

# Introduction to Computer Vision

(to appear as Fundamentals of Image Processing  
and Interpretation)

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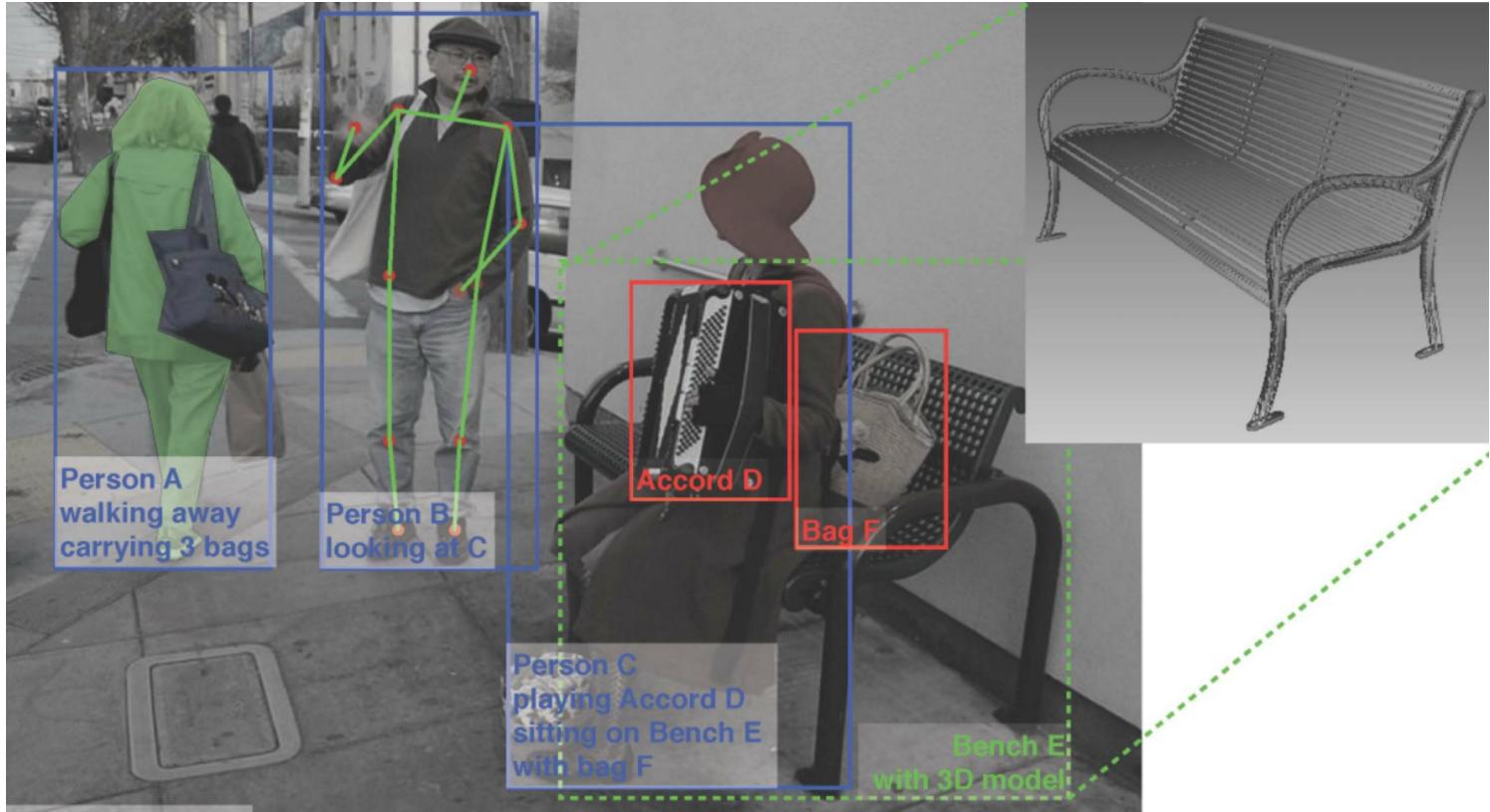
Interpretation (by a familiar person):

A view of Nautibus from the Lyon 1 tram stop

# Applications: Recognition, Reorganisation and Reconstruction

What do images tell?

- Objects
- Activities
- Scenes
- Locations
- Text/writing
- Faces
- Gestures
- Motions
- Emotions ...



# 1. Mathematical Fundamentals

Matrix analysis

# Vector

collection of ordered numbers that represent something: pixel brightness, functions describing location, motion, etc.

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T = transpose flips the vector, row to column and vice versa

```
>> v = [1;2;3]
```

```
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```

```
1  
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3
```

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>> v'
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In matlab, ' is the transpose operator

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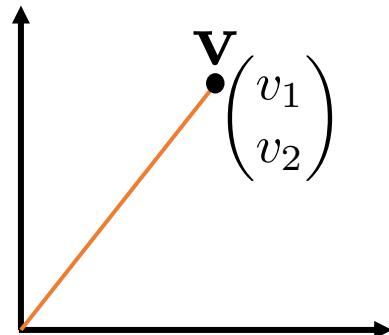
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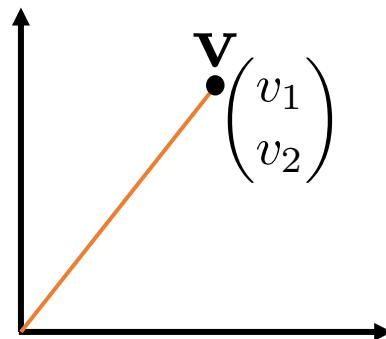
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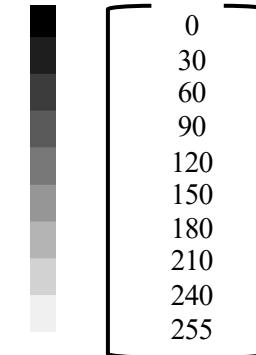
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Data values, no geometric interpretation

# Matrix

$M \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times P}$  matrix with N rows and P columns

$m_{ij}$  - elements of the matrix, i<sup>th</sup> row and j<sup>th</sup> column

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & \dots & m_{1P} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & \dots & m_{2P} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ m_{N1} & m_{N2} & \dots & m_{NP} \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that when matrix represent images, their coordinates [r,c] are not cartesian, [y=-1,x=1] =  $m_{11}$

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exchange between rows and columns

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^\top = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Trace: sum of diagonals  $tr(\mathbf{M}) = \sum m_{ii}$

Norm (Frobenius norm):  $\|\mathbf{M}\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^P m_{ij}^2} = \sqrt{tr(\mathbf{M}^\top \mathbf{M})}$

```
>> m = randi(5,5,5)

m =

    1     5     4     1     3
    2     3     4     3     3
    4     3     2     4     1
    3     5     3     5     2
    2     2     1     1     1

>> trace(m)

ans =

    12

>> norm(m)

ans =

    14.3592

>> norm(m, 'fro')

ans =

    15.0997

>> sqrt(trace(m'*m))

ans =

    15.0997

>> |
```

# Basic operations

Addition/Subtraction: possible only with matrices/vectors of same dimension or a scalar

Multiplication: With scalars, element-wise multiplication  $3 \times \mathbf{M} \rightarrow 3 \times m_{ij}$

With Vectors/Matrix: possible when columns (c) in left matrix = rows (r) in right matrix

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}, \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times P}$$

Associative :  $\mathbf{ABC} = \mathbf{A(BC)} = (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C}$

Distributive:  $\mathbf{A(B + C)} = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC}$

Non-commutative (in general):  $\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$

# Special Products

Inner product (dot product) on vectors with same length:

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{w} = \sum_i v_i w_i = \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\| \cos \theta$$

If  $\mathbf{w}$  is a unit vector, then  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$  gives the length of  $\mathbf{v}$  which lies in the direction of  $\mathbf{w}$

Theta is the angle between vectors

Orthogonal vectors:  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0 \quad \theta = 90^\circ$

Cross product on vectors with same length:  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} = \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\| \sin \theta$

Zero for parallel vectors

Outer product (exterior product) on vectors that can be of different length:

$$\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} \mathbf{w}^\top$$

# Determinant

Determinant: Represents area (2D) and volume (3D) of the parallelogram described by the vectors in the rows of the matrix

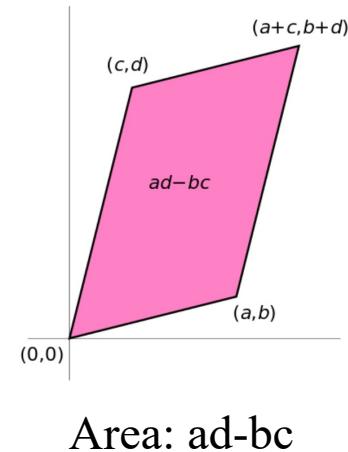
$$\det \mathbf{M}_{2 \times 2} = m_{11}m_{22} - m_{12}m_{21}$$

Special property:  $\det \mathbf{AB} = \det \mathbf{BA}$

$$\det \mathbf{A}^\top = \det \mathbf{A}$$

$$\det \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}}$$

If  $\det \mathbf{M} = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{M}$  is singular  $\rightarrow$  no area/volume, non-invertible



# Special matrices

$\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times P}$       If  $N=P$ , it is a square matrix

Identity matrix:  $m_{ij} = 1 \quad i = j \quad , 0 \text{ otherwise}$       usually denoted as  $\mathbf{I}$

$$\mathbf{AI} = \mathbf{IA} = \mathbf{A}$$

Diagonal matrix:  $m_{ij} = d \quad i = j, \quad d \in \mathbb{R} \quad , 0 \text{ otherwise}$        $\mathbf{AM} = \mathbf{MA}$   
diagonal elements can be different

Symmetric matrix:  $m_{ij} = m_{ji} \quad \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}^\top$

Skew-symmetric matrix:  $m_{ij} = -m_{ji} \quad \mathbf{M} = -\mathbf{M}^\top$

Orthogonal matrix:  $\mathbf{MM}^\top = \mathbf{M}^\top \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}, \quad \det \mathbf{M} = 1$

# Matrix Inverse (only for square matrices)

Given  $\mathbf{M}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}$  is such that  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$       $\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{M}} \text{adj} \mathbf{M}$

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If  $\mathbf{M}$  is singular,  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}$  does not exist.

$$(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

$$(\mathbf{M}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{M}$$

$$(\mathbf{M}^{-1})^\top = (\mathbf{M}^\top)^{-1} = \mathbf{M}^{-\top}$$

Always use pseudoinverses for numerical computations

```
>> m = randi(5,2,2)
m =
        4      3
        2      1
>> det(m)
ans =
     -2
>> inv(m)
ans =
    -0.5000    1.5000
    1.0000   -2.0000
>> pinv(m)
ans =
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# Matrix Rank

Linear dependence of vectors: If a vector can be expressed as a linear combination of other vectors, it is linearly dependent on them otherwise it is linearly independent.

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(Column/row) Rank of a matrix: number of independent columns/rows in a matrix.

Apparently, they are column rank = row rank

Full rank: for  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$ ,  $rank(\mathbf{M}) \leq \min(M, N)$ , in case of equality, it is full rank

A singular matrix (non-invertible) is not full rank.

# Change of Basis

Cartesian coordinates 2D: basis  $\mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{e}_1 \quad \mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Given a point  $\mathbf{x} = (1,1)$  in 2D, it is with respect to  $\mathbf{B}$

Suppose we change the basis, the new basis  $\overline{\mathbf{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

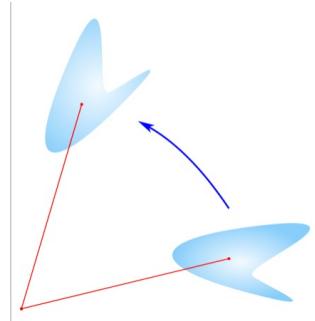
The transformed  $\mathbf{x}$  according to this basis is

$$\overline{\mathbf{x}} = \overline{\mathbf{B}}^{-1} \mathbf{x}$$

# Matrix Transformations: Rotation

In 2D: degrees of freedom = 1

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$



In 3D: degrees of freedom = 3

$$\mathbf{R}_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_y = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_z = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \psi & -\sin \psi & 0 \\ \sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_z \mathbf{R}_y \mathbf{R}_x = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \psi & -\cos \phi \sin \psi + \sin \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi & \sin \phi \sin \psi + \cos \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi \\ \cos \theta \sin \psi & \cos \phi \cos \psi + \sin \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi & -\sin \phi \cos \psi + \cos \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi \\ -\sin \theta & \sin \phi \cos \theta & \cos \phi \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation is an orthogonal transformation,  $\det(\mathbf{R}) = 1$

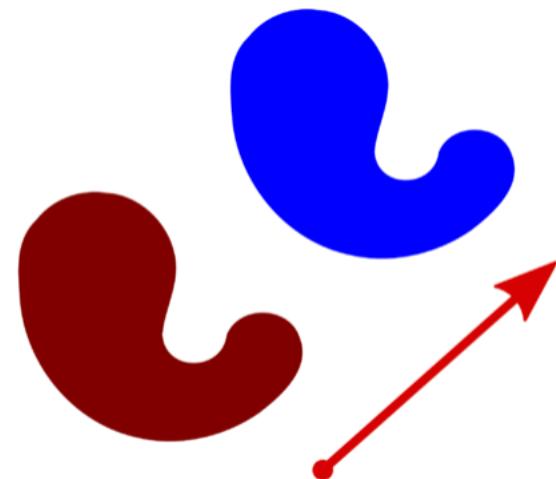
Reflection is like rotation, but  $\det(\mathbf{R}) = -1$

Axis-angle representations: Euler angles, Quaternions, Rodrigue's formula

# Matrix Transformations: Translation

In 2D: degrees of freedom = 2

In 3D: degrees of freedom = 3



# Matrix Transformations: Scaling

In 2D:

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x & 0 \\ 0 & s_y \end{pmatrix}$$

Isotropic:  $s_x = s_y$

Anisotropic:  $s_x \neq s_y$

degrees of freedom (isotropic): 1

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Isotropic



In 3D:  $\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z \end{pmatrix}$

$s_x = s_y = s_z$

$s_x \neq s_y \neq s_z$

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# Matrix Transformations: Shear

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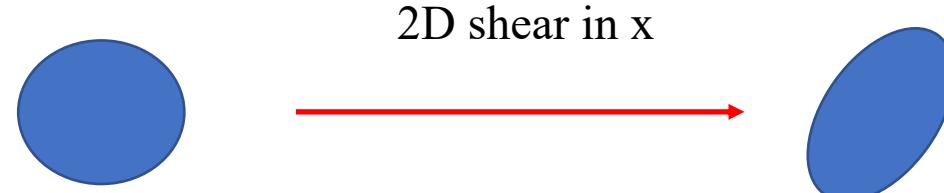
$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & s_x \\ s_y & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

degrees of freedom: 2

In 3D:

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & s_{x1} & s_{x2} \\ s_{y1} & 1 & s_{y2} \\ s_{z1} & s_{z2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

degrees of freedom: 6



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In 2D: degrees of freedom: 1(rotation) + 2(translation) = 3     $[R|t]_{2 \times 3}$

In 3D: degrees of freedom: 3(rotation) + 3(translation) = 6     $[R|t]_{3 \times 4}$

# Similarity Transformations

Preserve ratio of lengths, angles

A combination of scale, rotations, reflections and translations

In 2D: degrees of freedom:  $1(\text{scale}) + 1(\text{rotation}) + 2(\text{translation}) = 4$   $s[R|t]_{2 \times 3}$

In 3D: degrees of freedom:  $1(\text{scale}) + 3(\text{rotation}) + 3(\text{translation}) = 6$   $s[R|t]_{3 \times 4}$

# Affine Transformations

Preserve ratio of lengths, ratio of areas, parallelism

A combination of shear, scale, rotations, reflections and translations

In 2D: degrees of freedom:  $2(\text{shear}) + 2(\text{scale}) + 1(\text{rotation}) + 2(\text{translation}) = \mathbf{6}$

In 3D: degrees of freedom:  $6(\text{shear}) + 3(\text{scale}) + 3(\text{rotation}) + 3(\text{translation}) = \mathbf{12}$

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Degrees of freedom (dof) can't be more than matrix size.

In 2D, its  $2 \times 3 = 6$  and in 3D, its  $3 \times 4 = 12$ .

Affine > Similarity > Euclidean

# Transformations

To transform  $\mathbf{x}$ , we write (using homogeneous coordinates):  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{t}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times d}^\top & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

d is dimension

Euclidean:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{R}$

Similarity:  $\mathbf{A} = s\mathbf{R}$

Affine:  $\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{t}$

# Projective Transformations

Preserves collinearity

A combination of distortion, shear, scale, rotations, reflections and translations

In 2D: degrees of freedom: 8

In 3D: degrees of freedom: 15

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & t \\ \mathbf{v}_{1 \times d}^\top & v \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Projective > Affine > Similarity > Euclidean

Always look at the rank of matrix to see how many dimensions does it impact

# Eigenvalue and Eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 1}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

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Find  $\lambda$  by solving  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = 0$

$$tr(\mathbf{A}) = \sum \lambda$$

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \prod \lambda$$

Rank = number of non-zero eigenvalues

# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Represent a matrix as a product of 3, in order to reveal internal structure

With SVD  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T$ , where

$\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}$  are orthogonal (rotation/unitary) matrices and

$\Sigma$  is a scaling (diagonal) matrix

$\mathbf{A}$  does not need to be a square matrix

Geometrically, it can break down a transformation into simpler components

`svd(A):`

eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  are columns of  $\mathbf{U}$ , eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  are sqrt of  $\Sigma$  elements

eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$  are columns of  $\mathbf{V}$ , eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$  are sqrt of  $\Sigma$  elements

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```
>> [U,S,V]=svd([1 2 3; 4 5 6])
```

U =

-0.3863	-0.9224
-0.9224	0.3863

S =

9.5080	0	0
0	0.7729	0

V =

-0.4287	0.8060	0.4082
-0.5663	0.1124	-0.8165
-0.7039	-0.5812	0.4082

```
>> U*S*V'
```

ans =

1.5745	2.0801	2.5857
3.7594	4.9664	6.1735

Quite similar to original matrix

Quite small, make S(2,2)=0



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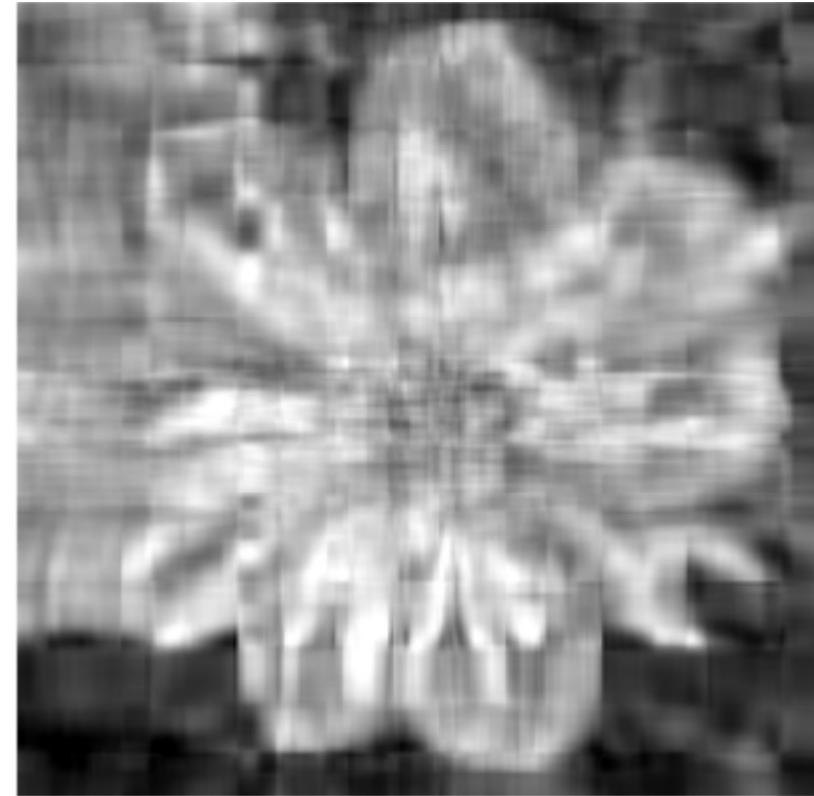


Image compression: By using on 10 principal components instead of 300

# Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

Can give you what is relevant information in the data

Raw data samples can be redundant. With PCA, you can represent them as weights to principal components.

It can help with to do data compression, dimensionality reduction

How to do it?

- 1) Normalise data – zero mean,
- 2) Compute covariance ( $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  or  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$  whichever is lighter),
- 3) Compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors

# Reading material

<https://cs229.stanford.edu/section/cs229-linalg.pdf>

Wikipedia

# Labwork

- Use matlab tutorial to get acquainted with matlab commands
- Practice today's learnings
- Use greenspace.m to understand image manipulation using matlab

# HW1: P0

Given  $\mathbf{R}$  (a rotation matrix) and  $\mathbf{A}$  (an invertible matrix), solve for  $\mathbf{Y}$

$$\mathbf{RYA} = \mathbf{B}$$

Using Matlab, formulate  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{Y}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  numerically and confirm your obtained solution.

# HW1: P1

Convert the following 2D affine transformation, into rotation, scaling, shearing and translation components (whichever applicable). Write a generic decomposition.

Hint: Use SVD

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## HW1: P2

Use SVD to compress image flower.bmp (convert it to a grayscale image).

What are your observations on compression with  $k = 10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250$  and  $300$  eigenvalues?

How would you decide an optimal compression (trade-off between compression accuracy and data storage)?

What is the optimal  $k$ , according to you?

What is the reduced data size?