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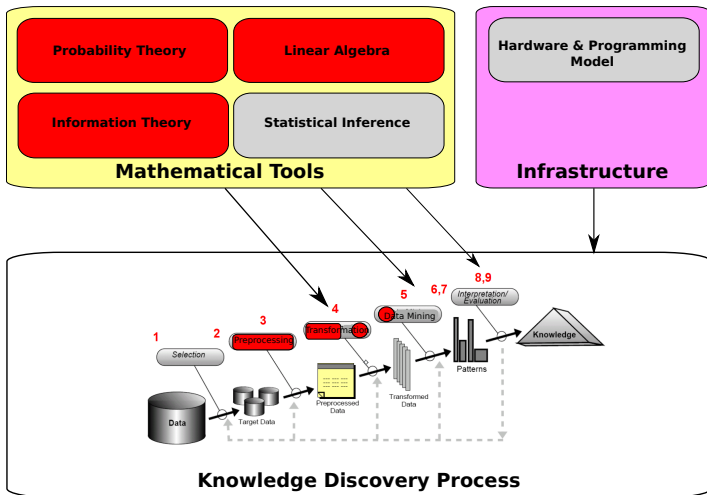
## Singular Value Decomposition and Latent Semantic Analysis

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# Big picture: KDDM



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## Slides

Slides are partially based on “Mining Massive Datasets” Chapter 11, “Introduction to Information Retrieval” by Manning, Raghavan and Schütze, and Melanie Martin AI Seminar

# Recap

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Review of data matrices

# Recap – PCA: Algorithm

- Organize data as an  $n \times m$  matrix, with  $n$  data points and  $m$  features
- **Subtract the average for each feature** to obtain centered data matrix  $\mathbf{X}$
- Calculate the covariance matrix  $\frac{1}{n}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}$
- Calculate the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the covariance matrix
- Select the top  $r$  eigenvectors
- Project the data to the new space spanned by those  $r$  eigenvectors:  
 $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ , where  $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$

# Recap – PCA: Interpretation

- You can interpret the first couple of principal components to learn something about the dataset
- Data mining
- However, be very careful: you can not generalize from a single dataset
- PCA transforms the set of correlated observations into a set of linearly uncorrelated observations
- I.e. the goal of the analysis is to decorrelate the data

# SVD

- We investigate now a second form of matrix analysis called **Singular Value Decomposition**
- It allows an exact representation of any matrix
- It decomposes a matrix into a product of three matrices
- It also provides an elegant way of dimensionality reduction
- It is easy to eliminate the less important parts of the representation

# SVD

- SVD is based on the idea that there exist a small number of “concepts” that connect the rows and columns of the matrix
- SVD can rank the “concepts” from the most to the least important
- This ranking may be used to remove the less important “concepts” from the matrix
- This process closely approximates the original matrix



# SVD: Definition

## Singular Value Decomposition

Let  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a matrix and let  $r$  be the rank of  $\mathbf{M}$  (the rank of a matrix is the largest number of linearly independent rows or columns). Then we can find matrices  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}$ , and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  with the following properties:

- $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$  is a column-orthonormal matrix
- $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$  is a column-orthonormal matrix
- $\mathbf{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$  is a diagonal matrix.

The matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  can be then written as:

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

## SVD form

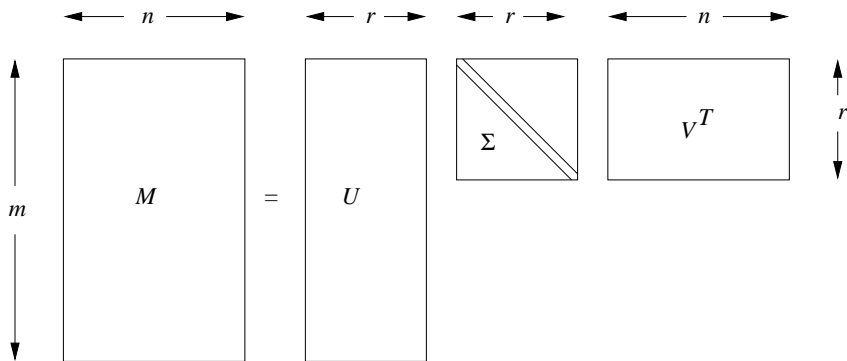


Figure : Figure from “Mining Massive Datasets”

# SVD: Simple example

- Let us decompose a utility matrix of a movie recommender system
- Thus, we have users who rate movies
- Let there be two “concepts” which underlie the movies and steer the rating process
- E.g. let these concepts represent two movie genres: science fiction and romance
- Let all the boys rate only science fiction and all the girls only romance

# SVD: Simple example

User \ Movie						
	Matrix	Alien	Star Wars	Casablanca	Titanic	
Joe	1	1	1	0	0	
Jim	3	3	3	0	0	
John	4	4	4	0	0	
Jack	5	5	5	0	0	
Jill	0	0	0	4	4	
Jenny	0	0	0	5	5	
Jane	0	0	0	2	2	

# SVD: Simple example

- This strict adherence to those two concepts gives the matrix a rank of 2
- E.g. we may pick one of the first four rows and one of the last three rows and we can not find a nonzero linear combination that gives  $\mathbf{0}$
- But we can not pick three independent rows
- E.g. if we pick rows 1, 2 and 7 then three times the first minus the second plus zero times the seventh gives  $\mathbf{0}$

# SVD: Simple example

- Similarly for columns
- We may pick one of the first three and one of the last two and they will be independent
- But we can not pick three independent columns
- E.g. if we pick columns 1, 2, and 5 then the first minus the second plus zero times the fifth gives  $\mathbf{0}$
- Thus, the rank is indeed  $r = 2$  and  $\mathbf{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

# SVD: Simple example

- We will see later how to calculate the decomposition

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.14 & 0 \\ 0.42 & 0 \\ 0.56 & 0 \\ 0.70 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.60 \\ 0 & 0.75 \\ 0 & 0.30 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Interpretation

- The key to understanding SVD is in viewing the  $r$  columns of  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ , and  $\mathbf{V}$  as representing concepts that are hidden or *latent* in the original matrix  $\mathbf{M}$
- In our example these concepts are clear
- One is science fiction
- The other one is romance



# SVD: Interpretation

- The rows of  $\mathbf{M}$  are people
- The columns of  $\mathbf{M}$  are movies
- Then the rows of  $\mathbf{U}$  are people
- The columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  are concepts
- $\mathbf{U}$  connects people to concepts

# SVD: Interpretation

- For example, the person Joe (the first row in **M**) likes only science fiction

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.14 & 0 \\ 0.42 & 0 \\ 0.56 & 0 \\ 0.70 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.60 \\ 0 & 0.75 \\ 0 & 0.30 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Interpretation

- The value of 0.14 in the first row and first column of **U** indicates this fact
- However, this value is smaller than some of other values in the first column of **U**

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.14 & 0 \\ 0.42 & 0 \\ 0.56 & 0 \\ 0.70 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.60 \\ 0 & 0.75 \\ 0 & 0.30 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Interpretation

- Because while Joe watches only science fiction he does not rate these movies highly
- Thus, Joe contributes to the concept of science fiction but not as much as e.g. Jack who rated these movies highly

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.14 & 0 \\ 0.42 & 0 \\ 0.56 & 0 \\ 0.70 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.60 \\ 0 & 0.75 \\ 0 & 0.30 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Interpretation

- On the other hand, the second column of the first row of  $\mathbf{U}$  is zero

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.14 & 0 \\ 0.42 & 0 \\ 0.56 & 0 \\ 0.70 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.60 \\ 0 & 0.75 \\ 0 & 0.30 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Interpretation

- Joe does not rate romance movies at all and does not contribute anything to that concept

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.14 & 0 \\ 0.42 & 0 \\ 0.56 & 0 \\ 0.70 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.60 \\ 0 & 0.75 \\ 0 & 0.30 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Simple example

$$\mathbf{v}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0.58 & 0.58 & 0.58 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.71 & 0.71 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Interpretation

- The rows of  $\mathbf{M}$  are people
- The columns of  $\mathbf{M}$  are movies
- Then the rows of  $\mathbf{V}^T$  are concepts
- The columns of  $\mathbf{V}^T$  are movies
- $\mathbf{V}$  connects movies to concepts



# SVD: Interpretation

- For example, the 0.58 in the first three columns of the first row of  $\mathbf{V}^T$  indicates that the first three movies are of science fiction genre
- Matrix, Alien and Star Wars

$$\mathbf{v}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0.58 & 0.58 & 0.58 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.71 & 0.71 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Interpretation

- On the other hand, the last two movies have nothing to do with science fiction
- Casablanca and Titanic

$$\mathbf{v}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0.58 & 0.58 & 0.58 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.71 & 0.71 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Interpretation

- Also, Matrix, Alien and Star Wars do not partake of the concept of romance at all
- As indicated by 0's in the first three columns of the second row

$$\mathbf{v}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0.58 & 0.58 & 0.58 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.71 & 0.71 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Interpretation

- Whereas, Casablanca and Titanic are romance movies
- The 0.71 in the last two columns of the second row

$$\mathbf{v}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0.58 & 0.58 & 0.58 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.71 & 0.71 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Simple example

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 12.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 9.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Interpretation

- Finally, the matrix  $\Sigma$  gives the strength of each concept
- In our example the strength of science fiction is 12.4
- The strength of romance is 9.4
- Intuitively, science fiction is a stronger concept because the data provides more movies of that genre and more people who rate these movies

# SVD: Simple example

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.14 & 0 \\ 0.42 & 0 \\ 0.56 & 0 \\ 0.70 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.60 \\ 0 & 0.75 \\ 0 & 0.30 \end{pmatrix} \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 12.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 9.5 \end{pmatrix}}_{\Sigma} \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0.58 & 0.58 & 0.58 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.71 & 0.71 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{V}^T} \\
 \mathbf{M} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{U}
 \end{array}$$

# SVD: Interpretation

- In general, the concepts will not be so clearly composed
- There will be fewer 0's in  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$
- $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  is always diagonal
- Typically the entities represented by the rows and columns of  $\mathbf{M}$  will contribute to several different concepts to varying degrees



# SVD: Interpretation

- The decomposition of the simple example was especially simple because the rank of the matrix **M** was equal to the number of concepts
- In practice that is rarely the case
- The rank  $r$  will be in many cases greater than the number of the concepts and some of the columns in **U** are harder to interpret

# SVD: Another example

User \ Movie					
	Matrix	Alien	Star Wars	Casablanca	Titanic
Joe	1	1	1	0	0
Jim	3	3	3	0	0
John	4	4	4	0	0
Jack	5	5	5	0	0
Jill	0	2	0	4	4
Jenny	0	0	0	5	5
Jane	0	1	0	2	2

# SVD: Another example

- In this (more realistic) example Jill and Jane rated “Alien”
- Neither liked it much, but nevertheless they rated it
- This gives the matrix a rank of 3
- E.g. we may pick the first, sixth, and seventh rows and check that they are independent
- However no four rows are independent

## SVD: Another example

- Thus, in our decomposition we have  $r = 3$
- We will have three columns in  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}$ , and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$
- The first column corresponds to science fiction
- The second column corresponds to romance
- The interpretation of the third column is not easy (it is a linear combination of the users)
- Nice property: the third columns is the least important one

# SVD: Another example

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.13 & 0.02 & -0.01 \\ 0.41 & 0.07 & -0.03 \\ 0.55 & 0.09 & -0.04 \\ 0.68 & 0.11 & -0.05 \\ 0.15 & -0.59 & 0.65 \\ 0.07 & -0.73 & -0.67 \\ 0.07 & -0.29 & 0.32 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Another example

$$\mathbf{v}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0.56 & 0.59 & 0.56 & 0.9 & 0.9 \\ 0.12 & -0.02 & 0.12 & -0.69 & -0.69 \\ 0.40 & -0.80 & 0.40 & 0.09 & 0.09 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Another example

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 12.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.3 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD: Another example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.13 & 0.02 & -0.01 \\ 0.41 & 0.07 & -0.03 \\ 0.55 & 0.09 & -0.04 \\ 0.68 & 0.11 & -0.05 \\ 0.15 & -0.59 & 0.65 \\ 0.07 & -0.73 & -0.67 \\ 0.07 & -0.29 & 0.32 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 12.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.56 & 0.59 & 0.56 & 0.9 & 0.9 \\ 0.12 & -0.02 & 0.12 & -0.69 & -0.69 \\ 0.40 & -0.80 & 0.40 & 0.09 & 0.09 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Matrix diagonalization theorem

## Theorem

Let  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a square matrix with  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors. Then there exists an eigen decomposition:

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^{-1}$$

where the columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  are the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{S}$  in decreasing order

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_i \geq \lambda_{i+1}.$$

If the eigenvalues are distinct, then this decomposition is unique.

# Matrix diagonalization theorem

- How does this theorem work?
- $\mathbf{U}$  has eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{S}$  as its columns

$$\mathbf{U} = (\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \dots \mathbf{u}_n)$$

# Matrix diagonalization theorem

- Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{S}\mathbf{U} &= \mathbf{S} \times (\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \dots \mathbf{u}_n) \\
 &= (\lambda_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \quad \lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \dots \lambda_n \mathbf{u}_n) \\
 &= (\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \dots \mathbf{u}_n) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & \dots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Matrix diagonalization theorem

- Thus we have

$$SU = U\Lambda$$

$$S = U\Lambda U^{-1}$$

# Symmetric diagonalization theorem

## Theorem

*Let  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a square symmetric matrix with  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors. Then there exists a symmetric diagonal decomposition:*

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}$$

*where the columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$  are the orthogonal and normalized eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{S}$  (i.e.  $\mathbf{Q}$  is an orthonormal matrix) and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{S}$ . Further, all entries of  $\mathbf{Q}$  are real and we have  $\mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \mathbf{Q}^T$ .*

## SVD

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

- Let us calculate  $\mathbf{M}^T$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}^T &= (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T)^T \\ &= (\mathbf{V}^T)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{U}^T \\ &= \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{U}^T \\ &= \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{U}^T\end{aligned}$$

- The last equality since  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  is diagonal and thus  $\mathbf{\Sigma}^T = \mathbf{\Sigma}$

## SVD

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

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

- Let us calculate  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T &= \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{U}^T \\ &= \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}^2\mathbf{U}^T\end{aligned}$$

## SVD

$$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}^2\mathbf{U}^T$$

- Thus, we have  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T = \mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}^2 = \mathbf{\Lambda}$
- That is  $\mathbf{U}$  is the matrix of eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T$
- $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  is the matrix of square roots of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T$



## SVD

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

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

- Let us calculate  $\mathbf{M}^T\mathbf{M}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}^T\mathbf{M} &= \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T \\ &= \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^2\mathbf{V}^T\end{aligned}$$

## SVD

$$\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^2 \mathbf{V}^T$$

- Thus, we have  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{V}$  and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}^2 = \mathbf{\Lambda}$
- That is  $\mathbf{V}$  is the matrix of eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{V}$
- $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  is the matrix of square roots of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{V}$

## SVD

- What is the relationship between eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T$  and  $\mathbf{M}^T\mathbf{M}$
- Suppose  $\mathbf{e}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T$

$$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T\mathbf{e} = \lambda\mathbf{e}$$

## SVD

- We multiply both sides of the equation by  $\mathbf{M}^T$  on the left

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{e} &= \mathbf{M}^T \lambda \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} (\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{e}) &= \lambda (\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{e})\end{aligned}$$

- As long as  $(\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{e})$  is not the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  it will be an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M}$

## SVD

- The converse holds as well
- Suppose  $\mathbf{e}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M}$

$$\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{e} = \lambda \mathbf{e}$$

## SVD

- We multiply both sides of the equation by  $\mathbf{M}$  on the left

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e} &= \mathbf{M}\lambda\mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T(\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e}) &= \lambda(\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e})\end{aligned}$$

- As long as  $(\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e})$  is not the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  it will be an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T$

# SVD

- What happens when e.g.  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{e} = \lambda \mathbf{e}$$

$$\lambda \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$$

- Since  $\mathbf{e}$  is not  $\mathbf{0}$  it must be  $\lambda = 0$

## SVD

- Conclusion: eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M}$  are eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^T$  plus additional zeros
- If the dimension of  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M}$  were less than the dimension of  $\mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^T$
- If the dimension of  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M}$  were greater than the dimension of  $\mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^T$  than opposite is true
- Eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^T$  are eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M}$  plus additional zeros



# SVD

- $\mathbf{U}$  is the matrix of eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T$
- $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  is the matrix of square roots of the non-zero eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T$
- $\mathbf{V}$  is the matrix of eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{M}^T\mathbf{M}$
- $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  is the matrix of square roots of the non-zero eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{M}^T\mathbf{M}$
- These are equal values
- This gives also the algorithm for calculating the decomposition: eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{M}^T\mathbf{M}$  and  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T$

# SVD Interpretation

- What does  $\mathbf{MM}^T$  represent?
- It is a square matrix with rows and columns corresponding to e.g. people
- Each element measures the overlap between the people based on their co-ratings of the movies
- It is the sum of the products of their movie ratings

# SVD Interpretation

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD Interpretation

$$\mathbf{MM}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 9 & 12 & 15 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 9 & 27 & 36 & 45 & 6 & 0 & 3 \\ 12 & 36 & 48 & 60 & 8 & 0 & 4 \\ 15 & 45 & 60 & 75 & 10 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 & 10 & 36 & 40 & 18 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 40 & 50 & 20 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 18 & 20 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD Interpretation

- What does  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M}$  represent?
- It is a square matrix with rows and columns corresponding to e.g. movies
- Each element measures the overlap between the movies based on their co-ratings by people
- It is the sum of the products of the ratings that they got from different people

# SVD Interpretation

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD Interpretation

$$\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 51 & 51 & 51 & 0 & 0 \\ 51 & 56 & 51 & 10 & 10 \\ 51 & 51 & 51 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 & 45 & 45 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 & 45 & 45 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD dimensionality reduction

- Can we use SVD for dimensionality reduction?
- Suppose we want to represent a very large matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  by its SVD components  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ , and  $\mathbf{V}$
- We interpreted the entries in  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  as the measure of importance of concepts
- Thus, we might set the  $s$  smallest entries in  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  to zero
- With this we eliminate the  $s$  rows of  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$



# SVD dimensionality reduction

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.13 & 0.02 & -0.01 \\ 0.41 & 0.07 & -0.03 \\ 0.55 & 0.09 & -0.04 \\ 0.68 & 0.11 & -0.05 \\ 0.15 & -0.59 & 0.65 \\ 0.07 & -0.73 & -0.67 \\ 0.07 & -0.29 & 0.32 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 12.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.56 & 0.59 & 0.56 & 0.9 & 0.9 \\ 0.12 & -0.02 & 0.12 & -0.69 & -0.69 \\ 0.40 & -0.80 & 0.40 & 0.09 & 0.09 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD dimensionality reduction

- Now we set the smallest value in  $\Sigma$  to 0 and eliminate the corresponding rows and columns in  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.13 & 0.02 \\ 0.41 & 0.07 \\ 0.55 & 0.09 \\ 0.68 & 0.11 \\ 0.15 & -0.59 \\ 0.07 & -0.73 \\ 0.07 & -0.29 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 12.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 9.5 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.56 & 0.59 & 0.56 & 0.9 & 0.9 \\ 0.12 & -0.02 & 0.12 & -0.69 & -0.69 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD dimensionality reduction

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.13 & 0.02 \\ 0.41 & 0.07 \\ 0.55 & 0.09 \\ 0.68 & 0.11 \\ 0.15 & -0.59 \\ 0.07 & -0.73 \\ 0.07 & -0.29 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 12.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 9.5 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.56 & 0.59 & 0.56 & 0.9 & 0.9 \\ 0.12 & -0.02 & 0.12 & -0.69 & -0.69 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.93 & 0.95 & 0.93 & 0.014 & 0.014 \\ 2.93 & 2.99 & 2.93 & 0.000 & 0.000 \\ 3.92 & 4.01 & 3.92 & 0.026 & 0.026 \\ 4.84 & 4.96 & 4.84 & 0.040 & 0.040 \\ 0.37 & 1.21 & 0.37 & 4.04 & 4.04 \\ 0.35 & 0.65 & 0.35 & 4.87 & 4.87 \\ 0.16 & 0.57 & 0.16 & 1.98 & 1.98 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Advanced: SVD dimensionality reduction

- The resulting matrix is quite close to the original matrix
- Thus, this approach to dimensionality reduction seems to work quite well
- However, since we approximate  $\mathbf{M} \rightarrow$  we need to measure the approximation error
- We can pick among several measures for this error
- For SVD decomposition we might pick Frobenius norm, which is proportional to RMSE

# Advanced: SVD dimensionality reduction

- Frobenius norm  $\|\mathbf{M}\|$  of a matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is the square root of the sum of the squares of the elements of  $\mathbf{M}$

$$\|\mathbf{M}\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij}^2}$$

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- It can be shown that:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{M}\| &= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij}^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\text{tr}(\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M})} \\ &= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{\min(m,n)} \lambda_i} \\ &= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{\min(m,n)} \sigma_i^2}\end{aligned}$$

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- Now suppose we want to approximate  $\mathbf{M}$  with a matrix  $\mathbf{M}'$  of the rank  $k < r$  such that  $\|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}'\|$  is minimal
- Thus, we minimize the Frobenius norm of the difference between the original matrix and its approximation
- Eckart-Young theorem states that the solution to this problem is given by

$$\mathbf{M}' = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}'\mathbf{V}^T$$

- $\mathbf{\Sigma}'$  is the same matrix as  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  except that it contains  $k$  largest singular values and  $r - k$  of the smallest values are replaced by zero

## Advanced: SVD dimensionality reduction

- General proof is complicated
- However, if we assume that the optimal solution is of the form  
 $\mathbf{M}' = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}'\mathbf{V}^T$
- Then we can easily show that setting the smallest singular values to zero reduces the Frobenius norm of the difference at most



## Advanced: SVD dimensionality reduction

$$\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}' = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{\Sigma} - \mathbf{\Sigma}')\mathbf{V}^T$$

$$\|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}'\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{\min(m,n)} (\sigma_i - \sigma'_i)^2}$$

- The singular values of this matrix are kept in  $\mathbf{\Sigma} - \mathbf{\Sigma}'$
- These are zeros for  $r - k$  singular values that we choose to keep
- They are non-zeros for all singular values that we set to zero
- Thus, to minimize the Frobenius norm we should set the smallest values to zero

# SVD dimensionality reduction

- How many singular values should we keep?
- A useful rule of the thumb is to keep enough singular values to make up 90% of *energy* in  $\Sigma$
- We define energy as the sum of squares of singular values

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\min(m,n)} \sigma_i^2$$

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- In the example the total energy:

$$12.4^2 + 9.5^2 + 1.3^2 = 245.7$$

- By removing the smallest singular value:  $(12.4^2 + 9.5^2 = 244.01)$  we keep 99% of the energy
- By also removing the second smallest singular value:  $(12.4^2 = 153.76)$  we would keep only 63% of the energy

# SVD of a term-document matrix

- Vector Space Model: documents are represented as term vectors
- The complete document collection is represented as a large term-document matrix
- This has many advantages especially in the field of information retrieval
- Both documents and queries are treated uniformly
- Cosine similarity to compute scores
- The ability to weight different terms differently, e.g. tf-idf

# SVD of a term-document matrix

- Vector Space Model can not cope with two classic problems arising in natural languages
- *Synonymy*: two words having the same meaning
- E.g. “car” and “automobile”
- Those synonym words get separate dimensions in the VSM
- The model would underestimate the similarity of a document containing both “car” and “automobile” to a query containing only “car”

# SVD of a term-document matrix

- The second problem
- *Polysemy*: one word having multiple meanings
- E.g. “bank” may mean a financial institution or a river bank
- The VSM would overestimate the similarity of a query containing “bank” to a document that contains the word “bank” in both senses
- Can we use co-occurrences of the terms to distinguish between those two cases?
- “Bank” co-occurs in a document with “money” vs. it co-occurs in a document with “dam”

# SVD of a term-document matrix

- Another problem is the dimension of the term-document matrix
- In latent semantic analysis (LSA) or latent semantic indexing (LSI) we use SVD to create a low-rank approximation of the term-document matrix
- We select  $k$  largest singular values and create  $\mathbf{M}_k$  approximation to the original matrix
- We thus map each term/document to a  $k$ -dimensional space of “concepts”

# SVD of a term-document matrix

- These concepts are hidden (latent) in the collection
- They represent the semantic of the terms and documents
- E.g. the topics of terms and documents
- In practice, however the interpretation is rather difficult



# SVD of a term-document matrix

- By computing low-rank approximation of the original term-document matrix the SVD brings together the terms with similar co-occurrences
- Retrieval quality may actually be improved by the approximation!
- Confirmed by experiments
- Retrieval by folding the query into the low-rank space

$$\mathbf{q}_k = \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{q}$$

# SVD of a term-document matrix

- Computational cost is significant
- As we reduce  $k$  recall improves
- A value of  $k$  in low hundreds tend to increase precision as well (this suggests that a suitable  $k$  addresses some of the challenges of synonymy)
- LSI works best in applications where there is little overlap between documents and the query
- LSI can be viewed as a soft clustering method
- Each concept is a cluster and the value that a document has at that concept is its fractional membership in that concept

# LSA: Example

- Technical memo titles
- Two different collections
- The first about HCI
- The second about graph theory

## Example

Example from Melanie Martin AI Seminar

# LSA: Example

- c1: Human machine interface for ABC computer applications
- c2: A survey of user opinion of computer system response time
- c3: The EPS user interface management system
- c4: System and human system engineering testing of EPS
- c5: Relation of user perceived response time to error measurement

# LSA: Example

- m1: The generation of random, binary, ordered trees
- m2: The intersection graph of paths in trees
- m3: Graph minors IV: Widths of trees and well-quasi-ordering
- m4: Graph minors: A survey

## LSA: example

Title \ Term	c1	c2	c3	c4	c5	m1	m2	m3	m4
human	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
interface	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
computer	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
user	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
system	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
response	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
time	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
EPS	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
survey	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
trees	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
graph	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
minors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

# LSA: example

- We would expect that human is similar to user but not to minors in this context
- Correlation coefficient (covariance normalized to interval  $[-1, 1]$ )
- $r(\text{human}, \text{user}) = -0.37796$
- $r(\text{human}, \text{minors}) = -0.28571$

## LSA: example

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
human	-0.22	-0.11	0.29	-0.41	-0.11	-0.34	-0.52	0.06	0.41
interface	-0.20	-0.07	0.14	-0.55	0.28	0.50	0.07	0.01	0.11
computer	-0.24	0.04	-0.16	-0.60	-0.11	-0.26	0.30	-0.06	-0.49
user	-0.40	0.06	-0.34	0.10	0.33	0.38	-0.00	0.00	-0.01
system	-0.64	-0.17	0.36	0.33	-0.16	-0.21	0.17	-0.03	-0.27
response	-0.27	0.11	-0.43	0.07	0.08	-0.17	-0.28	0.02	0.05
time	-0.27	0.11	-0.43	0.07	0.08	-0.17	-0.28	0.02	0.05
EPS	-0.30	-0.14	0.33	0.19	0.11	0.27	-0.03	0.02	0.17
survey	-0.21	0.27	-0.18	-0.03	-0.54	0.08	0.47	0.04	0.58
trees	-0.01	0.49	0.23	0.02	0.59	-0.39	0.29	-0.25	0.23
graph	-0.04	0.62	0.22	0.00	-0.07	0.11	-0.16	0.68	-0.23
minors	-0.03	0.45	0.14	-0.01	-0.30	0.28	-0.34	-0.68	-0.18

Table : U



## LSA: example

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	3.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	0.00	2.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	0.00	0.00	2.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.85	0.00	0.00
8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.56	0.00
9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.36

Table :  $\Sigma$

## LSA: example

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
c1	-0.20	-0.61	-0.46	-0.54	-0.28	-0.00	-0.01	-0.02	-0.08
c2	-0.06	0.17	-0.13	-0.23	0.11	0.19	0.44	0.62	0.53
c3	0.11	-0.50	0.21	0.57	-0.51	0.10	0.19	0.25	0.08
c4	-0.95	-0.03	0.04	0.27	0.15	0.02	0.02	0.01	-0.02
c5	0.05	-0.21	0.38	-0.21	0.33	0.39	0.35	0.15	-0.60
m1	-0.08	-0.26	0.72	-0.37	0.03	-0.30	-0.21	0.00	0.36
m2	-0.18	0.43	0.24	-0.26	-0.67	0.34	0.15	-0.25	-0.04
m3	0.01	-0.05	-0.01	0.02	0.06	-0.45	0.76	-0.45	0.07
m4	0.06	-0.24	-0.02	0.08	0.26	0.62	-0.02	-0.52	0.45

Table :  $V$

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computer	0.15	0.51	0.36	0.41	0.24	0.02	0.06	0.09	0.12
user	0.26	0.84	0.61	0.70	0.39	0.03	0.08	0.12	0.19
system	0.45	1.23	1.05	1.27	0.56	-0.07	-0.15	-0.21	-0.05
response	0.16	0.58	0.38	0.42	0.28	0.06	0.13	0.19	0.22
time	0.16	0.58	0.38	0.42	0.28	0.06	0.13	0.19	0.22
EPS	0.22	0.55	0.51	0.63	0.24	-0.07	-0.14	-0.20	-0.11
survey	0.10	0.53	0.23	0.21	0.27	0.14	0.31	0.44	0.42
trees	-0.06	0.23	-0.14	-0.27	0.14	0.24	0.55	0.77	0.66
graphs	-0.06	0.34	-0.15	-0.30	0.20	0.31	0.69	0.98	0.85
minors	-0.04	0.25	-0.10	-0.21	0.15	0.22	0.50	0.71	0.62

# LSA: example

- $r(\text{human}, \text{user}) = 0.9385$
- $r(\text{human}, \text{minors}) = -0.8309$
- LSA brought together human and user through co-occurrences
- Also, the dissimilarity between human and minors is now stronger