

## Reduction of Dimensions

Accompanying linescript from lec.36.

## Recap SVD

$$A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}, \quad m \geq n \quad (\text{tall rectangle})$$

SVD:  $A = U \Sigma V^*$  hermitian = conjugate transpose

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cdot U \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m} \text{ unitary} \rightarrow \text{columns: left singular vectors} \\ \cdot \Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \text{ diagonal} \rightarrow \text{diagonal entries: singular values} \\ \cdot V \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \text{ unitary} \rightarrow \text{columns: right singular vectors} \end{array} \right\} \text{ of } A$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \sigma_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \sigma_n \\ \hline & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0$$

$\sigma_1$  primary singular value (of A)

## Note (MATLAB)

- $[U, S, V] = \text{svd}(A)$ ; (thick)
- $[U, S, V] = \text{svd}(A, 0)$ ; (thin)
- hermitian:  $V'$  ↑ zero

# Low-Rank Approximations

$$\boxed{A} \quad m \times n = \boxed{\hat{U}} \quad m \times n \quad \boxed{\hat{\Sigma}} \quad n \times n \quad \boxed{V^*} \quad n \times n$$

Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  with  $m \geq n$ . Its thin SVD  $A = \hat{U} \hat{\Sigma} V^*$  can be written as

$$A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{first } n \text{ left-sing. vectors}} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_n & \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1^* \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_n^* \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{right-sing. vectors}^*}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 & \cdots & \sigma_n \mathbf{u}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1^* \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_n^* \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{j=1}^r \sigma_j \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^*, \quad r = \min\{m, n\} = \underline{n}$$

where  $r$  is the rank of  $A$ .

"inner product"

$$\begin{matrix} \vec{u_j} \\ \boxed{\phantom{000}} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \vec{v_j}^* \\ \boxed{\phantom{000}} \end{matrix} \quad \text{"outer product"} \\ m \times 1 \quad 1 \times n$$

- Each outer product  $\mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^*$  is a rank-1 matrix.
- Since  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_r > 0$ , important contributions to  $A$  come from terms with small  $j$ .

# Low-Rank Approximations (cont')

For  $1 \leq k \leq r$ , define

$$A_k = \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^* = U_k \Sigma_k V_k^*,$$

where

- $U_k$  is the first  $k$  columns of  $U$ ;
- $V_k$  is the first  $k$  columns of  $V$ ;
- $\Sigma_k$  is the upper-left  $k \times k$  submatrix of  $\Sigma$ .

This is a rank- $k$  approximation of  $A$ .

(rank- $k$  approx. of  $A$ )

$$\begin{array}{c} A \\ \boxed{\phantom{A}} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \hat{U} \\ \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_k \\ \hline \end{array}} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \hat{\Sigma} \\ \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \Sigma_k \\ \hline \end{array}} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} V^* \\ \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \vec{v}_1 \dots \vec{v}_k \\ \hline \end{array}}^* \end{array}$$

$m \times n$

$U_k$

$$A \approx A_k = U_k \Sigma_k V_k^*$$

# Best Rank- $k$ Approximation

## Theorem 6 (Eckart-Young)

Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ . Suppose  $A$  has rank  $r$  and let  $A = U\Sigma V^*$  be an SVD. Then

- $\|A - A_k\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}$ , for  $k = 1, \dots, r-1$ .
- For any matrix  $B$  with  $\text{rank}(B) \leq k$ ,  $\|A - B\|_2 \geq \sigma_{k+1} = \|A - A_k\|$

first omitted sing. value