

If S has all different eigenvalues, we know we can diagonalize now: $S = Q \Lambda Q^T$.

But we can diagonalize even if eigenvalues are repeated. (I won't prove it.)

Example ~~matrix~~ $S = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigenvalues: $\begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (-1-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1-\lambda \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= (-1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1) - (-1-\lambda-1) + (1+1+\lambda)$$

$$= -\lambda^2 - \lambda^3 - 2\lambda - 2\lambda^2 + \lambda + 2 + \lambda + 2 = -\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 + 4 = 0$$

By inspection: $\lambda = 1$ is a root. So can factor out $1-\lambda$:

$$(1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b) = -\lambda^3 + \underbrace{(1-a)}_{-3}\lambda^2 + \underbrace{(a-b)}_0\lambda + \underbrace{b}_4$$

So $a=b=4$: $(1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4) = 0 \rightarrow \lambda = 1, -2, -2$.

$$\quad \quad \quad (\lambda+2)^2$$

Eigenvectors for $\lambda = 1$:

Solve $(S - I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Entries in each row add to 0

one eigenvector is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigenvectors for $\lambda = -2$:

Solve $(S + 2I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \rightsquigarrow$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 - x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So here is a basis of eigenvectors:

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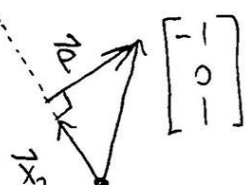
$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\lambda=1}, \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\lambda=-2}$$

But it's not orthonormal,
or even orthogonal.

rescale to
unit vector

$$\vec{x}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use Gram-Schmidt process:



Vector \vec{p} is
orthogonal to \vec{x}_2 ,
and it's still an
eigenvector.

$$\vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \underbrace{\text{projection onto span}(\vec{x}_2)}_{\frac{\vec{x}_2 \vec{x}_2^T}{\vec{x}_2^T \vec{x}_2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\vec{x}_2 \vec{x}_2^T}{\vec{x}_2^T \vec{x}_2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$= 1$ (\vec{x}_2 is a unit vector)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Finally, } \vec{x}_3 = \frac{1}{\|\vec{p}\|} \vec{p} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(-1/2)^2 + (-1/2)^2 + 1^2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we can diagonalize S :

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 & 2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\vec{x}_1 & \vec{x}_2 & \vec{x}_3 \\ Q}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\Lambda} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{6} & 2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}}_{Q^T = Q^{-1}}$$

Some special symmetric matrices: Suppose A is an $m \times n$ matrix (we don't need $m=n$).

Then $A^T A$ and $A A^T$ are both symmetric (not usually the same)

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 $n \times n$ $m \times m$

What's special about $A^T A$? For one thing, its eigenvalues are not just real numbers. They are also positive (or 0).

Why? Suppose $A^T A \vec{x} = \lambda \vec{x}$ with $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \vec{x}^T A^T A \vec{x} &= \lambda (\vec{x}^T \vec{x}) \\ \parallel & \qquad \parallel \\ (A\vec{x})^T A \vec{x} & \quad \lambda (\vec{x}^T \vec{x}) \end{aligned} \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{(A\vec{x}) \cdot (A\vec{x})}{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}} = \frac{\|A\vec{x}\|^2}{\|\vec{x}\|^2} \geq 0$$

Let's arrange the eigenvalues in decreasing order:

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > \lambda_{r+1} = 0, \dots, \lambda_n = 0$$

$$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_r, \underbrace{\vec{v}_{r+1}, \dots, \vec{v}_n}_{\text{Basis for } N(A^T A)} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Orthonormal basis} \\ \text{of eigenvectors} \end{array}$$

Since each $\lambda_i \geq 0$, we can take their square roots: $\sigma_i = +\sqrt{\lambda_i}$

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called the singular values of A

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Also a basis for $N(A)$, because $N(A) = N(A^T A)$.

Why? If \vec{x} in $N(A)$, then $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$, so $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{0} = \vec{0} \rightarrow \vec{x}$ is also in $N(A^T A)$.
on the other hand, if $A^T A \vec{x} = \vec{0}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}^T A^T A \vec{x} &= \vec{x}^T \vec{0} = 0 \\ \parallel & \qquad \parallel \\ (A\vec{x})^T A \vec{x} &= \|A\vec{x}\|^2 \rightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{0}. \end{aligned}$$

So \vec{x} is in $N(A)$ as well.

Note that $\dim N(A^T A) = \dim N(A) = n - r$, where $r = \text{rank}(A)$ (31)
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same as rank of $A^T A$.

So the non-zero singular values $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r$ go along with $\text{rank}(A)$ -many orthonormal eigenvectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_r$: $A^T A \vec{v}_i = \sigma_i^2 \vec{v}_i$

For $i=1, 2, \dots, r$, let's define $\vec{u}_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A \vec{v}_i$ (vectors in \mathbb{R}^m since A is $m \times n$)

What's special about $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_r$?

(1) They are an orthonormal set in \mathbb{R}^m :

$$\vec{u}_i^T \vec{u}_j = \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} (A \vec{v}_i)^T (A \vec{v}_j) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \vec{v}_i^T \underbrace{A^T A}_{\sigma_j^2 \vec{v}_j} \vec{v}_j$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_i} \vec{v}_i^T \vec{v}_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Because $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ is orthonormal.

(2) They form a basis of the column space $C(A)$:
orthonormal

- They are linearly independent because they are orthonormal.
- They are in the column space, because $C(A) = \text{set of all } A \vec{x} \text{ for } \vec{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$.
- They are enough for a basis since $\dim C(A) = \text{rank } r$.

(3) They are eigenvectors for $A A^T$!

$$A A^T \vec{u}_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \underbrace{A A^T A}_{\sigma_i^2 \vec{v}_i} \vec{v}_i = \sigma_i A \vec{v}_i = \sigma_i^2 \left(\frac{A \vec{v}_i}{\sigma_i} \right) = \sigma_i^2 \vec{u}_i$$

↙ same eigenvalue λ_i

Now remember one of the big theorems:

~~$$C(A)^\perp = N(A^T)$$~~

$$C(A)^\perp = N(A^T) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^m$$

We can get an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^m by combining

$$\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_r\} \text{ with } \{\vec{u}_{r+1}, \dots, \vec{u}_m\}$$

orthonormal basis
of $C(A)$, also
eigenvectors for AA^T

orthonormal basis of $N(A^T)$, same as
 $N(\text{~~AAA~~})$, so also eigenvectors for AA^T
 AA^T (with eigenvalue 0).

Conclusion: For any $m \times n$ matrix A , we've shown that we can find orthonormal bases of both \mathbb{R}^m and \mathbb{R}^n that are "good for A ".

$$\mathbb{R}^m = \underbrace{\{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_r\}}_{\text{basis of } N(A^T)} \underbrace{\{\vec{u}_{r+1}, \dots, \vec{u}_m\}}_{\text{orthonormal basis of eigenvectors for } AA^T}$$

$$AA^T \vec{u}_i = \sigma_i^2 \vec{u}_i$$

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \underbrace{\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r\}}_{\text{basis of } N(A)} \underbrace{\{\vec{v}_{r+1}, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}}_{\text{orthonormal basis of eigenvectors for } A^T A}$$

$$A^T A \vec{v}_i = \sigma_i^2 \vec{v}_i$$

Moreover, ~~$A \vec{v}_i = \sigma_i \vec{u}_i$~~ $A \vec{v}_i = \sigma_i \vec{u}_i$

We can use this equation to derive the singular value decomposition (SVD) of A :

Write: $V = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix}$, $U = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_1 & \vec{u}_2 & \dots & \vec{u}_m \end{bmatrix}$, $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \dots & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sigma_r & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$n \times n$ orthogonal matrix $m \times m$ orthogonal matrix $m \times n$ "diagonal" matrix

Now let's calculate:

$$AV = A \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A\vec{v}_1 & A\vec{v}_2 & \dots & A\vec{v}_r & \vec{0} & \dots & \vec{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$A\vec{v}_i = \sigma_i \vec{u}_i$ if $i \leq r$ $A\vec{v}_i = \vec{0}$ if $i > r$.

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \vec{u}_1 & \sigma_2 \vec{u}_2 & \dots & \sigma_r \vec{u}_r & \vec{0} & \dots & \vec{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

Can write
 $\vec{0} = 0 \vec{u}_{r+1}, \vec{0} = 0 \vec{u}_{r+2}$
 $\dots \vec{0} = 0 \vec{u}_m$

$m \times n$ matrix; multiplying columns
 by σ_i = multiply on right with
 an $m \times n$ diagonal-like matrix

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_1 & \vec{u}_2 & \dots & \vec{u}_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & 0's \\ & \sigma_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & 0's & & \sigma_r & 0 \dots 0 \end{bmatrix} = U \Sigma$$

$m \times m$ $m \times n$

(we will have columns of 0's on the right if $n > m$, and we will have rows of 0's at the bottom if $m > n$)

We calculated $AV = U\Sigma$. Also, V is orthogonal, $V^{-1} = V^T$.

So $\boxed{A = U\Sigma V^T}$ ← the singular value decomposition (SVD)

SVD shows that any $m \times n$ matrix A can be factored as:

$(m \times m \text{ orthogonal})$	$(m \times n \text{ diagonal-like})$	$(n \times n \text{ orthogonal})$
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columns are the <u>left</u> <u>singular vectors</u> (orthonormal basis of eigenvectors for AA^T)	diagonal entries are the <u>singular</u> <u>values</u> (square roots of the positive real eigenvalues of AA^T and ATA)	columns are the <u>right</u> <u>singular vectors</u> (orthonormal basis of eigenvectors for ATA .)

Example (Problem 7.2.4)

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

Let's find the SVD. First find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $A^T A$.

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues: $\det(A^T A - \lambda I) =$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)^2 - 1 = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = (\lambda-3)(\lambda-1) = 0$$

So $\lambda_1 = 3 > \lambda_2 = 1 > 0 \rightsquigarrow \sigma_1 = \sqrt{3}, \sigma_2 = 1$ (square roots)

Eigenvectors for $\lambda=3$: Solve $(A^T A - 3I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow x_1 = x_2 \rightsquigarrow \vec{x} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ The orthonormal}$$

basis vector \vec{v}_1 should be a unit vector: $\vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigenvectors for $\lambda=1$: Solve $(A^T A - I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow x_1 + x_2 = 0 \rightsquigarrow \vec{x} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

\vec{v}_2 should be a unit vector: $\vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Note that $\vec{v}_1 \perp \vec{v}_2$, ~~should~~ so $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ is indeed an orthonormal

basis of \mathbb{R}^2 . Get orthogonal matrix $V = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$

Left singular vectors $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3$

$$\vec{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma_1} A \vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_2} A \vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What about \vec{u}_3 ?

It needs to be a unit basis vector of

$$N(AA^T) = N(A^T)$$

Solve $A^T \vec{x} = \vec{0}$: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Row 1} - \text{Row 2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_1 = x_3 \\ x_2 = -x_3 \end{matrix}$

So $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. \vec{u}_3 needs to be a unit vector: $\vec{u}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

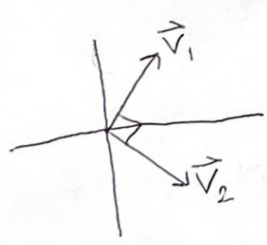
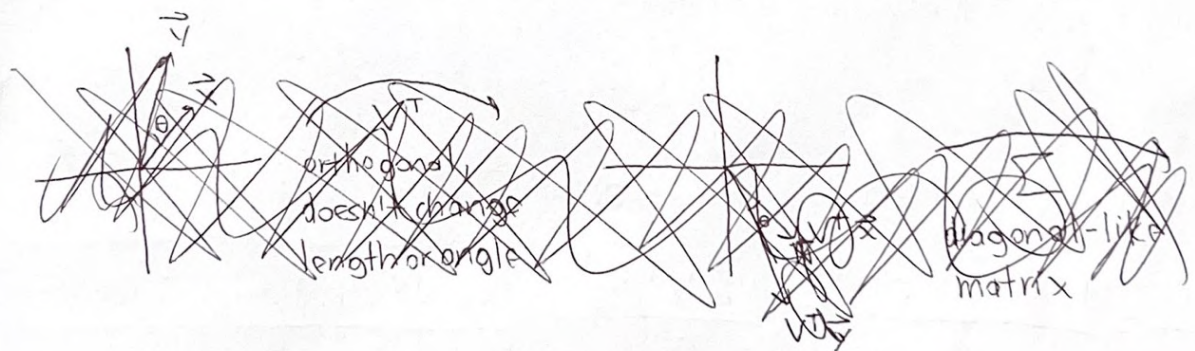
We can now write $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 2/\sqrt{6} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$ \leftarrow Note that the columns are \perp

Finally, the SVD is $A = U \Sigma V^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 2/\sqrt{6} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$

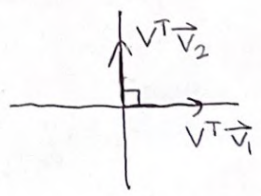
Check this is correct: $U \Sigma V^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 2/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A \checkmark$

What are some things we can do with SVD?

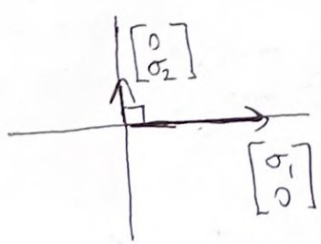
Geometry $A = U \Sigma V^T$



V^T , orthogonal, doesn't change length or angle



Σ , just scales the x and y-axis vectors



U , orthogonal, doesn't change length or angle

