

Computational Linear Algebra: Low Rank Approximations with the Singular Value Decomposition

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Matrix Approximation

	0	1	2	5	0	1	4	0	2	0	1	9	0	15	0	1	0	10	5	36	1	8	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
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2	0	1	6	14	0	0	0	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	4	4	1	1	4	0	0	0
16	3	8	26	3	5	2	7	6	0	0	0	4	5	10	5	4	1	22	9	12	2	4	8	0	3	0
3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
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0	1	8	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	16	9	0	0	2	9	8	0	7	0	0	0	0
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Q1. Rank of an outer product

Let u, v be non-zero vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .

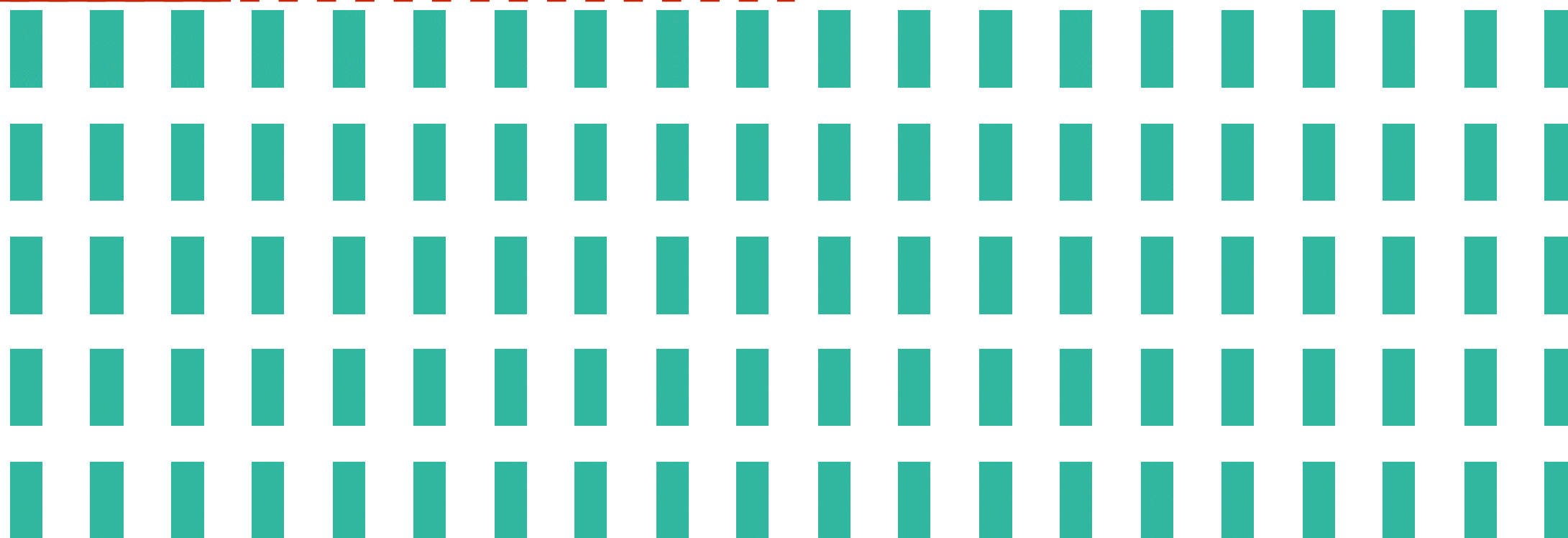
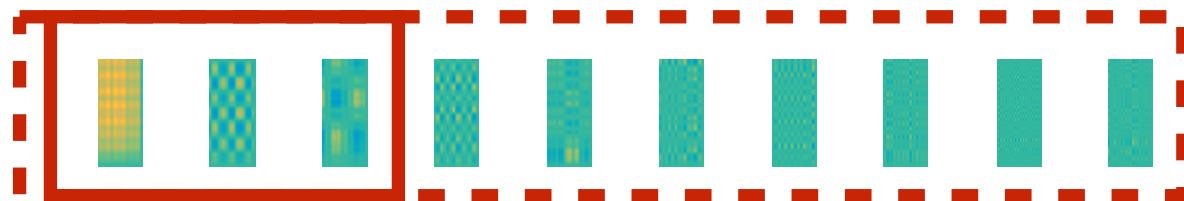
What is the rank of the 3×3 matrix $A = uv^\top$?

- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c) 2
- (d) 3
- (e) it depends on your choice of u and v

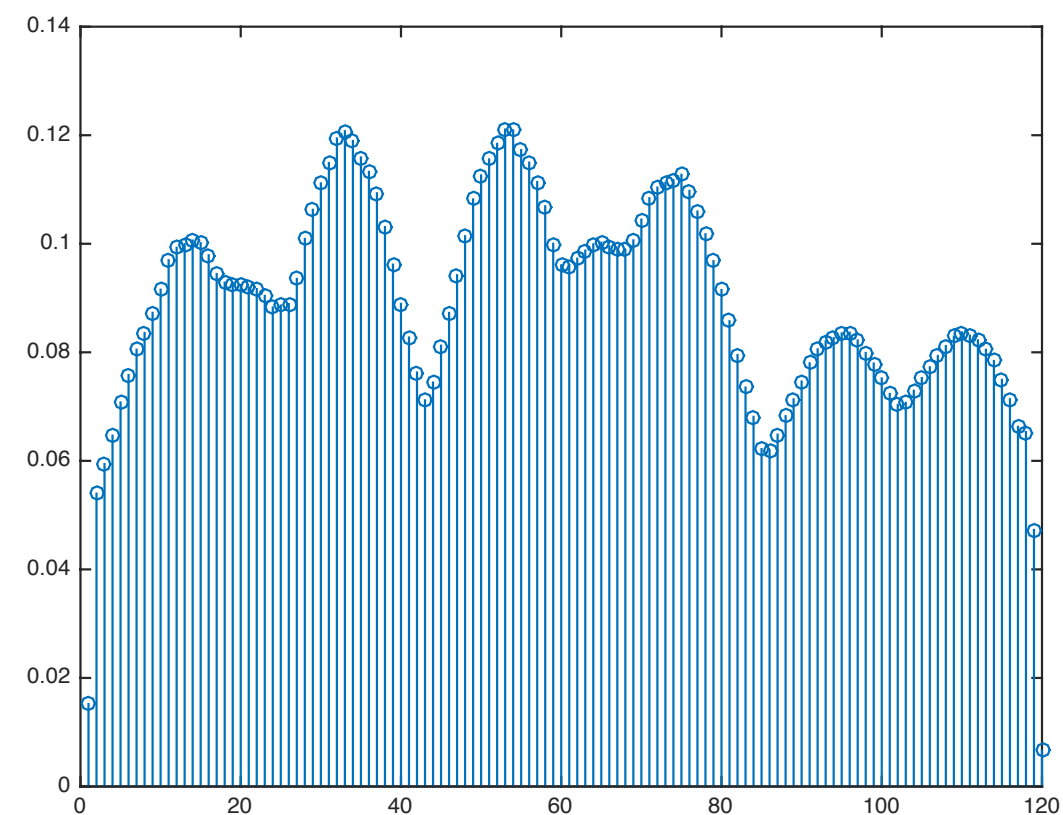
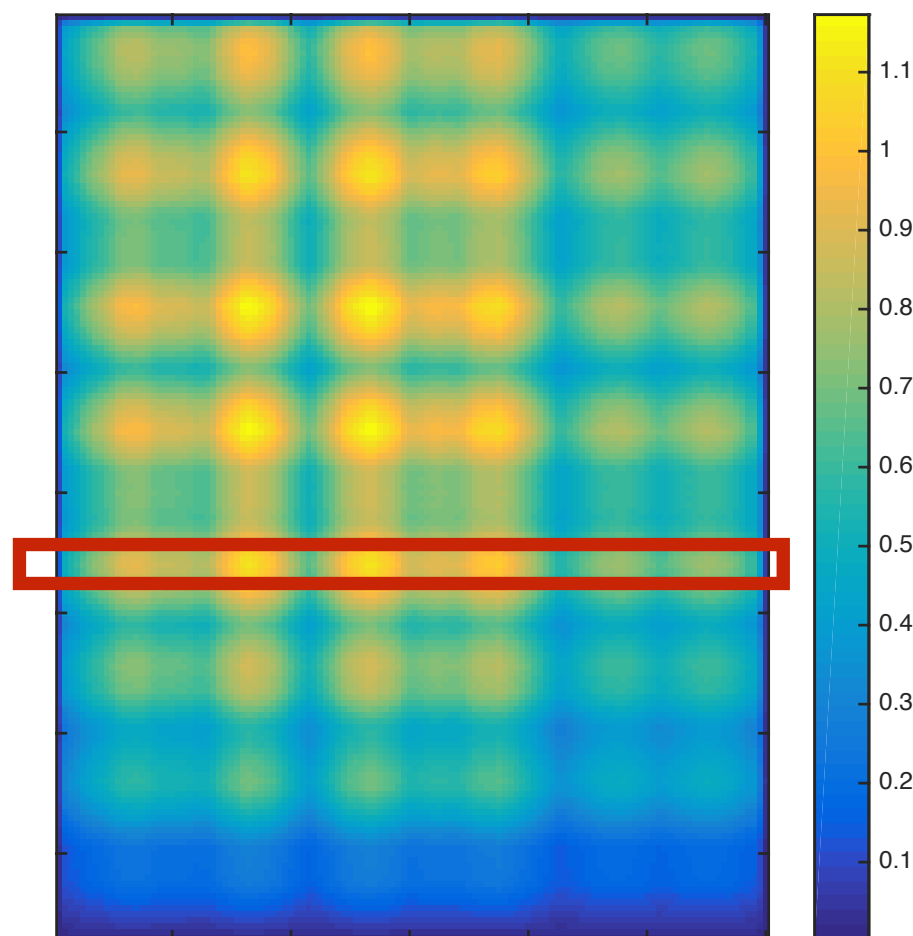
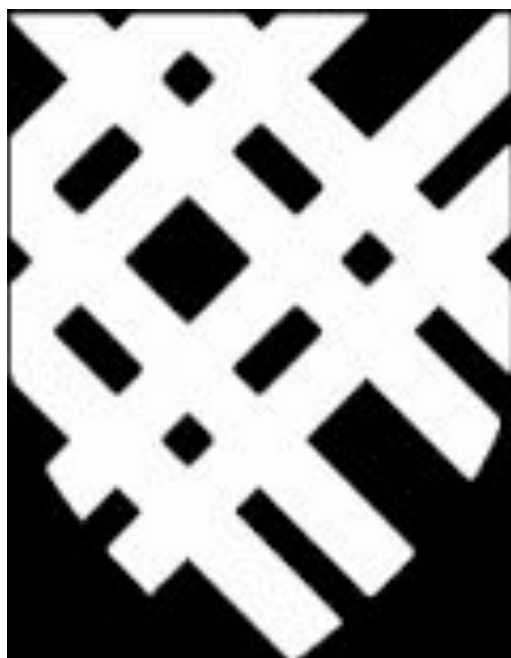
Singular value decomposition



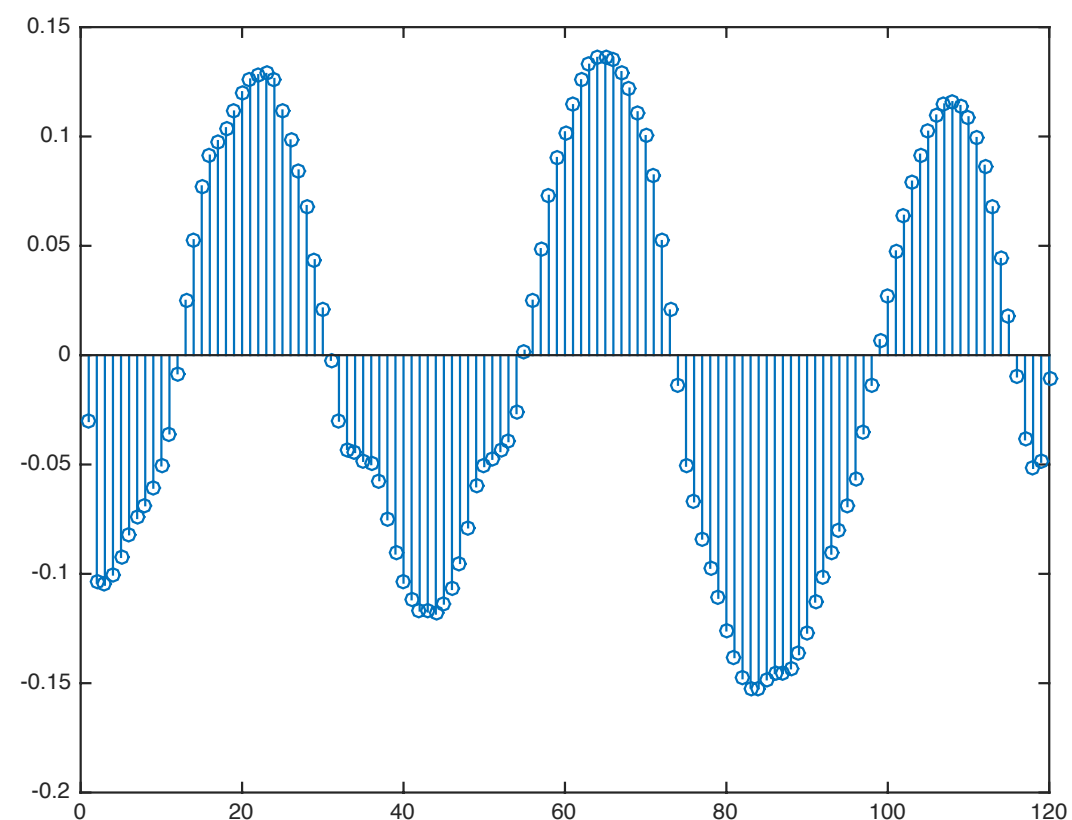
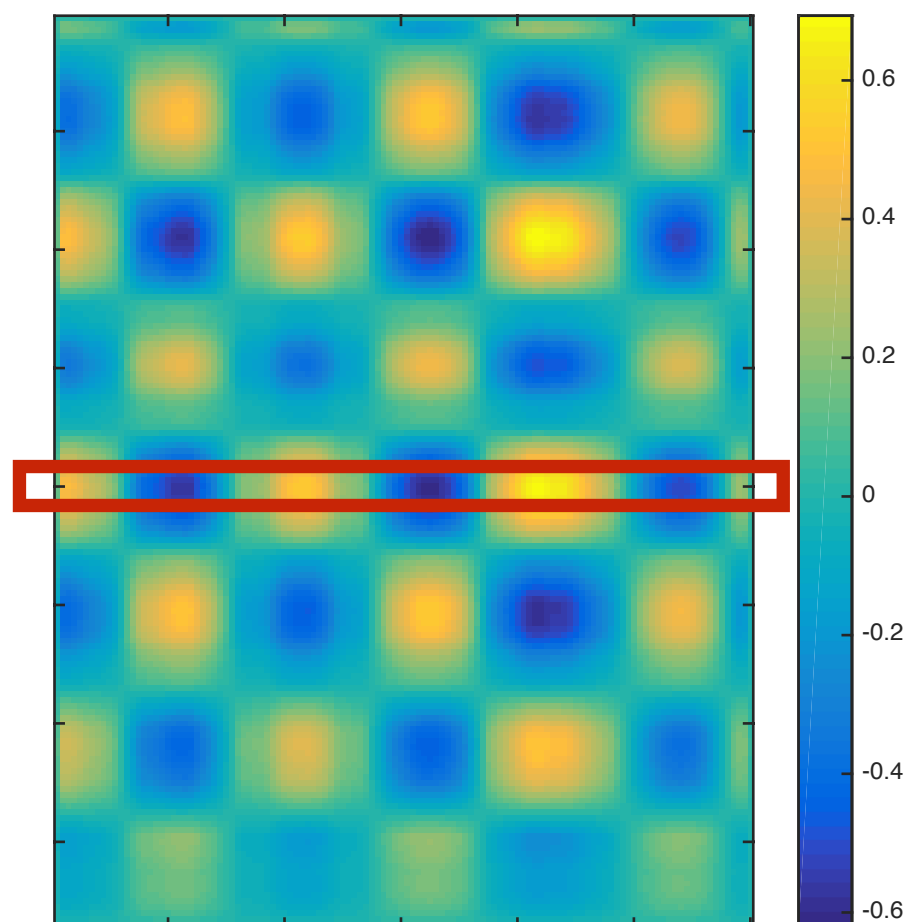
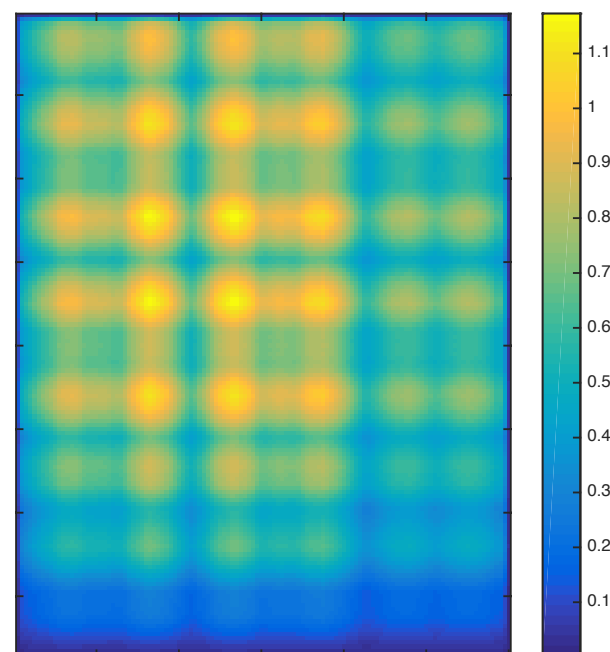
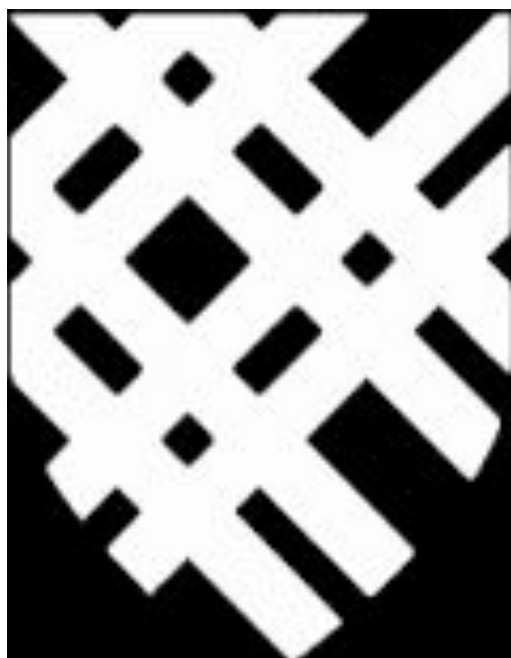
Write as the sum of 120
rank 1 matrices



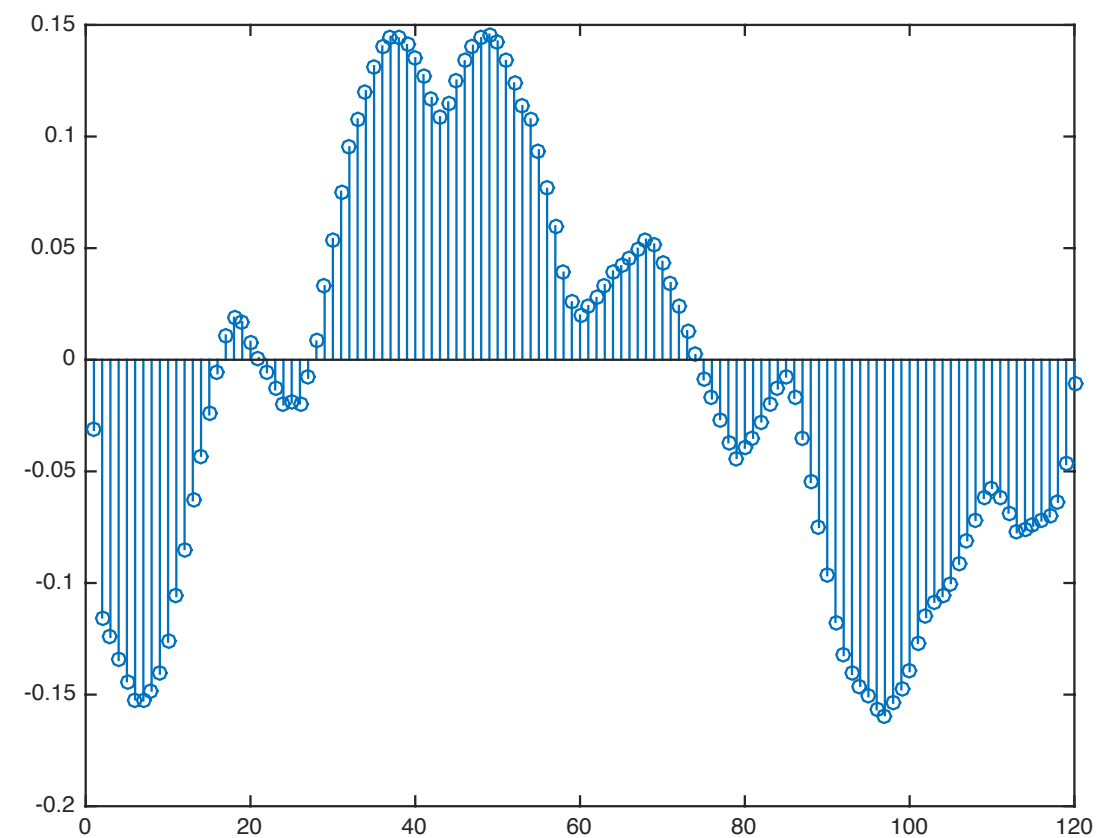
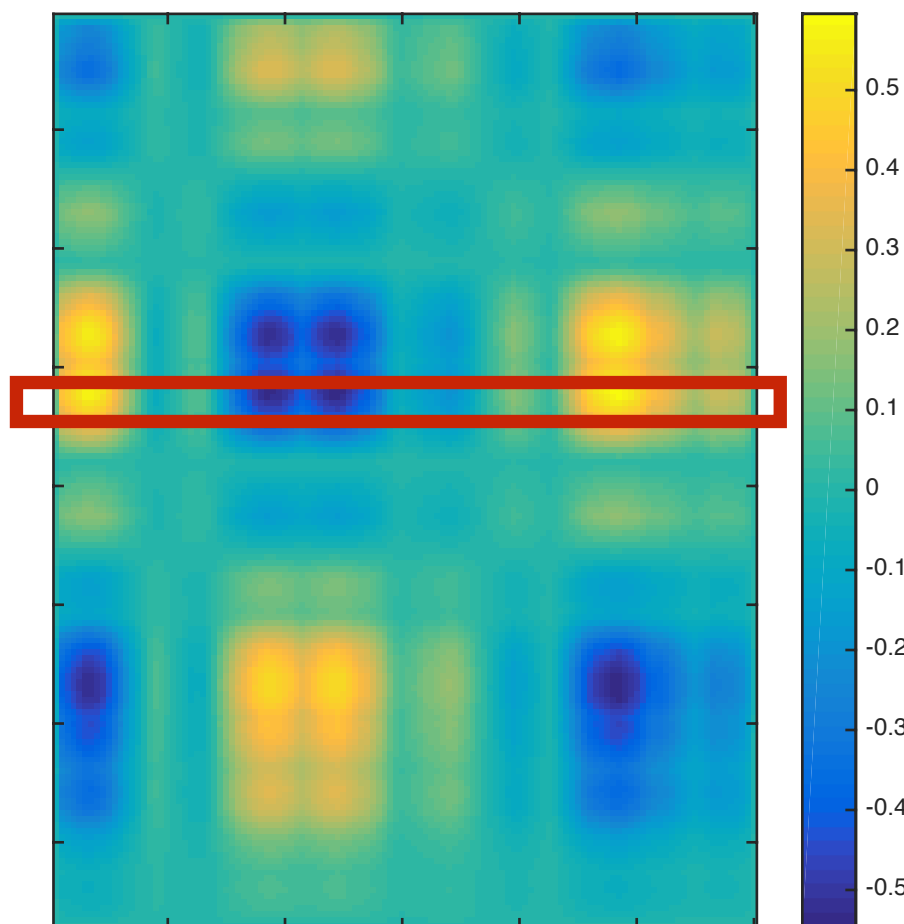
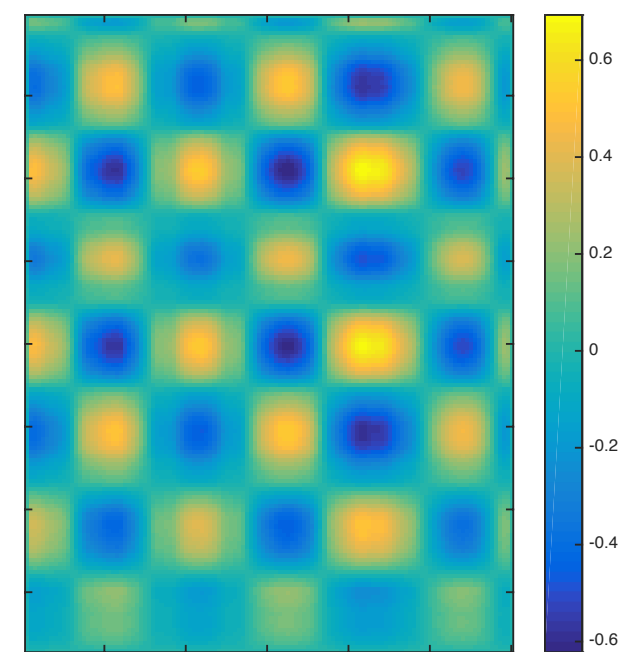
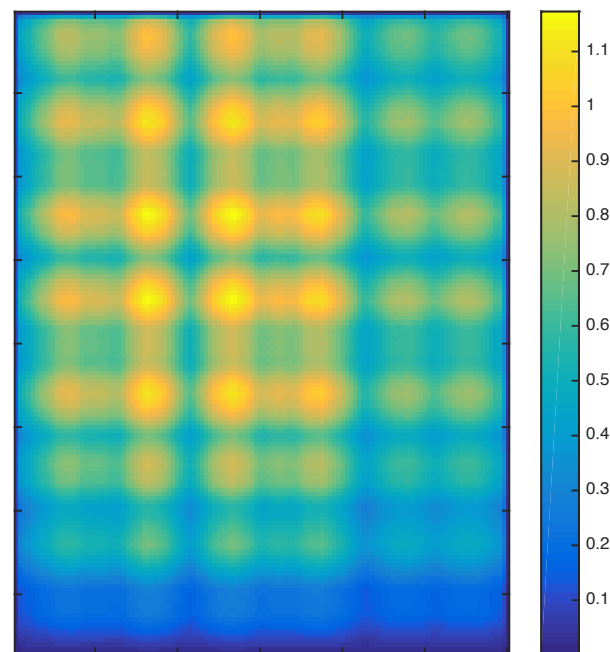
Best rank 1 approximation: $\sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T$



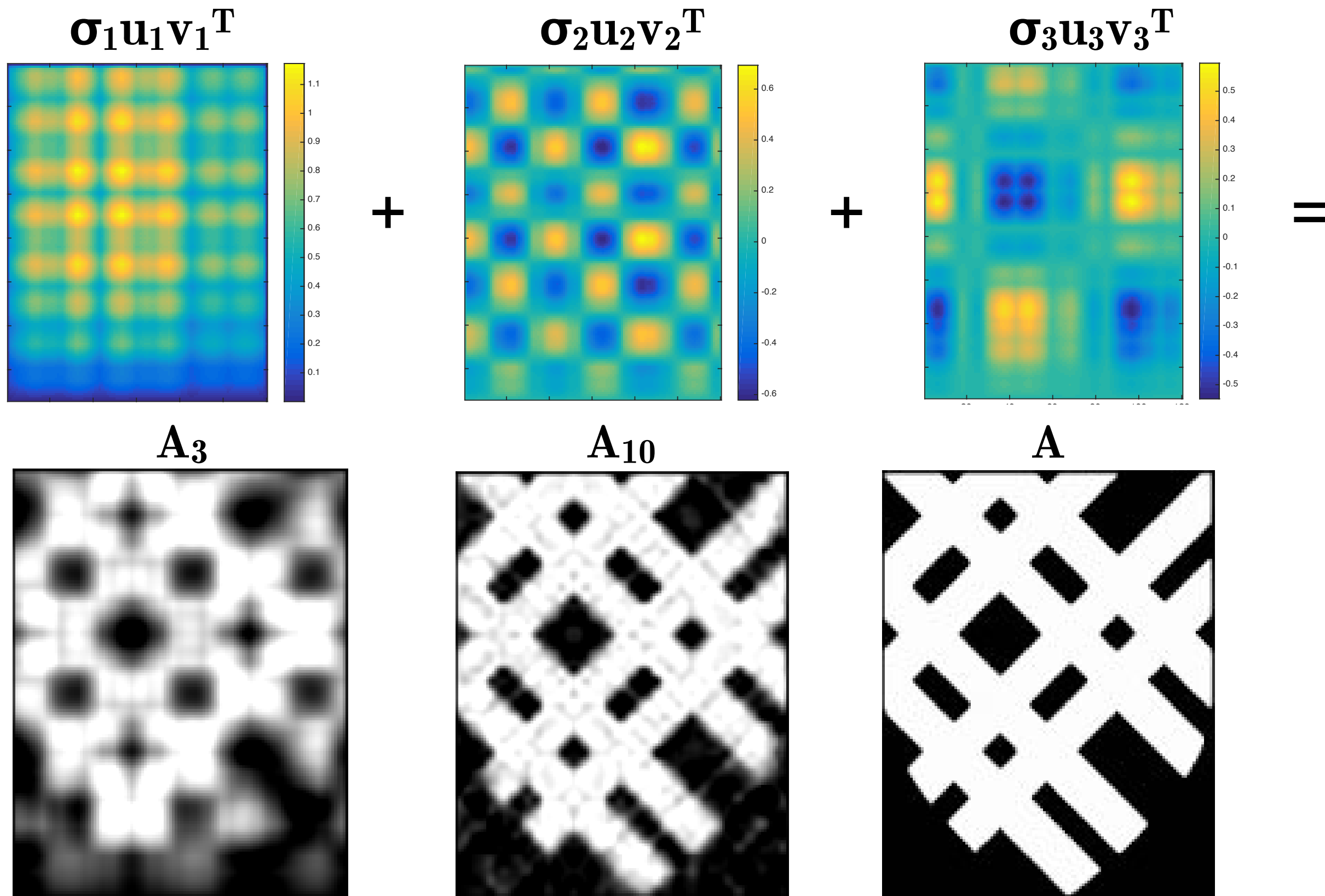
Second rank 1 component: $\sigma_2 u_2 v_2^T$



Third rank 1 component: $\sigma_3 u_3 v_3^T$



Best rank 3 approximation



Further reading



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