

# CENG 371

## Scientific Computing

Fall' 2024-2025

### Homework 4

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Due Date: 03 January 2025, Thursday, 23:55  
Late Submission Policy will be explained below

#### Question 1 (40 points)

Implement the randomized low-rank approximation algorithm using  $p = 5$  as your safety parameter. (Signature:  $[u_k, \sigma_k, v_k] = \text{approximate\_svd.m}(A, k)$ )

#### Question 2 (60 points)

For this question you will work with the image files `cameraman.jpg` and `fingerprint.jpg`. Let  $u_k, \sigma_k, v_k$  be the matrices returned by `approximate_svd`,  $u'_k, \sigma'_k, v'_k$  be the matrices returned by `svds` (Matlab built-in), and  $U, \Sigma, V$  be the matrices returned by `svd` (Another Matlab built-in). Acquire these matrixes for  $k \in \{1 \dots n\}$  where  $n$  is the rank of the matrices representing the images.

1. Plot the relative errors  $\frac{\|(u_k, \sigma_k, v_k)^T - U \Sigma V^T\|_2}{\|U \Sigma V^T\|_2}$  and  $\frac{\|(u'_k, \sigma'_k, v'_k)^T - U \Sigma V^T\|_2}{\|U \Sigma V^T\|_2}$  vs.  $k$  for both of the images. Discuss your observations.
2. Plot the run times of `approximate_svd` with `svds` vs.  $k$  for both of the images. Discuss your findings
3. After these quantitative discussions, conduct *qualitative* comparisons/discussions. To achieve this, compose the output matrices (given  $k$ ) back to an image and display these. You are free to choose any  $k$  value(s) you think is helpful for your discussions.
4. Suggest use cases for `approximate_svd` based on your discussions.

The built-in Matlab functions `imread`, `im2double`, `imshow`, `imsave` are useful for reading and displaying images.

## Regulations and Submission

- **Programming Language:** You can use any programming language, **however Matlab is recommended**. Other good choices are Python (via Numpy package), and Octave (open source alternative to Matlab). Students can download Matlab (please refer to this [link](#)).
- Most of the points will be granted to the **explanation/discussion parts** of the questions. Make sure you **reflect your reasoning** cleanly and concisely.
- Most of your points will come from the PDF text, however; you should submit your code as well.
- Please make sure that your reports are readable, clean, and concise. **Note that the organization of your PDF will also be subject to grading**. You can get bonus/penalty points based on it.
- Uploaded codes should be clean and understandable similar to the PDFs. The codes will not be graded rigorously (such as black-box testing) since there aren't standard language or script arguments. However, these will be visually inspected.
- **Late Submission Policy:** Accepted with a deduction of  $5 \times d^2$ ; where  $d$  is the number of late days submitted.
- Submission will be done via Odtuclass, ([odtuclass.metu.edu.tr](http://odtuclass.metu.edu.tr)).
- Please upload both your code and your findings (as a PDF) to the system in a zip file.