

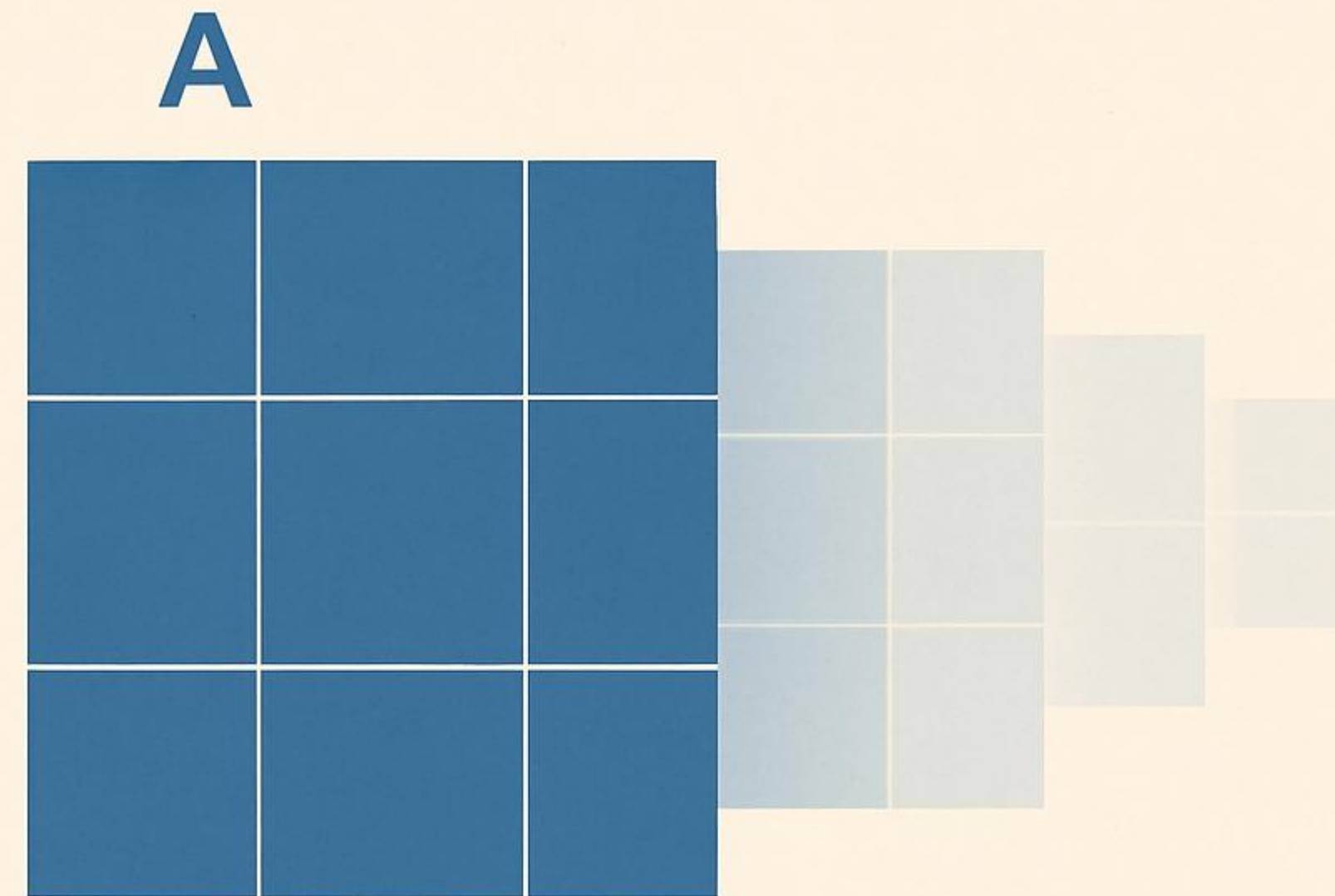
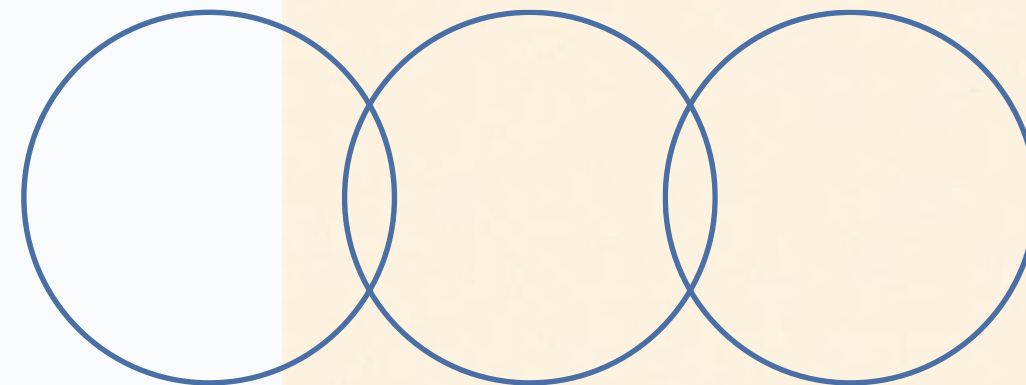
# Singular Value Decomposition:

Image Compression

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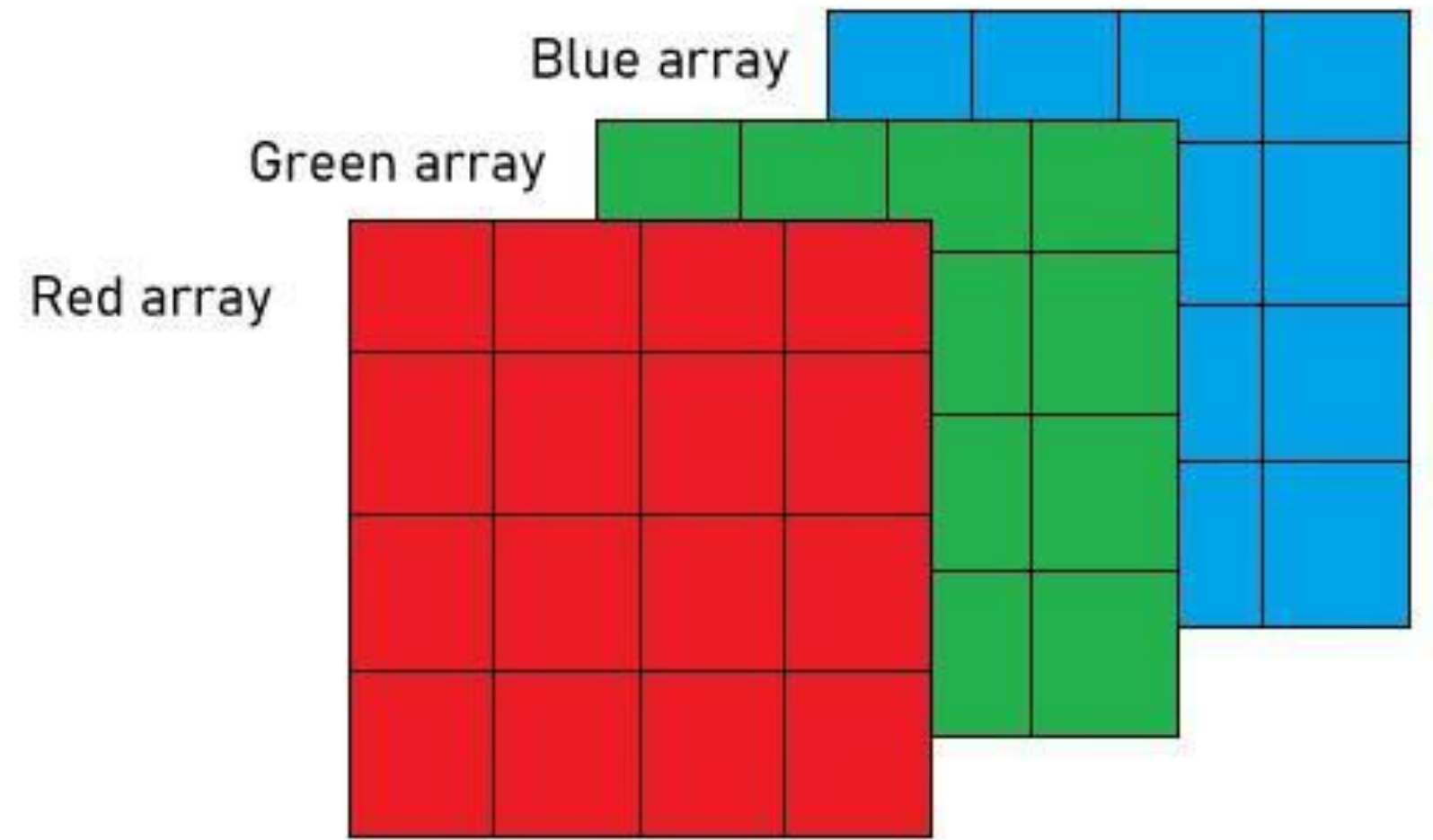
Noise Reduction

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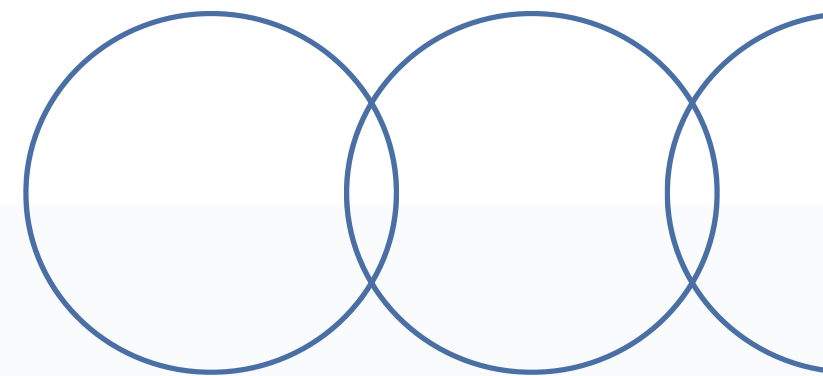


# RGB Structure of Images

- An Image is made up of pixels, each with an Intensity value represented by numbers.
- It can be represented by an  $m \times n$  matrix, where each element corresponds to a pixel.
- For example in an 8-bit image, pixel value ranges from 0 to 255.
- In a color image, these values are distributed across different channels of Red, Green and Blue as shown in the figure.



Arrrays stacked over each other  
to form a Digital Image.

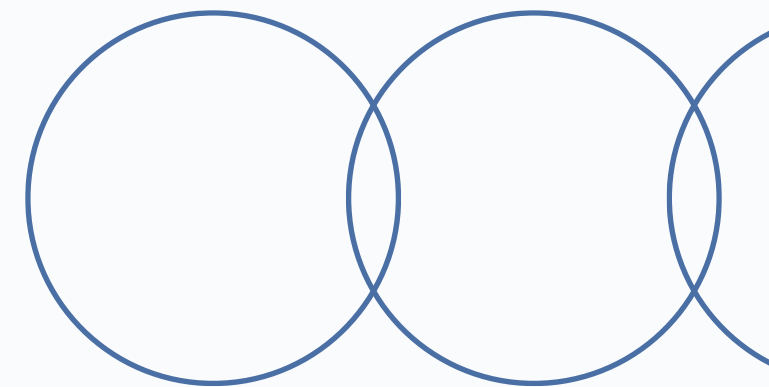


# Grayscale Image Formation

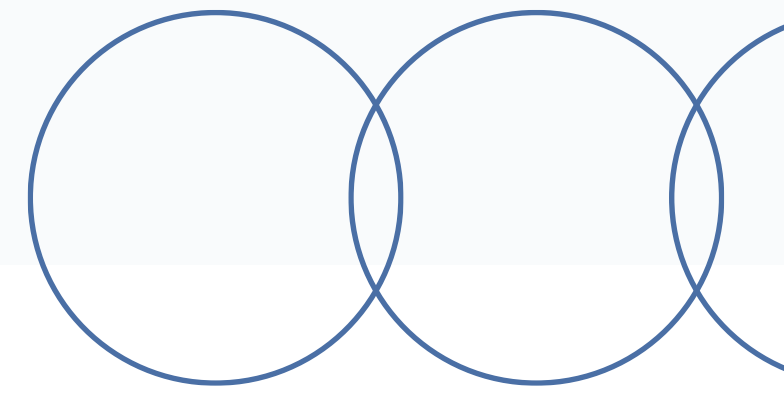
- A grayscale image contains only intensity information, with no separate color channel.
- Each pixel is represented by a single value indicating brightness.
- For 8-bit grayscale images, pixel values range from 0 (black) to 255 (white)
- Grayscale images are often created by combining RGB channels using a weighted formula to match human visual perception.
- The luminance formula used by python OpenCV BT.601 weighted grayscale conversion: looks like –

$$GRAY = 0.2996 * R + 0.587 * G + 0.114 * B$$

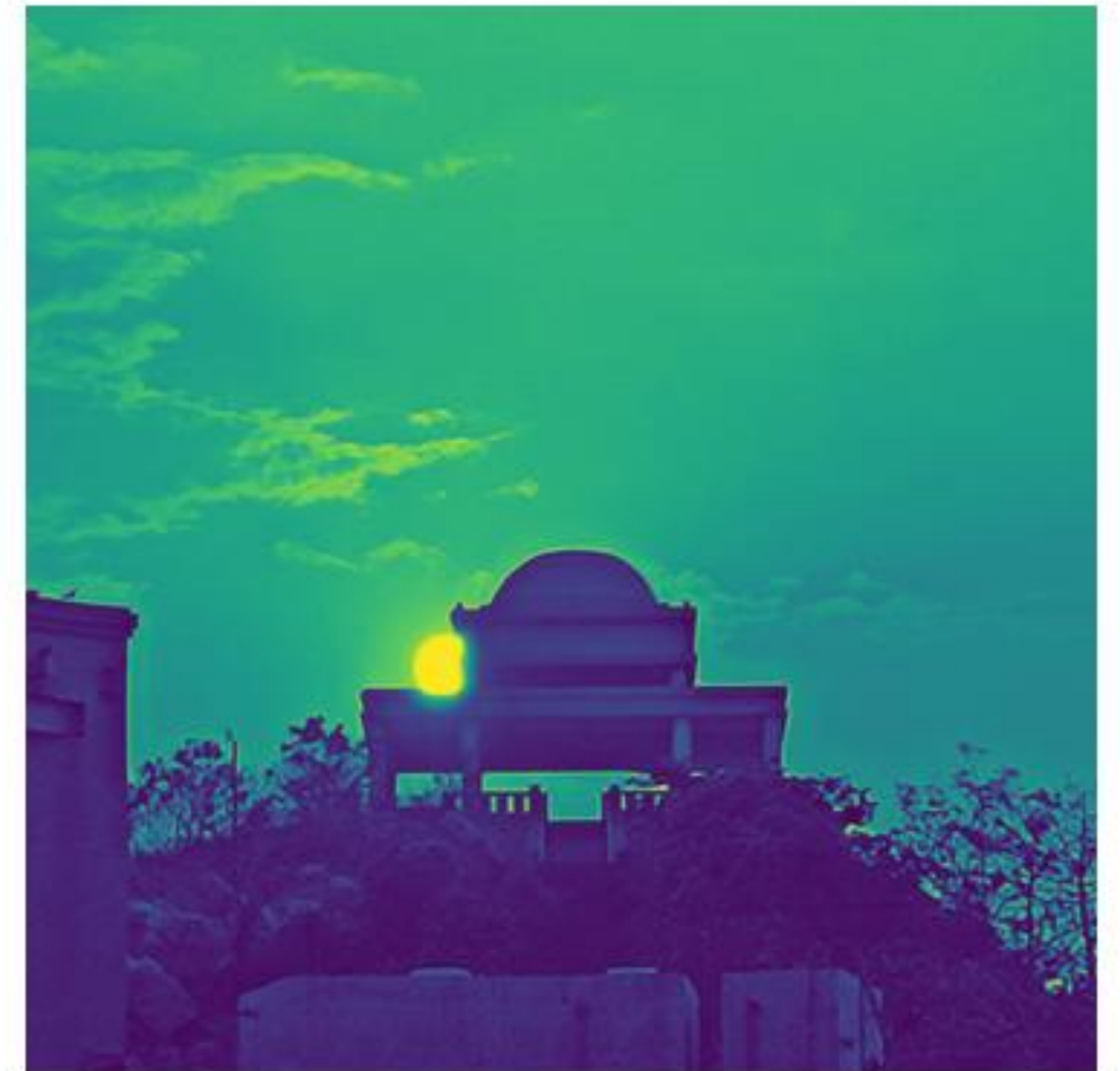
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# Example Image -

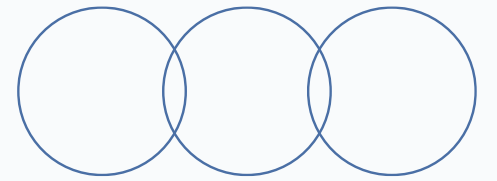


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image_path = r"test_img1.jpg"  
noisy_image =  
cv2.imread(image_path,  
cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)  
plt.imshow(noisy_image)  
plt.show()
```





# Why SVD?



- SVD is the foundation of Recommender Systems that are at the heart of huge companies like Google, YouTube, Amazon, Facebook, Netflix...

## Key Benefits in Decomposition

### Universal Application

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) operates effectively on all real matrices including non-square and non symmetric ones, making it a versatile tool for various applications in image processing and data analysis across multiple fields.

### Optimal Low-Rank

SVD achieves optimal low-rank approximations by retaining the essential structure of the matrix, allowing for efficient data compression while minimizing the loss of important features and information.

### Stability

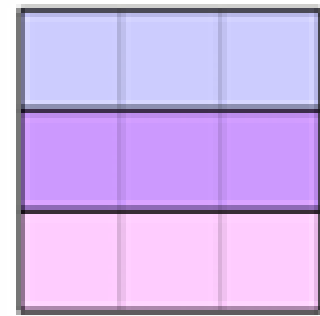
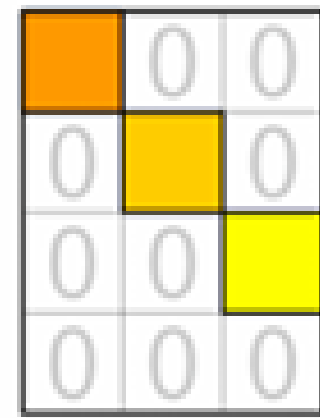
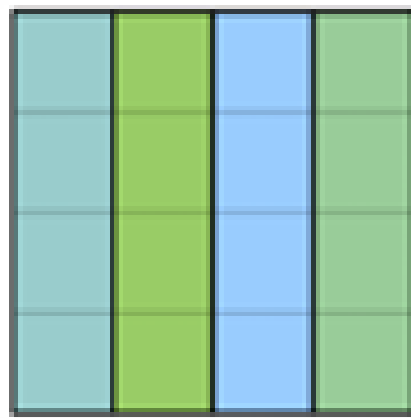
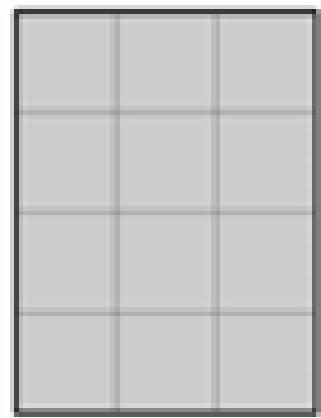
SVD is known for its numerical stability, providing consistent and reliable results under various conditions, which is crucial when handling real-world data that may exhibit noise and other discrepancies.

# SVD Equation

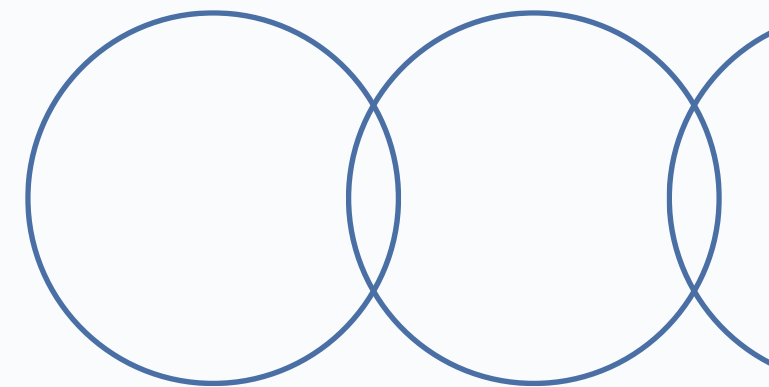
The fundamental equation of Singular Value Decomposition is

$$M_{(m \times n)} = U_{(m \times m)} * \Sigma_{(m \times n)} * V_{(n \times n)}^T$$

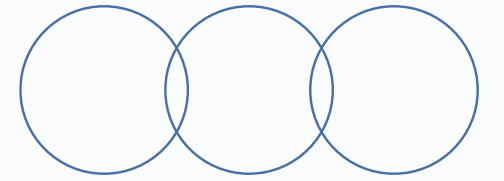
where  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal matrices, and  $\Sigma$  is a diagonal matrix containing singular values that represent information strength.



$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{M} \\ m \times n \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{U} \\ m \times m \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{\Sigma} \\ m \times n \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{V}^* \\ n \times n \end{matrix}$$



# Understanding $U$ , $\Sigma$ , and $V^T$



## Components of SVD

### Column Basis

The matrix  $U$  contains the **orthonormal basis** for the column space of  $A$ . Each column corresponds to a singular eigenvector of  $AA^T$  matrix.

### Singular Values

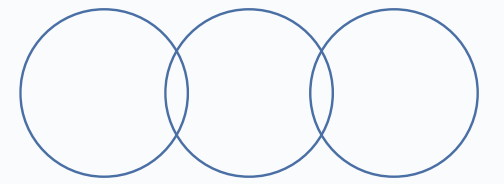
$$Av_i = \sigma_i u_i$$

By computing the singular values, we can quantify the strength of the information contained in the matrix, allowing for effective low-rank approximations and efficient storage solutions.

### Row Basis

The transpose matrix  $V^T$  provides the **orthonormal basis** for the row space of  $A$ , with each row is eigenvector of  $A^T A$  matrix.

# Numerical Example



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = U \Sigma V^T$$

$$U \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.80 & -0.30 & 0.52 \\ 0.25 & 0.90 & 0.35 \\ 0.54 & -0.31 & -0.78 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Sigma \approx \begin{bmatrix} 4.00 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.45 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.59 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$V^T \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.67 & 0.21 & 0.67 & 0.25 \\ -0.48 & -0.39 & 0.08 & 0.78 \\ 0.42 & -0.82 & 0.39 & -0.15 \\ 0.37 & 0.36 & -0.62 & 0.57 \end{bmatrix}.$$

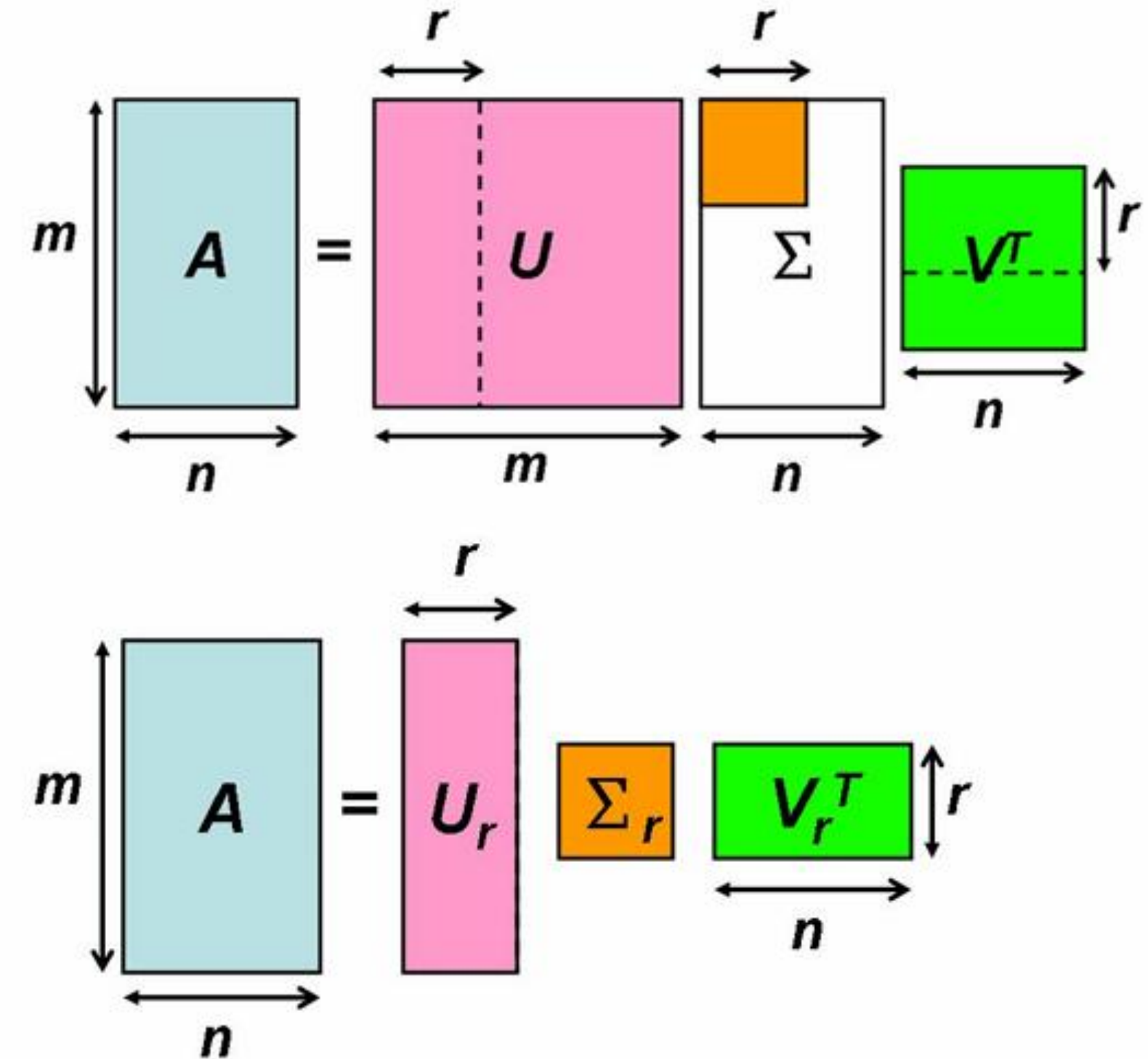


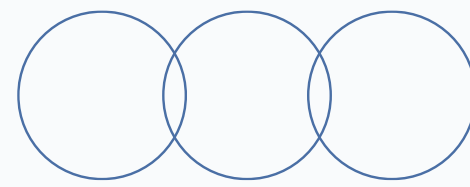
# Low-Rank Approximation

- SVD breaks a matrix into components sorted by importance.
- These singular values are arranged diagonally in descending order.
- All entries in the diagonal of  $\Sigma$  satisfy-

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \geq \dots \geq 0$$

- The first few singular values capture most of the structure of the image.



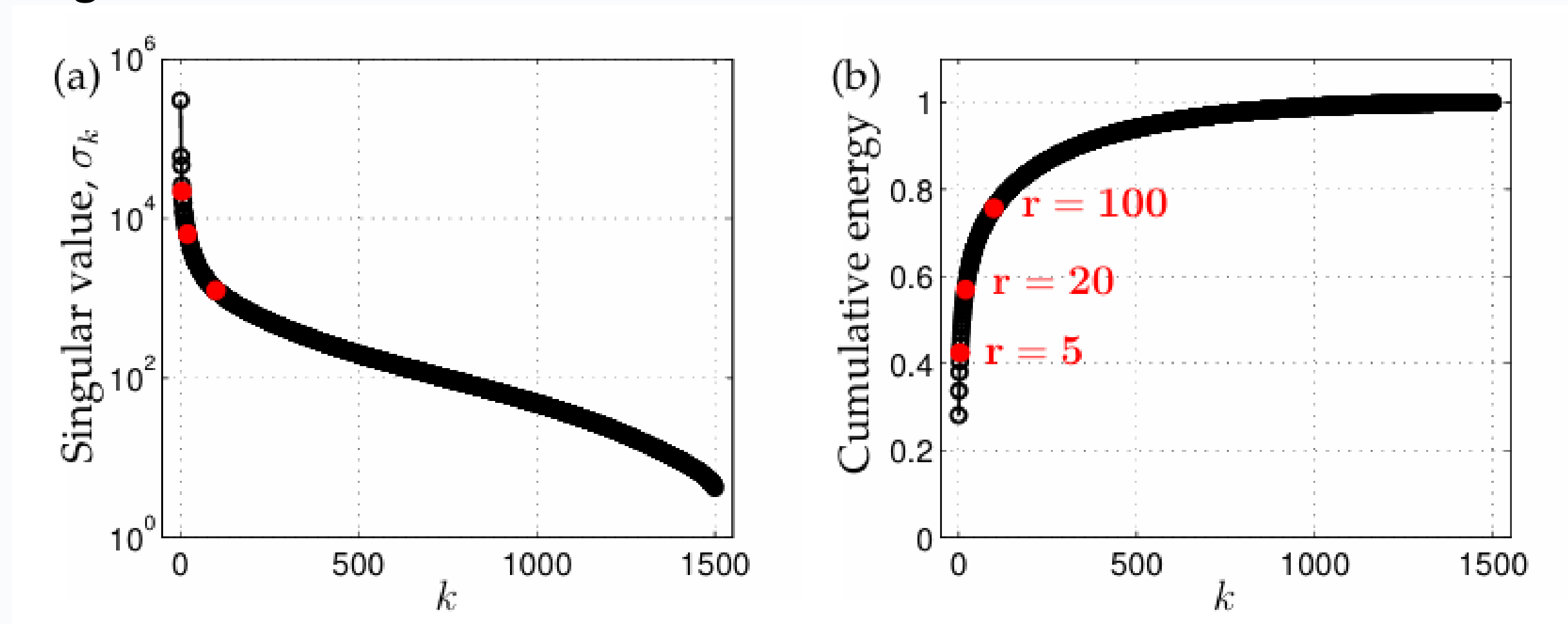


- This property of the  $\Sigma$  matrix allows us take only first  $k$   $\sigma_k$  values and reconstruct the matrix.

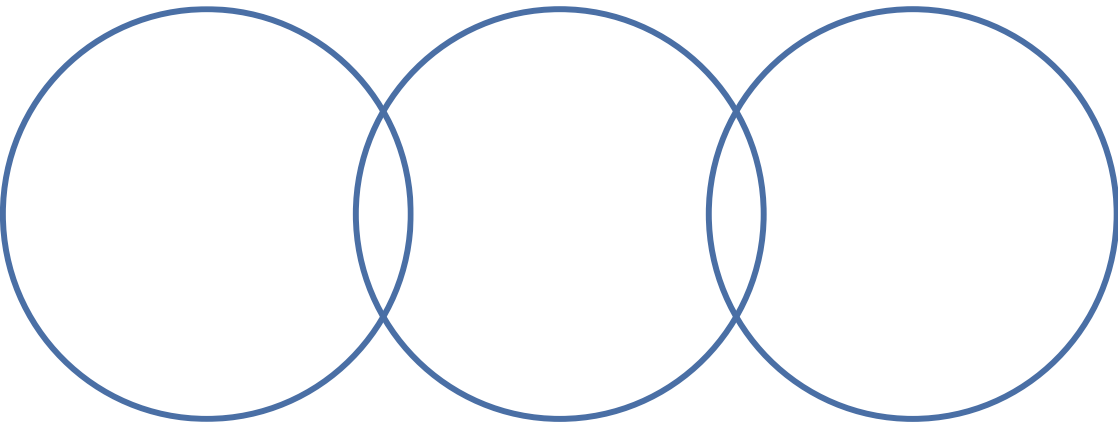
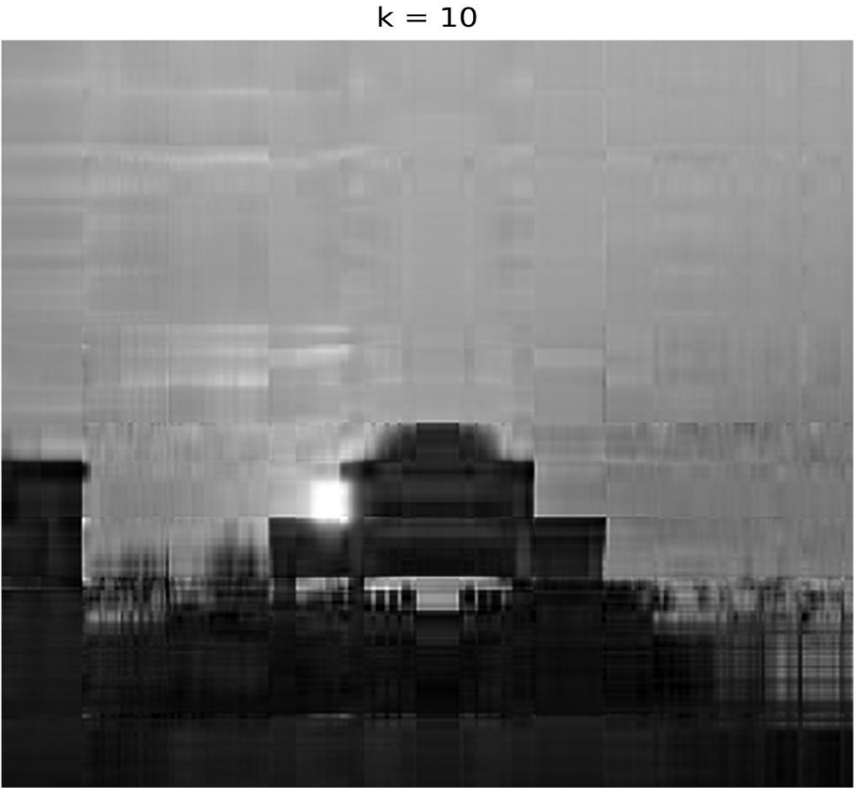
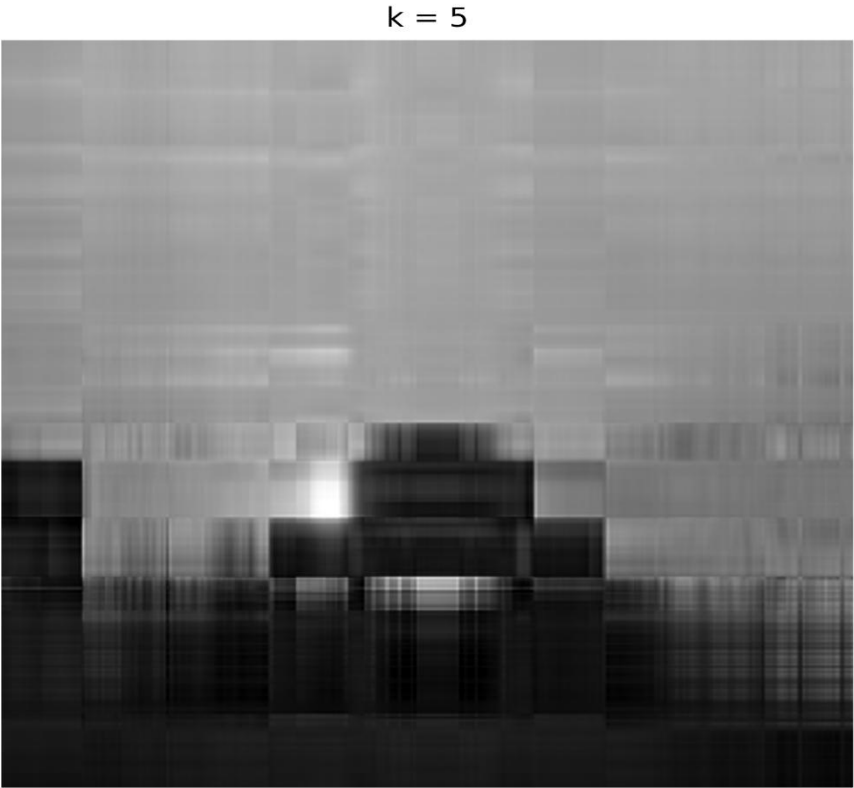
The formula with  $\Sigma_{(k \times k)}$  looks like :-

$$M_{(m \times n)} = U_{(m \times k)} * \Sigma_{(k \times k)} * V_{(k \times n)}^T$$

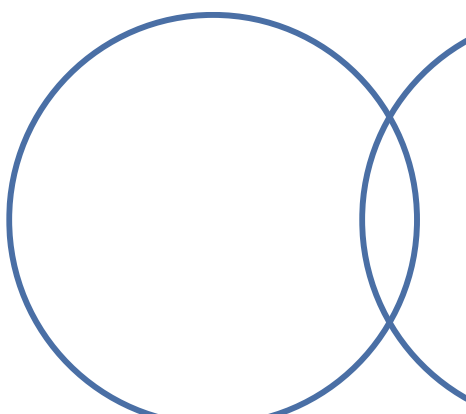
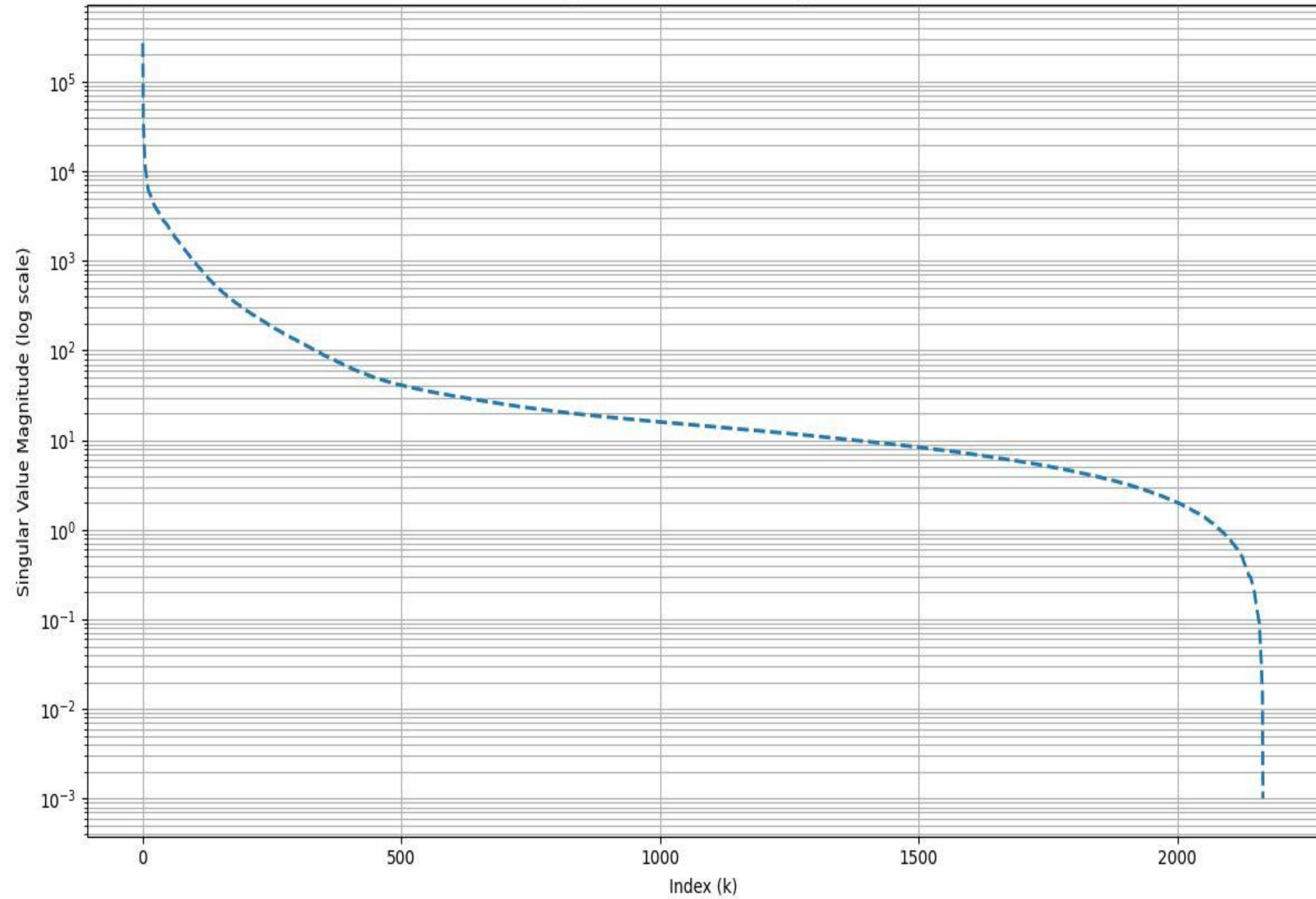
We can plot singular values vs  $k$  to showcase the drop in value and cumulative energy vs  $k$  to show how much of the total information (variance) in the image is captured by the first  $k$  singular values.



Reconstructed  
image for different  
values of  $k$  -



Singular Values vs Index (Log Scale)

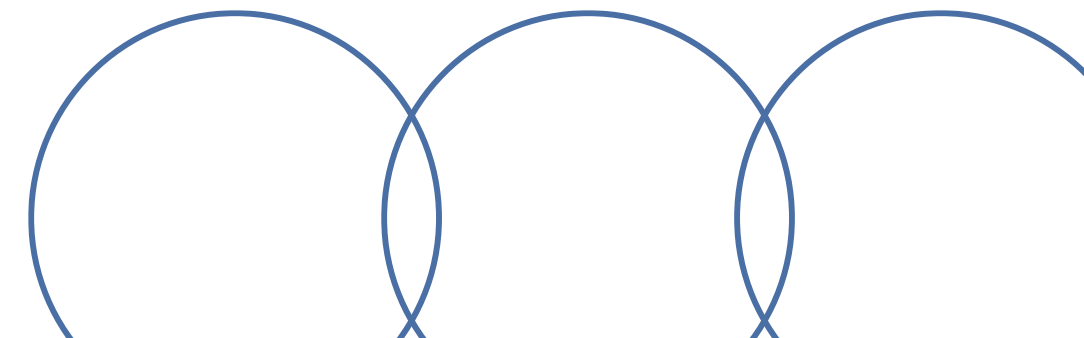
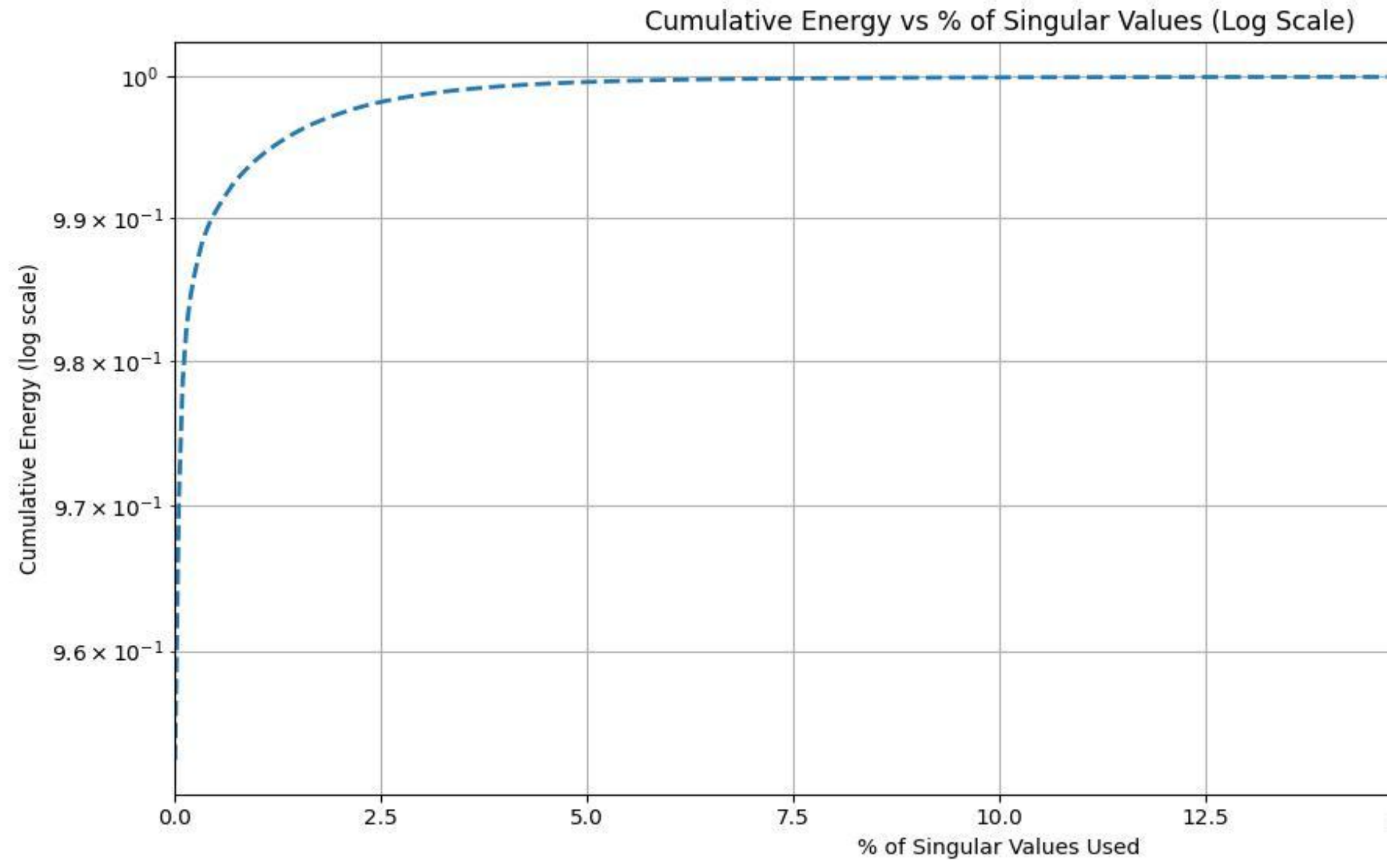




Cumulative Energy can be calculated by the formula -

$$E_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i^2}$$

The figure shows that most of the energy (approx 80%) are captured within the first 2% of the total rank (k) of the image.





To measure the quality of the reconstructed images, we evaluate two widely-used image quality metrics:

- PSNR — Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio

Indicates how close the reconstructed image is to the original in terms of pixel intensity.

Higher PSNR = better numerical accuracy.

$$\text{PSNR} = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\text{MAX}^2}{\text{MSE}} \right)$$

Where,

MAX = The maximum possible pixel intensity value of the image. For an 8-bit image: 255

MSE (Mean squared error) = The average squared difference between corresponding pixels of the original and reconstructed image.

- SSIM — Structural Similarity Index Measure

Evaluates how well the reconstruction preserves the structural and perceptual features of the image. Ranges from 0 to 1

Higher SSIM = better preservation of texture and structure



Example – let's take a 8x9 matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 6 & 8 & 32 & 7 & 5 & 6 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 & 7 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 34 & 6 & 7 \\ 7 & 5 & 4 & 33 & 5 & 6 & 4 & 5 & 7 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 6 & 5 & 35 & 7 & 6 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 5 & 31 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 5 & 7 & 8 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 33 \\ 7 & 8 & 7 & 6 & 7 & 6 & 7 & 6 & 7 \\ 6 & 4 & 5 & 7 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

For different rank k



k	PSNR	SSIM
1	12.5895	0.1558
2	13.7979	0.4996
3	15.2114	0.7034
5	20.1070	0.9128
7	44.5547	0.9998

$$A_{k=1} = \begin{bmatrix} 6.0904 & 6.7781 & 6.4506 & 10.4449 & 10.0335 & 11.2552 & 10.1609 & 8.9313 & 10.0192 \\ 6.5145 & 7.2501 & 6.8997 & 11.1722 & 10.7321 & 12.0388 & 10.8684 & 9.5532 & 10.7168 \\ 5.8912 & 6.5564 & 6.2396 & 10.1033 & 9.7054 & 10.8871 & 9.8286 & 8.6392 & 9.6915 \\ 6.6850 & 7.4398 & 7.0803 & 11.4646 & 11.0130 & 12.3540 & 11.1529 & 9.8033 & 10.9973 \\ 5.1096 & 5.6866 & 5.4118 & 8.7629 & 8.4177 & 9.4426 & 8.5246 & 7.4930 & 8.4057 \\ 6.0655 & 6.7504 & 6.4242 & 10.4023 & 9.9925 & 11.2092 & 10.1194 & 8.8948 & 9.9783 \\ 4.3954 & 4.8917 & 4.6553 & 7.5380 & 7.2412 & 8.1228 & 7.3331 & 6.4457 & 7.2308 \\ 3.5252 & 3.9232 & 3.7336 & 6.0456 & 5.8074 & 6.5145 & 5.8812 & 5.1695 & 5.7991 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{k=3} = \begin{bmatrix} 6.3011 & 6.4190 & 6.0153 & 14.7473 & 11.6135 & 10.3029 & 4.9815 & 8.5928 & 10.9707 \\ 5.9288 & 8.4675 & 7.7742 & -1.6343 & 6.5945 & 9.6808 & 29.1056 & 7.5263 & 13.1407 \\ 6.4300 & 5.6701 & 5.0778 & 20.9818 & 13.7827 & 7.7246 & -2.8572 & 7.3421 & 12.8617 \\ 6.4128 & 7.4315 & 8.3633 & 7.7335 & 8.4263 & 24.3455 & 9.5795 & 16.6223 & -1.1315 \\ 4.9849 & 5.6245 & 6.0882 & 7.2794 & 7.1657 & 16.2617 & 6.7848 & 11.4030 & 1.5067 \\ 6.3339 & 6.7487 & 5.1738 & 14.1207 & 12.5325 & -0.3930 & 11.4980 & 2.3027 & 21.7130 \\ 4.3816 & 4.9438 & 4.6400 & 7.1458 & 7.1709 & 7.5320 & 8.1732 & 6.0805 & 7.8300 \\ 3.5949 & 3.8184 & 3.5679 & 7.4150 & 6.3467 & 5.8776 & 4.4138 & 4.8666 & 6.4400 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{k=7} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.0291 & 6.9589 & 6.0059 & 7.9978 & 32.0028 & 7.0009 & 5.0025 & 6.0008 & 4.0011 \\ 5.9770 & 8.0322 & 6.9953 & 5.0017 & 5.9977 & 6.9992 & 33.9979 & 5.9993 & 6.9990 \\ 7.0720 & 4.8987 & 4.0146 & 32.9946 & 5.0070 & 6.0023 & 4.0063 & 5.0021 & 7.0028 \\ 6.0135 & 6.9809 & 8.0027 & 5.9989 & 5.0013 & 35.0004 & 7.0011 & 6.0004 & 5.0005 \\ 4.0212 & 4.9700 & 6.0043 & 4.9984 & 4.0020 & 6.0006 & 5.0018 & 31.0006 & 4.0008 \\ 5.0296 & 5.9583 & 5.0060 & 6.9977 & 8.0028 & 6.0009 & 5.0026 & 4.0008 & 33.0011 \\ 7.4327 & 7.3919 & 7.0878 & 5.9676 & 7.0422 & 6.0140 & 7.0380 & 6.0130 & 7.0172 \\ 5.2243 & 5.0898 & 4.8426 & 7.0580 & 5.9243 & 4.9748 & 3.9317 & 4.9766 & 5.9691 \end{bmatrix}$$



# FOR NOISE REDUCTION -

Image of a star in M46 open cluster



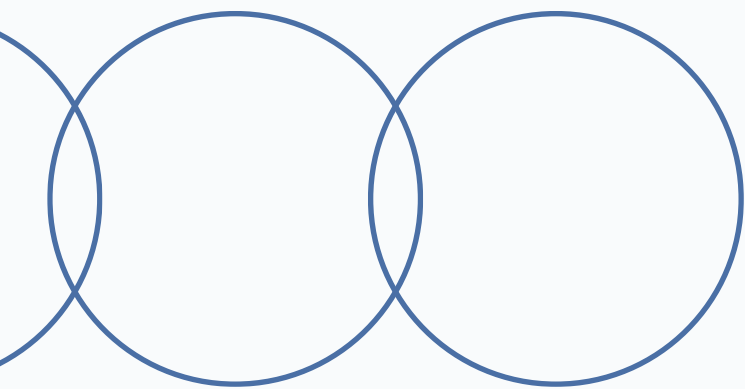
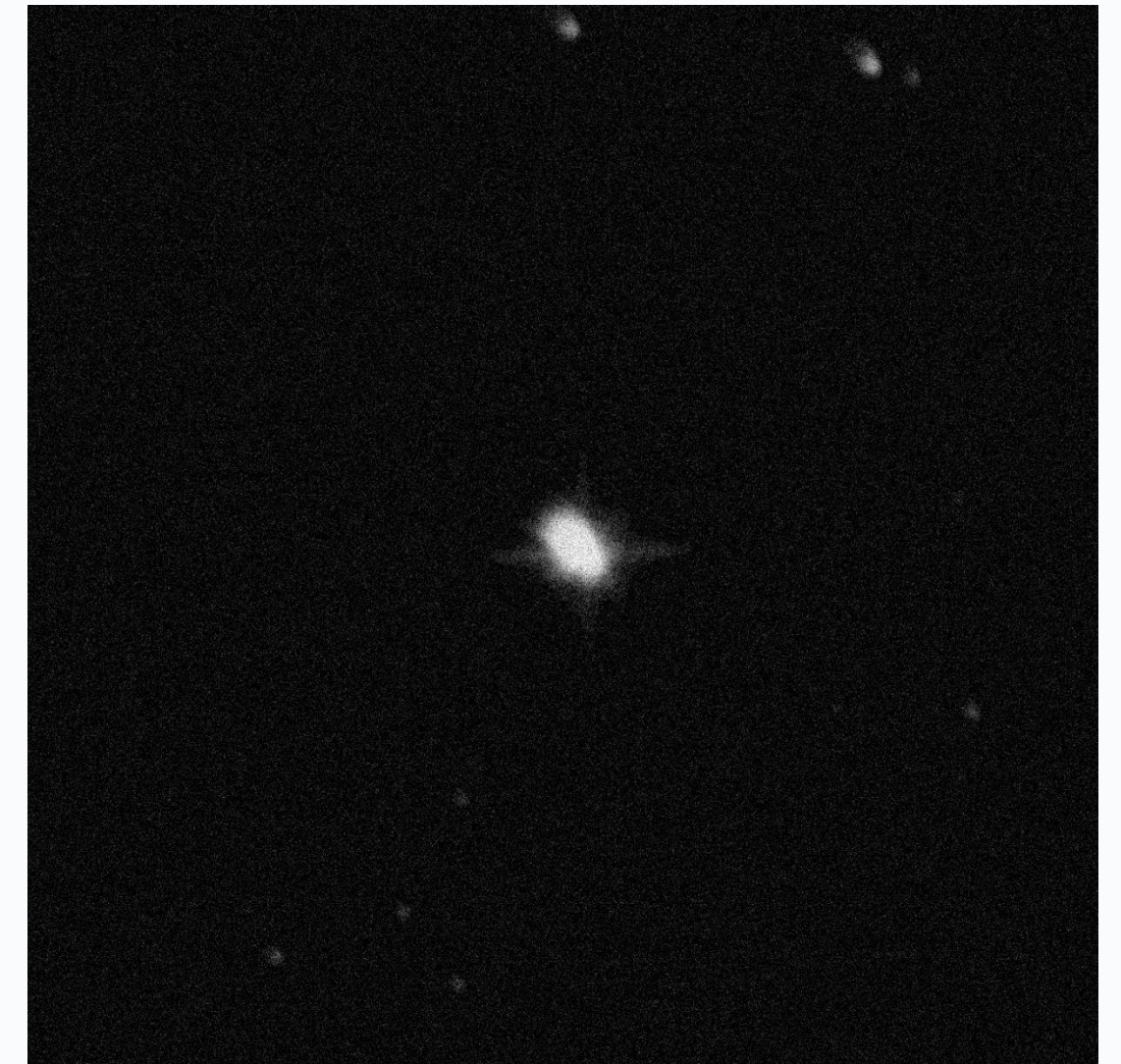
Added gaussian noise with  
sigma = 30



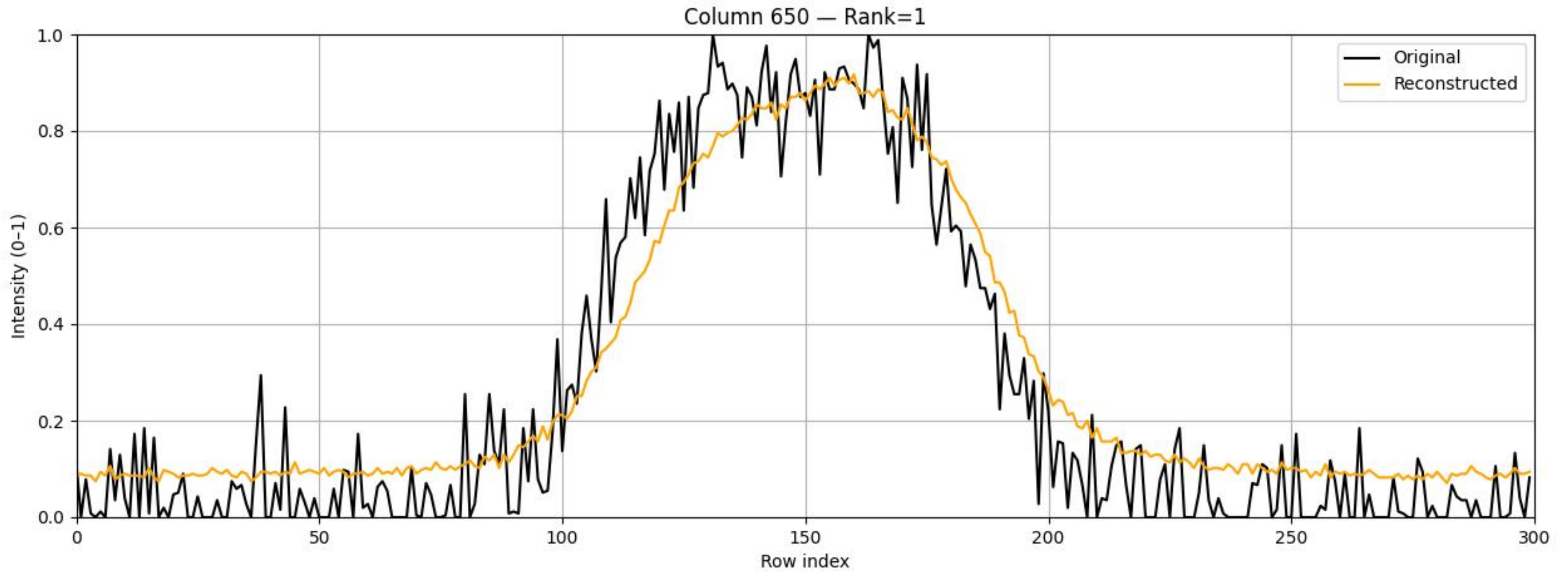
Comparing noisy image  
with the clean one

PSNR = 21.67 dB

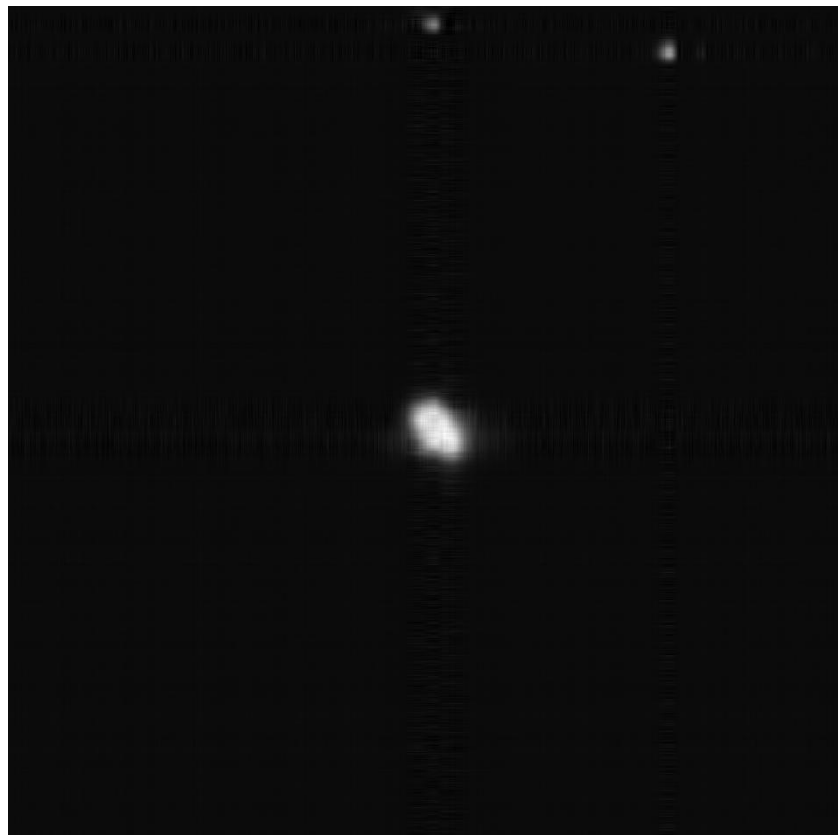
SSIM = 0.0201



GIF plot of row index vs normalised intensity of a randomly chosen column







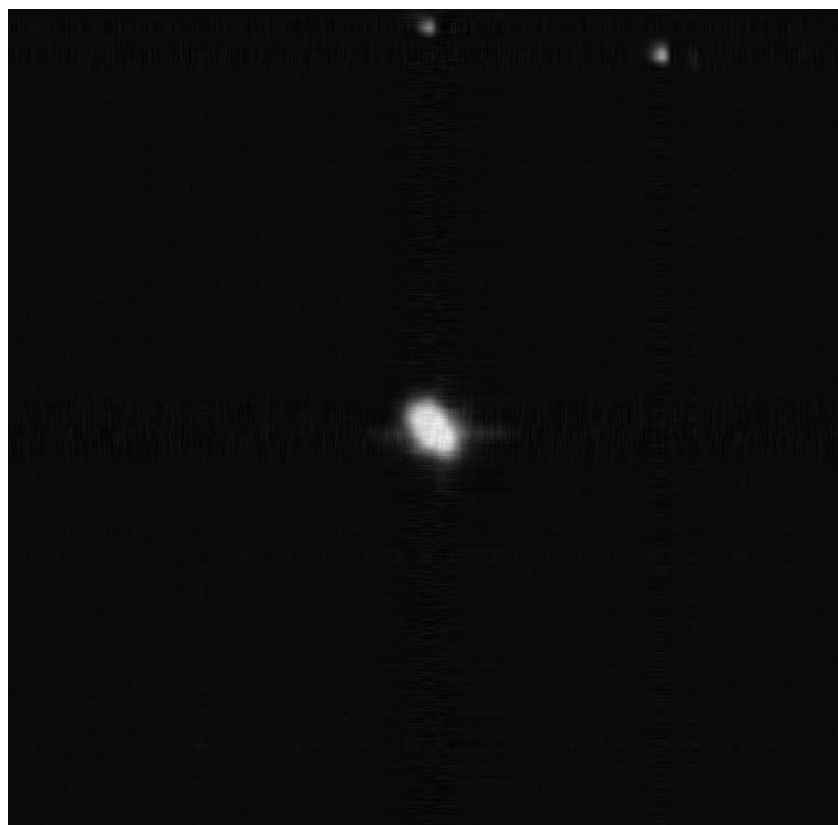
$k = 5$ , PSNR = 27.05, SSIM = 0.0909

For  $k = 5$ , the image retains minimal detail.



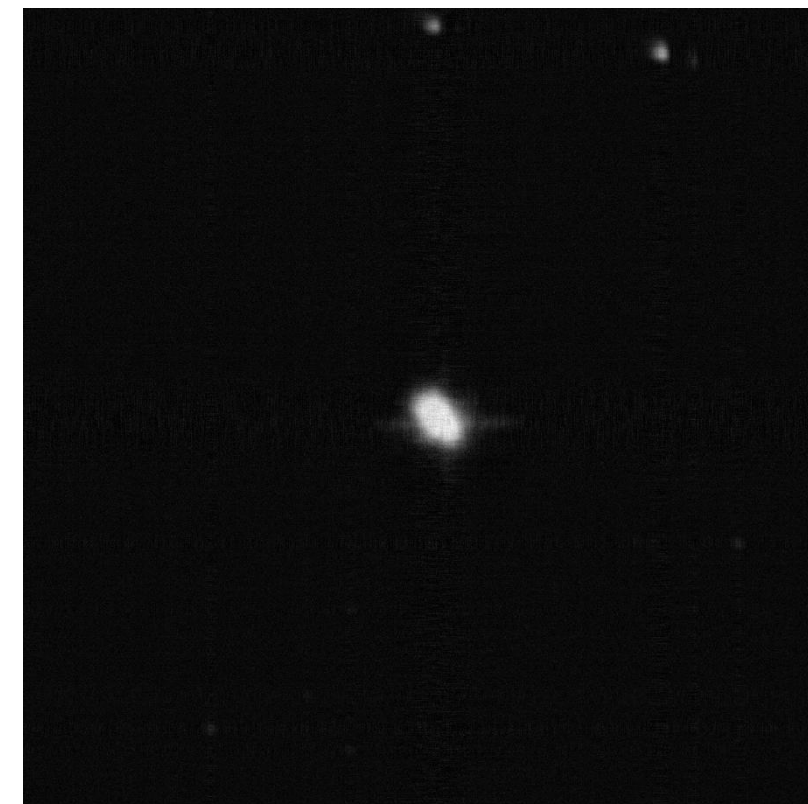
$k = 20$ , PSNR = 26.64, SSIM = 0.0768

At  $k = 20$ , significant structure remains visible.



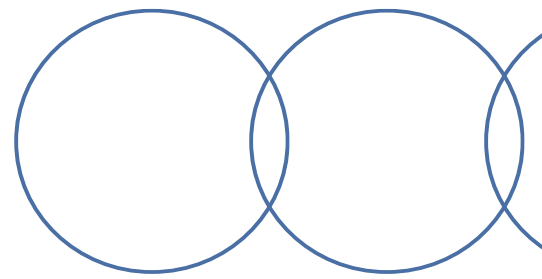
$k = 10$ , PSNR = 26.92,  
SSIM = 0.0858

The  $k = 10$  image shows improved clarity and structure.

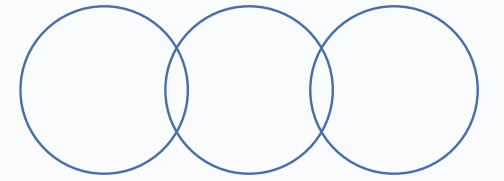


$k = 50$ , PSNR = 25.96,  
SSIM = 0.0604

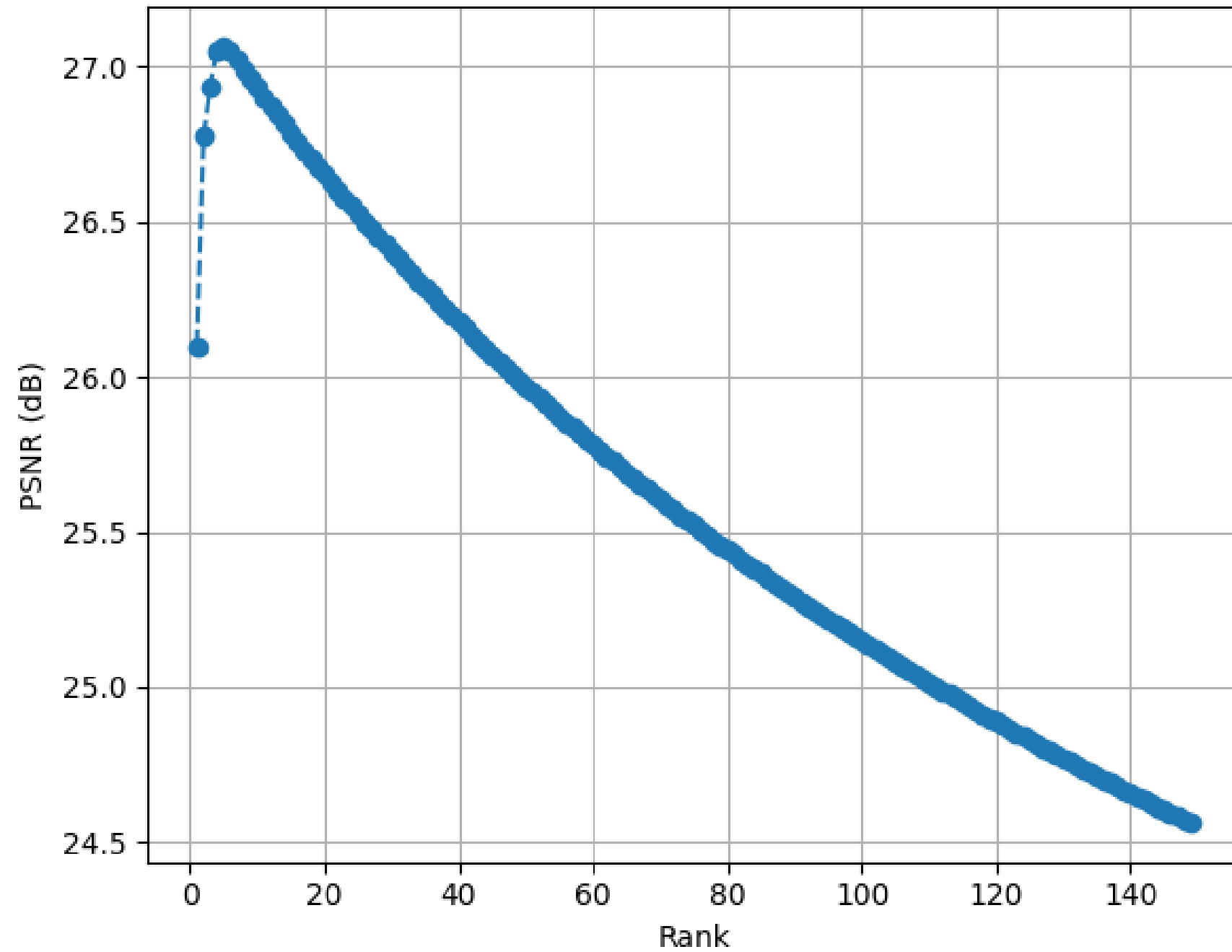
At  $k = 50$ , nearly all original detail is preserved.



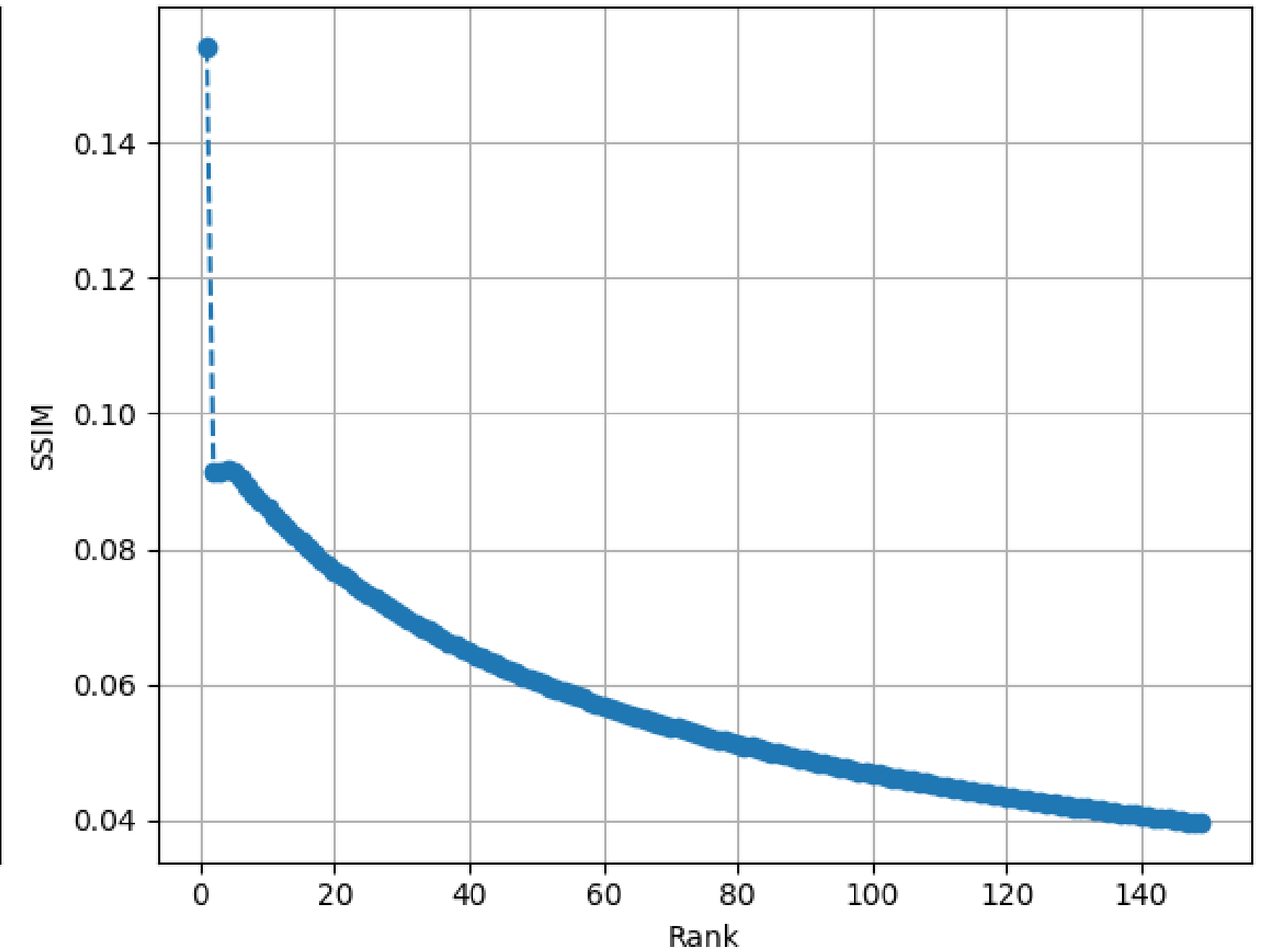
# Reconstruction Graphs



PSNR vs Rank

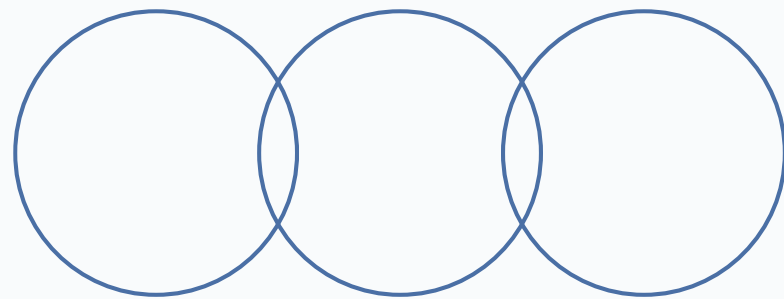


SSIM vs Rank



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THANK YOU.





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