

# Math 521 Homework 2

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## Theory

### 1. Unique Decomposition

Let  $W_1, W_2$  be vector subspaces and  $W = W_1 + W_2, W_1 \neq W_2$ . Show, by giving an example, that the decomposition of a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in W$  is not unique.

The requirements for a subspace  $\hat{W}$  include :

- The zero vector is in  $\hat{W}$
- If  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \hat{W}$ , then  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \in \hat{W}$
- If  $\mathbf{u} \in \hat{W}, c \in \mathbb{R}, c\mathbf{u} \in \hat{W}$

If we let  $W = \{[x \ y \ 0]^T \ni x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ , then we can decompose  $W$  into  $W_1 = \{[x \ 0 \ 0]^T \ni x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and  $W_2 = \{[x \ y \ 0]^T \ni x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Then, we can express a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in W$  non-uniquely. For example:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 2. Matrix Bases

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine bases for the column space, row space, null space, and left null space of  $A$ .

- The column space of  $A$  is the linearly independent columns in  $A$ . Since the second column is a scalar multiple of the first (by -1), the column space of  $A$  is:

$$\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right\}.$$

- The row space of  $A$  is the linearly independent rows of  $A$ . Notice that rows 2 and 3 are scalar multiples of the first row. Hence, the row space is:

$$\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}.$$

- The null space of  $A$  includes the vectors that solve  $Ax = \mathbf{0}$ . Then it is easy to see that  $A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$  solves this. In other words,  
null space of  $A = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

- The *left* null space of  $A$  are the vectors that solve  $x^T A = 0$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 & -x_1 - 2x_2 - 3x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

The most direct way to solve this is to convert  $[A \mid I_3]$  to reduced-row echelon form. Performing this calculation, we obtain the basis for the left null space:

$$\text{span} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -\frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

### 3. Projections

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ , let

$$u^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, u^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and define  $W = \text{span}(u^{(1)}, u^{(2)})$ . Find the orthogonal projection of  $x$  onto  $W$ . Also find the projection matrix  $\mathbb{P}$  associated with this mapping.

For orthogonal projections, the Gram-Schmidt process is used – a method for generating an orthonormal basis from a set of vectors. Using the Gram-Schmidt algorithm (see the code in the Code section). We obtain the basis vectors:

$$e^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad e^{(2)} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

A projection matrix  $\mathbb{P}_i$  onto  $e^{(i)}$ , is given by  $e^{(i)}e^{(i)T}$ . From this, we have the two projection matrices for the basis vectors above:

$$\mathbb{P}_1 = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_2 = \frac{1}{45} \begin{bmatrix} 16 & -8 & -20 \\ -8 & 4 & 10 \\ -20 & 10 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{then the total projection is: } \mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_1 + \mathbb{P}_2 = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & 8 & 2 \\ -4 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Lastly, note that  $x = u^{(1)} + u^{(2)}$ , in other words  $x \in W$ , so we expect the orthogonal projection of  $x$  onto  $W$  to be itself. Indeed it is, as  $\mathbb{P}x = x$ .

#### 4. Orthonormal Basis Vectors

Reconsider Problem 3. Find vectors such that  $x = UU^T x$  and  $x \neq UU^T x$  where the matrix  $U$  consists of the orthonormal basis vectors of  $W$  from Problem 3.

Note that  $UU^T = \mathbb{P}$  since

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{(1)} & e^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \\ UU^T &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{(1)} & e^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{(1)T} \\ e^{(2)T} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{(1)}e^{(1)T} + e^{(2)}e^{(2)T} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbb{P} \quad \text{by construction} \end{aligned}$$

As stated previously, the given vector  $x = [0, 2, 1]^T$  solves  $\mathbb{P}x = x$ . In order to find a  $y \ni \mathbb{P}y \neq y$ , we will use a  $y \notin W$ . Let  $y = [1, 1, 1]^T$ . Then  $\mathbb{P}y = \frac{1}{3}[1, 4, 1]^T \neq y$ .

#### 5. SVD

Determine the SVD of the data matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and compute rank-one, -two, and -three approximations to  $A$ .

We will compute the SVD of  $A$  "manually", that is, we will show the steps for how to compute the SVD, but leave the heavy lifting to MATLAB. First, consider the characteristic equation for  $A^T A$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A^T A &= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ \rho(A^T A) &= |A^T A - \lambda I| = -\lambda^3 + 16\lambda^2 - 75\lambda + 108 = 0 \\ 0 &= (\lambda - 9)(\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 3) \quad \text{by long division} \\ \lambda &= \{9, 4, 3\} \end{aligned}$$

Since our  $A$  matrix is 4x3,  $\Sigma$  will be the same size.

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{9} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.7321 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We obtain the null spaces corresponding to the matrix  $(A^T A - \lambda I)$ , and use these to form the  $V$  matrix.

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} -0.7071 & 0 & -0.7071 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0.7071 & 0 & -0.7071 \end{bmatrix}$$

Lastly, we begin construction of the  $U$  matrix using  $u_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A v_i$  as the first several column vectors.

$$AV\Sigma^{-1} = \hat{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4082 & 0.5000 & 0.7071 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5000 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4082 & -0.5000 & 0.7071 & 0 \\ -0.8165 & 0.5000 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The last column of  $U$  can be obtained via the same eigenvalue method on  $AA^T$ . We know that this corresponds to an eigenvalue of zero, so by computing the null space of  $AA^T$ , we obtain the full matrix for  $U$ :

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4082 & 0.5000 & 0.7071 & -0.2887 \\ 0 & 0.5000 & 0 & 0.8660 \\ -0.4082 & -0.5000 & 0.7071 & 0.2887 \\ -0.8165 & 0.5000 & 0 & -0.2887 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $A$  can be decomposed into  $A = U\Sigma V^T$  by the singular value decomposition theorem. Checking this with MATLAB yields the same decomposition. (Note: the decomposition is not *exactly* the same, but differs in placement of some negative signs.)

In order to determine low-rank approximations, we will denote the rank- $k$  approximation to  $A$ , called  $A_k$ , by:

$$A_k = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & \cdots & u_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{k1} & \cdots & u_{kk} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_{11} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & s_{kk} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} & \cdots & v_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_{k1} & \cdots & v_{kk} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1.5 & 0 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1.5 & 0 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1.5 & -1 & 1.5 \\ 0 & -1 & \epsilon \\ -1.5 & 1 & 1.5 \\ 0 & -1 & \epsilon \end{bmatrix} \quad A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & \epsilon \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $\epsilon = \mathcal{O}(1e-15)$ , machine-precision zero with roundoff error. An interesting result from this is the spectral norm of the residual  $A - A_k$  is equal to the  $(k+1)$ -th singular value of  $A$ . This theorem comes from [3].

$$\|A - A_1\|_2 = 2 = S_{22}$$

$$\|A - A_2\|_2 = 1.7321 = S_{33}$$

$$\|A - A_3\|_2 = 0 \quad \text{is exact (up to machine precision), as expected}$$

## Computing

### 1. Kohonen's Novelty Filter

Consider the training set consisting of the following three patterns consisting of  $5 \times 4$  arrays of black squares (Figure 1). Using Kohonen's novelty filter, find and display (in terms of an image) the novelty in the pattern from Figure 2.

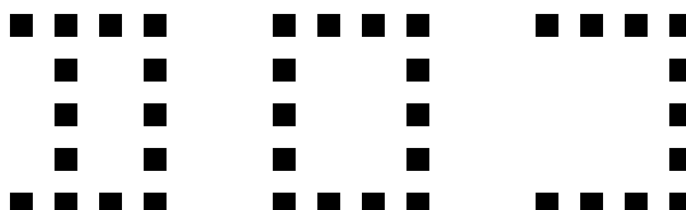


Figure 1: Training Data for Kohonen



Figure 2: Pattern to compare with training set from Figure 1

Proceed by assuming that the black square entries have numerical value one and the blank entries have numerical value zero. Concatenate the columns of each pattern to make vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^{20}$ . Does your result make sense? Why or why not?

We can decompose a vector  $x$  into its orthogonal projection and the complement of its orthogonal projection, i.e.  $x = w + w^\perp = \mathbb{P}x + (I - \mathbb{P})x$ . From Kohonen [2], the novelty is the orthogonal complement,  $w^\perp$ .

In order to calculate the novelty, we find an orthonormal basis for the first three patterns. We create a matrix of size  $(20 \times 3)$ , and obtain an orthonormal basis  $W$ . The projection matrix then becomes  $\mathbb{P} = WW^T$ , and the novelty is then  $(I - \mathbb{P})x$ , where  $x$  is the  $(20 \times 1)$  vector obtain from concatenating the columns of the pattern in Figure 2.

This gives us the novelty:

$$(I - \mathbb{P})x = w^\perp = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2727 & 0.2727 & 0.2727 & 0.2727 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.7273 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.7273 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.7273 \\ 0.2727 & 0.2727 & 0.2727 & 0.2727 \end{bmatrix}$$

Does this result make sense?

## 2. SVD on a boolean matrix

Compute the SVD of the matrix  $A$  whose entries come from the first pattern in Figure 1 and display (in terms of an image) the reconstructions  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$ . Again, treat the squares as ones and the blanks as zeros. Your reconstructions should be matrices with numerical values. Interpret your results.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = USV^T \quad \text{computed via MATLAB}$$

In particular, note the construction of the singular value matrix

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 3.4641 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.4142 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

With this knowledge, we expect the rank-2 and greater approximations to be "very close" ( $\|A - A_k\|$  is small) to the original matrix  $A$ . Indeed, this is the case

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 1.2 & 0.6 & 1.2 \\ 0.4 & 0.8 & 0.4 & 0.8 \\ 0.4 & 0.8 & 0.4 & 0.8 \\ 0.4 & 0.8 & 0.4 & 0.8 \\ 0.6 & 1.2 & 0.6 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = A_3 = A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1 & \epsilon & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1 & \epsilon & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1 & \epsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|A - A_1\| = \sqrt{2} = 1.4142$$

$$\|A - A_2\| = \|A - A_3\| = \|A - A_4\| = \epsilon$$

For brevity, let's look at the image representation of just  $A_1$ , which we know is not "good" compared to the other, higher-rank approximations.

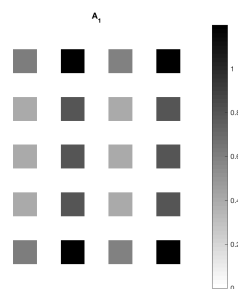


Figure 3: Reconstruction of  $A$  by  $A_1$

You can see some residuals in spaces where we expect/want the matrix to be zero. Since this is a rank-1 approximation and  $\sigma_1$  is not much greater than  $\sigma_2$ , the rank-1 approximation is not expected to be accurate.



## 3. (a) SVD on a higher-resolution image

Figure 4: Test Image: Palos Verdes Half Marathon ( $960 \times 1440$ )

Computing the cumulative energy  $E$  via  $E_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i^2}$  with  $r = \text{rank}(\text{image})$  and  $k \leq r$ , we obtain the *numerical rank* of the image in Figure 4 as 6; the number of singular values required to retain at least 95% of the energy in the original image. The cumulative energy is shown in Figure 5. What this actually looks like in terms of reconstruction is shown in Figure 6.

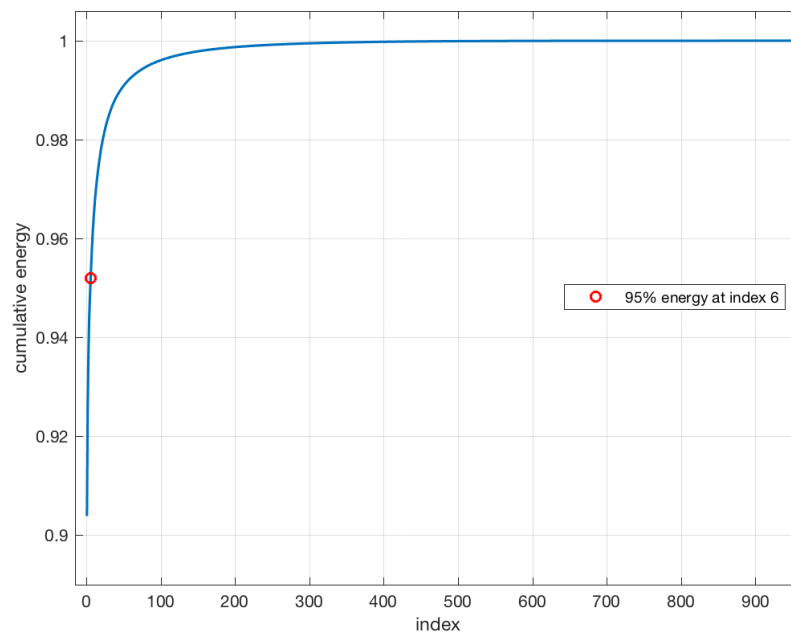


Figure 5: Cumulative Energy of Figure 4



Figure 6: Rank-6 Approximation of Figure 4

In fact, in order to retain 99% of the energy, we need a rank-47 approximation. The resulting reconstruction

is given in Figure 7.



Figure 7: Rank-47 Approximation of Figure 4

### 3. (b) Lower-Rank Approximations

Recall that the relative error of a rank- $k$  approximation is given by  $\sigma_{k+1}/\sigma_k$ . As shown in Figure 8, the relative errors  $\tau_i$  are:

$$\tau_{10} = 0.9579$$

$$\tau_{50} = 0.9798$$

$$\tau_{100} = 0.9816$$

$$\tau_{200} = 0.9954$$

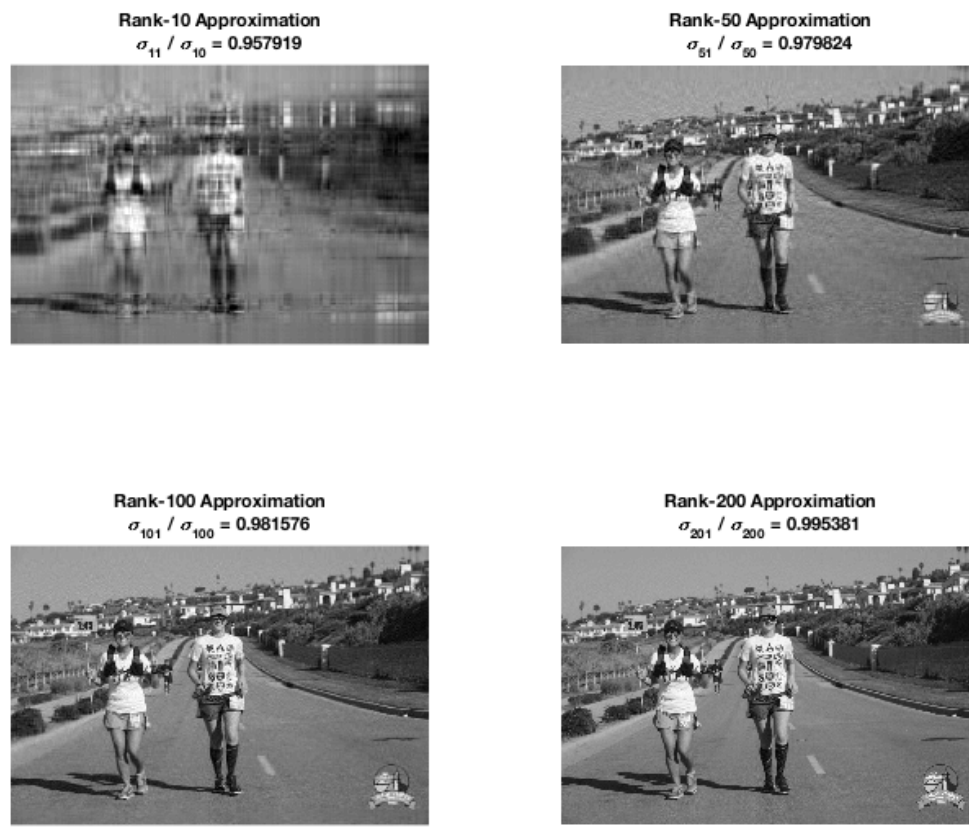


Figure 8: Lower-Rank Approximations of Figure 4

## Code

### Gram-Schmidt

```
1 clear;
2
3 A = [1 -1; 2 0 ; 0 1];
4 x = [0; 2; 1];
5
6 %
7 % Perform the Gram-Schmidt algorithm
8 %
9
10 % take the first normalized col vector to be the first orth. basis vector
11 u1 = A(:,1);
12 u1 = u1 ./ norm(A(:,1));
13
14 B = zeros(size(A));
15 B(:,1) = u1;
16
17 % Define the projection function
18 proj = @(u,v) (u'*v) / (u'*u) * u;
19
20 for ii = 2:size(A,2)
21     tmp = 0;
22     % sum the projections
23     for jj = 2:ii
24         tmp = tmp + proj(B(:,jj-1), A(:,ii));
25     end
26     % tmp = (current vector) - (sum of projections)
27     tmp = A(:,ii) - tmp;
28
29     % normalize, and set as new orth. basis vector
30     B(:,ii) = tmp / norm(tmp);
31 end
```

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