concept matrix).

The multiplication is shown as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.13 & 0.02 & -0.01 \\ 0.41 & 0.07 & -0.03 \\ 0.55 & 0.09 & -0.04 \\ 0.68 & 0.11 & -0.05 \\ 0.15 & -0.59 & 0.65 \\ 0.07 & -0.73 & -0.67 \\ 0.07 & -0.29 & 0.32 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 12.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0.56 & 0.59 & 0.56 & 0.09 & 0.09 \\ 0.12 & -0.02 & 0.12 & -0.69 & -0.69 \\ 0.40 & -0.80 & 0.40 & 0.09 & 0.09 \end{bmatrix}$$

The resulting 3x5 matrix (User-Concept matrix) is:

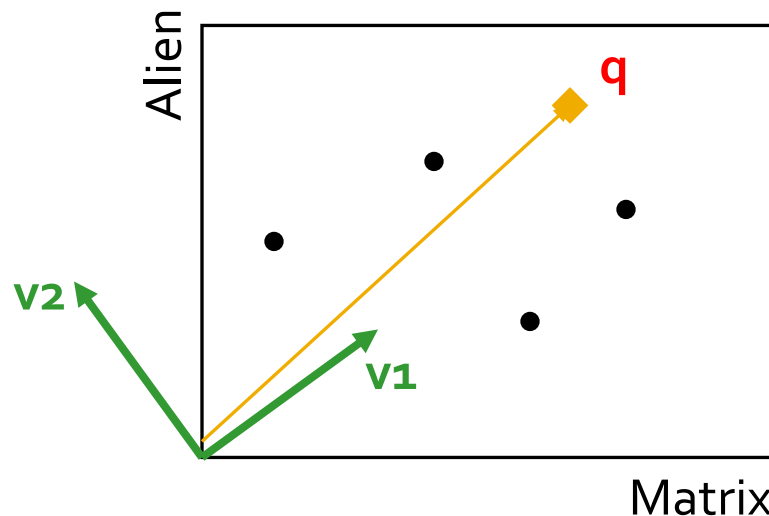
	Matrix	Alien	Serenity	Casablanca	Amelie
SciFi	0.56	0.59	0.56	0.09	0.09
	0.12	-0.02	0.12	-0.69	-0.69
Romnce	0.40	-0.80	0.40	0.09	0.09

Case study: How to query?

- **Q: Find users that like 'Matrix'**
- **A: Map query into a 'concept space' – how?**

$$q = \begin{matrix} & \text{Matrix} & \text{Alien} & \text{Serenity} & \text{Casablanca} & \text{Amelie} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Project into concept space:
Inner product with each
'concept' vector v_i

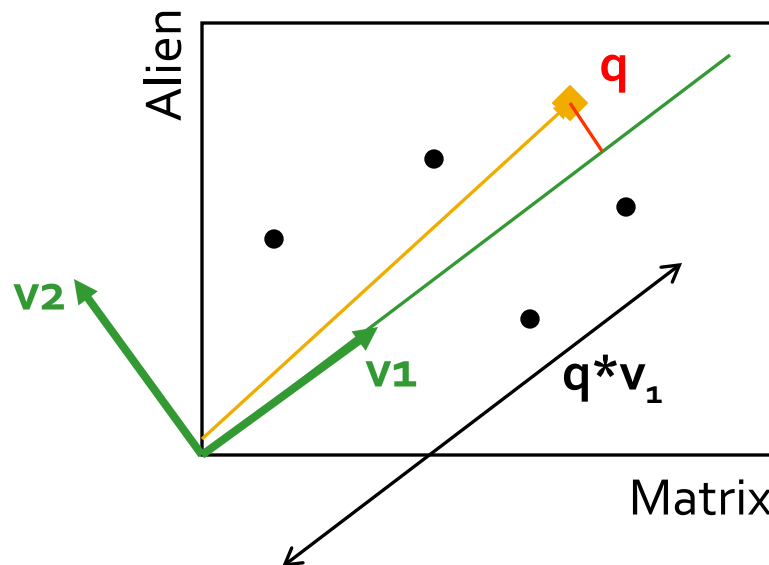


Case study: How to query?

- **Q: Find users that like 'Matrix'**
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$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Matrix} \\ 5 \\ \text{Alien} \\ 0 \\ \text{Serenity} \\ 0 \\ \text{Casablanca} \\ 0 \\ \text{Amelie} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Project into concept space:
Inner product with each
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Case study: How to query?

Compactly, we have:

$$\mathbf{q}_{\text{concept}} = \mathbf{q} \mathbf{V}$$

E.g.:

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Matrix} \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \begin{bmatrix} 0.56 & 0.12 \\ 0.59 & -0.02 \\ 0.56 & 0.12 \\ 0.09 & -0.69 \\ 0.09 & -0.69 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.8 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

movie-to-concept similarities (V)

SciFi-concept

Case study: How to query?

- How would the user d that rated ('Alien', 'Serenity') be handled?

$$\mathbf{d}_{\text{concept}} = \mathbf{d} \mathbf{V}$$

E.g.:

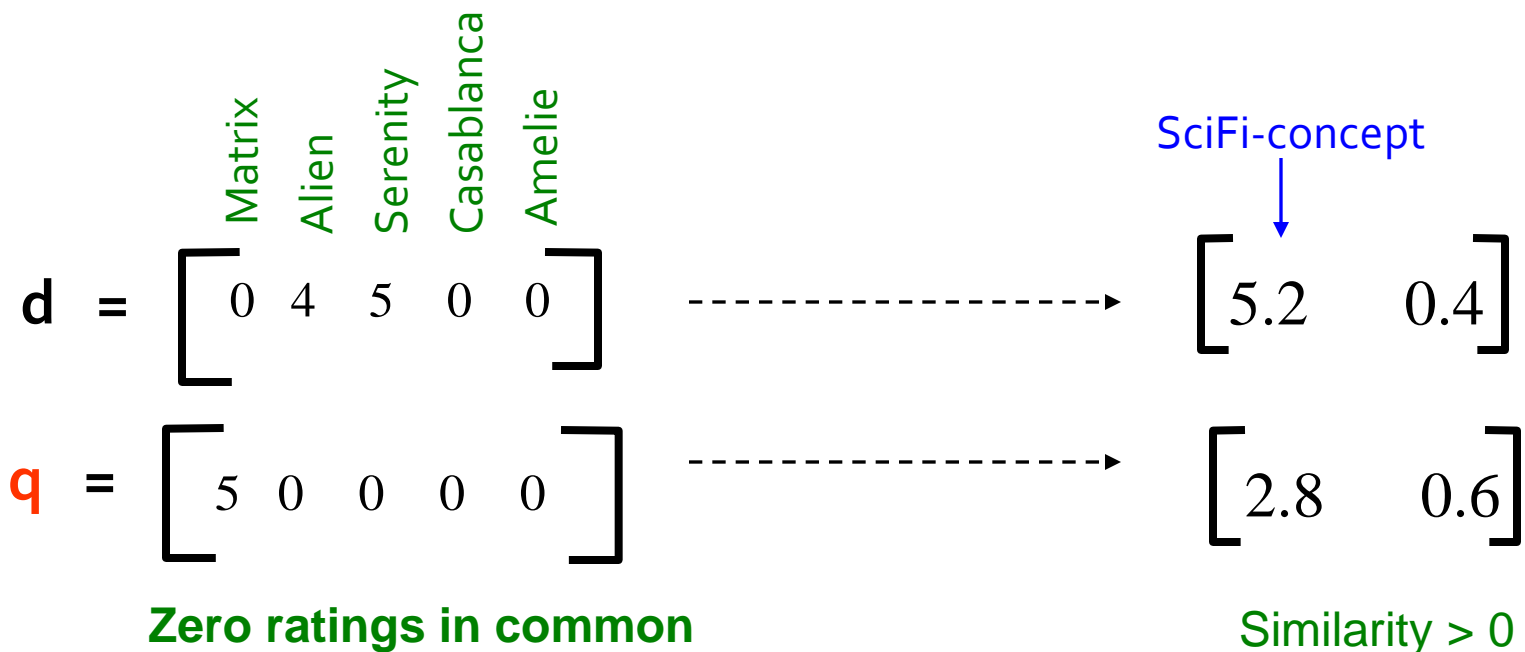
$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Matrix} & \text{Alien} & \text{Serenity} & \text{Casablanca} & \text{Amelie} \\ 0 & 4 & 5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \begin{bmatrix} 0.56 & 0.12 \\ 0.59 & -0.02 \\ 0.56 & 0.12 \\ 0.09 & -0.69 \\ 0.09 & -0.69 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.2 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

movie-to-concept similarities (V)

SciFi-concept
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Case study: How to query?

- **Observation:** User d that rated ('*Alien*', '*Serenity*') will be **similar** to user q that rated ('*Matrix*'), although d and q have **zero ratings in common**!



SVD: Drawbacks

- + **Optimal low-rank approximation**
in terms of Frobenius norm
- **Interpretability problem:**
 - A singular vector specifies a linear combination of all input columns or rows
- **Lack of sparsity:**
 - Singular vectors are **dense!**

