

# CS5016: Computational Methods and Applications

## Eigen and Singular Value Decomposition

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# Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

A non-zero vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is an Eigenvector of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  if it satisfies

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$$

for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  (eigenvalue). Linear transformation only scale these vectors — a notion of fundamental directions

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{D}$$

To learn more, visit:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eigenvalues\\_and\\_eigenvectors](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eigenvalues_and_eigenvectors)

A very good video on Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFDu9oVAE-g>

How are the Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^{100}$  related to those of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?

# Power Method

Let us order the Eigen values of  $\mathbf{A}$  as follows

$$|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| \geq |\lambda_3| \geq \cdots \geq |\lambda_n|$$

Let us start with some non-zero vector  $\mathbf{b}_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and create a sequence of vectors using the following iteration

$$\mathbf{b}_{k+1} = \frac{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_k}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_k\|_2}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the  $L^2$  norm. It is also known as the *Euclidean norm*. Then,

$$\mathbf{b}_k \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{v}_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mathbf{b}_k^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{b}_k}{\mathbf{b}_k^T \mathbf{b}_k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_1$$

where  $\mathbf{v}_1$  is the Eigenvector corresponding to Eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ .

# Why does it work?

$$\mathbf{b}_k = \frac{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_{k-1}}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_{k-1}\|_2} = \frac{\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{b}_{k-2}}{\|\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{b}_{k-2}\|_2} = \dots = \frac{\mathbf{z}_k}{\|\mathbf{z}_k\|_2} \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{b}_0$ . Consequently, we have

$$\frac{\mathbf{b}_k^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{b}_k}{\mathbf{b}_k^T \mathbf{b}_k} = \frac{\mathbf{z}_k^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{z}_k}{\mathbf{z}_k^T \mathbf{z}_k} \quad (2)$$

Since Eigen vectors form a basis, we have  $\mathbf{b}_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mathbf{v}_i$ . Thus

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{b}_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \lambda_i^k \mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_1^k \left( c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n c_i \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_1} \right)^k \mathbf{v}_i \right) \quad (3)$$

Plug in (3) in (2) and (1) and complete the proof.

What would happen if  $\mathbf{b}_0^T \mathbf{v}_1 = 0$  ?

# Simultaneous orthogonalization<sup>1</sup>

Can we simultaneously run power iteration on different initial point?

Let

$$\mathbf{B}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_0^{(1)} & \mathbf{b}_0^{(2)} & \dots & \mathbf{b}_0^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

Then, we can produce a new set of  $n$  vectors by performing the operation  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}_0$ . How will  $\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{B}_0$  look like? Will orthogonalizing the vectors  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}_0$  help?

Finding two matrices  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  (orthogonal) and  $\mathbf{R}_1$  (upper triangular) such that

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}_0 = \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{R}_1$$

Choose  $\mathbf{B}_0 = \mathbf{Q}_0 = \mathbf{I}$  and proceed as follows

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}_0 = \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{R}_1$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}_1 = \mathbf{Q}_2 \mathbf{R}_2$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}_2 = \mathbf{Q}_3 \mathbf{R}_3$$

$$\vdots$$

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<sup>1</sup><http://madrury.github.io/jekyll/update/statistics/2017/10/04/>

# If convergence occurs

We have the steady state equation

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \text{ and } \mathbf{R} \text{ are similar}$$

Similar matrices have same eigenvalues. What about their eigenvectors?

Eigenvalues of triangular matrices lie on their diagonal.

If  $\mathbf{R}$  is a diagonal matrix, then the columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$  are the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Not possible to improve convergence and rate of convergence.

# The unshifted QR algorithm (John Francis, 1961)

Matrices  $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_i$  (orthogonal) and  $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_i$  (upper triangular)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_1 = \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_1 \\ \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_1 &= \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_2 = \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_2 \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_2 \\ \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_2 \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_2 &= \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_3 = \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_3 \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_3 \\ &\vdots \\ \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_k &= \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{k+1} = \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{k+1} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{k+1}\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_k = \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_k = \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_k^T \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_k = \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_k^T \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{k-1} \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_k = \prod_{i=1}^k \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{k+1-i}^T \mathbf{A} \prod_{i=1}^k \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_i$$

Matrices  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_k$  (for any  $k \geq 1$ ) and  $\mathbf{A}$  are similar and share the same eigenvalues.

# Does convergence occurs?

Let

$$P_k = \prod_{i=1}^k \tilde{Q}_k \quad \text{— an orthogonal matrix}$$

Then,

$$\tilde{A}_k = P_k^T A P_k = P_k^T V D V^{-1} P_k = P_k^T \hat{Q} \hat{R} D \hat{R}^{-1} \hat{Q}^{-1} P_k$$

Since  $V$  is invertible, it can be written as the product of an orthogonal matrix  $\hat{Q}$  and upper triangular matrix  $\hat{R}$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P_k = \hat{Q} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{A}_k = \hat{R} D \hat{R}^{-1} \quad \text{an upper triangular matrix}$$

Eigenvalues of  $A$  would lie on the diagonal of limiting matrix  $\tilde{A}_\infty$ .



# Does convergence occurs?

Let

$$\mathbf{U}_k = \prod_{i=1}^k \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{k+1-i} \quad \text{— an upper triangular matrix}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}^k &= \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{U}_k \\ \mathbf{A}^k &= \mathbf{V} \mathbf{D}^k \mathbf{V}^{-1} = \hat{\mathbf{Q}} \hat{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{D}^k \mathbf{V}^{-1} = \hat{\mathbf{Q}} \hat{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{D}^k \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{D}^{-k} \mathbf{D}^k\end{aligned}$$

But,

$$[\mathbf{D}^k \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{D}^{-k}]_{ij} = \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_j} \right)^k v_{ij}^{-1}$$

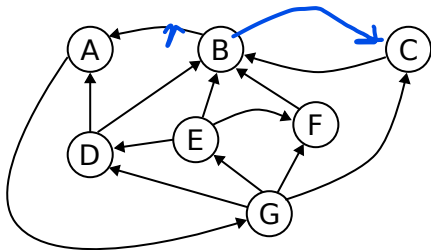
where  $v_{ij}^{-1} = [\mathbf{V}^{-1}]_{ij}$ . If  $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| > \dots > |\lambda_n| > 0$ , then  $\mathbf{D}^k \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{D}^{-k}$  tends to an upper triangular matrix. Consequently,  $\mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{U}_k$  tend to the product of an  $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$  (orthogonal) and a triangular matrix.

Performance can be improved by considering the Hessenberg form and using shifts.

# PageRank — an application of Eigenvalues

Consider a collection of 7 websites with the following link count matrix

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Note that  $l_{uv} = 1$  if and only if there is a link from  $v$  to  $u$ .

How would you rank the above website?

distance from most popular node  
based on number of incoming nodes

# PageRank — an application of Eigenvalues

Let  $p_u$  be the rank assigned to node  $u$ . Then, we have

$$p_v = \sum_u l_{uv} \frac{p_u}{\sum_w l_{uw}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p} = \tilde{\mathbf{L}} \mathbf{p}$$

For the above example, we have

stochastic matrices

$$\tilde{\mathbf{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 & 1/3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.176 \\ 0.249 \\ 0.191 \\ 0.058 \\ 0.044 \\ 0.058 \\ 0.176 \end{bmatrix}$$

What happens to the rank if the link from B to A is moved to C?

For a deeper understanding, look into the theory of Markov chains.

# Singular value decomposition

The singular value decomposition of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is<sup>2</sup>

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

$\mathbf{U}$ :  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix

$\mathbf{\Sigma}$ :  $m \times n$  rectangular diagonal matrix

$\mathbf{V}$ :  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix

Note that

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

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

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

Thus

$\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ : collection of eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T$  and  $\mathbf{M}^T\mathbf{M}$

$\mathbf{\Sigma}$ : square root of non-zero eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T$  or  $\mathbf{M}^T\mathbf{M}$

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<sup>2</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singular\\_value\\_decomposition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singular_value_decomposition)

# Low-rank matrix approximation

Approximating  $\mathbf{M}$  with another matrix  $\tilde{\mathbf{M}}$  which has a lower rank.

$$\min_{\tilde{\mathbf{M}}} \|\mathbf{M} - \tilde{\mathbf{M}}\|_F \quad \text{such that} \quad \text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{M}}) \leq r$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_F = \|\cdot\|_{2,2}$  is the *Frobenius* norm. The solution is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{M}} = \mathbf{U}\tilde{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$$

where  $\tilde{\Sigma}$  contains only the  $r$ -largest singular values.

The above result is known as the *Eckart–Young–Mirsky* theorem

The NumPy module `numpy.linalg` offers methods to find Eigen and singular value decomposition. To know more visit <https://numpy.org/doc/stable/reference/routines.linalg.html>

# Thank You