

# CS663 Assignment-4

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## Question 3

### Solution

Let  $A$  be a real  $m \times n$  matrix.  $A$  can always be expressed as  $A = U\Sigma V^T$  where  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $U, V$  being orthogonal matrices and  $\Sigma$  being a diagonal matrix with non negative values (called singular values) on the diagonal. Let  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{\min(m,n)})$ . We will show that the squares of the non-zero singular values of  $A$  are the eigenvalues of either  $AA^T$  or  $A^T A$ . This is equivalent to showing that the non-zero singular values of  $A$  are the squareroots of either  $AA^T$  or  $A^T A$  because, the singular values are non-negative by definition.

### Part a

We will show that the non zero singular values of  $A$  are equal to the square roots of the eigenvalues of either  $AA^T$  or  $A^T A$ . We define  $\Sigma_m^2 = \Sigma\Sigma^T$  and  $\Sigma_n^2 = \Sigma^T\Sigma$ .

$$\begin{aligned} AA^T &= (U\Sigma V^T) \cdot (U\Sigma V^T)^T \\ &= U\Sigma V^T \cdot (V\Sigma^T U^T) \\ &= U\Sigma V^T V \Sigma^T U^T \\ &= U\Sigma(V^T V) \Sigma^T U^T \\ &= U\Sigma I_n \Sigma^T U^T \\ &= U\Sigma \Sigma^T U^T \\ &= U\Sigma_m^2 U^T \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $A^T A = V\Sigma^T \Sigma V^T = V\Sigma_n^2 V^T$ .

Clearly,  $\Sigma_m^2 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and equals  $\text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots, \sigma_m^2) = D$ . Now  $m = \min(m, n)$  or  $n = \min(m, n)$ .

Let  $m = \min(m, n)$ . In this case,  $\Sigma_m^2$  is a diagonal matrix ( $D$ ) whose entries are squares of the singular values of  $A$ . Since  $AA^T$  is a real symmetric matrix, by **spectral theorem** it has an orthogonal decomposition given by  $AA^T = UDU^T$  where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix whose entries are the eigenvalues of  $AA^T$  and  $U$  is an orthogonal matrix. Therefore the non zero entries of  $D$  are the eigenvalues of  $AA^T$ . Since  $D = \Sigma_m^2$ , the non zero entries of  $D$  are the squares of the non zero singular values of  $A$  and the squares of the any non-zero singular value of  $A$  is an eigenvalue of  $AA^T$ , we are done.

Let  $n = \min(m, n)$ . In this case, we deal with the diagonal matrix  $D = \Sigma_n^2$  whose entries are the squares of all the singular values of  $A$  (this is because  $n = \min(m, n)$ ). The proof is very similar to the case above. Since  $A^T A$  is a real symmetric matrix, it has an orthogonal decomposition  $\mathcal{V} \mathcal{D} \mathcal{V}^T$  and therefore we have the non-zero entries of  $D$  to be the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  and following a similar argument we arrive at the conclusion that the square of any non-zero singular value of  $A$  is an eigen value of  $A^T A$  and that any eigenvalue of  $A^T A$  is the square of some non-zero singular value of  $A$ . This completes the proof.

## Part b

The Frobenius norm of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is defined as

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\left( \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2 \right)}$$

For any matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2 = \text{Tr}(AA^T) = \text{Tr}(A^T A)$$

where  $\text{Tr}(M) = \sum_{i=1}^n M_{ii}$  for any  $n \times n$  square matrix  $M$ . The trace of a matrix also has the following property,

$$\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$$

whenever  $AB$  and  $BA$  are both square matrices for two matrices  $A$  and  $B$ .

WLOG we take  $m = \min(n, m)$  (in the other case we simply deal with  $A^T A$  and  $\Sigma_n^2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\|_F^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2 \\ &= \text{Tr}(AA^T) \\ &= \text{Tr}((U\Sigma V^T V \Sigma^T U^T)) \\ &= \text{Tr}(U\Sigma_m^2 U^T) \\ &= \text{Tr}((U\Sigma_m^2)(U^T)) \\ &= \text{Tr}((U^T)(U\Sigma_m^2)) \\ &= \text{Tr}(U^T U \Sigma_m^2) \\ &= \text{Tr}(I_m \Sigma_m^2) \\ &= \text{Tr}(\Sigma_m^2) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2 \text{ (where } k \text{ is the number of non-zero singular values of } A) \\ \Rightarrow \|A\|_F^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have the square of the Frobenius norm of a matrix to equal the sum of squares of the singular values.

## Part c

## Part d

Given:

$$\begin{aligned} A &\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, m \leq n \\ P &= A^T A \\ Q &= A A^T \end{aligned}$$

A few results and definitions we will use:

**Definition 1.** A matrix  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is said to be positive semi-definite if  $\forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\vec{v}^T M \vec{v} \geq 0$$

**Theorem 1** (Spectral Theorem). Any real symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is orthogonally diagonalizable. That is there exists real numbers  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ ,  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that  $A = U D U^T$  where  $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ ,  $U = [\vec{u}_1 \vec{u}_2 \dots \vec{u}_n]$  with  $A \vec{u}_i = \lambda_i \vec{u}_i \forall i \in [1, n]$  and  $U U^T = U^T U = I_n$

**Lemma 1.**  $P$  and  $Q$  are positive semi-definite (definition 1) and their eigenvalues are non-negative.

*Proof.* We will first show that  $P$  is positive semi-definite and then we will show that the eigenvalues of  $P$  are all non-negative. The proof for  $Q$  is similar.

Let  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}^T P \vec{x} &= \vec{x}^T (A^T A) \vec{x} \\ &= \vec{x}^T A^T A \vec{x} \\ &= (\vec{x}^T A^T) (A \vec{x}) \\ &= (A \vec{x})^T (A \vec{x}) \\ &= \vec{y}^T \vec{y} \text{ where } \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \vec{y} = A \vec{x} \\ &= \|\vec{y}\|^2 \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \vec{x}^T P \vec{x} &\geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Let  $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n / \{\vec{0}\}$  be an eigenvector of  $P$  with corresponding eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Consider the expression  $\vec{u}^T P \vec{u}$ . From equation 1 we know that  $\vec{u}^T P \vec{u} \geq 0$ . Therefore we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}^T P \vec{u} &= \vec{u}^T (P \vec{u}) \geq 0 \\ &= \vec{u}^T (\lambda \vec{u}) \geq 0 \\ &= \lambda \vec{u}^T \vec{u} \geq 0 \\ &= \lambda \|\vec{u}\|^2 \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda \|\vec{u}\|^2 &\geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda &\geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Therefore we have eigenvalues of  $P$  to be non-negative. The proofs hold for  $Q$  as well, just replace  $\vec{x}$  in equation 1 by  $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\vec{u}$  in equation 2 by  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** The following are true regarding the eigenvectors of  $P$  and  $Q$ :

1. If  $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is an eigenvector of  $P$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  then  $A\vec{u}$  is an eigenvector of  $Q$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .
2. If  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is an eigenvector of  $Q$  with eigenvalue  $\mu$ , then  $A^T\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $P$  with eigenvalue  $\mu$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is an eigenvector of  $P$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
P\vec{u} &= \lambda\vec{u} \\
\Rightarrow P\vec{u} &= (A^T A)\vec{u} = \lambda\vec{u} \\
\Rightarrow (A^T)(A\vec{u}) &= \lambda\vec{u} \\
\Rightarrow A \left( A^T(A\vec{u}) \right) &= A(\lambda\vec{u}) \quad (\text{pre-multiplying both LHS and RHS by a non-null matrix } A) \\
\Rightarrow (AA^T)(A\vec{u}) &= \lambda(A\vec{u}) \\
\Rightarrow (Q)(A\vec{u}) &= \lambda(A\vec{u}) \\
\Rightarrow Q(A\vec{u}) &= \lambda(A\vec{u})
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

From equation 3 we have that for every  $\vec{u}$  that is eigenvector of  $P$ , the vector  $A\vec{u}$  is an eigenvector of  $Q$  with the same eigenvalue. Now we prove the second part of the lemma whose proof is very similar to what we saw above.

Since  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is an eigenvector of  $Q$  with eigenvalue  $\mu$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
Q\vec{v} &= \mu\vec{v} \\
\Rightarrow Q\vec{v} &= (AA^T)\vec{v} = \mu\vec{v} \\
\Rightarrow (A)(A^T\vec{v}) &= \mu\vec{v} \\
\Rightarrow A^T \left( A(A^T\vec{v}) \right) &= A^T(\mu\vec{v}) \quad (\text{pre-multiplying both LHS and RHS by a non-null matrix } A^T) \\
\Rightarrow (A^T A)(A^T\vec{v}) &= \mu(A^T\vec{v}) \\
\Rightarrow (P)(A^T\vec{v}) &= \mu(A^T\vec{v}) \\
\Rightarrow P(A^T\vec{v}) &= \mu(A^T\vec{v})
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Equations 3 and 4 complete the proof. □

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\vec{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$  be an eigenvector of  $Q$ . Define  $u_i \triangleq \frac{A^T\vec{v}_i}{\|A^T\vec{v}_i\|_2}$ . There exists  $\gamma_i \geq 0$  such that  $A\vec{u}_i = \gamma_i\vec{v}_i$

*Proof.* Let  $\vec{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$  be an eigenvector of  $Q$  with an eigenvalue  $\mu$ . From lemma 1 we know that

eigenvalues of  $P$  and  $Q$  are non-negative, therefore we have  $\mu_i \geq 0$ . Consider the expression  $A\vec{u}_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 A\vec{u}_i &= A \left( \frac{A^T \vec{v}_i}{\|A^T \vec{v}_i\|_2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{A(A^T \vec{v}_i)}{\|A^T \vec{v}_i\|_2} \\
 &= \frac{(AA^T) \vec{v}_i}{\|A^T \vec{v}_i\|_2} \\
 &= \frac{Q \vec{v}_i}{\|A^T \vec{v}_i\|_2} \\
 &= \frac{\mu_i \vec{v}_i}{\|A^T \vec{v}_i\|_2} \\
 &= \left( \frac{\mu_i}{\|A^T \vec{v}_i\|_2} \right) \vec{v}_i \\
 &= \gamma_i \vec{v}_i
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

That is, there exists  $\gamma_i = \left( \frac{\mu_i}{\|A^T \vec{v}_i\|_2} \right) \geq 0$  such that  $A\vec{u}_i = \gamma_i \vec{v}_i$  □

**Theorem 2** (Singular Value Decomposition). *Let  $\vec{v}_i, \vec{u}_i$  and  $\gamma_i$  be defined as in lemma 3. Let  $U = [\vec{u}_1 | \vec{u}_2 | \dots | \vec{u}_m]$ ,  $V = [\vec{v}_1 | \vec{v}_2 | \dots | \vec{v}_m]$  and  $\Gamma = \text{diag}(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_m)$  where  $U$  and  $\Gamma$  are both  $m \times m$  matrices and  $V$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix. Then*

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

*Proof.* Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are equal only if they have the same dimensions and the values at the corresponding indices for every pair of  $(i, j)$  are equal ie,  $\forall i \in [1, m], \forall j \in [1, n]$ , if  $A_{ij} = B_{ij}$  then  $A = B$  and vice versa.

As  $P$  and  $Q$  are real symmetric matrices we can obtain an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$  respectively that are the eigenvectors of  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively (theorem 1).

Since the columns of  $U$  and  $V$  are the orthonormal eigenvectors of  $Q$  and  $P$  respectively, we have  $UU^T = U^T U = I_m$  and  $V^T V = I_m$ .

Consider the expression  $AV$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 AV &= A [\vec{u}_1 | \vec{u}_2 | \dots | \vec{u}_m] \\
 \Rightarrow AV &= [A\vec{u}_1 | A\vec{u}_2 | \dots | A\vec{u}_m] \\
 &= [\gamma_1 \vec{v}_1 | \gamma_2 \vec{v}_2 | \dots | \gamma_m \vec{v}_m] \text{ from lemma 3} \\
 &= [\vec{v}_1 | \vec{v}_2 | \dots | \vec{v}_m] \Gamma \\
 &= U\Gamma \\
 \Rightarrow AV &= U\Gamma \\
 \Rightarrow AVV^T &= \text{if this is somehow equal to } I_n \text{ then we are done.}
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

□