COMP7630 – Web Intelligence and its Applications

Singular Value Decomposition

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Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- Eigendecomposition does not work with rectangular matrices (and also with non-diagonalizable matrices)
- SVD generalizes EigenDecomposition on rectangular matrices (to be precise: on any kind of matrix)
- It is also possible to describe PCA by using SVD, though we will not do it.
 - The trick is to work directly with data-table X and not with X^TX as seen before.
 - ScikitLearn uses the SVD implementation, though it is mathematically equivalent to what we have seen!

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- Another way to factorize a matrix into singular vectors and single values.
- Every real matrix (even not a square) has a SVD.
- Singular value decomposition

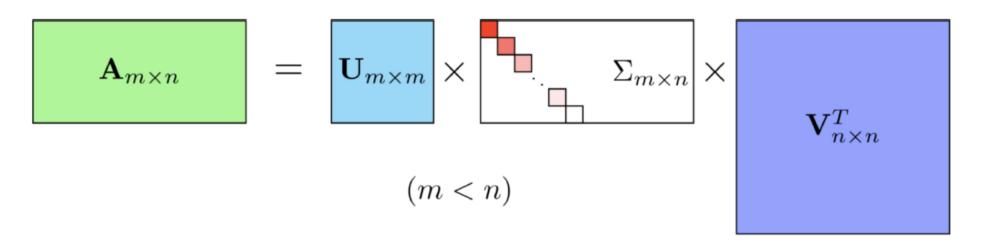
$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

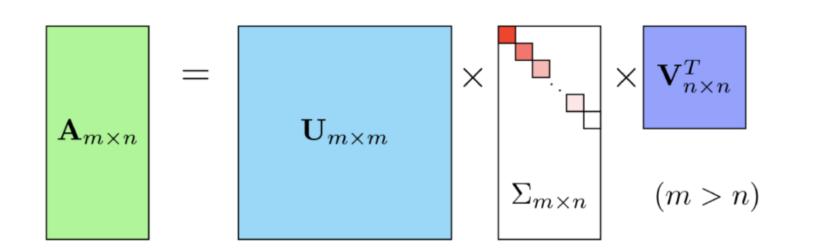
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- U and V are orthogonal matrices.
- Σ is diagonal (but not necessarily square) and the elements along the diagonal are the singular values.
- U is left-singular vector and V is right-singular vector.

Some properties of the SVD

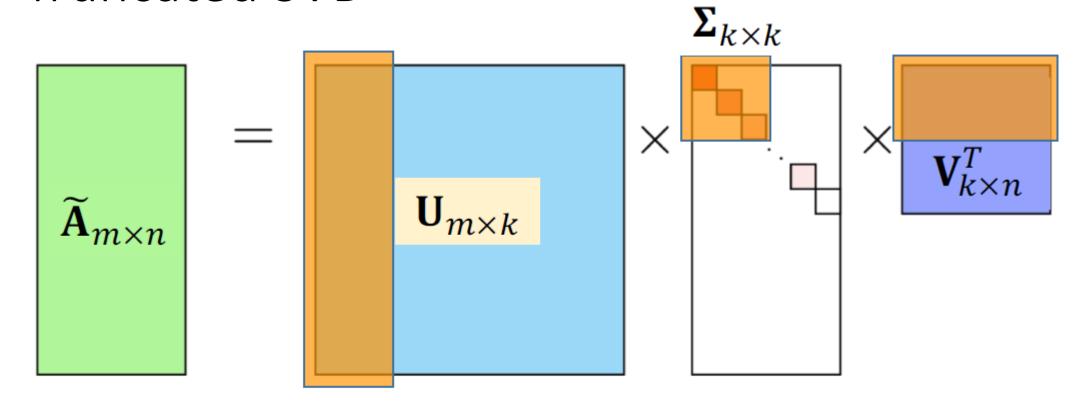
- U columns are the eigenvectors of $A^{T}A$ (which is symmetric by definition)
- They are called "left singular vectors" of A
- V^{T} rows are the eigenvectors of AA^{T}
- They are called "right singular vectors" of A
- The non-zero diagonal values in Σ are the square-root of the eigenvalues of both A^TA and AA^T (which are equal)
- They are called "singular values" of A

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)





Truncated SVD



$$\boldsymbol{A} \approx \widetilde{\boldsymbol{A}}_{k} = \boldsymbol{U}_{k} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k} \boldsymbol{V}_{k}^{T}$$

Truncated SVD

• Keep only the k largest singular values.

$$\boldsymbol{A} \approx \widetilde{\boldsymbol{A}}_{k} = \boldsymbol{U}_{k} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k} \boldsymbol{V}_{k}^{T}$$

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$$\widetilde{A}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$
 $U_k \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$ $\Sigma_k \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$ $V_k \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$

• It can be shown that this gives the minimum value for the Frobenius norm of $\|A - \widetilde{A}_k\|_F$

Truncated SVD

- It is important to note that:
 - We reduce the number of columns in the "left-matrix" U
 - We reduce the number of rows in the "right-matrix" V
 - But \tilde{A} has the same shape of A
- Anyway, \tilde{A} has a smaller rank than A

(recall: the rank of a matrix is the maximum number of columns which are linearly independent to each other)

- Why this may be useful?
 - A can be interpreted as a data-matrix containing noise
 - \tilde{A} is a denoised version of A
 - U_k rows are denoised/reduced representations of A rows
 - V_k^T columns are denoised/reduced representations of A columns

Another persepective on SVD

$$U\Sigma V^Tx = U\Sigma \begin{bmatrix} v_1^Tx \\ \vdots \\ v_m^Tx \end{bmatrix} = U \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1v_1^Tx \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_mv_m^Tx \end{bmatrix} = \sum_k u_k\sigma_kv_k^Tx = \sum_k \sigma_k u_kv_k^Tx.$$
 Hence $U\Sigma V^T = \sum_k \sigma_k u_kv_k^T$.

- The SVD decomposition can be rewritten as a sum of rank-1 matrices: those obtained by the outer product between the k-th column of U and the k-th row of V^T , weighted by k-th singular value.
 - Recall: the outer product of two vectors returns a rank-1 matrix) and, obviously, multiplying by a scalar does not change the rank of a matrix.
- So, the Truncated SVD acts as removing the terms with smaller weights in the summation!!!
 - (If you are familiar with it, it is a sort of "discrete Fourier transform")

SVD in Python

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In [7]: import numpy as np
In [8]: from scipy.linalg import svd
In [9]: X = np.array([ [1,2,1,2],
                      [0,1,0,1],
                      [1,0,1,0],
                      [1,2,3,4] ])
In [10]: \#SVD: X = U*s*V^T
In [11]: U, s, VT = svd(X)
In [12]: U
Out[12]
array([[-0.47547615, -0.35956946, 0.69135054, 0.40824829],
       [-0.18137369, -0.54296386, 0.0750144, -0.81649658],
       [-0.11272877, 0.72635827, 0.54132174, -0.40824829],
       [-0.85341563, 0.21978106, -0.47262887, 0.
In [13]: s
but[13]: array([6.38105353e+00, 1.49005261e+00, 1.03048489e+00, 3.21362686e-16])
In [14]: VT
Out[14]
array([[-0.22592203, -0.4449355 , -0.49340627, -0.71241974],
       [0.39365716, -0.55202122, 0.68865488, -0.2570235],
      [0.737559, 0.49729767, -0.17973513, -0.41999646],
                  , 0.5 , 0.5
       [-0.5
                                            , -0.5
In [15]: X_recovered = U.dot(np.diag(s)).dot(VT)
In [16]: X_recovered
Out[16]
array([[ 1.00000000e+00,
                         2.00000000e+00, 1.00000000e+00,
        2.00000000e+00],
       [-3.48525357e-17, 1.00000000e+00, -2.02744139e-16,
        1.00000000e+00],
       [ 1.00000000e+00, -1.87190742e-15, 1.00000000e+00,
       -1.48282707e-16],
       [ 1.00000000e+00, 2.00000000e+00, 3.00000000e+00,
        4.00000000e+00]])
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Truncated SVD in Python

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In [21]: for k in [1,2,3]:
            X_recovered = U[:,:k].dot(np.diag(s[:k])).dot(VT[:k,:])
            norm = np.linalg.norm(X-X_recovered)
            print('---')
            print(f'X{k} = \n{X_recovered}')
            print(f'norm(X,X{k}) = {norm}')
X1 =
[[0.69 1.35 1.5 2.16]
 [0.26 0.51 0.57 0.82]
 [0.16 0.32 0.35 0.51]
 [1.23 2.42 2.69 3.88]]
norm(X,X1) = 1.811672121361281
X2 =
[[ 0.47   1.65   1.13   2.3 ]
 [-0.06 0.96 0.01 1.03]
 [0.59 - 0.28 1.1 0.23]
 [ 1.36 2.24 2.91 3.8 ]]
norm(X,X2) = 1.0304848877206008
X3 =
[[ 1.00e+00 2.00e+00 1.00e+00 2.00e+00]
 [-1.66e-16 1.00e+00 -7.15e-17 1.00e+00]
 [ 1.00e+00 -1.81e-15 1.00e+00 -2.14e-16]
 [ 1.00e+00 2.00e+00 3.00e+00 4.00e+00]]
norm(X,X3) = 3.670575228292439e-15
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