

# Question 6

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6. What can one say about a matrix's eigenvalues and its singular values? Consider the following.  
Note that here  $\sigma_1$  is the largest singular value and  $\sigma_n$  the smallest of matrix  $A$ .

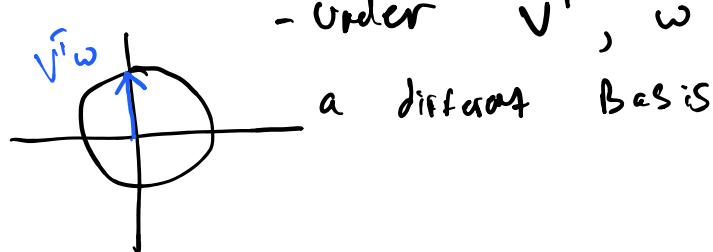
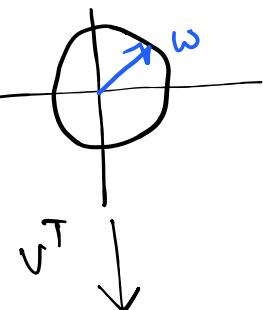
- (a) Let  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $w \in \mathbb{R}^2$  be a unit vector. Show that

$$\sigma_2 \leq \|Aw\| \leq \sigma_1$$

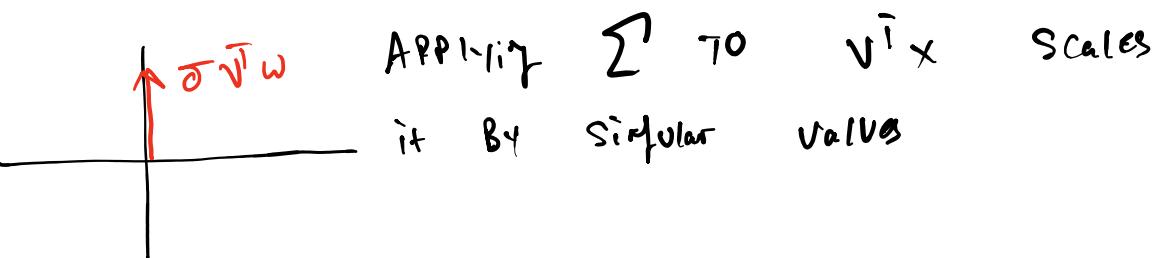
by tracing what happens to  $w$  under the three matrices in  $A$ 's SVD.

- if we say  $A = U\Sigma V^T$   $w$  is transformed  
By  $A$  as such

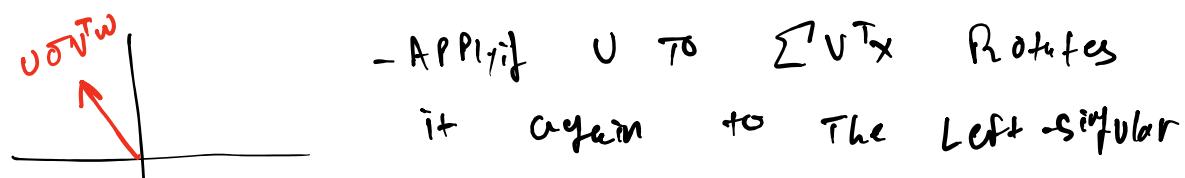
for some  $\bar{w}$  of unit length, it  
exists on the unit circle.



- Under  $V^T$ ,  $w$  gets transformed into  
a different basis



Applying  $\Sigma$  to  $V^T w$  scales  
it by singular values



- Applying  $U$  to  $\Sigma V^T w$  rotates  
it again to the left singular

## | Vectors of A

The norm of this new vector can be

analyzed as follows:

- each component is stretched by  $\sigma_i$

So since  $\vec{w}$  is of length 1, the stretching & contraction of  $\vec{w}$  is bounded by  $\sigma_i$

for both the largest & smallest singular values.

(b) Show part (a) algebraically.

$$\|Aw\| \Rightarrow \left\| U \sum V^T w \right\|$$

$$\|V^T w\| = \sqrt{\langle V^T w, V^T w \rangle} \text{ , in } \mathbb{R}^n \quad \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \text{ is } x^T x$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(V^T w)^T (V^T w)} \Rightarrow \sqrt{w^T V V^T w} = \sqrt{w^T w} \Rightarrow$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\langle w, w \rangle} \Rightarrow \|w\| \qquad \sigma_1 \begin{bmatrix} w \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\| U \sum V^T w \right\| \Rightarrow \left\| U \sum w \right\| \Rightarrow \left\| \sum w \right\| \text{ since } U \text{ is orthogonal to } 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  since  $\vec{w}$  is of unit length, we essentially scale  $w$ 's components by  $\sigma_1 + \sigma_2$  respectively. As

a result the maximum length that  $\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 w_1 \\ \sigma_2 w_2 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  can be is  $\sigma_1 + \sigma_2$  & likewise for its lower bound which is

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(c) Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ . Show that

$$\sigma_n \|v\| \leq \|Av\| \leq \sigma_1 \|v\|$$

for any  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

for any  $Av \Rightarrow \|\vec{U}\Sigma\vec{V}^\top v\|$ . Since  $\vec{V}^\top$  is orthonormal, it is norm-preserving indicating  $\|\vec{V}^\top v\| = \|v\|$  and scaling  $\vec{V}^\top v$  by each singular value  $\Sigma$  would be analogous to scaling the vector itself by  $\Sigma$ .

One can consider the bounds of this scaling where it scales maximum by  $\sigma_1$ , the largest singular value and scales minimally by  $\sigma_n$ , the smallest...

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_n \|v\| \leq \|\vec{U}\Sigma\vec{V}^\top v\| \leq \sigma_1 \|v\|$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\sigma_n \|v\| \leq \|Av\| \leq \sigma_1 \|v\|$$

(d) Let  $\lambda$  be a real eigenvalue of matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Show that

$$\sigma_n \leq |\lambda| \leq \sigma_1$$

$A\vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}$  for eigenvector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Taking norm of both sides  $\Rightarrow \|A\vec{v}\| = |\lambda| \|\vec{v}\|$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda| = \frac{\|A\vec{v}\|}{\|\vec{v}\|} . \text{ By Proof (c)}$$

$$\pi \|v\| < \|Av\| < \pi \|v\| \Rightarrow \sigma_n < \frac{\|Av\|}{\|v\|} < \sigma_1$$

$\sigma_n \leq |\lambda| \leq \sigma_1$

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- (e) Consider the matrix  $A$  in Q5. Determine  $\min_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|$ . Comment at what vectors  $x$  the min value is attained.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} & -1/\sqrt{5} \\ 1/\sqrt{5} & 2/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{5}/5 & -2/\sqrt{5} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}^T$$

matrix vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -2/\sqrt{5} \\ 1/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$   
 will minimize  $\|Av\|$  to 1

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$$\|Av\| \text{ maximized to } \sigma_1 = 4$$

$$\text{Since } Av_i = \sigma_i v_i$$

$$\|Av_i\| = \sigma_i \|v_i\| \quad \sigma_i = 4$$

$$v_1 \text{ thus vector is } \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5}/5 \\ 2/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$$