

# Lecture 8

## Outline

- Matrix norms
- Eckart-Young
- Rayleigh Quotient

## Readings

- Strang I.9, I.10, I.11

## Matrix norms

What does it mean for matrix  $A$  to be "close" to matrix  $B$ ?

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

$$\text{is } \|A\| = \sup_{\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}} \frac{\|A\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} = \max_{\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}} \frac{\|A\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|}$$

- note  $\|I\| = \sup_{\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}} \frac{\|I\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} = 1$

distance  $\|A-B\|$

## Common matrix norms

for  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

- $\|A\|_2 = \left[ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \underbrace{\lambda_i(A^T A)}_{\substack{\text{eigenvalue } i \\ \text{of } A^T A}} \right]^{1/2}$

(square root of the largest eigen value of  $A^T A$ )

"2-norm" or "spectral norm"

also the largest singular value of  $A$

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

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

- $\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^2}$  ("Frobenius norm")

## Eckart-Young Theorem

$$\text{If } A = U \Sigma V^T = \sigma_1 \vec{u}_1 \vec{v}_1^T + \sigma_2 \vec{u}_2 \vec{v}_2^T + \dots + \sigma_r \vec{u}_r \vec{v}_r^T,$$

then  $A_k = \sigma_1 \vec{u}_1 \vec{v}_1^T + \dots + \sigma_k \vec{u}_k \vec{v}_k^T$  is the "best" rank- $k$  approximation to  $A$ .

More precisely, for some matrix norms, if  $B$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with rank  $k$ , then  $\|A - A_k\| \leq \|A - B\|$ .

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

ex What is the rank-2 matrix closest to  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

$$A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_U \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\Sigma} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{V^T}$$

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

$$\|A - A_2\|_F = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_F = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\|A - A_2\|_2 = 2$$

Proof in 2-norm / spectral norm

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , If  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\text{rank}(B) \leq k < r = \text{rank}(A)$

we want to show that  $\|A - B\|_2 \geq \|A - A_k\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}$

① Choose  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$  such that:  $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  and  $\vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i \vec{v}_i$

where  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{k+1}$  are the first  $k+1$  right singular vectors of  $A$ .

this is possible since

$$\dim(N(B)) \geq n-k$$

$$\dim(\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{k+1})) = k+1$$

② Recall:

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

Observe that  $\|(A-B)\vec{x}\|_2 = \|A\vec{x} - B\vec{x}\|_2$

$$= \|A\vec{x}\|_2 \quad (\text{since } B\vec{x} = \vec{0})$$

$$= \left\| A \left( \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i \vec{v}_i \right) \right\|_2$$

$$= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i (A\vec{v}_i) \right\|_2$$

$$= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i (\sigma_i \vec{u}_i) \right\|_2 \quad (A\vec{v}_i = \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \text{ from SVD})$$

$$= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i^2 \sigma_i^2 \|\vec{u}_i\|_2^2} \quad (\text{since } \vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_{k+1} \text{ are orthogonal})$$

$$= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i^2 \sigma_i^2} \quad (\text{since } \|\vec{u}_i\|_2 = 1)$$

$$\geq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i^2 \sigma_{k+1}^2}$$

$$= \sigma_{k+1} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} C_i^2}$$

$$= \sigma_{k+1} \|\vec{x}\|_2$$

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

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

Frobenius norm

$$\textcircled{1} \|A\|_F = \sqrt{|a_{11}|^2 + \dots + |a_{m1}|^2 + |a_{12}|^2 + \dots + |a_{mn}|^2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \|A\|_F = \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^T A)} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{diagonal entries of } A^T A \text{ contain} \\ 2\text{-norms of columns of } A \end{array} \right)$$

$\text{trace}(B) = \text{tr}(B) = \text{sum of diagonal entries of } B.$

$$\textcircled{3} \|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2} \quad (\text{sqr of sum of squared singular values})$$

$$\text{So if } A = U \Sigma V^T, \quad \|A\|_F = \|\Sigma\|_F$$

In general if  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are orthogonal matrices

$$\|A\|_F = \|Q_1 A Q_2\|_F$$

Proof of EY in Frobenius

we want to show that if  $B$  has rank  $\leq k$ , that


$$\|A - A_k\|_F \leq \|A - B\|_F$$

Trick: take the SVD of  $B$ .

Suppose  $B$  is the closest rank- $k$  matrix to  $A$ .

$$B = U \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T \quad \text{where } D \text{ is } k \text{ by } k \text{ diagonal matrix.}$$

$$A = U \begin{bmatrix} L+E+R & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix} V^T \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{where } L \text{ is strictly lower tri} \\ R \text{ is strictly upper tri} \\ E \text{ is diagonal} \end{array}$$

  
 $U^T A V$

Consider a rank  $\leq k$  matrix  $C$

$$C = U \begin{bmatrix} L+D+R & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T$$

$$C' = \begin{bmatrix} L+D+R & 0 \\ G & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|A-B\|_F^2 &= \|L+E+R-D\|_F^2 + \|F\|_F^2 + \|G\|_F^2 + \|H\|_F^2 \\ &= \|L\|_F^2 + \|E-D\|_F^2 + \|R\|_F^2 + \|F\|_F^2 + \|G\|_F^2 + \|H\|_F^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\|A-C\|_F^2 = \|E-D\|_F^2 + \|G\|_F^2 + \|H\|_F^2$$

Thus,  $L, R, F = 0$ . An analogous argument shows  $G = 0$

$$A = U \begin{bmatrix} E & 0 \\ 0 & H \end{bmatrix} V^T \quad B = U \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T$$

Since  $B$  is closest to  $A$ ,  $D = E$

Notes

Singular values of  $H$  are the  $r-k$  smallest singular values of  $A$ .

$$\|A-B\|_F = \|H\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_{k+1}^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}$$

### Rayleigh Quotients

Another way to understand SVD:

If we maximize  $\frac{\|A\vec{x}\|_2}{\|\vec{x}\|_2}$ , the maximum value is  $\sigma_1$  at  $\vec{x} = \vec{v}_1$

How do we derive this?

$$\frac{\|A\vec{x}\|_2^2}{\|\vec{x}\|_2^2} = \frac{\vec{x}^T A^T A \vec{x}}{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}} = \frac{\vec{x}^T S \vec{x}}{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}} \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Rayleigh quotient} \\ \text{for } S \end{array} \right)$$

def The Rayleigh quotient for a symmetric matrix  $S$  is a function

$$R: \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\vec{0}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}:$$

$$R(\vec{x}) = \frac{\vec{x}^T S \vec{x}}{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}}$$

$$\underline{\text{ex}} \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad R(\vec{x}) = \frac{x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 6x_1x_2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$