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## 6.6 Orthogonal Projection and Spectral Theorem

**Definition.**  $A \in \mathfrak{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $A$  is orthogonal if  $A^t A = A A^t = \mathbf{I}_n$   
 $A \in \mathfrak{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $A$  is unitary if  $A^* A = A A^* = \mathbf{I}_n$

**Remark.**

$$\begin{aligned} A = [\mathcal{C}_1 \cdots \mathcal{C}_n] \text{ is unitary} &\iff [A^* A]_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik}^* A_{kj} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \overline{A_{ki}}^t A_{kj} \\ &= \mathcal{C}_i^* \mathcal{C}_j \\ &= \mathcal{C}_j \cdot \mathcal{C}_i \\ &= \delta_{ji} \end{aligned}$$

Thus it is equivalent to  $\{\mathcal{C}_1, \dots, \mathcal{C}_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{C}^n(\mathbb{R}^n)$

**Definition.**

$A$  is unitarily equivalent to  $B \iff B = U^{-1} A U$  for some unitary matrix  $U (\cdot : U^* U = \mathbf{I}_n \implies U^* = U^{-1})$

$A$  is unitarily diagonalizable  $\iff A$  is unitarily equivalent to diagonal matrix  $D, A = U^{-1} D U$

**Theorem.**  $\beta$ : an orthonormal basis consisting of eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{T} \iff \mathbf{T}$  is unitarily diagonalizable

*Proof.*  $\implies$  since  $\mathbf{T}$  is unitarily diagonalizable,  $[\mathbf{T}]_\gamma = Q^{-1} [\mathbf{T}]_\beta Q$ .  $Q := [\mathbf{x}_1 \cdots \mathbf{x}_n]$ ,  $[\mathbf{T}]_\beta := \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ .  
Then  $\beta = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  is the set of orthonormal eigenvectors.

$\therefore Q$  is unitary matrix.

$\Leftarrow$  Since  $\mathbf{T}$  is unitarily diagonalizable,  $[\mathbf{T}]_\gamma = U^{-1} D U$  for some unitary matrix  $U$  and some diagonal matrix  $D$ . Thus  $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  where  $\lambda_i$  is eigenvalue and column vectors of  $U$  are orthonormal basis.

$\therefore$  There exists an orthonormal basis consisting of eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{T}$   $\square$

**Definition** (Projection  $\mathbf{T}$ ).  $\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{W}_2$  are subspaces of  $\mathbf{V}$ ,  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{W}_1 \oplus \mathbf{W}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{T} : \mathbf{V} \longrightarrow \mathbf{V}$  is projection on  $\mathbf{W}_1$  along  $\mathbf{W}_2$  if  $\mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_1$  where  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathbf{W}_1 \oplus \mathbf{W}_2$ .

**Note.**  $\text{im}\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{W}_1 = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{V} \mid \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}\}$  and  $\ker \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{W}_2$ .  $\therefore \mathbf{V} = \text{im}\mathbf{T} \oplus \ker \mathbf{T}$ . Thus there is no ambiguity if we refer to  $\mathbf{T}$  as a "projection on  $\mathbf{W}_1$ " or simply as a projection.

**Note.** Because  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{W}_1 \oplus \mathbf{W}_2 = \mathbf{W}_1 \oplus \mathbf{W}_3$  does not imply that  $\mathbf{W}_2 = \mathbf{W}_3$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_1$  does not uniquely determine  $\mathbf{T}$ . However, for an orthogonal projection  $\mathbf{T}$ ,  $\mathbf{T}$  is uniquely determined by its range.

**Theorem.**  $T$  is projection if and only if  $\mathbf{T}^2 = \mathbf{T}$

*Proof.*  $\implies \mathbf{x} := \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathbf{W}_1 \oplus \mathbf{W}_2$ , thus  $\mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_1$ . Since  $\mathbf{T}^2\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{T}^2\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{V}$ .

$\therefore \mathbf{T}^2 = \mathbf{T}$

$\Leftarrow$  Suppose  $\mathbf{T}^2 = \mathbf{T}$ .  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x})$ . Then  $\mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} \in \text{im}\mathbf{T}$ . We want to show that  $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} \in \ker \mathbf{T}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{T}^2\mathbf{x} \\ &= \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} \\ &= \mathbf{0} \\ \therefore \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} &\in \ker \mathbf{T} \end{aligned}$$

Now we want to show that  $\text{im}\mathbf{T} \cap \ker \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{0}$ . Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{im}\mathbf{T} \cap \ker \mathbf{T}$  be given. Since  $\mathbf{x} \in \ker \mathbf{T}$ ,  $\mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Since  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{im}\mathbf{T}$ ,  $\exists \mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbf{V}$  such that  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{T}^2\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Thus  $\text{im}\mathbf{T} \cap \ker \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{0}$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{V} = \text{im}\mathbf{T} \oplus \ker \mathbf{T}$ . Put  $\mathbf{W}_1 := \text{im}\mathbf{T}$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_2 := \ker \mathbf{T}$ .  $\therefore \mathbf{T}$  is projection on  $\mathbf{W}_1$   $\square$

**Definition.**  $\mathbf{T}$  is orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{V}$  on  $\mathbf{W}$  if and only if  $\text{im}\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{W}$  and  $\ker \mathbf{T} = \text{im}\mathbf{T}^\perp$ ,  $\ker \mathbf{T}^\perp = \text{im}\mathbf{T}$

**Theorem.**  $\mathbf{T}$  is orthogonal projection on  $\mathbf{W} \iff \exists \mathbf{T}^*$  and  $\mathbf{T}^2 = \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}^*$

*Proof.*  $\implies \mathbf{T}$  is projection  $\iff \mathbf{T}^2 = \mathbf{T}$ . It is enough to show that  $\exists \mathbf{T}^*$  such that  $\mathbf{T}^* = \mathbf{T}$ .  $\mathbf{V} = \text{im}\mathbf{T} \oplus \ker \mathbf{T}$  and  $\text{im}\mathbf{T}^\perp = \ker \mathbf{T}$ ,  $\ker \mathbf{T}^\perp = \text{im}\mathbf{T}$ . Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{V}$  with  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}_1 + \mathbf{y}_2$  for  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1 \in \text{im}\mathbf{T}$  for  $\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_2 \in \ker \mathbf{T}$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{y}_1 + \mathbf{y}_2) \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}_1 \rangle \\ (\because \mathbf{y}_2 \in \ker \mathbf{T}) \\ &= \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}_1 \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}_1 \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1 \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_1 \rangle \\ (\because \mathbf{y}_1 \in \text{im}\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{T}^2 = \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{T}^2\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}_1) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\ker \mathbf{T} = \text{im}\mathbf{T}^\perp$ ,  $\langle \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_1 \rangle = 0$ . i.e.,  $\langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1 \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_1 + \mathbf{y}_2 \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1 + \mathbf{y}_2 \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1 \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1 \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Put  $\mathbf{T}^* := \mathbf{T}$ .  $\therefore \exists \mathbf{T}^*$  such that  $\mathbf{T}^* = \mathbf{T}$

$\Leftarrow$  since  $\mathbf{T}^2 = \mathbf{T}$ ,  $\mathbf{T}$  is projection. We want to show that  $\text{im}\mathbf{T} = \ker \mathbf{T}^\perp$  and  $\ker \mathbf{T} = \text{im}\mathbf{T}^\perp$ . Let

$\mathbf{x} \in \text{im } \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{y} \in \ker \mathbf{T}$ . Since  $\mathbf{T}^2 = \mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{im } \mathbf{T}$ ,  $\mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T}^2\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}$ . Then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T}^*\mathbf{x}$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{T}^*\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{0} \rangle \\ &= 0 \\ \therefore \mathbf{x} &\in \ker \mathbf{T}^\perp\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathbf{y} \in \ker \mathbf{T}^\perp$ . We want to show that  $\mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}\|^2 &= \langle \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} \in \ker \mathbf{T}$ ,  $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{T}^*(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}) \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}) \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{0} \rangle \\ &= 0 \\ \therefore \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

Then we want to show that  $\ker \mathbf{T} = \text{im } \mathbf{T}^\perp$ .  $\ker \mathbf{T} \subset (\ker \mathbf{T}^\perp)^\perp = \text{im } \mathbf{T}^\perp$ .

Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{im } \mathbf{T}^\perp$ .  $\forall \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{V}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{y} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{T}^*\mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= 0 \\ \therefore \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mathbf{x} \in \ker \mathbf{T}$ ,  $\therefore \ker \mathbf{T} = \text{im } \mathbf{T}^\perp$  □

**Note.**  $\mathbf{T}$  is orthogonal projection on  $\mathbf{W}$ .  $\beta = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbf{V}$  such that  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbf{W} \leq \mathbf{V}$ . Then  $[\mathbf{T}]_\beta = \text{diag}(1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

$$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{v}_i = \begin{cases} \mathbf{v}_i & (i \leq k) \\ \mathbf{0} & (i > k) \end{cases}$$

**Theorem** (Spectral Theorem).  $\mathbf{V}$  is finite-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{T}$  is linear operator on  $\mathbf{V}$  with distinct eigenvalue  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ .  $\mathbf{T}$  is normal if  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbf{T}$  is self-adjoint if  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbb{R}$ .  $\mathbf{W}_i := \mathbf{E}_{\lambda_i}$  for  $\mathbf{T}_i$  is orthogonal projection on  $\mathbf{W}_i$ .

(a).  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{W}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbf{W}_k$  (eigenspace decomposition)

(b).  $\mathbf{W}'_i := \bigoplus_{j \neq i} \mathbf{W}_j \implies \mathbf{W}'_i = \mathbf{W}_i^\perp$

(c).  $\mathbf{T}_i \circ \mathbf{T}_j = \delta_{ij} \mathbf{T}_i$

(d).  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{T}_1 \cdots + \mathbf{T}_k$

(e).  $\mathbf{T} = \lambda_1 \mathbf{T}_1 + \cdots + \lambda_k \mathbf{T}_k$  (Spectral decomposition)

(b). *Proof.* For  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{W}_i, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{W}_j, \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$ . Since  $\mathbf{T}$  is normal or self-adjoint, two eigenvectors corresponding each to two different eigenvalues are orthogonal.  $\mathbf{W}'_i \subset \mathbf{W}_i^\perp$

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \mathbf{W}'_i &= \sum_{i \neq j} \dim \mathbf{W}_j \\ &= \dim \mathbf{V} - \dim \mathbf{W}_i \\ &= \dim \mathbf{W}_i^\perp \\ \mathbf{W}'_i &= \mathbf{W}_i^\perp \end{aligned}$$

□

(c). *Proof.*  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{x}_k$  where  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbf{W}_i$ .  $\mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{T}_j(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{x}_j$

$$\begin{cases} i = j & \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{x} \\ i \neq j & \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{0} \end{cases}$$

$\therefore \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{T}_j = \delta_{ij} \mathbf{T}_i$

□

(d). *Proof.*  $\ker \mathbf{T}_i = \text{im} \mathbf{T}_i^\perp = \mathbf{W}_i^\perp = \mathbf{W}'_i$ .  $\mathbf{V} = \text{im} \mathbf{T}_i + \ker \mathbf{T}_i (= \mathbf{W}'_i)$   
For all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{V}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{x}_i + (\mathbf{x}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{x}_{i-1} + \mathbf{x}_{i+1} + \cdots + \mathbf{x}_k) \\ &= \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{T}_1 \mathbf{x} + \cdots + \mathbf{T}_{i-1} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{T}_{i+1} \mathbf{x} + \cdots + \mathbf{T}_k \mathbf{x}) \\ &= (\mathbf{T}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{T}_k) \mathbf{x} \\ \therefore \mathbf{I} &= \mathbf{T}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{T}_k \end{aligned}$$

□

(e). *Proof.*  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{x}_k$  for  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbf{W}_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{x}_k) \\ &= \mathbf{T} \mathbf{x}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{T} \mathbf{x}_k \\ &= \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \cdots + \lambda_k \mathbf{x}_k \\ &= \lambda_1 \mathbf{T}_1 \mathbf{x} + \cdots + \lambda_k \mathbf{T}_k \mathbf{x} \\ &= (\lambda_1 \mathbf{T}_1 + \cdots + \lambda_k \mathbf{T}_k) \mathbf{x} \\ \therefore &= \lambda_1 \mathbf{T}_1 + \cdots + \lambda_k \mathbf{T}_k \end{aligned}$$

□

**Note.** If  $A$  is unitarily diagonalizable,  $A = Q^{-1} A Q = Q^* A Q$ . Thus getting inverse of  $Q$  is just  $\overline{Q}^t$ . It's much computationally cheaper than usual case.

**Note.** If  $\mathbf{T}$  is normal (self-adjoint) and  $\beta$  is the union of orthonormal bases of the  $\mathbf{W}_i$  and let  $m_i =$

$$\dim \mathbf{W}_i, \text{ then } [\mathbf{T}]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \mathbf{I}_{m_1} & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 \mathbf{I}_{m_2} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_k \mathbf{I}_{m_k} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Corollary.**  $\mathbf{T}$  is unitary  $\iff \mathbf{T}$  is normal and  $|\lambda_i| = 1$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$

*Proof.*  $\implies$  Suppose that  $\mathbf{T}$  is unitary. Since  $\mathbf{T}^* \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{T}^*$ ,  $\mathbf{T}$  is normal.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{T}^* \mathbf{v}_i &= \mathbf{T}(\bar{\lambda}_i \mathbf{v}_i) \\ &= |\lambda_i|^2 \mathbf{v}_i \\ &= \mathbf{v}_i \quad (\because \mathbf{T} \mathbf{T}^* = \mathbf{I}) \\ \therefore |\lambda_i|^2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\Leftarrow$  Suppose that  $\mathbf{T}$  is normal and  $|\lambda_i| = 1$ . Since  $\mathbf{T}_i$  is orthogonal projection,  $\mathbf{T}_i^2 = \mathbf{T}_i = \mathbf{T}_i^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}^* \mathbf{T} &= (\bar{\lambda}_1 \mathbf{T}_1 + \dots + \bar{\lambda}_k \mathbf{T}_k)(\lambda_1 \mathbf{T}_1 + \dots + \lambda_k \mathbf{T}_k) \\ &= |\lambda_1|^2 \mathbf{T}_1^2 + \dots + |\lambda_k|^2 \mathbf{T}_k^2 \\ &= \mathbf{T}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{T}_k \\ &= \mathbf{I} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \mathbf{T}$  is unitary □

**Corollary.**  $\mathbf{T}$  is normal and  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $\mathbf{T}$  is self-adjoint if and only if  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

*Proof.*  $\implies$  Suppose that  $\mathbf{T}$  is self-adjoint. For all  $i$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i &= \mathbf{T} \mathbf{x}_i \\ &= \mathbf{T}^* \mathbf{x}_i \\ &= \bar{\lambda}_i \mathbf{x}_i \\ \therefore \bar{\lambda}_i &= \lambda_i \\ \therefore \lambda_i &\in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

$\Leftarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T} &= \lambda_1 \mathbf{T}_1 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{T}_2 + \dots + \lambda_k \mathbf{T}_k \\ \mathbf{T}^* &= \bar{\lambda}_1 \mathbf{T}_1 + \dots + \bar{\lambda}_k \mathbf{T}_k \\ &= \lambda_1 \mathbf{T}_1 + \dots + \lambda_k \mathbf{T}_k \\ &= \mathbf{T} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \mathbf{T}$  is self-adjoint □

**Definition** (Singular Value Decomposition).  $\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{W}$  are finite-dimensional inner product space.  $\mathbf{T} : \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{W}$ : linear transformation of rank  $r$ . Then  $\exists \beta = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ : an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbf{V}$ ,  $\gamma = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m\}$ : an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbf{W}$ , and  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$  such that

$$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{v}_i = \begin{cases} \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i & (i \leq r) \\ \mathbf{0} & (i > r) \end{cases}$$

Conversely if the preceding conditions are satisfied, then

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{T}^* \mathbf{T} \mathbf{v}_i = \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{u}_i & (i \leq r) \\ \mathbf{T}^* \mathbf{T} \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{0} & (i > r) \end{cases}$$

$\therefore$  the scalars  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$  are uniquely determined by  $\mathbf{T}$