### WHAT?

Approximate representation of a matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 2.99 & 2.01 & 0.98 \\ 0.02 & 1.88 & 1.1 \\ -0.07 & 0.45 & 0.29 \end{bmatrix}$$

Original matrix

The numbers in this matrix are very close to the original matrix

WHY? Why do we want to approximate a matrix?

Bigger matrix- $\rightarrow$  Lots of numbers (or elements) $\rightarrow$  need more storage space and more computation

How about finding a way to store the matrix with less number of elements with approximate same values?

Yes! There is a way

We can store the matrix with much less elements  $\rightarrow$  Much less storage space & Much less computation power needed

### How?

Through "Rank of a Matrix"

Rank= No. of independent columns or rows of a matrix

Let A be a matrix of order (m x n) and its rank is 'r'. [r <= min(m,n)] We can split the matrix A into two matrices through 'r' or even any value ranging from 1 to r.

 $Amxn = Bmxr C^Trxn$ 

Example

Let m=No. of rows=5000 n=No. of columns=100 r=rank of A=20

 $(A_{5000x100})$ 

Now Number of elements of A =5000x 100=5,00,000

We can find two matrices B and C<sup>T</sup> such that

 $B_{5000x20}$  and  $C^{T}_{20x100}$ 

No. of elements of  $BC^T = 5000x20 + 20x100 = 1,02,000$ 

 $A_{5000x100}=B_{5000x20} C^{T}_{20x100}$ 

So instead of storing the original matrix A with 5,00,000 elements we can store B and  $C^T$  matrix with 1,02,000 elements i.e. almost 80% reduction in storage space required!

## Want further reduction in the storage space requirement?

Choose any lower value between 1 and 20 (i.e. lower rank of A , Full rank is 20) Lets choose a low rank r=10

Now we can write 
$$A_{5000x100} = B_{5000x10} C_{10x100}^T$$
  
No. of elements= $5000x10+10x100=51,000$ 

So instead of storing the original matrix A with 5,00,000 elements we can store B and C<sup>T</sup> matrix with 51,000 elements i.e. almost 90% reduction in storage space required!

- This is called Low rank approximation of A, because we are using a low rank of 10, instead of its full rank of 20
- So we can represent the same matrix A with much less number of elements which is very close to the original matrix

### Q:How to find B and C<sup>T</sup>?

## A: By Singular Value Decomposition(SVD)

Any matrix of order (mxn)can be written as a matrix multiplication of 3 matrices as follows:

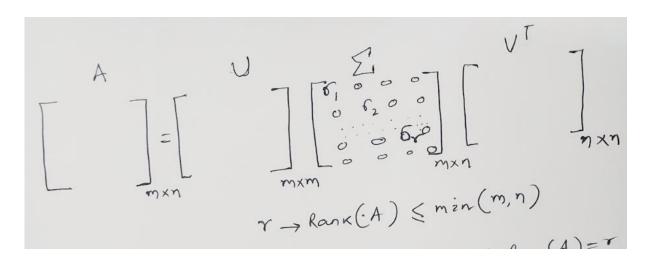
 $A=U\Sigma V^{T}$  and rank of A is 'r'

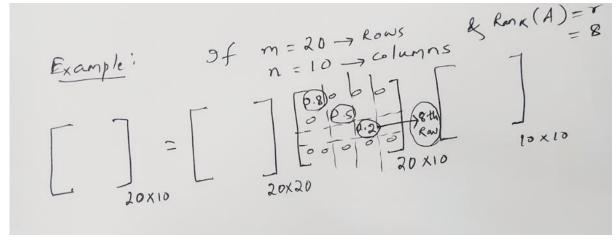
Where:

U is a mxm matrix

V is nxn matrix

Σ is a mxn matrix, the diagonal values of first 'r' rows are singular values of A and rest of the entries are zero.





Note: SVD can be done by any computer programing language such as python

#### Example

Let 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here rank of A is 3 as there are three independent columns. Let's do a low rank approximation say 2 rank approximation

Applying SVD(Here I have used python to find out U, $\Sigma$  and V<sup>T</sup> matrices), A can be split as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.91 & 0.42 & 0.02 \\ 0.41 & -0.87 & -0.26 \\ 0.09 & -0.24 & 0.97 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4.04 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.70 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.87 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.67 & 0.73 & 0.08 \\ 0.65 & -0.54 & -0.53 \\ 0.35 & -0.41 & 0.84 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

#### Example

#### Rank 2 approximation of A:

