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LECTURE 20 : SVD

Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with $\text{rank} = r$, "outer product" form of SVD:

$$A = \sigma_1 \vec{u}_1 \vec{v}_1^T + \dots + \sigma_r \vec{u}_r \vec{v}_r^T = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T \quad (1)$$

where:

- $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_r$ are orthonormal in $\mathbb{R}^m$
- $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r$ " " " in $\mathbb{R}^n$
- $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r$ are positive, real numbers.

Equivalently,

$$A = \underbrace{[\vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_r]}_{U_r} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix}}_{\Sigma} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_r^T \end{bmatrix}}_{V_r^T} \quad \dots (2)$$

$m \times r$,
orthonormal
columns

$V_r : n \times r$ orthonormal columns

look at (j, k) element:

$$A(j, k) = \sum_{i=1}^r \underbrace{U_r(j, i)}_{(\vec{u}_i)_j} \sigma_i \underbrace{V_r^T(i, k)}_{= V_r(k, i)} \quad \text{from matrix multiplication}$$

since i th column of U_r is $\vec{u}_i$ $= (\vec{v}_i)_k$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i (\vec{u}_i)_j (\vec{v}_i)_k$$

this matches (j, k) entry in (1); therefore (1) and (2) are equivalent

Example 1: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad r=1$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \underbrace{5 \cdot \sqrt{2}}_{\sigma_1} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)}_{\vec{u}_1} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)}_{\vec{v}_1^T}$$

If we change the signs of $\vec{u}_i$ and $\vec{v}_i$ simultaneously, length and outer product are the same $\Rightarrow$ another SVD $\Rightarrow$ SVD not unique!

How do we find a SVD in general? Will give a procedure to find SVD of $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ from the evals/evecs of $A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

Some facts about $A^T A$:

Claim 1: $A^T A$ has real evals/evecs $(\lambda_i, \vec{v}_i)$, $i=1, \dots, n$.

Proof from Spectral Thm because $A^T A$ is symmetric:

$$(A^T A)^T = A^T (A^T)^T = A^T A.$$

Claim 2: Evalns of $A^T A$ are nonnegative.

Proof: $A^T A \vec{v}_i = \lambda_i \vec{v}_i$

Multiply both sides from left by $\vec{v}_i^T$:

$$\underbrace{\vec{v}_i^T A^T A \vec{v}_i}_{\underbrace{(\vec{A}\vec{v}_i)^T (\vec{A}\vec{v}_i)}_{\|\vec{A}\vec{v}_i\|^2}} = \lambda_i \underbrace{\vec{v}_i^T \vec{v}_i}_{\|\vec{v}_i\|^2} \Rightarrow \lambda_i = \frac{\|\vec{A}\vec{v}_i\|^2}{\|\vec{v}_i\|^2} \geq 0$$

Claim 3: If $\text{rank}(A)=r$, then r evalues of $A^T A$ are strictly positive.

Proof: First note that null spaces of A and $A^T A$ are the same: $N(A)=N(A^T A)$ because

(i) $N(A) \subseteq N(A^T A)$

$$A\vec{v}=0 \Rightarrow \underbrace{A^T A}_{=0}\vec{v}=0$$

(ii) $N(A^T A) \subseteq N(A)$

$$A^T A \vec{v}=0 \Rightarrow \underbrace{\vec{v}^T A^T}_{\text{multiply from left by } \vec{v}^T} A \vec{v} = (\vec{v}^T)^T (A \vec{v}) = \|\vec{v}\|^2 = 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\|\vec{v}\|=0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$A\vec{v}=0$$

From (i) and (ii): $N(A)=N(A^T A)$.

$$\text{Rank}(A)=r \Rightarrow \dim N(A)=n-r = \dim N(A^T A)$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ $\uparrow$
 $\text{IS } A, \text{ Rank/Nullity Thm}$

$A^T A$ is $n \times n$, has $n-r$ dim. null space.

Elements of $N(A^T A)$ are evectors of $A^T A$ (for eigenvalue $=0$, repeated $n-r$ times).

Claim 2 said n , ≥ 0 evalues. $n-r$ of them are $=0$.

$\Rightarrow$ remaining r evalues of $A^T A$ are strictly positive.

SVD Procedure for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\text{rank}=r$ (using $A^T A$):

Step 1) Find orthogonal matrix V diagonalizing $A^T A$:
(exists by Spectral Thm)

$$V^T (A^T A) V = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \lambda_r & \\ 0 & & 0 & \ddots & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{n-r}$$

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$ are evalues of $A^T A$

and make sure to put evals in decreasing order:

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > 0,$$

Step 2) For $i=1, \dots, r$, pick i th column $\vec{v}_i$ of V (which is evector of $A^T A$ for eval λ_i) and let

$$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}, \quad \vec{u}_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A \vec{v}_i.$$

↪ singular value of A are square roots of eigenvalues of $A^T A$

Example 2: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad r=2$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 7 \\ 7 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda I - A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 25 & -7 \\ -7 & \lambda - 25 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \det = (\lambda - 25)^2 - 7^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda - 25 = \pm 7$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = 25 \mp 7$$

$$\lambda_1 = 32 \quad \lambda_1 I - A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -7 \\ -7 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 18 \quad \lambda_2 I - A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -7 \\ -7 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2:

$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1} = \sqrt{32} = 4\sqrt{2} \quad \vec{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma_1} A \vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2} = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2} \quad \vec{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_2} A \vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \underbrace{4\sqrt{2}}_{\sigma_1} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{u}_1} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [1 \ 1]}_{\vec{v}_1^T} + \underbrace{3\sqrt{2}}_{\sigma_2} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{u}_2} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [1 \ -1]}_{\vec{v}_2^T}$$

Justification of the Procedure: Do $\vec{v}_i, \vec{u}_i, \sigma_i$ resulting from procedure satisfy the following?

- $\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T = A$
- $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_r$ orthonormal
- $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r$ " $\rightarrow$ true by Step 1 of procedure
- $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$ real and positive $\rightarrow$ true by Step 2: $\sigma_i = |\lambda_i|$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}_i^T \vec{u}_j &= \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_i} A \vec{v}_i \right)^T \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_j} A \vec{v}_j \right) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \vec{v}_i^T \underbrace{A^T A}_{= \lambda_j \vec{I}} \vec{v}_j \\ &= \frac{\lambda_j}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \vec{v}_i^T \vec{v}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ \frac{\lambda_j}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} & i = j \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{\lambda_i}{\sigma_i^2} = \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_i} = 1$

$$\vec{u}_i^T \vec{u}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$$

First bullet:

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T = A$$

Note: $\vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_i} A \vec{v}_i \right) \vec{v}_i^T = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A \vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i^T$

($\vec{u}_i$ by Step 2)

Therefore,

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T = \sum_{i=1}^r A \vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i^T = A \sum_{i=1}^r \vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i^T \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Recall V orthogonal $V^T V = V V^T = I$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i^T = I$$

$$\Rightarrow A \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i^T = A \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Note, for $i > r$, $\vec{v}_i$ vector of $A^T A$ corresponding to a zero value:

$$A \vec{v}_i = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad A \vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i^T = 0$$

(multiply from right by $\vec{v}_i^T$)

$i = r+1, \dots, n$ $i = r+1, \dots, n$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=r+1}^n A \vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i^T = 0 \Rightarrow A \sum_{i=r+1}^n \vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i^T = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\text{Subtract (5) from (4):} \quad A \sum_{i=1}^r \vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i^T = A \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$\text{and substitute (6) in (3):} \quad \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T = A$$