

## 1. Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Any  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix  $A$  with  $m \geq n$  can be written as

$$A = U\Sigma V^T,$$

where  $U$  is  $m$ -by- $n$  orthogonal matrix ( $U^T U = I_n$ ) and  $V$  is  $n$ -by- $n$  orthogonal matrix ( $V^T V = I$ ), and  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n)$ , where  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0$ .

Nonnegative scalar  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$  are called *singular values*. The columns  $\{u_i\}$  of  $U$  are called *left singular vectors* of  $A$ . The columns  $\{v_i\}$  of  $V$  are called *right singular vectors*.

If  $m < n$ , the SVD can be defined by considering  $A^T$ .

## 2. Connection (difference) between eigenvalues and singular values.

- Eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  are  $\sigma_i^2$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . The corresponding eigenvectors are the right singular vectors  $v_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
- Eigenvalues of  $AA^T$  are  $\sigma_i^2$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $m - n$  zeros. The left singular vectors  $u_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are corresponding eigenvectors for the eigenvalues  $\sigma_i^2$ . Any  $m - n$  orthogonal vectors that are orthogonal to  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  as the eigenvectors for the zero eigenvalues.

## 3. Suppose that

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > \sigma_{r+1} = \dots = \sigma_n = 0,$$

Then

- the rank of  $A$  is  $r$ ,
- the column space of  $A$  is spanned by  $[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r]$ .
- the nullspace of  $A$  is spanned by  $[v_{r+1}, v_{r+2}, \dots, v_n]$ .

4. The matrix norm  $\|A\|_2$  induced the vector 2-norm

$$\|A\|_2 \equiv \max_{0 \neq x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2} = \sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^T A)}.$$

5. Suppose that  $A$  has full column rank, then the pseudo-inverse can also be written as<sup>1</sup>

$$A^+ \equiv (A^T A)^{-1} A^T = V \Sigma^{-1} U^T.$$

6. The SVD of  $A$  can be rewritten as

$$A = E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_r$$

where  $r = \text{rank}(A)$ ,  $E_k$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  is a rank-one matrix of the form

$$E_k = \sigma_k u_k v_k^T,$$

<sup>1</sup>If  $m < n$ , then  $A^+ = A^T (AA^T)^{-1}$ .

and is referred to as the  $k$ -th *component* matrix. Component matrices are orthogonal to each other, i.e.,

$$E_j E_k^T = 0, \quad j \neq k.$$

Furthermore, since  $\|E_k\|_2 = \sigma_k$ , we know that

$$\|E_1\|_2 \geq \|E_2\|_2 \geq \dots \geq \|E_r\|_2.$$

It means that the contribution each  $E_k$  makes to reproduce  $A$  is determined by the size of the singular value  $\sigma_k$ ,

7. Optimal rank- $k$  approximation (Eckart-Young Theorem):

$$\min_{\substack{B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \\ \text{rank}(B) = k}} \|A - B\|_2 = \|A - A_k\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1},$$

where

$$A_k = E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k = U_k \Sigma_k V_k^T,$$

where  $\Sigma_k = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_k)$ ,  $U_k$  and  $V_k$  are the first  $k$  columns of  $U$  and  $V$ , respectively.  $A_k$  is called a *truncated SVD*.

8. The problem of applying the leading  $k$  components of  $A$  to analyze the data in the matrix  $A$  is called *Principal Component Analysis (PCA)*.

9. An application of PCA for lossy data compression.

Note that  $A_k$  is represented by  $mk + k + nk = (m + n + 1)k$  elements, in contrast,  $A$  is represented by  $mn$  elements. Therefore, we have

$$\text{compression ratio} = \frac{(m + n + 1)k}{mn}$$

Matlab script: `svd4image.m`