

More on the SVD

$[A]_{m \times n}$

Defn: Frobenius norm: matrix norm defined by -

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|A\|_F &= \left(\sum_j^n \|a_j\|_2^2 \right)^{1/2} & a_j &= j^{\text{th}} \text{ row of } A \\
 &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
 &= \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^* A)} & (\text{exercise}) \\
 &= \sqrt{\text{tr}(A A^*)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: For any $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ & unitary $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$,

$$\|QA\|_2 = \|A\|_2 \quad \& \quad \|QA\|_F = \|A\|_F.$$

2-norm &
Frobenius
norm are
invariant
under multi-
by unitary
matrices.

Let $A = U \sum_{m \times r} V^*$ be the SVD of A .

Result 1: The rank of $A = \# \text{ non-zero singular values of } A = r$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{rank}(A) &= \text{rank}(U \sum V^*) \\
 &= \text{rank}(\Sigma) \\
 &= r.
 \end{aligned}$$

If B is full rank,
then $\text{rank}(AB) = \text{rank}(BA)$
 $= \text{rank } A$.

If $A = U \sum V^*$ & $\text{rank } A = r$, then -

Result 2: $\text{range}(A) = \langle u_1, \dots, u_r \rangle$, $\text{null}(A) = \langle v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n \rangle$

Exercise.

Result 3: $\|A\|_2 = \sigma_1$ & $\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}$

Pf: $\|A\|_2 = \sigma_1$ already proven.

$$\|A\|_F = \|U \sum V^*\|_F = \|\sum\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2} \quad \square.$$

Result 4: If $A = A^*$, then the singular values of A are the absolute values of the eigenvalues of A .
(Exercise).

Result 5: for $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$, $|\det A| = \prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i$.

Theorem (Existence & uniqueness of SVD)

Every matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ has a singular value decomposition

$$A = U \sum V^*.$$

The singular values $\{\sigma_j\}$ are uniquely determined.

If A is square & the σ_j are distinct, then $\{u_j\}$ & $\{v_j\}$ are uniquely determined upto complex scalar factors of absolute value 1.

Proof: Consider the function $v \mapsto \|Av\|_2$

$$\begin{matrix} u & u' \\ u_j & z u'_j \\ |z|=1. \end{matrix}$$

on the unit sphere in \mathbb{C}^n .

This is a continuous function on a compact set, hence it attains its bounds.

$$\left\{ \|Av\|_2 \mid v \in \text{unit sphere} \right\} = \|A\|_2$$

i.e. $\|v\|_2 = 1$

$\therefore \exists$ a vector $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ with $\|v\|_2 = 1$ s.t. $\|Av\|_2 = \|A\|_2 = \sigma_1$ ✓

Thus we found a vector v_1 for which $\|Av_1\|_2 = \sigma_1$.

$$\text{Let } u_1 = \frac{Av_1}{\|Av_1\|} = \frac{Av_1}{\|Av_1\|} = \frac{Av_1}{\sigma_1} \quad (\because \|u_1\| = 1)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{Av_1 = \sigma_1 u_1} \quad \star \quad A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}, \quad v_1 \in \mathbb{C}^n, \quad u_1 \in \mathbb{C}^m.$$

Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ & $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\} \in \mathbb{C}^m$ be
an extension of v_1 & u_1 to orthonormal bases of \mathbb{C}^n
& \mathbb{C}^m resp.

$$\text{Let } U_1 = [u_1 | \dots | u_m] \quad \& \quad V_1 = [v_1 | \dots | v_n]$$

$$\text{Let } S = U_1^* A V_1 = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^* \\ \vdots \\ u_m^* \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} v_1 | \dots | v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & w^* \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

Claim: $w = 0$

$$\|S \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ w \end{bmatrix}\|_2 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 + w^* w \\ Bw \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \geq \sqrt{(\sigma_1 + w^* w)^2} = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ w \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2$$

$$\therefore \|S\|_2 \geq \|S \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ w \end{bmatrix}\|_2 \geq \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ w \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \quad \|S\|_2 \geq \|Sv_1\|_2$$

$$\text{But } \|S\|_2 = \|A\|_2 = \sigma_1$$

$$\therefore w = 0$$

$$\text{So } S = U_1^* A V_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}$$

By induction hypothesis, B has an SVD $B = U_2 \Sigma_2 V_2^*$

$$\text{Consider } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & V_2^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= S = U_1^* A V_1$$

$$\therefore A = U_1 S V_1^* = \underbrace{U_1}_{U} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & u_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\Sigma} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\Sigma} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & v_2^* \end{bmatrix}}_{V^*} V_1^*$$

This gives the SVD of A.

(Uniqueness - exercise)

Writing A as a sum of rank-1 matrices using SVD:

$$\text{If } A = \underbrace{U}_{U} \underbrace{\Sigma}_{\Sigma} \underbrace{V^*}_{V^*}$$

$$\text{then } A = \underbrace{u_1 \sigma_1 v_1^* + u_2 \sigma_2 v_2^* + \dots + u_r \sigma_r v_r^*}_{\text{rank-1 matrices}}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^r u_i \sigma_i v_i^*$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq k \leq r, \text{ let } A_k = \sum_{i=1}^k u_i \sigma_i v_i^*. (\text{rank } A_k = k)$$

Theorem: (Eckhart - Young theorem) A_k is the "best" rank k approximation to A. i.e.

if B is any other rank k matrix in $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, then

$$\|A - A_k\|_2 \leq \|A - B\|_2$$

More precisely, let $\text{rank } A = r$, then for any $0 \leq k \leq r$,

$$\text{define } A_k = \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j u_j v_j^*;$$

(if $p = \min\{m, n\}$, define $\sigma_{p+1} = 0$), then

$$\|A - A_k\|_2 = \inf_{\substack{B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n} \\ \text{rank } B \leq k}} \|A - B\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}.$$

all are rank 1 matrices.

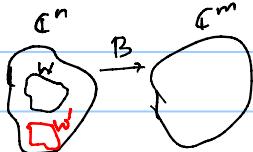
$$\boxed{A = \underbrace{U}_{m \times n} \underbrace{\Sigma}_{m \times n} \underbrace{V^*}_{n \times n} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c} u_1 & \dots & u_n \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \sigma_2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & \sigma_r & 0 \\ & & & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} v_1^* \\ \vdots \\ v_k^* \\ \vdots \\ v_n^* \end{array} \right] = \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^* + \sigma_2 u_2 v_2^* + \dots + \sigma_r u_r v_r^* + \text{zero matrices.}}$$

$$0 \leq k \leq r, \quad A_k = \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j u_j v_j^*$$

$$A - A_k = \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^r \sigma_j u_j v_j^*}_{\sim} - \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j u_j v_j^*}_{\sim} = \sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j u_j v_j^*$$

$$\text{So } \|A - A_k\| = \sigma_{k+1}.$$

Proof: Suppose there is some $B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ with $\text{rank } B \leq k$
such that $\|A - B\|_2 < \|A - A_k\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}$



$$\text{rank } B \leq k \Rightarrow \text{nullity } B \geq n-k$$

\therefore There is an $(n-k)$ -dim'l subspace W of \mathbb{C}^n

$$\text{s.t. } Bw = 0 \text{ if } w \in W.$$

$$\text{So for any } w \in W, \quad \underbrace{\|Aw\|_2}_{} = \underbrace{\|(A-B)w\|_2}_{} \leq \|A - B\|_2 \cdot \|w\|_2 \\ < \underbrace{\sigma_{k+1}}_{} \cdot \|w\|_2.$$

But the subspace W' of \mathbb{C}^n spanned by the first $(k+1)$ columns of V (i.e. first $k+1$ right singular vectors)

is a $(k+1)$ -dim'l subspace whose elements w' satisfy

$$\underbrace{\|Aw'\|_2}_{} \geq \underbrace{\sigma_{k+1}}_{} \underbrace{\|w'\|_2}_{} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{i.e. } \frac{\|Aw'\|_2}{\|w'\|_2} \geq \sigma_{k+1} = \|A - A_k\|_2 \\ \text{by defn. of 2 norm} \end{array} \right]$$

So $W \cap W'$ must be $\{0\}$, but $\dim W + \dim W' = (n-k) + (k+1)$
which exceeds n ,
a contradiction. \square