

Last time

- Started with arbitrary real  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  of rank  $r$
- Generated  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ , a real, symmetric, positive semidefinite matrix
  - $\mathbf{S}$  is  $n$ -by- $n$
  - $\mathbf{S}$  is likewise of rank  $r$ , since (shown earlier)  $\text{null}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) = \text{null}(\mathbf{A})$
  - by Spectral Theorem,  $\mathbf{S}$  has decomposition  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{V}^T$ , where
    - \* entries of  $\lambda$  (eigenvalues) are all nonnegative, so may be labeled as  $\sigma_i^2$ , with  $\sigma_1^2 \geq \sigma_2^2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r^2 > \sigma_{r+1}^2 = \dots = \sigma_n^2 = 0$
    - \* the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  of  $\mathbf{S}$  corresponding to eigenvalues  $\sigma_i^2$  and comprising the columns of  $\mathbf{V}$  form an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
    - \* the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_{r+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  correspond to zero eigenvalues, so form a basis of  $\text{null}(\mathbf{S}) = \text{null}(\mathbf{A})$
    - \* the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$ , being orthogonal to  $\text{null}(\mathbf{A})$ , form a basis for  $\text{null}(\mathbf{A})^\perp = \text{col}(\mathbf{A}^T)$ , the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$

- For  $i = 1, \dots, r$  we defined vectors  $\mathbf{u}_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i$ . These  $\mathbf{u}_i$

- are in  $\text{col}(\mathbf{A})$ , by definition.
- are mutually orthogonal unit vectors—that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle &= \left\langle \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i, \frac{1}{\sigma_j} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_j \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \langle \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_j \rangle = \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \langle \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \langle \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle = \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \sigma_i^2 \langle \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 0, & i \neq j, \\ 1, & i = j. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

- are, thus, a basis of  $\text{col}(\mathbf{A})$ .
- satisfy  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i \right) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \mathbf{A} (\sigma_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i) = \sigma_i^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i = \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{u}_i$ , which says the  $\mathbf{u}_i$  are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$  corresponding to eigenvalues  $\sigma_i^2$ .
- As  $\text{col}(\mathbf{A})$  has  $\text{null}(\mathbf{A}^T)$  as its orthogonal complement, with the latter being of dimension  $m - r$ , we may find an orthonormal basis  $\mathbf{u}_{r+1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m$  of the left nullspace, so that the matrix  $\mathbf{U}$  whose columns are  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m$  form an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Moreover, we have

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

where

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & & \\ & \sigma_2 & & & & \\ & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & \sigma_r & & \\ & & & & 0 & \\ & & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

In Octave, consider the 4-by-3 matrix **A** having rank 2:

```
octave:11> A = [6 1 11; 4 7 1; 2 1 3; 3 8 -2]
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A =
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6   1  11
4   7   1
2   1   3
3   8  -2
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octave:12> rank(A)
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ans = 2
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We generate its svd

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octave:14> [U,Sigma,V] = svd(A)
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U =
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-0.810510  0.492371  0.282812  0.143745
-0.440022 -0.485858 -0.031679 -0.754532
-0.259610  0.078428 -0.952159  0.140872
-0.286457 -0.717887  0.111388  0.624639
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Sigma =
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Diagonal Matrix
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1.4034e+01      0      0
      0  1.0865e+01      0
      0      0  2.9622e-17
      0      0      0
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V =
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-0.570173 -0.090750 -0.816497
-0.459028 -0.789067  0.408248
-0.681319  0.607567  0.408248
```

and note that various products we expect to hold, do so:

```
octave:23> A'*A      % original matrix S
ans =

    65    60    70
    60   115     5
    70     5   135

octave:24> V*diag([14.034^2 10.865^2 0])*V' % spectral decomposition of S
ans =

    65.0012    60.0008    70.0016
    60.0008   114.9993     5.0024
    70.0016     5.0024   135.0009

octave:25> A*A'
ans =

   158    42    46     4
    42    66    18    66
    46    18    14     8
     4    66     8    77

octave:26> U*diag([14.034 10.865 0 0])^2*U' % spectral decomp of AA'
ans =

   158.0019    42.0019    46.0007     4.0017
    42.0019    66.0002    18.0005    65.9996
    46.0007    18.0005    14.0002     8.0004
     4.0017    65.9996     8.0004    76.9991

octave:27> U*Sigma*V'
ans =

    6.00000    1.00000   11.00000
    4.00000    7.00000    1.00000
    2.00000    1.00000    3.00000
    3.00000    8.00000   -2.00000

octave:28> U'*U      % should be 4-by-4 identity matrix
ans =

    1.00000   -0.00000   -0.00000    0.00000
   -0.00000    1.00000    0.00000    0.00000
   -0.00000    0.00000    1.00000    0.00000
    0.00000    0.00000    0.00000    1.00000

octave:29> V'*V      % should be 3-by-3 identity matrix
ans =
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1.00000  0.00000  -0.00000
0.00000  1.00000  0.00000
-0.00000  0.00000  1.00000
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## Image compression

For what follows, I will use the digital image found at this url:

<http://www.calvin.edu/~scofield/courses/m355/materials/octave/images/owl.png>

which you can download and place in your working directory, as I have.

Now, consider the digital image

```
octave:35> im = imread("owl.png");
octave:36> im = im (:,:,1) ;
octave:37> size(im)
ans =
    480    640
```

The image consists of  $(480)(640) = 307,200$  pixels, stacked 480 high and 640 wide. We have stored it as a matrix, where the entries are numbers ranging from 0 (black) through 255 (white), with numbers in between these two extremes representing various shades of gray.

As with any real matrix, we can find the SVD. The shapes/sizes of the various matrices are predictable, knowing the size of the image.

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octave:38> [U,Sigma,V] = svd(im);
octave:39> size(U)
ans =
    480    480

octave:40> size(Sigma)
ans =
    480    640

octave:41> size(V)
ans =
    640    640
```

Now, technically, all of the singular values are nonzero.

```
octave:42> length(diag(Sigma))
ans = 480
octave:43> singVals = diag(Sigma)
octave:44> singVals(1:4)    % the largest four
ans =

44559.28117
6372.09432
5357.72008
4759.38851

octave:45> singVals(477:480) % the smallest four
ans =

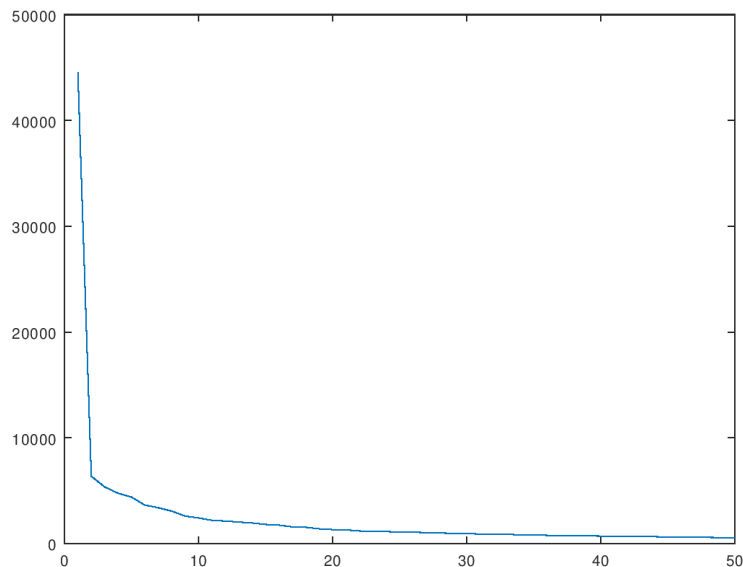
10.1009
9.6046
9.0802
8.9670
```

To fully recover the original digital image from its SVD, we would include all 480 terms

$$\sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + \sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T + \cdots + \sigma_{480} \mathbf{u}_{480} \mathbf{v}_{480}^T$$

But here I plot the first 50 to show how the singular values fall off in size quickly:

```
octave:46> plot(singVals(1:50))
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If we choose to keep only the first 20 singular values with the corresponding columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ , this amounts to saving just  $(20)(1 + 480 + 640) = 37,320$  numbers, roughly 7.3% of the numbers

stored in the original matrix.

```
octave:47> k=20;  
octave:48> recIm=zeros(size(im));  
octave:49> for jj=1:k, recIm += S(jj, jj)*U(:, jj)*V(:, jj)'; end;  
octave:50> imshow( uint8(recIm) )
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The resulting image is displayed below right, with the original appearing on the left.

