
Appendix

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1 Proof of Theorem 1

Given $\mathbf{Z} = \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}_\lambda\mathbf{V}^T$, we have

$$(\text{vec}(\mathbf{Z}^T))^T = [\mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_\lambda \mathbf{V}^T, \dots, \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_\lambda \mathbf{V}^T, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_\lambda \mathbf{V}^T] = (\text{vec}(\mathbf{U}^T))^T (\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{\Sigma}_\lambda \mathbf{V}^T), \quad (1)$$

and

$$\text{vec}(\mathbf{Z}) = [(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}_\lambda \mathbf{v}_1)^T, \dots, (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}_\lambda \mathbf{v}_i)^T, \dots, (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}_\lambda \mathbf{v}_n)^T]^T = (\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}_\lambda) \text{vec}(\mathbf{V}^T), \quad (2)$$

where \mathbf{u}_i^T and \mathbf{v}_i^T are respectively the i th row of \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V} . Then, the partial derivatives in (i) are straightfoward. The partial derivative of \mathbf{Z} with respect to the r -th diagonal element of the matrix $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ is

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{Z}}{\partial \sigma_{r,r}} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{G}),$$

where

$$\mathbf{G}_{ij} = U_{i,r} V_{j,r},$$

and $\sigma_{r,r}$ is the r -th diagonal element of the singular value matrix $\mathbf{\Sigma}$.

In order to calculate $\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial \mathbf{R}}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{\Sigma}}{\partial \mathbf{R}}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}^T}{\partial \mathbf{R}}$, we do a perturbation analysis on the equation $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$. Let $\Delta_{\mathbf{R}}, \Delta_{\mathbf{U}}, \Delta_{\mathbf{\Sigma}}$ and $\Delta_{\mathbf{V}}$ be infinitesimally small perturbations to $\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{\Sigma}$ and \mathbf{V} , respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R} + \Delta_{\mathbf{R}} &= (\mathbf{U} + \Delta_{\mathbf{U}})(\mathbf{\Sigma} + \Delta_{\mathbf{\Sigma}})(\mathbf{V} + \Delta_{\mathbf{V}})^T \\ &= \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T + \Delta_{\mathbf{U}}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T + \mathbf{U}\Delta_{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{V}^T + \mathbf{U}\Delta_{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\Delta_{\mathbf{V}}^T \\ &\quad + \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\Delta_{\mathbf{V}}^T + \Delta_{\mathbf{U}}\mathbf{\Sigma}\Delta_{\mathbf{V}}^T + \Delta_{\mathbf{U}}\Delta_{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\Delta_{\mathbf{V}}^T + \Delta_{\mathbf{U}}\Delta_{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{V}^T. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Ignoring the higher-order infinitesimals, we obtain

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{R}} = \Delta_{\mathbf{U}}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T + \mathbf{U}\Delta_{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{V}^T + \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\Delta_{\mathbf{V}}^T \quad (4)$$

or equivalently,

$$\mathbf{U}^T \Delta_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{U}^T \Delta_{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{\Sigma} + \Delta_{\mathbf{\Sigma}} + \mathbf{\Sigma} \Delta_{\mathbf{V}}^T \mathbf{V}. \quad (5)$$

\mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V} are both orthogonal matrices, and so are their perturbed versions, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{U} + \Delta_{\mathbf{U}})^T (\mathbf{U} + \Delta_{\mathbf{U}}) &= \mathbf{I} \\ (\mathbf{V} + \Delta_{\mathbf{V}})^T (\mathbf{V} + \Delta_{\mathbf{V}}) &= \mathbf{I}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Then

$$\mathbf{U}^T \Delta_{\mathbf{U}} + \Delta_{\mathbf{U}}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{0} \quad (7a)$$

$$\mathbf{V}^T \Delta_{\mathbf{V}} + \Delta_{\mathbf{V}}^T \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (7b)$$

Together with (5), we obtain

$$\mathbf{U}^T \Delta_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{V} = -\Delta_{\mathbf{U}}^T \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} + \Delta_{\mathbf{\Sigma}} - \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T \Delta_{\mathbf{V}}. \quad (8)$$

12 Let $\Delta_{R_{ij}}$ be the perturbation on the element R_{ij} of matrix \mathbf{R} . Let \mathbf{u}_i^T be the i -th row of \mathbf{U} , and \mathbf{v}_j^T
 13 be the j -th row of \mathbf{V} . Setting the elements of $\Delta_{\mathbf{R}}$ to zero except $\Delta_{R_{ij}}$, we obtain from (8) that

$$\Delta_{R_{ij}} \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j^T = -\Delta_{\mathbf{U}}^T \mathbf{U} \Sigma + \Delta_{\Sigma} - \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T \Delta_{\mathbf{V}}, \quad (9)$$

14 or equivalently

$$\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j^T = -\frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{U}}^T}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}} \mathbf{U} \Sigma + \frac{\Delta_{\Sigma}}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}} - \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T \frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{V}}}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}}. \quad (10)$$

15 From (7), we obtain

$$\mathbf{U}^T \frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{U}}}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}} + \frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{U}}^T}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{0} \quad (11a)$$

$$\mathbf{V}^T \frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{V}}}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}} + \frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{V}}^T}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (11b)$$

16 Define $\mathbf{F} = \lim_{\Delta_{R_{ij}} \rightarrow 0} \mathbf{U}^T \frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{U}}}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}}$, $\mathbf{E} = \lim_{\Delta_{R_{ij}} \rightarrow 0} \mathbf{V}^T \frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{V}}}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}}$, and $\mathbf{C} = \lim_{\Delta_{R_{ij}} \rightarrow 0} (\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j^T - \frac{\Delta_{\Sigma}}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}})$. Then (9)
 17 is rewritten as

$$\mathbf{C} = -\mathbf{F}^T \Sigma - \Sigma \mathbf{E}. \quad (12)$$

18 From (11), \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{E} are both antisymmetric matrices, i.e.

$$\text{TriU}(\mathbf{F}) = -\text{TriL}(\mathbf{F})^T \text{ and } \text{TriU}(\mathbf{E}) = -\text{TriL}(\mathbf{E})^T, \quad (13)$$

19 where the diagonal elements of \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{E} are all zero. Then from (12), we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial R_{ij}} = \text{vec} \left(\lim_{\Delta_{R_{ij}} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta_{\Sigma}}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}} \right) = \text{vec}(\text{diag}(\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j^T)), \quad (14)$$

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$$\mathbf{C} = \text{TriL}(\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j^T) + \text{TriU}(\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j^T), \quad (15)$$

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$$\text{TriU}(\mathbf{C}) \Sigma^{-1} = -\text{TriU}(\mathbf{F}^T) - \Sigma \text{TriU}(\mathbf{E}) \Sigma^{-1}, \quad (16)$$

22 and

$$\text{TriL}(\mathbf{C}) \Sigma^{-1} = -\text{TriL}(\mathbf{F}^T) - \Sigma \text{TriL}(\mathbf{E}) \Sigma^{-1}. \quad (17)$$

23 Taking tranpose on both sides of (17), together with $\text{TriU}(\mathbf{F}^T) = \text{TriL}(\mathbf{F})^T = -\text{TriU}(\mathbf{F}) =$
 24 $-\text{TriL}(\mathbf{F}^T)^T$, we obtain

$$\Sigma^{-1} (\text{TriL}(\mathbf{C}))^T = \text{TriU}(\mathbf{F}^T) + \Sigma^{-1} \text{TriU}(\mathbf{E}) \Sigma. \quad (18)$$

25 Adding (16) to (18), we obtain

$$\text{TriU}(\mathbf{C}) \Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1} (\text{TriL}(\mathbf{C}))^T = \Sigma^{-1} \text{TriU}(\mathbf{E}) \Sigma - \Sigma \text{TriU}(\mathbf{E}) \Sigma^{-1}. \quad (19)$$

26 Let

$$\mathbf{P} = \text{TriU}(\mathbf{C}) \Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1} (\text{TriL}(\mathbf{C}))^T. \quad (20)$$

27 Then, solving (19), we obtain the (i, j) th element of \mathbf{E} as

$$E_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{P_{ij}}{(\sigma_{i,i}^{-1} \sigma_{j,j} - \sigma_{i,i} \sigma_{j,j}^{-1})} & i < j \\ 0 & i = j \\ \frac{-P_{ji}}{(\sigma_{j,j}^{-1} \sigma_{i,i} - \sigma_{j,j} \sigma_{i,i}^{-1})} & i > j \end{cases}. \quad (21)$$

28 From (12), we obtain

$$\mathbf{F} = -((\mathbf{C} + \Sigma \mathbf{E}) \Sigma^{-1})^T = -(\text{TriL}(\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j^T) + \text{TriU}(\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j^T) + \Sigma \mathbf{E}) \Sigma^{-1})^T. \quad (22)$$

29 Finally, from the definition of \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{E} , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial R_{ij}} = \text{vec} \left(\lim_{\Delta_{R_{ij}} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{U}}}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}} \right) = \text{vec}(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{F}), \quad (23)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial R_{ij}} = \text{vec} \left(\lim_{\Delta_{R_{ij}} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{V}}}{\Delta_{R_{ij}}} \right) = \text{vec}(\mathbf{V} \mathbf{E}). \quad (24)$$

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