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Lecture 21

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LECTURE 21: more SVD

Finding a SVD for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ (with $\text{rank} = r$) from evals/vectors of:

$$A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

Claims 1-3 (last lecture):

Evals of $A^T A$ are real and nonnegative. r of them are strictly positive; the remaining $n-r$ are zero.

Step 1: Find orthogonal matrix V diagonalizing $A^T A$:

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

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

Step 2: For each $i=1, \dots, r$ pick i th column $\vec{v}_i$ of V (which is vector for $A^T A$ for eval λ_i). Let

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

$$A A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

→ same claims can be adapted: real, nonnegative evals, r of which are strictly positive, remaining $m-r$ are zero.

Step 1: Find orthogonal matrix $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ diagonalizing

$$A A^T: \quad U^T A A^T U = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \lambda_r & \\ & & & 0 & \ddots & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{m-r}$$

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Which procedure to use? Choose $A^T A$ or $A A^T$ based on which one looks simpler for finding evals/vectors. If $m < n$, $A A^T$ ($m \times m$) is smaller than $A^T A$ ($n \times n$) and may be preferable.

Example 2 (from Lecture 20): $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Lecture 20: $A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 7 \\ 7 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$. Today: $A A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 32 & 0 \\ 0 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$

Easier bc/ diagonal: choose $U=I$: $\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\lambda_1 = 32, \lambda_2 = 18 \Rightarrow \sigma_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1} = 4\sqrt{2}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_2} A^T \vec{u}_2 = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma_1} A^T \vec{u}_1 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Last time: same σ_1, σ_2 . $\vec{u}_1, \vec{v}_1$ same as today.

$$\vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix};$$

Signs of each opposite to those above but same outer product $\vec{u}_2 \vec{v}_2^T$.

Example 3 (from Lecture 20):

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

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

$U=I$ works for step 1

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = A^T \vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = A^T \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since $A A^T = I$, any other orthonormal $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2$ will work.



$$\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ above are a special case: $\theta = 0$

$$\vec{v}_1 = A^T \vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = A^T \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{Conclusion:}$$

Repeated evals of $A^T A$ or AA^T ($\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$ in this example) are another source of nonuniqueness in SVD.

Full SVD: So far two forms studied:

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

$$2) A = \underbrace{[\vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_r]}_{\substack{U_r \\ m \times r}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\Sigma_r \\ r \times r}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_r^T \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{V_r^T \\ r \times n}} \quad (\text{compact form})$$

Full SVD is another equivalent form:

3) Complete $\vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_r$ to an orthonormal basis for $\mathbb{R}^m$ with $\vec{u}_{r+1} \dots \vec{u}_m$; complete $\vec{v}_1 \dots \vec{v}_r$ to orthonormal basis for $\mathbb{R}^n$ with $\vec{v}_{r+1} \dots \vec{v}_n$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{\underbrace{[\vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_r]}_{U_r} \underbrace{[\vec{u}_{r+1} \dots \vec{u}_m]}_{U_{m-r}}}_{m \times m} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_r}_{\Sigma_r} & 0_{r \times (n-r)} \\ 0_{(m-r) \times r} & 0_{(m-r) \times (n-r)} \end{bmatrix}}_{m \times n} \underbrace{\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_r^T \\ \vec{v}_{r+1}^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n^T \end{bmatrix}}_{V_r^T} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_{r+1}^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n^T \end{bmatrix}}_{V_{n-r}^T}}_{n \times n} \\ & =: U \quad =: \Sigma \quad =: V^T \\ & \quad (\text{orthogonal}) \quad \quad \quad (\text{orthogonal}) \end{aligned}$$

Note:

1) If A is wide and full row rank ($n > m = r$), then:

$$\Sigma = [\Sigma_r \quad 0_{r \times (n-r)}].$$

If A is tall and full column rank ($m > n = r$), then

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_r \\ 0_{(m-r) \times r} \end{bmatrix}.$$

If A is square and full rank ($m = n = r$):

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_r.$$

2) $\vec{v}_{r+1} \dots \vec{v}_n$ are e vectors of $A^T A$ corresponding to 0 e values or, equivalently, an orthonormal basis for

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

→ shown in proof of Claim 3 in Lec. 20

Since $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_{r+1}, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} = \text{col}(V_{n-r})$,

$$\text{Col}(V_{n-r}) = \text{Null}(A).$$

$\vec{u}_{r+1} \dots \vec{u}_m$ are e vectors for 0 e values of AA^T therefore an orthonormal basis for

$$\text{Null}(AA^T) = \text{Null}(A^T).$$

Thus,

$$\text{Col}(U_{m-r}) = \text{Null}(A^T).$$

$$A\vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \underbrace{\vec{v}_i^T \vec{x}}_{\text{scalar}} = \sum_{i=1}^r \underbrace{\sigma_i (\vec{v}_i^T \vec{x})}_{\text{scalar}} \vec{u}_i$$

Therefore $A\vec{x}$ is in the span of $\vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_r$ for any $\vec{x}$:

$$\text{Col}(U_r) = \text{Col}(A).$$

Similarly,

$$\text{Col}(V_r) = \text{Col}(A^T).$$

Example 1 (Lecture 20): $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

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

Put in full SVD form:

$$\vec{u}_2 = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = [\vec{u}_1 \ \vec{u}_2] = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad V = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = U \begin{bmatrix} 5\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T$$

$\vec{u}_1$ spans $\text{Col}(A)$, $\vec{v}_1$ spans $\text{Col}(A^T)$

$\vec{u}_2$ spans $\text{Null}(A^T)$, $\vec{v}_2$ spans $\text{Null}(A)$.

Geometric Interpretation of SVD

$$A = U \Sigma V^T, \quad U \text{ and } V \text{ orthogonal matrices}$$

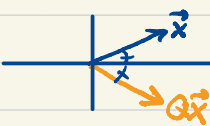
Note:

1) Multiplying a vector $\vec{x}$ by an orthogonal matrix Q does not change its length:

$$\|Q\vec{x}\| = \|\vec{x}\|$$

$$\text{because } \|Q\vec{x}\|^2 = (Q\vec{x})^T (Q\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T \underbrace{Q^T Q}_{=I} \vec{x} = \vec{x}^T \vec{x} = \|\vec{x}\|^2$$

Examples: $Q = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ rotates by θ : 

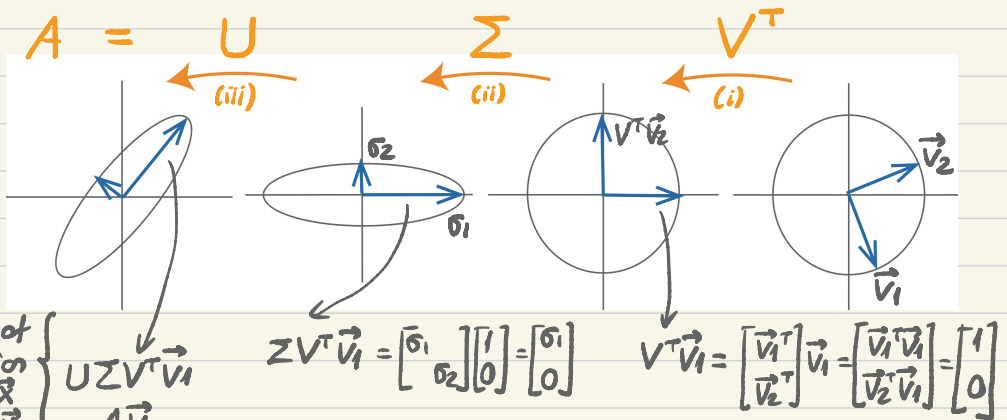
$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ reflects relative to horizontal axis: 

In either case $Q\vec{x}$ is a re-orientation of $\vec{x}$. No change in magnitude: $\|Q\vec{x}\| = \|\vec{x}\|$.

2) Multiplying a vector by $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix}$ stretches the first entry by σ_1 , second entry by σ_2 , and so on.

Combining the observations above we can interpret multiplication of a vector $\vec{x}$ by $A = U\Sigma V^T$ as the composition of three operations:

- $V^T \vec{x}$, which reorients $\vec{x}$ without changing its length;
- $\Sigma(V^T \vec{x})$, which stretches the vector $V^T \vec{x}$ along each axis with corresponding singular value;
- $U(\Sigma V^T \vec{x})$, which again reorients the resulting vector.



Note: $\|A\vec{x}\| \leq \sigma_1 \|\vec{x}\|$ because U and V^T do not change length and multiplication by Σ can amplify length by at most σ_1 . This is not a conservative bound: it holds with equality when $\vec{x} = \vec{v}_1$ as shown above, or when $\vec{x} = \alpha \vec{v}_1$ for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.