

Matrix Decompositions

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Matrix Decompositions

- Decomposing a matrix into a product of simpler matrices lets us better understand the data that the matrix represents
 - For example, by decomposing MNIST images, we understand what makes digits 0 different from 1 to 9.
 - By decomposing an audio waveform into frequency contents, we understand what makes the sound of “yes” different from “no”

Determinant

- Given a square matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, the determinant is $\det(\mathbf{A}) \in \mathbb{R}$
- Use of $\det(\mathbf{A})$
 - Determining the inverse of \mathbf{A}
 - Determining singularity (or invertibility) of \mathbf{A}

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = |\mathbf{A}| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}$$

Determinant of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 1}$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = |a_{11}| = a_{11}$$

Determinant of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

Determinant of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \begin{vmatrix} \textcolor{red}{a}_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & \textcolor{blue}{a}_{22} & \textcolor{blue}{a}_{23} \\ a_{31} & \textcolor{blue}{a}_{32} & \textcolor{blue}{a}_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \textcolor{red}{a}_{11} \begin{vmatrix} \textcolor{blue}{a}_{22} & \textcolor{blue}{a}_{23} \\ \textcolor{blue}{a}_{32} & \textcolor{blue}{a}_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ can be computed by breaking it down into determinants of $\mathbf{A}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

Color coding shows computation of first term using $\textcolor{red}{a}_{11} \begin{vmatrix} \textcolor{blue}{a}_{22} & \textcolor{blue}{a}_{23} \\ \textcolor{blue}{a}_{32} & \textcolor{blue}{a}_{33} \end{vmatrix}$

The coefficient of each term is multiplied by $(-1)^{ij}$. For example, the coefficient of a_{12} is $(-1)^{12} = -1$

This method is known as **Laplace Expansion**

Determinant of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ (Laplace Expansion)

- For $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and \mathbf{A}_{jk} is the sub-matrix left after deleting row j and column k
- Expansion along column j :

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+j} a_{kj} \det(\mathbf{A}_{kj})$$

- Expansion along row j :

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+j} a_{jk} \det(\mathbf{A}_{jk})$$

Exercise: What is $\det(\mathbf{A})$ if $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{vmatrix}$$

Special Case: Determinant of a Triangular Matrix

$$\text{Upper Triangular: } \mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & a_{(n-1)n} \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \det(\mathbf{T}) = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

$$\text{Lower Triangular: } \mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn(n-1)} & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \det(\mathbf{T}) = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

Determinant as a Signed Volume

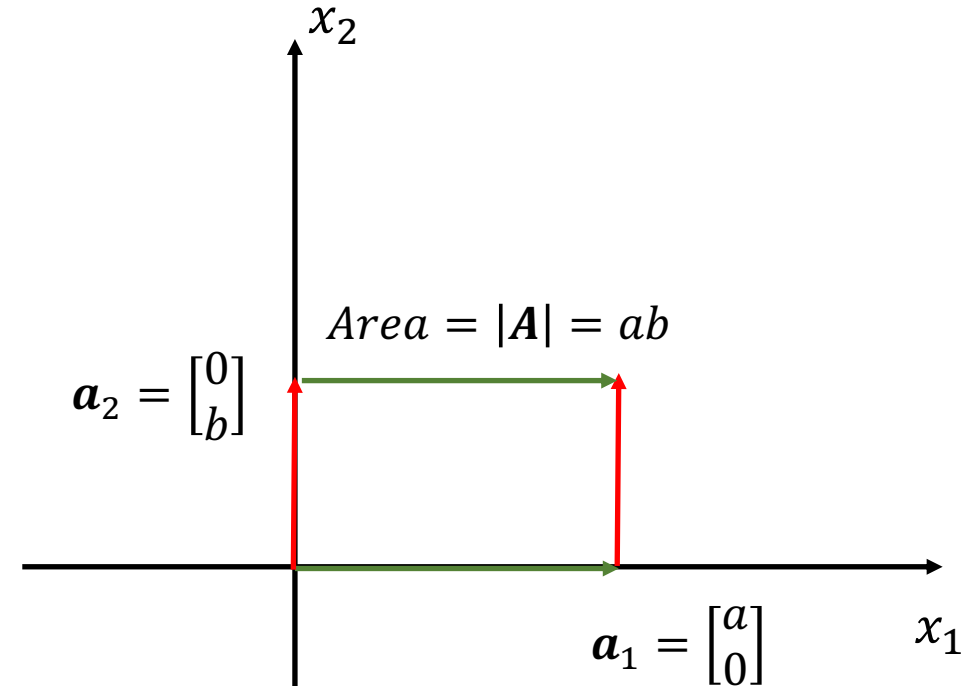
- Consider $a > 0$ and $b > 0$:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2]$$

- Determinant:

$$|\mathbf{A}| = ab$$

The $Area = |\det(\mathbf{A})|$ holds true even for non-canonical vectors



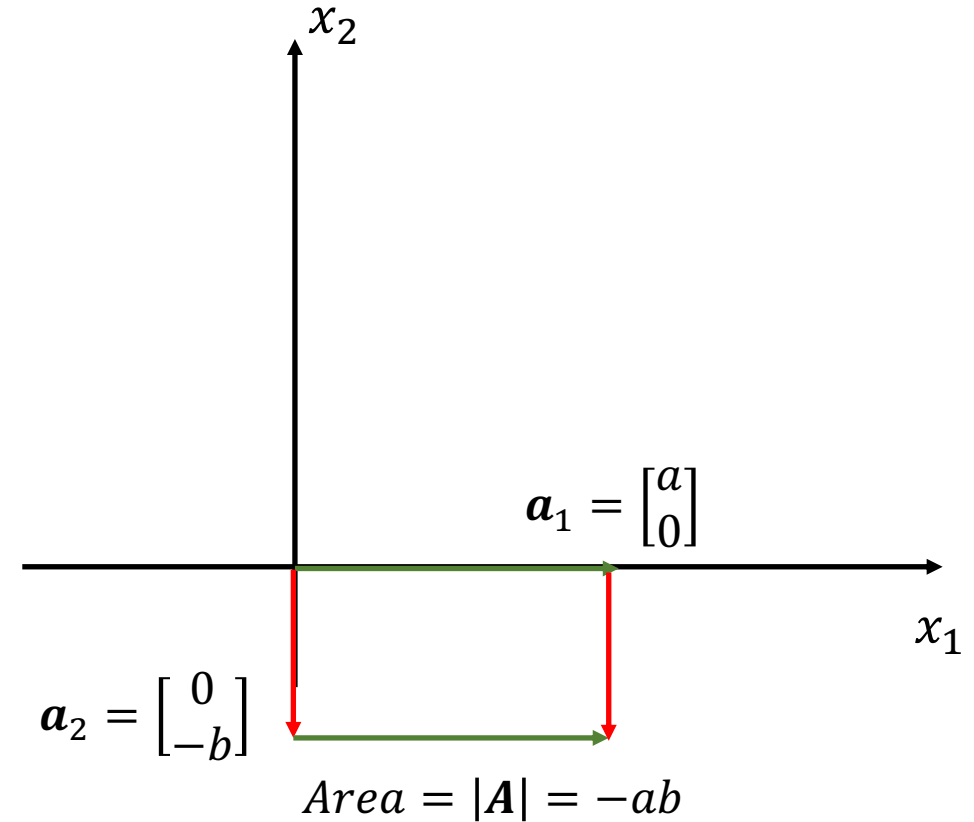
Determinant as a Signed Volume

- Consider $a > 0$ and $b > 0$:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & -b \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2]$$

- Determinant:

$$|A| = -ab$$



Determinant as a Signed Volume

- Consider:

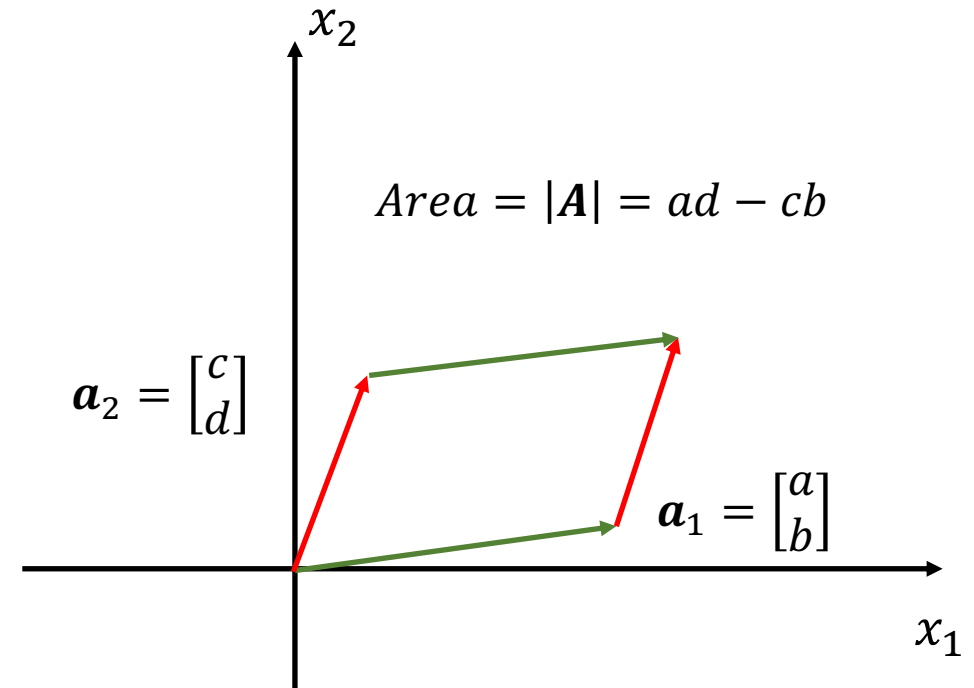
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2]$$

- Determinant:

$$|\mathbf{A}| = ad - cb$$

- Exercise:

- Using trigonometric identities, prove that the area of the parallelogram is $|\mathbf{A}| = ad - cb$



Determinant as a Signed Volume

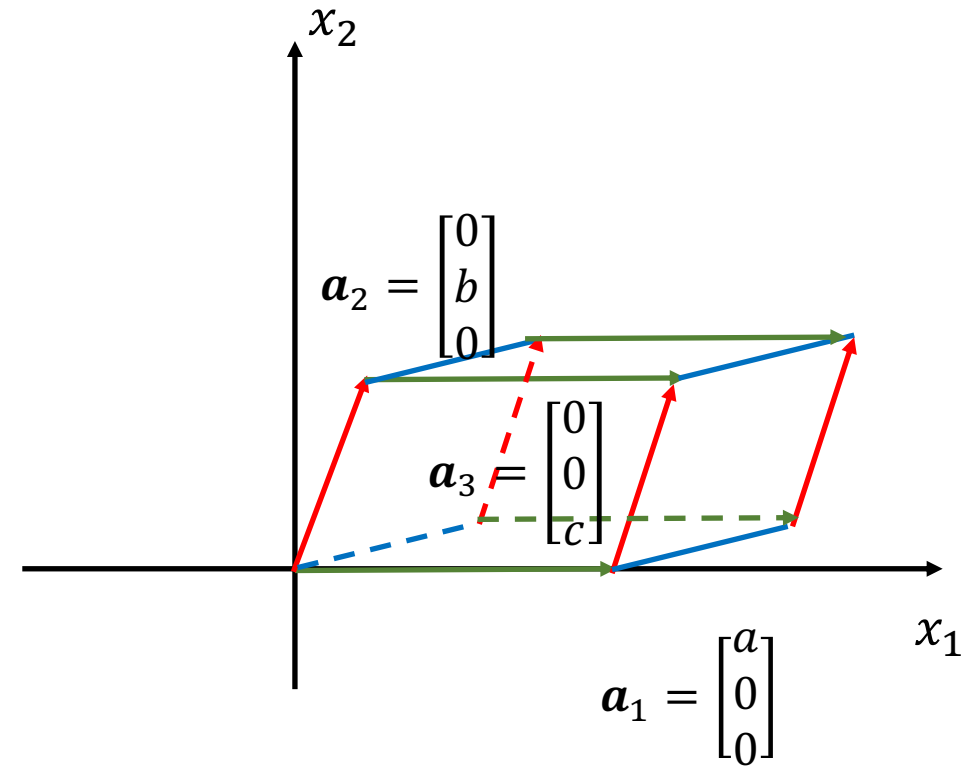
- Consider $a > 0, b > 0, c > 0$:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2 \quad \mathbf{a}_3]$$

- Determinant:

$$\text{Signed Volume} = |\mathbf{A}| = abc$$

- The $\text{Volume} = |\det(\mathbf{A})|$ holds true even for non-canonical vectors



$$\text{Vol} = |\mathbf{A}| = abc$$

Properties of $\det(\mathbf{A})$ of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

- $\det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{A}) \det(\mathbf{B})$
 - $\det(\mathbf{A}) = \det(\mathbf{A}^T)$
 - If \mathbf{A} is invertible, $\det(\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})}$
 - Similar matrices have the same determinant,
 - $\det(\Phi(\mathbf{A})) = \det(\mathbf{A})$
- Adding a multiple of a row/col to another does not change the determinant $\det(\mathbf{A})$
 - Multiplication of \mathbf{A} by $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ scales the determinant by λ :
 - $\det(\lambda \mathbf{A}) = \lambda^n \det(\mathbf{A})$
 - Swapping row/col of \mathbf{A} changes the sign of $\det(\mathbf{A})$

Numerical Method in Determining Determinant

- Using the properties in the **red box** (previous slide):
 - Use Gaussian Elimination to reduce the matrix into upper triangular form
 - Use property $\det(\mathbf{T}) = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$ to compute the determinant

Example

$$\bullet A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet \det(A) = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cdot -1.5 = -3$$

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>>> import numpy as np
>>> A = np.array([ [1, 0, -1, 1], [0, 1, 2, 0], [2, 0, 0, -1], [-1, 1, 0, 2]])
>>> A
array([[ 1,  0, -1,  1],
       [ 0,  1,  2,  0],
       [ 2,  0,  0, -1],
       [-1,  1,  0,  2]])
>>> np.linalg.det(A)
-2.9999999999999996
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Determinant and Rank of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

- If $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$, then $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$

Trace

Trace of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

- Trace of \mathbf{A} is the sum of its diagonal elements:

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

Properties of Trace of $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{I} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

- $tr(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = tr(\mathbf{A}) + tr(\mathbf{B})$
- $tr(\alpha \mathbf{A}) = \alpha tr(\mathbf{A}), \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
- $tr(\mathbf{I}) = n$
- $tr(\mathbf{AB}) = tr(\mathbf{BA})$
 - $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$
- $tr(\mathbf{AKL}) = tr(\mathbf{KLA})$
 - $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{a \times k}, \mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times l}, \mathbf{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times a}$
- $tr(\mathbf{xy}^T) = tr(\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}$

Properties of Trace

- Let $\Phi: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear mapping
 - If \mathbf{A} is used to represent the transformation, then $tr(\Phi) = tr(\mathbf{A})$
 - If \mathbf{B} is used to represent the transformation on another basis, then $tr(\Phi) = tr(\mathbf{B}) = tr(\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}) = tr(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{S}^{-1}) = tr(\mathbf{A})$
 - $\therefore tr(\Phi)$ is basis independent

Characteristic Polynomial

- Given $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

$$p_{\mathbf{A}}(\lambda) = \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = c_0 + c_1 \lambda + c_2 \lambda^2 + \cdots + c_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} + (-1)^n \lambda^n$$

- $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n-1}$ are characteristic polynomial of \mathbf{A}
- $c_0 = \det(\mathbf{A})$
- $c_{n-1} = (-1)^{n-1} \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$

Eigenvalue and Eigenvectors

Eigenvalue and Eigenvectors

- Certain vectors respond to certain transformation matrices in such a way that the effect is just a constant scaling
- Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ is an eigenvector of A while λ is the corresponding eigenvalue if:

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

Properties of Eigenvalue and Eigenvector

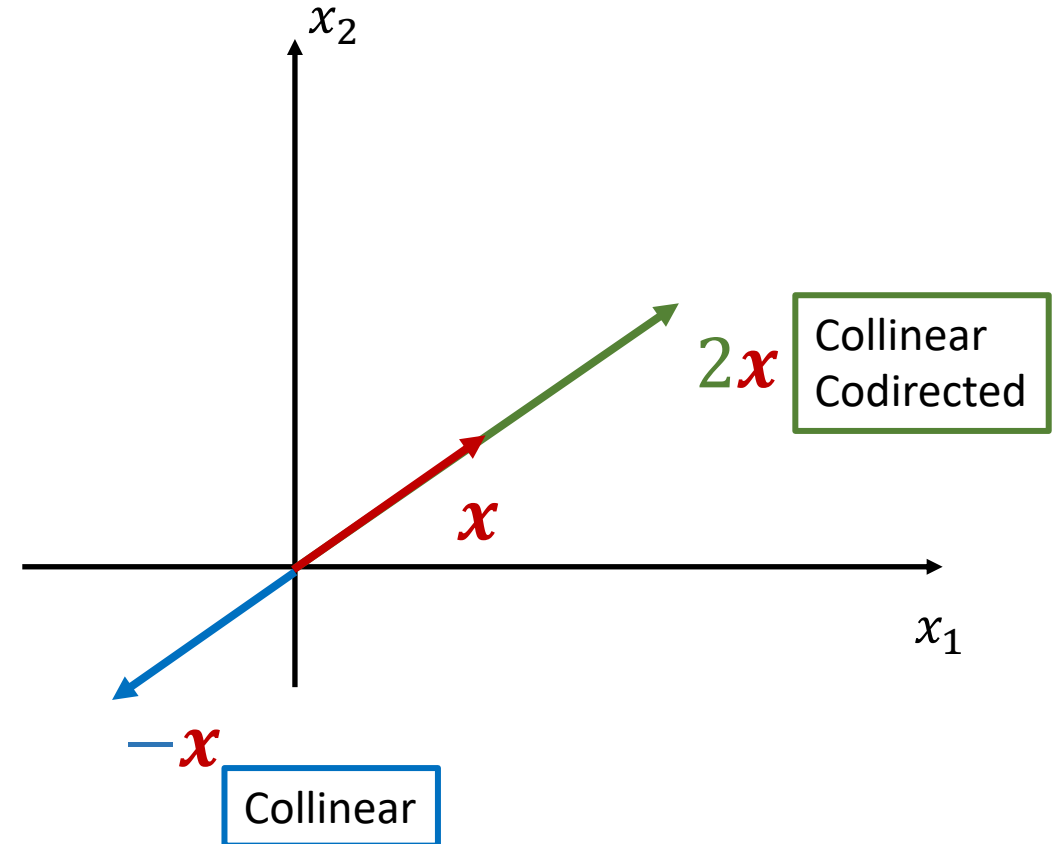
- There exists an $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ such that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ for $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ or equivalently $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ can be solved with $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A} - \lambda) < n$
- $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda) = 0$

Properties of Eigenvalue and Eigenvector

- Collinear – 2 vectors are on the same or opposite direction
- Codirected – 2 vectors are on the same direction
- For a given $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$:

$$Ac\mathbf{x} = cA\mathbf{x} = c\lambda\mathbf{x} = \lambda(c\mathbf{x})$$

\therefore all vectors collinear to \mathbf{x} are also eigenvectors



Properties of Eigenvalue and Eigenvector

- λ is an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} if and only if λ is a root of characteristic polynomial of \mathbf{A} :

$$p_{\mathbf{A}}(\lambda) = \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = c_0 + c_1\lambda + c_2\lambda^2 + \cdots + c_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + (-1)^n\lambda^n = 0$$

- The **algebraic multiplicity** of λ as an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} is the number of times it appears as a root in $p_{\mathbf{A}}(\lambda)$

Eigenspace and Eigenspectrum

- Eigenspace: The set of all eigenvectors, $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m\}$ of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ for a corresponding eigenvalue $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ spans a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n called Eigenspace of E_λ
- Eigenspectrum: The set of all eigenvalues, $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m\}$, of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- Identity Matrix $\mathbf{I} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has $p_A(\lambda) = \det(\mathbf{I} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = (1 - \lambda)^n = 0$
 - Solution is λ repeated n times resulting to Eigenspectrum of $\{1\}$ and Eigenspace $E_\lambda = \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Other Properties

- The matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and its transpose $\mathbf{A}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ have the same eigenvalues but not necessarily the same eigenvectors
- Null space or Kernel: The Eigenspace is the Null space or Kernel of $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})$ since $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ or $\mathbf{x} \in \text{kernel}(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})$
- Similar matrices have the same eigenvalues. Therefore, under basis change, the following are invariant:
 - Determinant
 - Trace
 - Eigenvalues
- Positive definite matrices always have positive real eigenvalues

Multiplicity

- The **algebraic multiplicity** of λ as an eigenvalue of A is the number of times it appears as a root in $p_A(\lambda)$
- The **geometric multiplicity** of λ is the number of independent eigenvectors associated with λ
 - The dimensionality of space spanned by the eigenvectors of λ

Example

- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, solve for the eigenvalues and eigenvectors
- $\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow p_A(\lambda) = (2 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) = 0$
- Eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2$, the algebraic multiplicity is 2
- Eigenvectors for : $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2$
 - $\begin{bmatrix} 2 - 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 - 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$
 - $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, the geometric multiplicity is 1

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of Transformation Matrices

- Jupyter Notebook:

More Properties

- *Theorem*: The eigenvectors $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$ of matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with distinct eigenvalues $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ are linearly independent
 - *Definition*: If there are fewer than n linearly independent eigenvectors, the matrix is called defective
- *Theorem (SPSD)*: For a given matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, we can always obtain a symmetric positive semi-definite matrix $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$: $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
 - If $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$, then \mathbf{S} is a symmetric positive definite (SPD) matrix
- *Theorem (Spectral Theorem)*: If $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is symmetric, there exists an orthonormal basis of vector space V from the eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} and each eigenvalue is real.

Determinant and Eigenvalues

- *Theorem:* The determinant of matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is the product of its eigenvalues:

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

where $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}$ (complex) and may be repeated eigenvalues of \mathbf{A}

Trace and Eigenvalues

- *Theorem:* The trace of matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is the sum of its eigenvalues:

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

where $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}$ (complex) and may be repeated eigenvalues of \mathbf{A}

Cholesky Decomposition

Decomposition as Product of 2 Numbers

- In positive real numbers, square root of a number is a useful decomposition. A number is expressed as a product of 2 identical numbers.
 - The square root of area of square is the length of its side: $A = s^2$
 - The square root of a number greater than 1 is always greater than 1:
 - $n = m^2, n, m > 1$
 - The square root of a number less than 1 is always less than 1
 - $n = m^2, n, m < 1$
- In positive integers, factorization determines if a number is prime.
 - A number is prime if it has only 2 factors: itself and 1
- Can we factor $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ as a product of 2 matrices (not exactly identical)?

Cholesky Decomposition

- *Theorem:* A **symmetric positive definite** matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ can be decomposed into a product of 2 matrices $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^T$ where \mathbf{L} is a lower triangular matrix with positive diagonal elements:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{n1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ l_{n1} & \cdots & l_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & \cdots & l_{n1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & l_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- \mathbf{L} is called the Cholesky factor of \mathbf{A} and it is unique

Example Cholesky Decomposition

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & l_{21} & l_{31} \\ 0 & l_{22} & l_{32} \\ 0 & 0 & l_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11}^2 & l_{11}l_{21} & l_{11}l_{31} \\ l_{11}l_{21} & l_{21}^2 + l_{22}^2 & l_{21}l_{31} + l_{22}l_{32} \\ l_{11}l_{31} & l_{21}l_{31} + l_{22}l_{32} & l_{31}^2 + l_{32}^2 + l_{33}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example Cholesky Decomposition

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11}^2 & l_{11}l_{21} & l_{11}l_{31} \\ l_{11}l_{21} & l_{21}^2 + l_{22}^2 & l_{21}l_{31} + l_{22}l_{32} \\ l_{11}l_{31} & l_{21}l_{31} + l_{22}l_{32} & l_{31}^2 + l_{32}^2 + l_{33}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $l_{11} = \sqrt{a_{11}}$
- $l_{21} = \frac{a_{21}}{l_{11}}$
- $l_{31} = \frac{a_{31}}{l_{11}}$
- $l_{22} = \sqrt{a_{22} - l_{21}^2}$
- $l_{32} = \frac{a_{32} - l_{21}l_{31}}{l_{22}}$
- $l_{33} = \sqrt{a_{33} - l_{31}^2 - l_{32}^2}$

Cholesky Decomposition: Applications

- Numerical computation of determinant of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$:

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \det(\mathbf{L})\det(\mathbf{L}^T) = \prod_{i=1}^n l_{ii}^2$$

- Modelling of covariance matrix of a multi-variate Gaussian which is symmetric and positive definite

Eigendecomposition and Diagonalization

Diagonal Matrices

Determinant, Inverse, and Power are easy to compute for diagonal matrices

- *Definition:* Diagonal Matrix

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & d_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Determinant

$$\det(\mathbf{D}) = \prod_{i=1}^n d_{ii}$$

- Inverse

$$\mathbf{D}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{d_{11}} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \frac{1}{d_{nn}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Power

$$\mathbf{D}^k = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11}^k & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & d_{nn}^k \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagonal Matrices

- *Trick*: Transform a matrix into a diagonal matrix using change of basis
- *Definition* (Diagonalizable): A matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is diagonalizable if it is similar to a diagonal matrix. There exists an invertible matrix $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}$

The Matrix $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

- Let $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ be the eigenvalues of matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- Let $\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$
- Let $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{p}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{p}_n]$
- Then $\mathbf{PD} = \mathbf{AP} \Rightarrow [\mathbf{p}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{p}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A}[\mathbf{p}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{p}_n]$
- $\lambda_1 \mathbf{p}_1 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \lambda_n \mathbf{p}_n = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{p}_n$
- $\therefore \mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n$ are eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} that must linearly independent so that \mathbf{P} is invertible

Eigendecomposition

- *Theorem* (Eigendecomposition): A square matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ can be factored into:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

Where

$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{p}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{p}_n]$ are linearly independent eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} or the basis of \mathbb{R}^n

Example

- Given $\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, perform Eigendecomposition

- Let $\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$

- Let $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2]$

- To find the eigenvalues: $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{5}{2} - \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & \frac{5}{2} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$

- The characteristic polynomial:

- $\left(\frac{5}{2} - \lambda\right)^2 - 1 = 0$ or $\lambda = \frac{7}{2}, \frac{3}{2}$

- $\therefore \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

- $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{p}_1 = \lambda_1\mathbf{p}_1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}\mathbf{p}_1 = \frac{7}{2}\mathbf{p}_1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5-7 & -2 \\ -2 & 5-7 \end{bmatrix}\mathbf{p}_1$

- $\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\mathbf{p}_1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\mathbf{p}_1$ by GE or $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\mathbf{p}_1$ by -1 Trick

- $\mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, similarly $\mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ or $\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

Check

$$\bullet \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{PDP}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{7}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

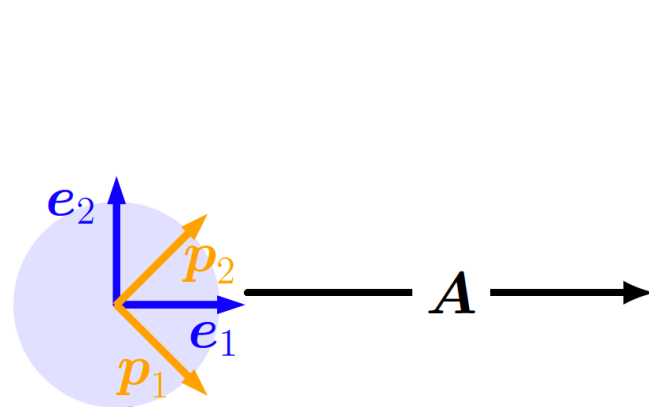
$$\bullet \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Symmetric Matrix

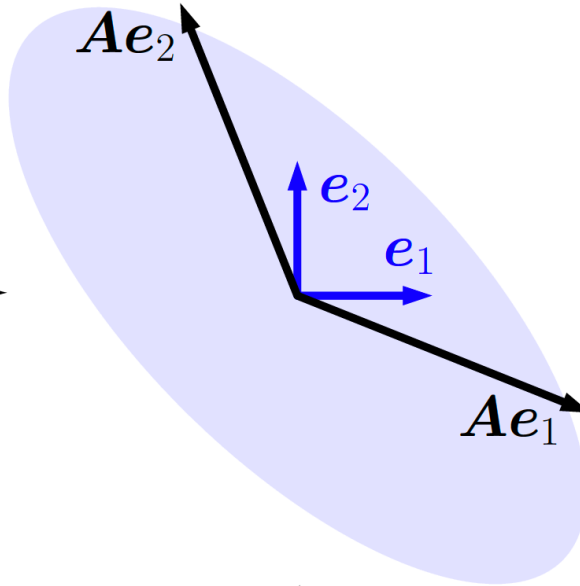
- *Theorem* (Eigendecomposition of Symmetric Matrix): A symmetric matrix $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ can always be diagonalized
- *Proof*: A symmetric matrix has an orthonormal eigenvectors
- *Implication*: \mathbf{P} is an orthogonal matrix

Geometric Interpretation

e_1 and e_2 are
standard
basis vectors
 p_1 and p_2 are
eigenvectors



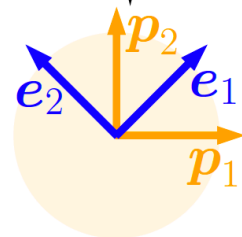
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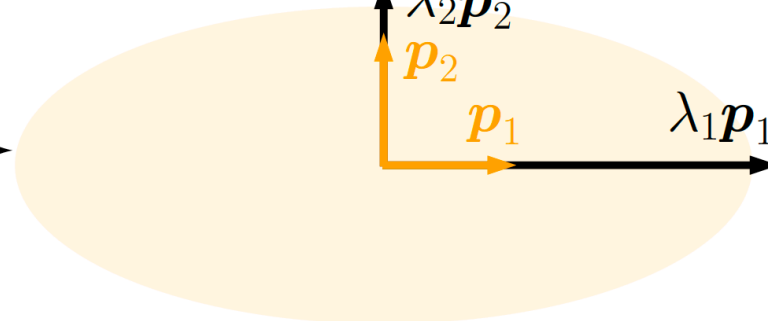
Standard
canonical
coordinates

P^{-1}

Eigenvectors
are now
Eigenbasis



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Scaled
Eigenbasis by
Eigenvalues

P

Benefits of Eigendecomposition

- Power: $\mathbf{A}^k = (\mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1})^k = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}^k\mathbf{P}^{-1}$
- $\det(\mathbf{A}) = \det(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1}) = \det(\mathbf{P})\det(\mathbf{D})\det(\mathbf{P}^{-1})$
- $\Rightarrow \det(\mathbf{P}) \prod_{i=1}^n d_{ii} \det(\mathbf{P}^{-1}) = \prod_{i=1}^n d_{ii} \det(\mathbf{P})\det(\mathbf{P}^{-1})$
- $\Rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n d_{ii} \mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \prod_{i=1}^n d_{ii} = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$

Singular Value Decomposition

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- Eigendecomposition and Cholesky Decomposition are limited to square matrices
- SVD exists for all matrices

SVD

- *Theorem* (SVD): Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ be a rectangular matrix of rank $r \in [0, \min(m, n)]$. The SVD of \mathbf{A} is a decomposition of the form:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & \cdots & u_{1m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{m1} & \cdots & u_{mm} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \sigma_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} & \cdots & v_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_{n1} & \cdots & v_{nn} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$[\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{a}_n] = [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{u}_m][\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma}_n][\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{v}_n]^T$$

- Orthogonal matrix: $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $\mathbf{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, Orthogonal matrix: $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- $\sigma_{ii} \geq 0$ (*singular values*), $\sigma_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$

SVD

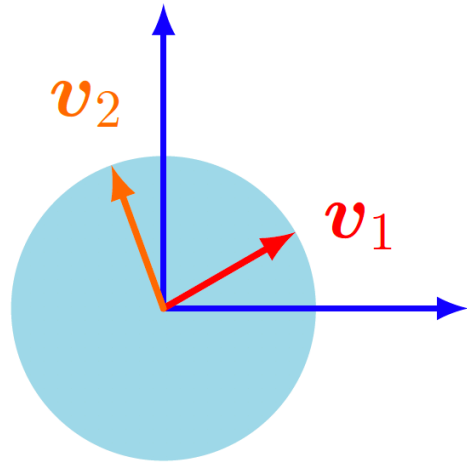
- \mathbf{u}_i - left singular vectors
- \mathbf{v}_i - right singular vectors

- Σ – singular matrix

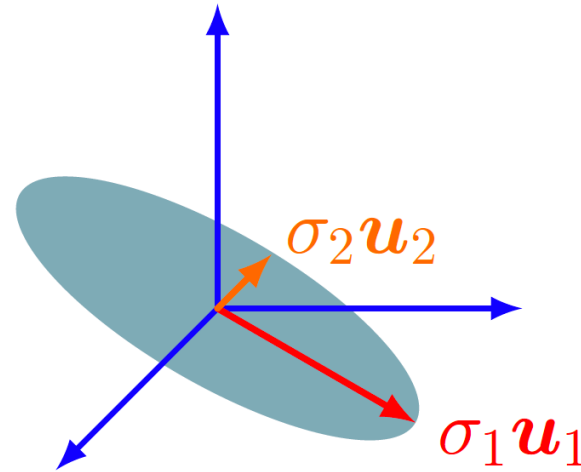
$$\cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_{nn} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{if } m > n \\ \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_{mm} & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{if } m < n \end{array} \right.$$

Geometric Interpretation

\mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 are
basis vectors
in \mathbb{R}^2

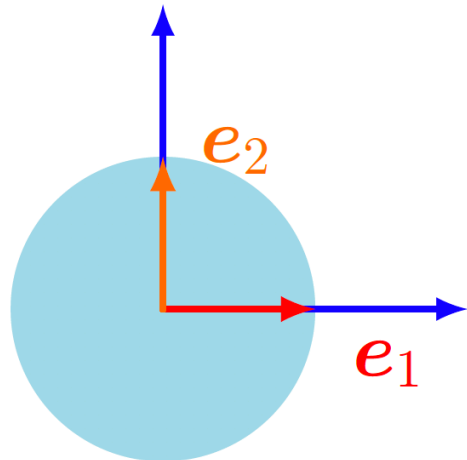


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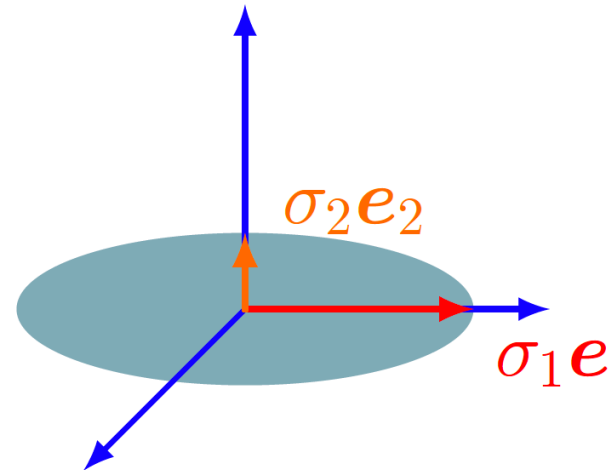


$\sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1$ and
 $\sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2$ in \mathbb{R}^3

$\downarrow \mathbf{v}^\top$



Σ



Scaled $\sigma_1 \mathbf{e}_1$
and $\sigma_2 \mathbf{e}_2$ in
 \mathbb{R}^3

\mathbf{e}_1 and \mathbf{e}_2 are
standard
basis vectors
in \mathbb{R}^2

$U \uparrow$

Example

- Jupyter Notebook:

SVD Algorithm

- Consider the Eigendecomposition of a Symmetric Positive Definite (SPD) matrix:

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}^T = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^T$$

- This is similar in form to:

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

- In other words, the SVD of an SPD is an Eigendecomposition of $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}^T$

SVD Algorithm

- Given $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, then $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ is a symmetric positive semi-definite matrix by *SPSD Theorem*
- By *Spectral Theorem*, there exists an orthonormal basis and \mathbf{S} can be diagonalized.

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{P} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}^T$$

- \mathbf{P} is an orthogonal matrix made of orthonormal eigen basis

SVD Algorithm

- Assume that the SVD of $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$ exists, then:

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

- Since $\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}^T$$

- $\therefore \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{V}$ and $\lambda_i = \sigma_i^2$

SVD Algorithm

- To obtain \mathbf{U} , we use the same procedure except we compute for:

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

- Since $\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{U} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}^T$$

- $\therefore \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{U}$ and $\lambda_i = \sigma_i^2$

SVD Algorithm – Connecting \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V}

- Since the columns of \mathbf{V} are orthonormal, for $i \neq j$:

$$(\mathbf{A}v_i)^T \mathbf{A}v_j = 0$$

$$(\mathbf{A}v_i)^T \mathbf{A}v_j = v_i^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}v_j = v_i^T \sigma_i \sigma_j v_j = \sigma_i \sigma_j v_i^T v_j = 0$$

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- For i :

$$(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i)^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i = \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_i \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i\| = \sigma_i \|\mathbf{v}_i\| = \sigma_i \sqrt{\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_i} = \sigma_i$$

- Furthermore,

$$\mathbf{u}_i = \frac{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i\|} = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i$$

SVD Algorithm – Connecting \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V}

- Therefore,

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i = \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{u}_i \sigma_i$$

- The above equation holds for $i = 1, \dots, r$ where $r = \min(m, n)$
- If $m > n = r$, we know that for $i > r$, $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{0}$
- If $r = m < n$, we know that for $i > r$, \mathbf{u}_i vectors are orthonormal
- Therefore,

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

- Since for orthogonal matrix: $\mathbf{V}^{-1} = \mathbf{V}^T$

Example: Perform SVD on $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- We need to solve for $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ and \mathbf{V} : $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T$
- $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
- The diagonal elements of $\mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}$ are the Eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
 - $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0, \lambda_1 = \sigma_1^2 = 3, \lambda_2 = \sigma_2^2 = 1$
 - $\mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 = 3 \mathbf{I} \mathbf{v}_1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Example: Perform SVD on $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{I} \mathbf{v}_2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

- $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$

- Solving for \mathbf{U} :

- $\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_1}{\sigma_1} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}}{\sqrt{3}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_2}{\sigma_2} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}}{1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$

Example: Perform SVD on $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- Solving for \mathbf{U} :

$$\bullet \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet \mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \mathbf{u}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigendecomposition vs SVD

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

- Exists for square matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with basis eigenvectors of \mathbb{R}^n
- \mathbf{P} vectors are not necessarily orthogonal. Hence, may not represent rotations

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

- Exists for any matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
- \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V}^T vectors are orthonormal. Hence, they represent rotations

Eigendecomposition vs SVD

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

- Linear Mapping
 - Change of basis in the domain
 - Independent scaling of new basis. Mapping from domain to codomain.
 - Change of basis in the codomain
- Domain and codomain must have the same dimension

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Eigendecomposition vs SVD

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

- \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{P}^{-1} are inverses of each other
- \mathbf{D} : real or complex eigenvalues
- If \mathbf{A} is symmetric, the Eigendecomposition is equal to SVD

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

- \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V} are not necessarily inverses of each other
- $\mathbf{\Sigma}$: the non-zero entries are real and positive
- $\mathbf{\Sigma}$: the non-zero eigenvalues are square root of non-zero eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ which are equal to non-zero eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
- If \mathbf{A} is symmetric, the SVD is equal to Eigendecomposition

Matrix Approximation

Low-Rank Approximation of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

- Assume SVD: $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$
- Assume the singular values in $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ are sorted in descending order
- Rank 1 approximation of \mathbf{A} :

$$\mathbf{A} \approx \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T$$

- Rank 2 approximation of \mathbf{A} :

$$\mathbf{A} \approx \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + \sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T$$

- Rank k (where $k \leq r = \text{number of non-zero singular values}$) approximation of \mathbf{A} :

$$\mathbf{A} \approx \hat{\mathbf{A}}(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$$

Application of Low-Rank Approximation

- For example, given a 640×480 grayscale image. The total number to represent the image is 307,200
- A rank 3 approximation is only $3 \times (640 + 480) = 3,360$ which is just 1% of the original size

Distance/Norm of Low-Rank Approximation

- Given $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, distance or norm measures how far is the low-rank approximation $\hat{\mathbf{A}}(k)$ from \mathbf{A}
- *Definition* (Spectral Norm of a Matrix): For $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$, the spectral norm of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 := \max_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2}$$

- *Theorem* (Spectral Norm): The spectral norm of \mathbf{A} is its largest singular value σ_1 .

Distance/Norm of Low-Rank Approximation

- *Theorem* (Eckart-Young): Consider a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ of rank r and any matrix $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ of rank k . For any $k \leq r$ with $\hat{\mathbf{A}}(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$, it holds that:

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}(k) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{B})=k} \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_2,$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \hat{\mathbf{A}}(k)\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}$$

Eckart-Young Theorem

- We can justify $\|\mathbf{A} - \hat{\mathbf{A}}(k)\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}$ since:

$$\mathbf{A} - \hat{\mathbf{A}}(k) = \sum_{i=k+1}^r \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$$

- Eckart-Young Theorem shows that $\hat{\mathbf{A}}(k)$ is an optimal low-rank approximation of \mathbf{A}

End