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## < Singular Value Decomposition >

- Why do we need this method?
  - Solving Linear algebraic eq.
  - least squares fit
  - Image processing or noisy signal filtering
- What can this method do?

Solve  $Ax=b$  when  $A$  is nonsingular  
 $M=N$

$A$  is singular

- ↳
- (a) When many solutions exist, give a particular solution  $a$   
 $Ax=0$   $\Rightarrow$  construct general solution
  - (b) When no solution exists, do LSF

$M < N$  general solutions

$M > N$  LSF

### - SVD theorem

(To construct  $U, V$  matrices, we need to know how to diagonalize or find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of matrices)

↳ so here I will explain the method and you will use subroutines provided

### - Examples

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## < Singular Value Decomposition >

- This method will diagnose for you precisely what the problem is when Gaussian elimination and LU decomposition fail to give satisfactory results.
- This method will be also used for solving most linear least squares problems.

SVD

- Theorem: Any  $M \times N$  matrix  $A$  can be expressed as

→ singular or nonsingular

$$M \geq N$$

$$\begin{matrix} M \\ \left\{ \right. \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} A \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_1 & & & \\ & W_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & W_N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V^T \end{pmatrix} \quad \dots \quad \emptyset$$

transpose

$V^T = V^{-1} \quad V^T = U^{-1}$

$U$  :  $M \times N$  column-orthogonal matrix

$W$  :  $N \times N$  diagonal matrix with positive or zero elements

$V$  :  $N \times N$  orthogonal matrix.

Columns are orthonormal

$$\sum_{i=1}^M U_{ik} U_{in} = \delta_{kn} \quad 1 \leq k, n \leq N$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N V_{jk} V_{jn} = \delta_{kn} \quad 1 \leq k, n \leq N$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N V_{kj} V_{nj} = \delta_{kn}$$

$$V V^T = I$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} U^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U \end{pmatrix} = I, \quad \begin{pmatrix} V^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V \end{pmatrix} = I$$

$$Ax=b \quad x=A^{-1}b = (UWV^T)^{-1}b$$

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$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = (VW^{-1}U^T)b}$$

- The decomposition ① can always be done no matter how singular the matrix is.

- The decomposition is unique up to (i) making the same permutation of the columns of  $U$ , elements of  $W$ , and columns of  $V$  (or rows of  $V^T$ ), or (ii) forming linear combinations of any columns of  $U$  and  $V$  whose corresponding elements of  $W$  happen to be exactly equal.

- Algorithm of Singular value decomposition  
(How to find  $U, V, W$  matrices)

(i) Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $ATA$  and arrange them in descending order.  $\{\lambda_i, i=1, \dots, N\}$

(ii) Find the number of nonzero eigenvalues of the matrix  $ATA$ . Set  $r$  to  $r$ .

(iii) Find the orthonormal eigenvectors of the matrix  $ATA$  corresponding to the obtained eigenvalues, and arrange them in the same order to form the column-vectors of the matrix  $V$ .

(iv) Form a diagonal matrix  $W$  placing on the leading diagonal of it the square roots of the eigenvalues of the matrix  $ATA$  in descending order.

$$w_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$$

(V) Find the first column-vectors of the matrix  $U$  from  $U_i = W_i^{-1} A V_i$  ( $i=1, \dots, r$ )

(VI) Add to the matrix  $U$  the rest of  $m-r$  vectors using the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization method.

unnecessary or (V)\* Find the ~~eigenvalues and the corresponding~~ orthonormal eigenvectors  $\{U_i, i=1, \dots, n\}$  of the matrix  $A A^T$ , and arrange the eigenvectors such that the eigenvalues descend, to form the column-vectors of the matrix  $U$ .

% Remarks: (i) Why is the matrix  $V^{(U)}$  constructed from the orthonormal eigenvectors of the matrix  $A^T A$  ( $A A^T$ )

$$\begin{aligned} A A^T &= (U W V^T)^T (U W V^T) \\ &= (V W^T U^T) U W V^T \end{aligned}$$

$$U^T U = I = V (W^T W) V^T$$

$$\boxed{W^T W = V^T (A^T A) V}$$

diagonal matrix

From the similarity transformation,

$$\tilde{C} = R^T C R$$

diagonal matrix

general matrix

consists of column-vectors made of orthonormal eigenvectors of  $C$

$$V = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \cdots \boxed{\phantom{0}} \end{array} \right)$$

↓  
eigenvector

SVN-4

In analogy with the similarity transformation,

$V$  is formed from the orthonormal eigenvectors of  $A^T A$ .

$W$ : Its diagonal elements consist of the square roots of the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A^T A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A A^T &= (U W V^T) (U W V^T)^T \\ &= U W V^T V W^T U^T \\ &= U (W W^T) U^T \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow U$ : formed from the column vectors made of the orthonormal eigenvectors of  $A A^T$ .

e.g.: Find the singular value decomposition of the matrix  $A$

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

3x2 matrix  
row column

$$M=3, N=2$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

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

$$\lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = 1$$

② # of nonzero eigenvalues of the matrix  $A^T A$   
 $= r = 2$

③ Find the orthonormal eigenvectors of  $A^T A$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + y_1 &= 3x_1 & x_1 &= y_1 & \Rightarrow v_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ x_1 + 2y_1 &= 3y_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = -y_1 \Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

④ Find the diagonal matrix  $W$ :  $w_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2x2

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

3x2

$$\textcircled{5}^* \quad A A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2-\lambda)(1-\lambda)^2 - 2(1-\lambda) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = 0$$

$$u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \\ \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \\ \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

← constructed from eigenvectors w/ nonzero eigenvalues.

$$\Rightarrow \text{So } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

e.g. Another example: Find the singular value decomposition of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{or } A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Case 1:  $M=N$  ( $A$ : square matrix)

$\Rightarrow U, W, V$  : square matrices

$$Ax = b$$

$$x = A^{-1}b$$

$$= (U W V^T)^{-1} b$$

$$= V W^{-1} U^T b$$

$$= V \cdot [\text{diag}(\frac{1}{w_j})] U^T b$$

diagonal elements of  $W$

$A^{-1}$  does not exist if  $w_j$  is very small or zero  
( $A$  is singular)

$\Rightarrow$  SVD gives a clear diagnosis of the problem!!

• condition number of a matrix:

$$K(A) = \frac{|\lambda|_{\max}}{|\lambda|_{\min}} \quad \lambda: \text{eigenvalue of } A$$

in our case

$$K(A) = \frac{|w_j|_{\max}}{|w_j|_{\min}}$$

$A$  is singular if  $K(A)$  is infinite

$A$  is "illconditioned" if  $K(A)$  is too large.

(If  $K(A) \approx 10^{12}$  for double precision)



Let me review the concepts of "rank" and "nullity".

Let  $A$  be an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix.

row-rank of  $A$  : maximum # of linearly independent vectors of the row-vectors

column-rank of  $A$  : maximum # of linearly independent vectors of the column-vectors

rank = column-rank

nullity = dimension of nullspace of  $A$

: # of free variables in the solution of  $AX=0$ .

• Rank theorem:

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n = \# \text{ of columns}$$

• e.g. Compute the rank and nullity of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AX = b$$

↑  
do the same  
linear combination  
to  $b$  vector.

Using the Gaussian elimination,

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{the second row} + \text{first row} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ & = 0 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad \frac{7}{2} \end{aligned}$$

the third row + first row  $\times (-\frac{1}{2})$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & \frac{7}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & \frac{7}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & \frac{7}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & \frac{7}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

column-rank = maximum # of linearly independent  
column vectors = 2

$$\text{basis} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{nullity} = 3$$

because there are three free variables that  
satisfy  $Ax = 0$ .

$$2x_1 - 4x_2 + 2x_4 + x_5 = 0$$

$$x_3 + 3x_4 + \frac{1}{2}x_5 = 0$$

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = 5 !!$$

\* For any matrix  $A$  (square or rectangular or real or complex),

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{column rank} = \text{row rank} = \text{rank}(A) \\ \uparrow \\ \# \text{ of linearly independent column vectors} \end{array}$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$$

\* Definition of the nullspace of a matrix  $A$

= set of  $x$  that satisfies  $Ax=0$ .

(dimension of the nullspace = nullity)

\* Definition of the range of  $A$

= set of  $b$  for which  $Ax=b$  has a solution for  $x$ .

(dimension of the range = rank)

$$\text{rank} + \text{nullity} = N$$

dimension of the matrix

Now, for a square matrix  $A$  ( $M=N$ )

SVD of  $A = U W V^T$  can be written as

$$A v_j = w_j u_j \quad \text{where } u_j \text{ and } v_j \text{ are columns of } U \text{ and } V$$

$$j=1, \dots, N$$

•  $w_j = 0$  :  $v_j$  is in the nullspace of  $A$ .

•  $w_j \neq 0$  :  $u_j$  is in the range of  $A$

because when  $w_j \neq 0$   $v_j$  is in the orthogonal complement of the nullspace.  
 $\Leftrightarrow v_j$  is in the solution space:  $Ax=b$   
 $x \rightarrow \bar{x}$

e.g.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\det(A) = 0$$

$A^{-1}$  does not exist  
 so  $A$  is singular!!

$\text{rank} = 1$   
 $\text{nullity} = 1$

$$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  and  $A A^T$  :  $\lambda_1 = 10, \lambda_2 = 0$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$w_1 = \sqrt{10} \quad w_2 = 0$

basis for the range of  $A$

basis for the orthogonal complement of the range

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$w_1 = \sqrt{10} \quad w_2 = 0$

basis for the nullspace  
 basis for the orthogonal complement of the nullspace( $A$ )

$$x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

$$\uparrow Ax=0$$

$$A = U W V^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

orthonormal basis for the range

orthonormal basis for the nullspace

$M=N$ ,  $A$  is singular ( $Ax=b$ )

□ If  $b$  lies in the range of  $A$ :

Singular set of equations does have a solution  $x$  <sup>SVD can give a particular solution</sup>

since  $\text{rank} < N$ , there are fewer equations than unknowns. (linearly independent)

$\Rightarrow$   $\exists$  more than one solutions because any vector in the nullspace ( $Ax=0$ ) can be added to  $x$  in any combination. This would be a perfectly good solution as well.

To pick out a solution with the smallest length  $|x|^2$ , we may use SVD.

Replace  $\frac{1}{w_j}$  by zero if  $w_j=0$ .

Then compute  $x = V \cdot [\text{diag}(\frac{1}{w_j})] (U^T \cdot b)$ .

(proof) Consider  $|\vec{x} + \vec{x}'|$ , where  $\vec{x}'$  lies in the nullspace.

Let  $\tilde{W}^{-1}$  be the modified inverse of  $W$  with some elements zeroed.

$$|\vec{x} + \vec{x}'| = |(V \cdot \tilde{W}^{-1} U^T b) + \vec{x}'|$$

$$= |V(\tilde{W}^{-1} U^T b + V^T \vec{x}')|$$

$$\rightarrow = |\underbrace{\tilde{W}^{-1} U^T b}_{\text{first term}} + \underbrace{V^T \vec{x}'}_{\text{second term}}|$$

since the columns of  $V$  are orthonormal.

first term: nonzero  $j$  components only where  $w_j \neq 0$  since  $b$  is in the range.

second term: nonzero  $j$  components only

when  $w_j = 0$  since  $\vec{x}'$  is in the nullspace.

So the minimum length is obtained for  $\vec{x}' = 0$ .

e.g. From the previous example,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Ax = b \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + y_1 = b_1 \\ 2(x_1 + y_1) = b_2 \end{cases}$$

from  $U$ , basis set for the range

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $b_2 = 2b_1$ ,  $\vec{b}$  is in the range of  $A$ .

To obtain a solution with the smallest length,

modified inverse of  $W$  with some elements zeroed.

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Using  $x = V \tilde{W}^{-1} U^T b$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b_1}{5\sqrt{2}} + \frac{2b_2}{5\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b_1}{10} + \frac{2b_2}{10} \\ \frac{b_1}{10} + \frac{2b_2}{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{10}(b_1 + 2b_2)$$

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{10}(b_1 + 2b_2)$$

condition for existence of many solutions  
 $\rightarrow$  plug  $b_2 = 2b_1$  into the above.

$$Ax = 0$$

$$x_1 = y_1 = \frac{b_1}{2} \Leftarrow \text{This is what SVD provides.}$$

$$\text{General solution } \begin{matrix} x_1 = \left(\frac{b_1}{2}\right) + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ y_1 = \left(\frac{b_1}{2}\right) + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}, \quad \alpha = \text{const}$$

Compare this with the direct solution from  $Ax = b$ .

$$x_1 + y_1 = b_1$$

Linear combination of columns of  $V$  corresponds to  $W_j = 0$  eigenvalues.

[2] If  $b$  does not lie in the range of  $A$ ;  
the set of equations has no solution.  
( $Ax=b$ )

BUT, SVD will provide the closest possible values  
that satisfy the equations in the least squares sense.

$$\Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{l} x \text{ that minimizes } |Ax-b|. \\ \Leftrightarrow x = V \cdot \tilde{W}^{-1} U^T b \end{array} \right)$$

(proof) Suppose that we modify  $x$  by adding some  
arbitrary  $x'$ .

$$Ax-b \rightarrow A(x+x')-b = Ax-b+b', \text{ where } b' = Ax'$$

$b'$  is in the range.  $\underbrace{\quad}_A \underbrace{\quad}_{A^{-1}} x$

$$|Ax-b+b'| = |(UWV^T)(V\tilde{W}^{-1}U^Tb) - b + b'|$$

$$= |(UW\tilde{W}^{-1}U^T - I)b + b'|$$

$$= |U \cdot [(W\tilde{W}^{-1} - I) \cdot U^T \cdot b + U^T b']|$$

$$= | \underbrace{(W\tilde{W}^{-1} - I) \cdot U^T \cdot b}_{\text{nonzero for } w_j=0} + \underbrace{U^T \cdot b'}_{\text{nonzero for } w_j \neq 0} |$$

nonzero for  $w_j=0$   
because of  $(W\tilde{W}^{-1} - I)$

nonzero for  $w_j \neq 0$

So the minimum can be obtained when  $b'=0$ .



e.g. From the previous example,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Ax = b \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} x_1 + y_1 &= b_1 \\ 2(x_1 + y_1) &= b_2 \end{aligned}$$

if  $b_2 \neq 2b_1$ , there are no solutions for  $Ax = b$ .  
 $[\vec{b}]$  is not in the range.]

SVD provides

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{1}{10}(b_1 + 2b_2) \\ y_1 &= \frac{1}{10}(b_1 - 2b_2) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Least-squares fit:

$$f = (x_1 + y_1 - b_1)^2 + (2x_1 + 2y_1 - b_2)^2$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = 2(x_1 + y_1 - b_1) + 2(2x_1 + 2y_1 - b_2) \cdot 2$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_1} = 2(x_1 + y_1 - b_1) + 2(2x_1 + 2y_1 - b_2) \cdot 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x_1 + 5y_1 - b_1 - 2b_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 + y_1 = \frac{b_1 + 2b_2}{5} \quad \}$$

$\Rightarrow$  SVD agrees w/ LSH.

• Rule of thumb :

- Make small  $w_j$ 's zero first

Then Use  $x = V \tilde{W}^{-1} U^T b$

Case 2 =  $M < N$  (fewer equations than unknowns)  
 $Ax = b$

There is no unique solution.

There will be an  $N-M$  dimensional family of solutions.

SVD can provide the whole solution space for you.

How?

(i) Augment the matrix  $A$  with rows of zeros underneath its  $M$  nonzero rows, until it is filled up to be square,  $N \times N$ .

(ii) Augment the  $b$  vector similarly with zeros to make it  $N \times 1$  vector.

Now you have an  $N \times N$  singular matrix  $A$ .

(iii) Do SVD.  $\rightarrow$  obtain a particular solution  $x_p$

[ Make sure to find small  $w_j$ 's and to zero them before performing SVD. ]

(iv) solution space =  $x = x_p + \left\{ \sum_i \alpha_i V_i \right\}$

linear combination of columns of  $V$  corresponding to zeroed  $w_j$ 's.

e.g.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M=2$$

$$N=3$$

$$Ax = b \Leftrightarrow 3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = b_1$$

$$-x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = b_2$$

(i) Augment the matrix A

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(ii) Augment the b vector :  $\tilde{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 

(iii) Do SVD.

$$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 10 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 11 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues of  $A A^T$  and  $A^T A$  :

$$\lambda_1 = 12, \lambda_2 = 10, \lambda_3 = 0$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \tilde{W}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & \frac{5}{\sqrt{30}} \end{bmatrix}$$

particular solution

$$\rightarrow X_p = V \tilde{W}^{-1} U^T b$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{17}{60} & -\frac{7}{60} & 0 \\ \frac{4}{60} & \frac{16}{60} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{12} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

basis vector corresponds to  $w_j = 0$

$$x_1 = \frac{17}{60} b_1 - \frac{7}{60} b_2$$

$$x_2 = \frac{b_1}{15} + \frac{4}{15} b_2$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{12} (b_1 + b_2)$$

general solution:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{17}{60}b_1 - \frac{7}{60}b_2 \\ \frac{b_1}{15} + \frac{4}{15}b_2 \\ \frac{b_1}{12} + \frac{b_2}{12} \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \\ -\frac{5}{\sqrt{30}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\alpha$  = (undetermined) constant.

Check if the general solution satisfies the original equations  $Ax=b$ .

Case 3:  $M > N$  (More equations than unknowns)  
 $Ax=b$

SVD will find  $x$  that minimizes  $|Ax-b|$ .

$$X = V \tilde{W}^{-1} U^T b$$

e.g. from <sup>the</sup> previous example,

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

$$\tilde{W}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = 3 \times 2$$

$$V = 2 \times 2$$

$$\tilde{W}^{-1} = 2 \times 3$$

$$\tilde{W}^{-1} \tilde{W} = I$$

$$U = 3 \times 3$$

$$x = 2 \times 1$$

$$b = 3 \times 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Using the reduced SVD  
(as in the Numerical recipe)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \tilde{W}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 3 \\ V \tilde{W}^{-1} U^T = & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{8} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ & & = & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$V \tilde{W}^{-1} U^T b$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X = V \tilde{W}^{-1} U^T b$$

$$X = 2 \times 1, \quad b = 3 \times 1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{3} b_1 - \frac{1}{3} b_2 + \frac{2}{3} b_3$$

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{3} b_1 + \frac{2}{3} b_2 - \frac{1}{3} b_3$$

Least-squares fit:  $AX = b$

$$f \equiv (x_1 + y_1 - b_1)^2 + (y_1 - b_2)^2 + (x_1 - b_3)^2$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = 2(x_1 + y_1 - b_1) + 2(x_1 - b_3) \Rightarrow 2x_1 + y_1 = b_1 + b_3$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_1} = 2(x_1 + y_1 - b_1) + 2(y_1 - b_2) \Rightarrow x_1 + 2y_1 = b_1 + b_2$$

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{3} (b_1 + 2b_2 - b_3)$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{3} (b_1 - b_2 + 2b_3)$$

# < Applications of SVD >

① Solving linear algebraic equations

② Linear least squares fit

③ Image processing  
or noisy signal filtering

$\Rightarrow$  SVD

$$A_{ij} = \sum_{\ell=1}^N w_{\ell} U_{i\ell} V_{j\ell} \quad \begin{matrix} i=1, \dots, M \\ j=1, \dots, N \end{matrix}$$

If most of  $w_j$ 's are very small  $\rightarrow$  your noise component  
(only a small number  $K$  of  $w_j$ 's are significant), then

we can approximate the sum into

your  
signal  
component

$$A_{ij}^{(K)} = \sum_{\ell=1}^K w_{\ell} U_{i\ell} V_{j\ell} \quad \begin{matrix} i=1, \dots, M \\ j=1, \dots, N \end{matrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  To compute  $A \cdot x$ , one needs  $K(M+N)$  multiplications instead of  $MN$  for the full matrix.



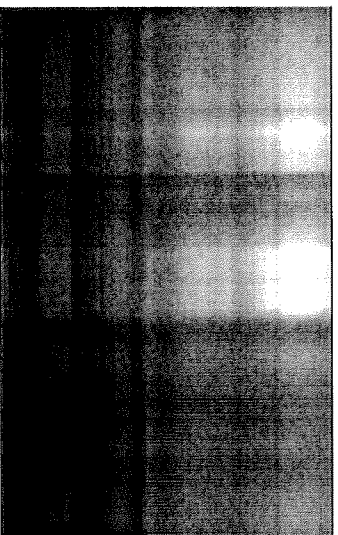
# Application: Image Compression

- View  $m \times n$  image as a (real) matrix  $A$ , find best rank  $K$  approx. by SVD
- Storage  $K(m + n)$  instead of  $mn$

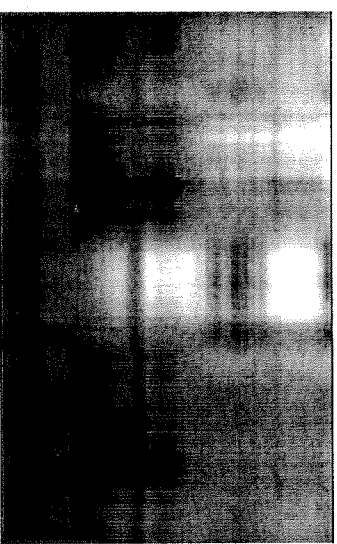
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Rank 5



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Rank 50

