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Lecture: Introduction

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Dimensionality Reduction: Principal Component Analysis

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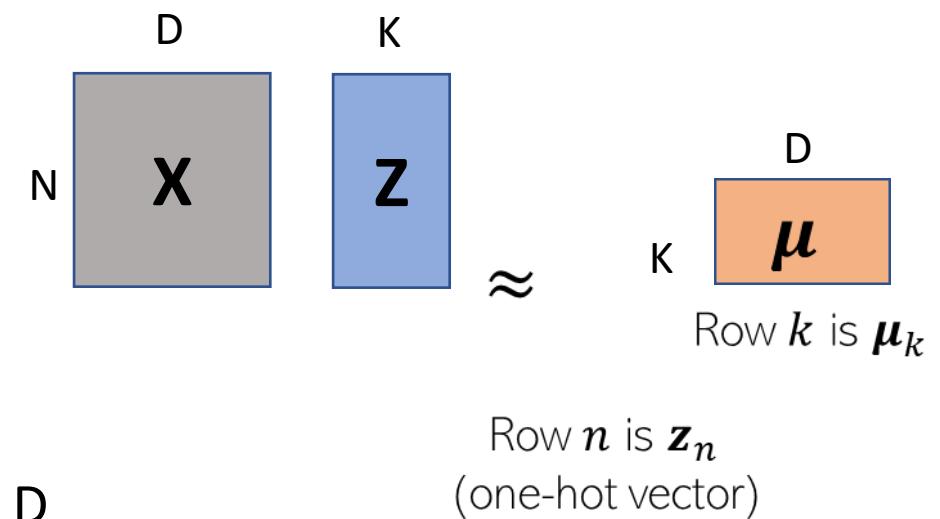
K-means loss function: recap

$\mathbf{z}_n = [z_{n1}, z_{n2}, \dots, z_{nK}]$
denotes a length K one-hot
encoding of \mathbf{x}_n

- Remember the matrix factorization view of the k-means loss function?

$$L(\mu, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K z_{nk} \|\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k\|^2$$

$$= \underbrace{\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Z}\boldsymbol{\mu}\|_F^2}_{\text{matrix factorization view}}$$



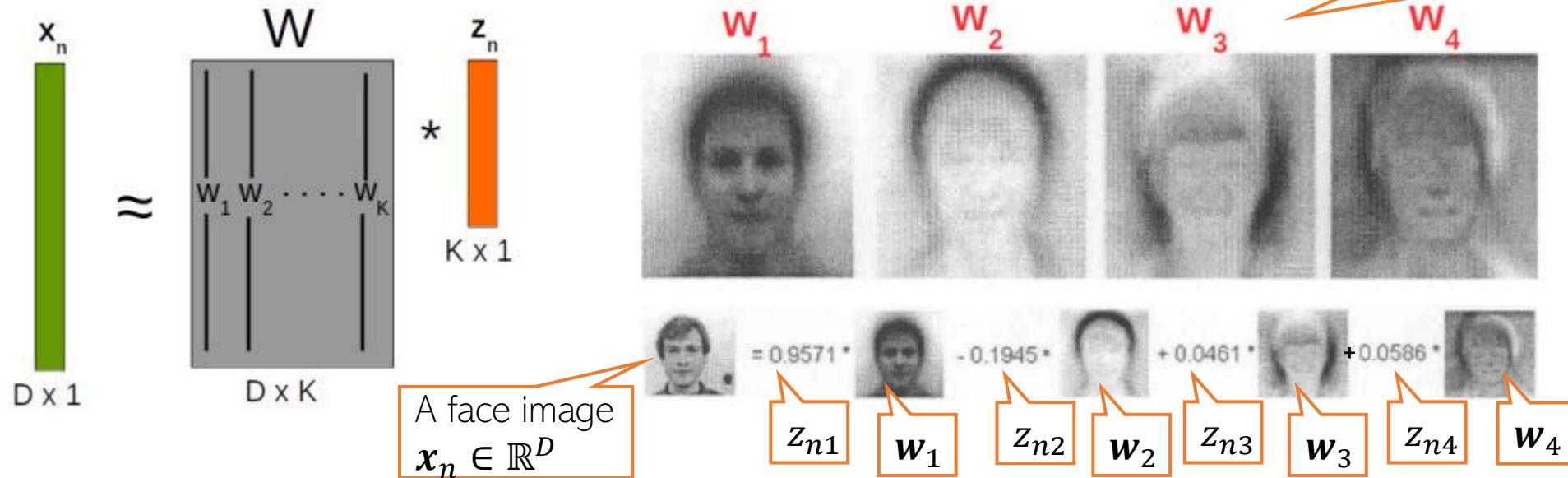
- We approximated an $N \times D$ matrix with
 - An $N \times K$ matrix and a
 - $K \times D$ matrix
- This could be storage efficient if K is much smaller than D

Dimensionality Reduction

- A broad class of techniques
 - Goal is to compress the original representation of the inputs
 - Example: Approximate each input $\mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$, $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ as a linear combination of $K < \min\{D, N\}$ “basis” vectors $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K$, each also $\in \mathbb{R}^D$
 - We have represented each $\mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$ by a K -dim vector \mathbf{z}_n (a new feat. rep)
 - To store N such inputs $\{\mathbf{x}_n\}_{n=1}^N$, we need to keep \mathbf{W} and $\{\mathbf{z}_n\}_{n=1}^N$
 - Originally we required $N \times D$ storage, now $N \times K + D \times K = (N + D) \times K$ storage
 - If $K \ll \min\{D, N\}$, this yields substantial storage saving, hence good compression
- Note: These “basis” vectors need not necessarily be linearly independent. But for some dim. red. techniques, e.g., classic principal component analysis (PCA), they are
- $$\mathbf{x}_n \approx \sum_{k=1}^K z_{nk} \mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_n$$
- $\mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K]$ is $D \times K$
- $\mathbf{z}_n = [z_{n1}, z_{n2}, \dots, z_{nK}]$ is $K \times 1$
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- Can think of \mathbf{W} as a linear mapping that transforms low-dim \mathbf{z}_n to high-dim \mathbf{x}_n
- Some dim-red techniques assume a nonlinear mapping function f such that $\mathbf{x}_n = f(\mathbf{z}_n)$
- For example, f can be modeled by a kernel or a deep neural net

Dimensionality Reduction

- Dim-red for face images



- In this example, $\mathbf{z}_n \in \mathbb{R}^K$ ($K = 4$) is a low-dim feature rep. for $\mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$ Like 4 new features
- Essentially, each face image in the dataset now represented by just 4 real numbers 😊
- Different dim-red algos differ in terms of how the basis vectors are defined/learned
 - .. And in general, how the function f in the mapping $\mathbf{x}_n = f(\mathbf{z}_n)$ is defined

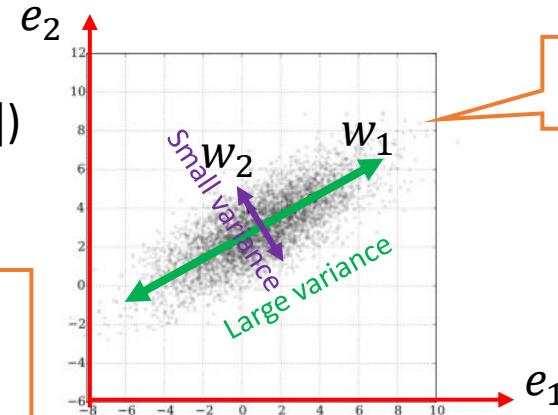
Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- A classic linear dim. reduction method (Pearson, 1901; Hotelling, 1930)
- Can be seen as
 - Learning directions (co-ordinate axes) that capture maximum variance in data

e_1, e_2 : Standard co-ordinate axis ($x = [x_1, x_2]$)

w_1, w_2 : New co-ordinate axis ($z = [z_1, z_2]$)

To reduce dimension, can only keep the co-ordinates of those directions that have largest variances (e.g., in this example, if we want to reduce to one-dim, we can keep the co-ordinate z_1 of each point along w_1 and throw away z_2). We won't lose much information



PCA is essentially doing a change of axes in which we are representing the data

Each input will still have 2 co-ordinates, in the new co-ordinate system, equal to the distances measured from the new origin

- Learning projection directions that result in smallest reconstruction error

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Z}} \sum_{n=1}^N \|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{W}\mathbf{z}_n\|^2 = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Z}} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{W}\|^2$$

Subject to orthonormality constraints: $\mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{w}_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$ and $\|\mathbf{w}_i\|^2 = 1$

- PCA also assumes that the projection directions are orthonormal

Principal Component Analysis: the algorithm

- Center the data (subtract the mean $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \boldsymbol{x}_n$ from each data point)
- Compute the $D \times D$ covariance matrix \mathbf{S} using the centered data matrix \mathbf{X} as

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \quad (\text{Assuming } \mathbf{X} \text{ is arranged as } N \times D)$$

- Do an eigendecomposition of the covariance matrix \mathbf{S} (many methods exist)
- Take top $K < D$ leading eigenvectors $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K\}$ with eigenvalues $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_K\}$
- The K -dimensional projection/embedding of each input is

$$\mathbf{z}_n \approx \mathbf{W}_K^\top \mathbf{x}_n$$

$\mathbf{W}_K = [\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K]$ is the “projection matrix” of size $D \times K$

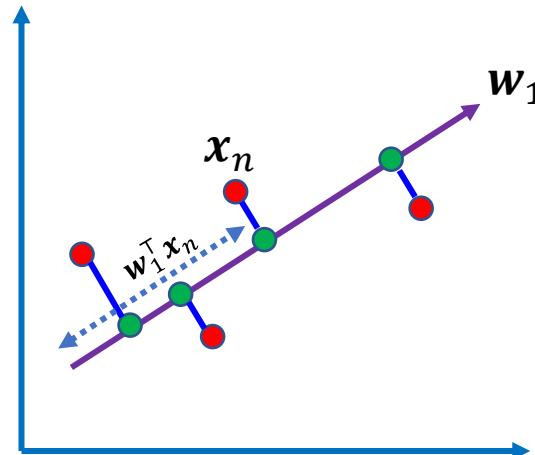
Note: Can decide how many eigvecs to use based on how much variance we want to capture (recall that each λ_k gives the variance in the k^{th} direction (and their sum is the total variance))



Understanding PCA: The variance perspective

Solving PCA by Finding Max. Variance Directions

- Consider projecting an input $\mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$ along a direction $\mathbf{w}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^D$
- Projection/embedding of \mathbf{x}_n (red points below) will be $\mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{x}_n$ (green pts below)



Mean of projections of all inputs:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{w}_1^\top \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \right) = \mathbf{w}_1^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}$$

Variance of the projections:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{w}_1^\top \boldsymbol{\mu})^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \{ \mathbf{w}_1^\top (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \}^2 = \mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{S} \mathbf{w}_1$$

- Want \mathbf{w}_1 such that variance $\mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{S} \mathbf{w}_1$ is maximized

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}_1} \mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{S} \mathbf{w}_1 \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{w}_1 = 1$$

Need this constraint otherwise the objective's max will be infinity

\mathbf{S} is the $D \times D$ cov matrix of the data:

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top$$

For already centered data, $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0}$ and

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^\top = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^\top$$

Max. Variance Direction

- Our objective function was $\underset{\mathbf{w}_1}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{S} \mathbf{w}_1$ s.t. $\mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{w}_1 = 1$

Variance along the direction \mathbf{w}_1

- Can construct a Lagrangian for this problem

$$\underset{\mathbf{w}_1}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{S} \mathbf{w}_1 + \lambda_1(1 - \mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{w}_1)$$

- Taking derivative w.r.t. \mathbf{w}_1 and setting to zero gives $\mathbf{S} \mathbf{w}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{w}_1$

Note: In general, \mathbf{S} will have D eigvecs

- Therefore \mathbf{w}_1 is an **eigenvector** of the cov matrix \mathbf{S} with eigenvalue λ_1

- Claim:** \mathbf{w}_1 is the eigenvector of \mathbf{S} with largest eigenvalue λ_1 . Note that

$$\mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{S} \mathbf{w}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{w}_1 = \lambda_1$$

- Thus variance $\mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{S} \mathbf{w}_1$ will be max. if λ_1 is the largest eigenvalue (and \mathbf{w}_1 is the corresponding top eigenvector; also known as the first **Principal Component**)
- Other large variance directions can also be found likewise (with each being orthogonal to all others) using the eigendecomposition of cov matrix \mathbf{S} (this is PCA)

Note: Total variance of the data is equal to the sum of eigenvalues of \mathbf{S} , i.e., $\sum_{d=1}^D \lambda_d$

PCA would keep the top $K < D$ such directions of largest variances



Understanding PCA: The reconstruction perspective

Alternate Basis and Reconstruction

- Representing a data point $\mathbf{x}_n = [x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nD}]^\top$ in the standard orthonormal basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_D\}$

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \sum_{d=1}^D x_{nd} \mathbf{e}_d$$

\mathbf{e}_d is a vector of all zeros except a single 1 at the d^{th} position. Also, $\mathbf{e}_d^\top \mathbf{e}_{d'} = 0$ for $d \neq d'$

- Let's represent the same data point in a new orthonormal basis $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_D\}$

z_{nd} is the projection of \mathbf{x}_n along the direction \mathbf{w}_d since $z_{nd} = \mathbf{w}_d^\top \mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_n^\top \mathbf{w}_d$ (verify)

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \sum_{d=1}^D z_{nd} \mathbf{w}_d$$

$\mathbf{z}_n = [z_{n1}, z_{n2}, \dots, z_{nD}]^\top$ denotes the co-ordinates of \mathbf{x}_n in the new basis

- Ignoring directions along which projection z_{nd} is small, we can approximate \mathbf{x}_n as

$$\mathbf{x}_n \approx \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n = \sum_{d=1}^K z_{nd} \mathbf{w}_d = \sum_{d=1}^K (\mathbf{x}_n^\top \mathbf{w}_d) \mathbf{w}_d = \sum_{d=1}^K (\mathbf{w}_d \mathbf{w}_d^\top) \mathbf{x}_n$$

Note that $\|\mathbf{x}_n - \sum_{d=1}^K (\mathbf{w}_d \mathbf{w}_d^\top) \mathbf{x}_n\|^2$ is the reconstruction error on \mathbf{x}_n . Would like it to minimize w.r.t. $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K$

- Now \mathbf{x}_n is represented by $K < D$ dim. rep. $\mathbf{z}_n = [z_{n1}, z_{n2}, \dots, z_{nK}]$ and (verify)

Also, $\mathbf{x}_n \approx \mathbf{W}_K \mathbf{z}_n$

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Minimizing Reconstruction Error

- We plan to use only K directions $[\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K]$ so would like them to be such that the total reconstruction error is minimized

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K) = \sum_{n=1}^N \|\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n\|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{x}_n - \sum_{d=1}^K (\mathbf{w}_d \mathbf{w}_d^\top) \mathbf{x}_n \right\|^2 = C - \sum_{d=1}^K \mathbf{w}_d^\top \mathbf{S} \mathbf{w}_d \quad (\text{verify})$$

Constant; doesn't depend on the \mathbf{w}_d 's

Variance along \mathbf{w}_d

- Each optimal \mathbf{w}_d can be found by solving

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}_d} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}_d} \mathbf{w}_d^\top \mathbf{S} \mathbf{w}_d$$

- Thus minimizing the reconstruction error is equivalent to maximizing variance
- The K directions can be found by solving the eigendecomposition of \mathbf{S}
- Note: $\sum_{d=1}^K \mathbf{w}_d^\top \mathbf{S} \mathbf{w}_d = \operatorname{trace}(\mathbf{W}_K^\top \mathbf{S} \mathbf{W}_K)$
 - Thus $\operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{W}_K} \operatorname{trace}(\mathbf{W}_K^\top \mathbf{S} \mathbf{W}_K)$ s.t. orthonormality on columns of \mathbf{W}_k is the same as solving the eigendec. of \mathbf{S} (recall that Spectral Clustering also required solving this)

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Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- Any matrix \mathbf{X} of size $N \times D$ can be represented as the following decomposition

$$\begin{matrix} & D \\ \begin{matrix} N & \end{matrix} & \mathbf{x} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} & N \\ N & \end{matrix} \mathbf{U} \begin{matrix} & D \\ N & \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} & D \\ & \Lambda \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} & D \\ D & \end{matrix} \mathbf{v}^T$$

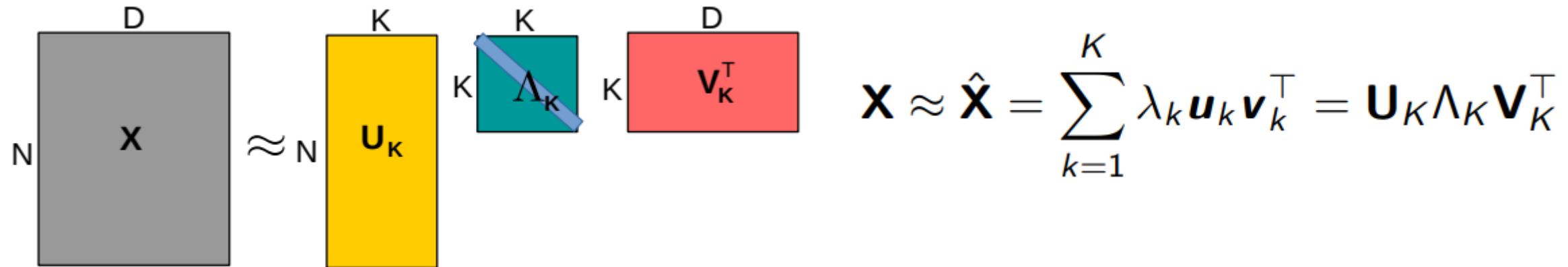
$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U} \Lambda \mathbf{V}^T = \sum_{k=1}^{\min\{N,D\}} \lambda_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T$$

Diagonal matrix. If $N > D$, last $D - N$ rows are all zeros; if $D > N$, last $D - N$ columns are all zeros

- $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N]$ is $N \times N$ matrix of **left singular vectors**, each $\mathbf{u}_n \in \mathbb{R}^N$
 - \mathbf{U} is also orthonormal
- $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_N]$ is $D \times D$ matrix of **right singular vectors**, each $\mathbf{v}_d \in \mathbb{R}^D$
 - \mathbf{V} is also orthonormal
- Λ is $N \times D$ with only $\min(N, D)$ diagonal entries - **singular values**
- Note: If \mathbf{X} is symmetric then it is known as eigenvalue decomposition ($\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V}$)

Low-Rank Approximation via SVD

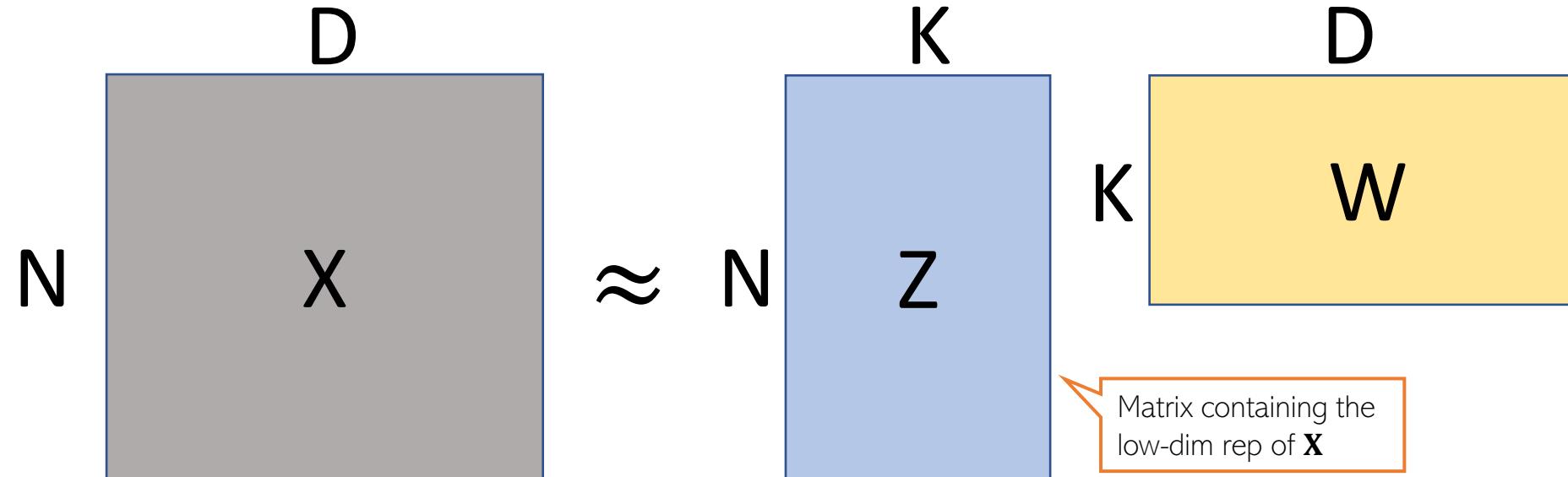
- If we just use the top $K < \min\{N, D\}$ singular values, we get a rank- K SVD



- Above SVD approx. can be shown to minimize the reconstruction error $\|\mathbf{X} - \hat{\mathbf{X}}\|$
 - Fact: SVD gives the best rank- K approximation of a matrix
- PCA is done by doing SVD on the covariance matrix \mathbf{S} (left and right singular vectors are the same and become eigenvectors, singular values become eigenvalues)

Dim-Red as Matrix Factorization

- If we don't care about the orthonormality constraints, then dim-red can also be achieved by solving a matrix factorization problem on the data matrix \mathbf{X}



$$\{\hat{\mathbf{Z}}, \hat{\mathbf{W}}\} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{W}\|^2$$

If $K < \min\{D, N\}$, such a factorization gives a low-rank approximation of the data matrix \mathbf{X}

- Can solve such problems using ALT-OPT
- Can impose various constraints on \mathbf{Z} and \mathbf{W} (e.g., sparsity, non-negativity, etc)



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