

# Lecture 7

## Announcements

- Last day to switch classes soon
- HW 2 due today
- HW 3 posted

## Reading

- Strang I. 9

## Outline

- Geometric interpretation of SVD
- Vector and matrix norms
- Eckart - Young Theorem
- Rayleigh Quotients

## Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

For a real  $m \times n$  matrix, instead of constructing a set of orthogonal eigenvectors we will construct two sets of **orthogonal** singular vectors.

•  $n$  **right** singular vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$

•  $m$  **left** singular vectors  $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_m$

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

These will form bases for the row and column spaces of  $A$ .

For eigenvalues/eigenvectors  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$

For singular vectors

$$A\vec{v}_i = \sigma_i \vec{u}_i$$

$\uparrow$   
row space

$\uparrow$   
column space



# Geometric interpretation of SVD

Review An  $n \times n$  matrix is orthogonal if its columns are orthonormal

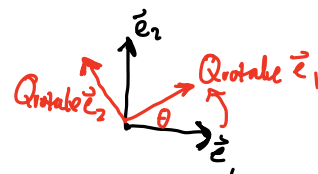
- unit vectors
- orthogonal columns

for  $n=2$ , orthogonal matrices are rotation or reflections

Rotation

$$Q_{\text{rotate}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

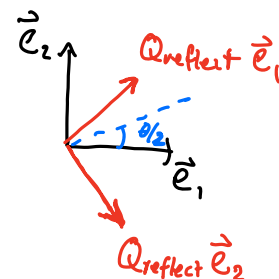
(rotation by angle  $\theta$ )



Reflection

$$Q_{\text{reflect}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

(reflection across the  $\frac{\theta}{2}$  line)



Consider a general  $2 \times 2$  orthogonal matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-1 \leq a \leq 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{OR} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

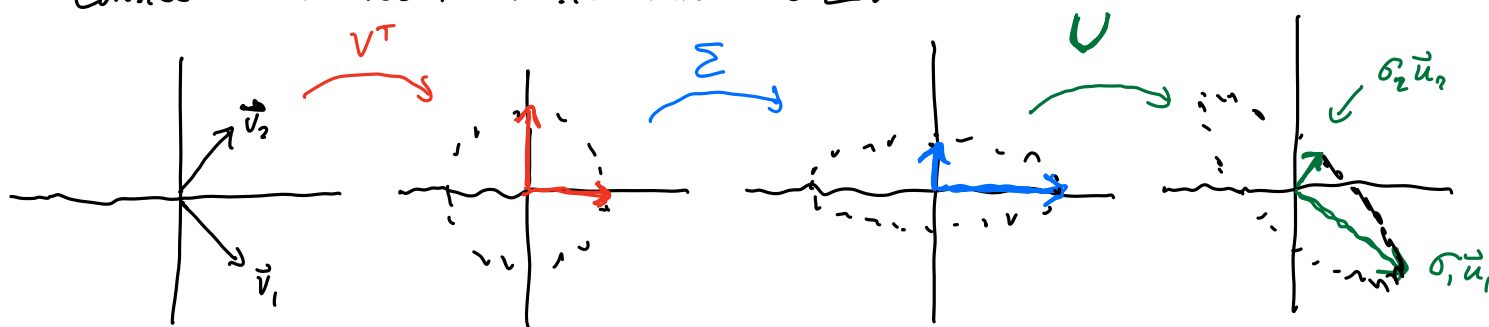
$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

For SVD we write  $A = U \Sigma V^T$

(rotation/reflection)  $\times$  (stretching)  $\times$  (rotation/reflection)

$$A = U \quad \Sigma \quad V^T$$

Consider some vector  $\vec{x}$  ...  $A\vec{x} = U \Sigma V^T \vec{x}$



$$A\vec{v}_1 = \sigma_1 \vec{u}_1 \quad A\vec{v}_2 = \sigma_2 \vec{u}_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

How does this change for symmetric matrices?

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$$

## Review Vector norms

- $\|\vec{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$  (1-norm)
- $\|\vec{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$  (2-norm)
- $\|\vec{x}\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$  (p-norm)

## Matrix norms

- For any vector norm, we can define an operator norm

def Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be any vector norm. The corresponding operator norm

$$\text{is } \|A\| = \sup_{\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}} \frac{\|A\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \quad \|Q\| = \sup_{\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}} \frac{\|Q\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} = 1$$

note •  $\|A\| \geq 0$  for all  $A$

•  $\|A\| = 0$  if and only if  $A = \vec{0}$  ✓

•  $\|\alpha A\| = |\alpha| \|A\|$  for all real numbers  $\alpha$

•  $\|A+B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$  (triangle inequality)

• distance can be quantified  $\|A-B\|$  for  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$

## Common matrix norms

$$\bullet \|A\|_2 = \left[ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \lambda_i(A^T A) \right]^{1/2} \quad (\text{sq. root of the largest eigenvalue of } A^T A)$$

(note this is hard to compute!)

$$\bullet \|A\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}| \quad (\text{max 1-norm of the rows of } A)$$

$$\bullet \|A\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}| \quad (\text{max 1-norm of the columns of } A)$$

$$\bullet \|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^2} \quad (\text{Frobenius norm}) \quad \text{note } \|A\|_F^2 = \text{tr}(A^T A)$$

## Eckart-Young Theorem

If we compute  $A = U \Sigma V^T = \sigma_1 \vec{u}_1 \vec{v}_1^T + \dots + \sigma_r \vec{u}_r \vec{v}_r^T$

then  $A_k = \sigma_1 \vec{u}_1 \vec{v}_1^T + \dots + \sigma_k \vec{u}_k \vec{v}_k^T$  will be the

"best" rank  $k$  approximation to  $A$ .

More precisely if  $B$  has rank  $k$  then  $\|A - A_k\| \leq \|A - B\|$

- This is true for  $\|A\|_F$  (Frobenius) and  $\|A\|_2$  (spectral norm or 2-norm)

$$\text{- Note } \|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2} \quad \|\mathbf{I}_n\|_F = \sqrt{n}$$

$$\|A\|_2 = \sigma_1 \quad \|\mathbf{I}_n\|_2 = 1$$

- Eckart-Young applies to all norms that are computable using the singular value matrix  $\Sigma$  (Mirsky 1955)

ex What is the rank-2 matrix closest to

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{is } A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Check } \|A - A_2\|_2 &= 2 \\ \|A - A_2\|_F &= \sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

note The set of rank 2 matrices is not convex.

(The average of two rank two matrices can have rank 4)

Proof in 2-norm/spectral norm.

• If  $B$  is  $n \times n$  matrix with  $\text{rank}(B) \leq k < n$ , we want to show that  $\|A - B\|_2 \geq \sigma_{k+1}$ .

Since  $\|A - A_k\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}$

• First choose  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$  so  $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  and  $\boxed{\vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i \vec{v}_i}$  where  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{k+1}$  are the first  $k+1$  right singular vectors.  
(this is possible since  $\dim(N(B)) \geq n - k$   
 $\dim(\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{k+1})) = k+1$ )

• Next  $\|A - B\|_2 = \sup_{\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}} \frac{\|(A - B)\vec{x}\|_2}{\|\vec{x}\|_2}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|(A - B)\vec{x}\|_2 &= \|A\vec{x} - B\vec{x}\|_2 = \|A\vec{x}\|_2 = \left\| A \left( \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i \vec{v}_i \right) \right\|_2 \\ &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i (A\vec{v}_i) \right\|_2 = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \right\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i^2 \sigma_i^2} \|\vec{u}_i\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i^2 \sigma_i^2} \\ &\geq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i^2 \sigma_{k+1}^2} = \sigma_{k+1} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i^2} = \sigma_{k+1} \|\vec{x}\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \|(A - B)\vec{x}\|_2 \geq \sigma_{k+1} \|\vec{x}\|_2$$

$$\text{Therefore } \|A - B\|_2 = \sup_{\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}} \frac{\|(A - B)\vec{x}\|_2}{\|\vec{x}\|_2} \geq \frac{\sigma_{k+1} \|\vec{x}\|_2}{\|\vec{x}\|_2} = \sigma_{k+1}$$