

# Practical Linear Algebra: A GEOMETRY TOOLBOX

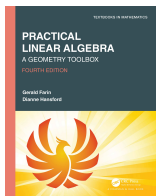
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## Chapter 16: The Singular Value Decomposition

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# The Singular Value Decomposition

- Matrix decomposition:** fundamental tool for
- understanding the action of a matrix
  - establishing its suitability to solve a problem
  - solving linear systems more efficiently and effectively

Symmetric matrices: *eigendecomposition*

More general matrices: the *singular value decomposition*

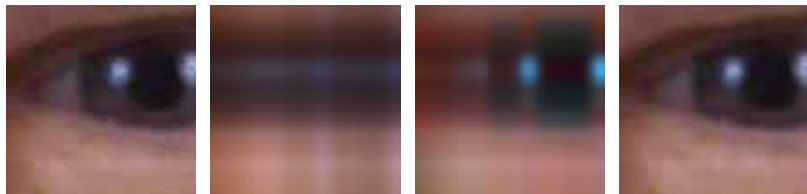


Image compression and the SVD

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# The Geometry of the $2 \times 2$ Case

Orthonormal vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 \Rightarrow$  orthogonal matrix  $V = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2]$

Orthonormal vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2 \Rightarrow$  orthogonal matrix  $U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2]$

Want  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and  $\mathbf{u}_i$  such that  $A\mathbf{v}_1 = \sigma_1\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $A\mathbf{v}_2 = \sigma_2\mathbf{u}_2$ :

$$AV = U\Sigma \quad \text{where} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The **singular value decomposition** (SVD) of  $A$ :

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

$\sigma_i$  called the **singular values** of  $A$

# The Geometry of the $2 \times 2$ Case

Properties of *symmetric positive definite matrices* such as  $A^T A$ :

- Real and positive eigenvalues
- Eigenvectors are orthogonal

$$\begin{aligned}A^T A &= (U \Sigma V^T)^T (U \Sigma V^T) \\ &= V \Sigma^T U^T U \Sigma V^T \\ &= V \Sigma^T \Sigma V^T \\ &= V \Lambda' V^T\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \Lambda' = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda'_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \Sigma^T \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the **eigendecomposition** of  $A^T A$

Columns of  $V$  called the **right singular vectors** of  $A$

# The Geometry of the $2 \times 2$ Case

Eigendecomposition of symmetric positive definite  $AA^T$

$$\begin{aligned}AA^T &= (U\Sigma V^T)(U\Sigma V^T)^T \\ &= U\Sigma V^T V \Sigma^T U^T \\ &= U\Sigma \Sigma^T U^T \\ &= U\Lambda' U^T\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \Lambda' = \Sigma \Sigma^T = \Sigma^T \Sigma$$

Eigenvalues of  $AA^T$  are diagonal entries of  $\Lambda'$

Eigenvectors of  $AA^T$  are columns of  $U$

— Called the **left singular vectors** of  $A$

# The Geometry of the $2 \times 2$ Case

Elements of the SVD of  $A$ :

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

— The **singular values**

$$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda'_i}$$

where  $\lambda'_i$  are the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$

— The columns of  $V$  are the eigenvectors of  $A^T A$

— The columns of  $U$  are the eigenvectors of  $AA^T$

Once  $\mathbf{v}_i$  known, compute  $\mathbf{u}_i = A\mathbf{v}_i / \|\cdot\|$  since  $AV = U\Sigma$

# The Geometry of the $2 \times 2$ Case

**Example:** symmetric positive definite matrix that scales in  $\mathbf{e}_1$ -direction

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

$$AA^T = A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{eigenvalues: } \lambda'_1 = 9 \quad \lambda'_2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_1 = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_2 = 1$$

$$U = V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{SVD of } A : \Sigma V^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Positive definite matrix  $\Rightarrow$  SVD identical to eigendecomposition

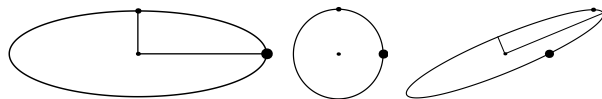


# The Geometry of the $2 \times 2$ Case

Action: unit circle  $\Rightarrow$  *action ellipse*

— Semi-major axis length  $\sigma_1$

— Semi-minor axis length  $\sigma_2$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

circle

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(previous example)

(next example)

Unit circle to action ellipse mapping tracked with

Thick point:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Thin point:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

# The Geometry of the $2 \times 2$ Case

**Example:** shear  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigenvalues:  $\lambda'_1 = 5.82$  and  $\lambda'_2 = 0.17 \Rightarrow \sigma_1 = 2.41$  and  $\sigma_2 = 0.41$

Eigenvectors of  $A^T A$ :  $V = \begin{bmatrix} 0.38 & -0.92 \\ 0.92 & 0.38 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigenvectors of  $AA^T$ :  $U = \begin{bmatrix} 0.92 & -0.38 \\ 0.38 & 0.92 \end{bmatrix}$

SVD of  $A$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.92 & -0.38 \\ 0.38 & 0.92 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2.41 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.41 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.38 & 0.92 \\ -0.92 & 0.38 \end{bmatrix}$

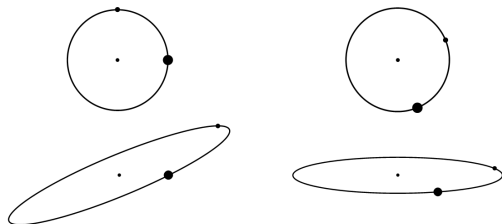
# The Geometry of the $2 \times 2$ Case

Break down the action of  $A$  in terms of the SVD

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.92 & -0.38 \\ 0.38 & 0.92 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2.41 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.41 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.38 & 0.92 \\ -0.92 & 0.38 \end{bmatrix}$$

Clockwise from top left:

- Initial point set forming a circle with two reference points
- $V^T \mathbf{x}$  rotates clockwise  $67.5^\circ$
- $\Sigma V^T \mathbf{x}$  stretches in  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and shrinks in  $\mathbf{e}_2$
- $U \Sigma V^T \mathbf{x}$  rotates counterclockwise  $22.5^\circ$



# The General Case

Now:  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  — not necessarily square nor invertible

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

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Top:  $m > n$       Middle:  $m = n$       Bottom:  $m < n$

$U$  is  $m \times m$

$\Sigma$  is  $m \times n$

$V^T$  is  $n \times n$

$$A^T A = V \Lambda' V^T \Rightarrow \Lambda' \text{ is } n \times n$$

$$A A^T = U \Lambda' U^T \Rightarrow \Lambda' \text{ is } m \times m$$

Both  $\Lambda'$  hold the same non-zero eigenvalues  $\Rightarrow \text{rank} \leq \min\{m, n\}$

# The General Case

Want  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and  $\mathbf{u}_i$  such that  $A\mathbf{v}_i = \sigma_i\mathbf{u}_i$

$$AV = U\Sigma$$

Rank  $r$  of  $A$  plays a role in the SVD

Main properties:

- 1  $\Sigma$  has non-zero singular values  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$  and all other entries zero
- 2 First  $r$  columns of  $U$  form an orthonormal basis for **column space of  $A$**
- 3 Last  $m - r$  columns of  $U$  form an orthonormal basis for **null space of  $A^T$**
- 4 First  $r$  columns of  $V$  form an orthonormal basis for **row space of  $A$**   
(**column space of  $A^T$** )
- 5 Last  $n - r$  columns of  $V$  form an orthonormal basis for **null space of  $A$**

Items 2 – 5 identify the **four fundamental subspaces**

# The General Case

**Example:** Rank 2 matrix:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \lambda'_1 = 5 \\ \lambda'_2 = 1 \end{matrix} \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

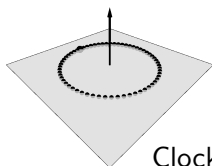
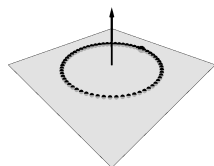
$$AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \lambda'_1 = 5 \\ \lambda'_2 = 1 \\ \lambda'_3 = 0 \end{matrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.89 & 0 & -0.44 \\ 0.44 & 0 & 0.89 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 2.23 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = U\Sigma V^T : \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.89 & 0 & -0.44 \\ 0.44 & 0 & 0.89 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2.23 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$m - r = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_3$  is in the null space of  $A^T \Rightarrow A^T \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{0}$

# The General Case

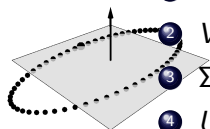
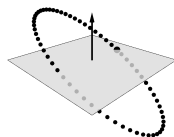
## SVD and action of a matrix



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

Clockwise from top left:

- 1 Initial circle point set
- 2  $V^T \mathbf{x}$  reflects
- 3  $\Sigma V^T \mathbf{x}$  stretches in  $\mathbf{e}_1$
- 4  $U \Sigma V^T \mathbf{x}$  rotates



# The General Case

$$\text{Example: } A = \begin{bmatrix} -0.8 & 0 & 0.8 \\ 1 & 1.5 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1.64 & 1.5 & -0.94 \\ 1.5 & 2.25 & -0.45 \\ -0.94 & -0.45 & 0.73 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda'_1 = 3.77 \\ \lambda'_2 = 0.84 \\ \lambda'_3 = 0 \end{array} \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} -0.63 & 0.38 & 0.67 \\ -0.71 & -0.62 & -0.31 \\ 0.30 & -0.68 & 0.67 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1.28 & -1.04 \\ -1.04 & 3.34 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda'_1 = 3.77 \\ \lambda'_2 = 0.84 \end{array} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 0.39 & -0.92 \\ -0.92 & -0.39 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1.94 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.92 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{SVD: } A = U \Sigma V^T$$

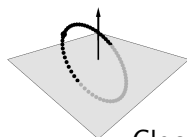
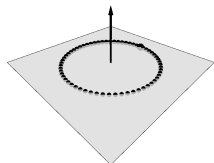
$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.8 & 0 & 0.8 \\ 1 & 1.5 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.39 & -0.92 \\ -0.92 & -0.39 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1.94 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.92 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.63 & -0.71 & 0.3 \\ 0.38 & -0.62 & -0.68 \\ 0.67 & -0.31 & 0.67 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$n - r = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_3 \text{ in null space of } A \Rightarrow A \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$$



# The General Case

SVD and action of a matrix



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -0.8 & 0 & 0.8 \\ 1 & 1.5 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

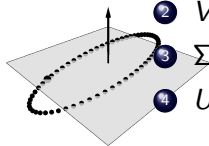
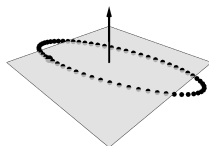
Clockwise from top left:

1 Initial circle point set

2  $V^T \mathbf{x}$

3  $\Sigma V^T \mathbf{x}$

4  $U \Sigma V^T \mathbf{x}$



# The General Case

**Example:** a projection into the  $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2]$ -plane — a rank deficient matrix

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

$A$  is symmetric and idempotent  $\Rightarrow A = A^T A = A A^T$

$$A = U \Sigma V^T : \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rank = 2

$\Rightarrow$  first 2 columns of  $U$  form orthonormal basis for column space of  $A$

$\Rightarrow$  first 2 columns of  $V$  form orthonormal basis for row space of  $A$

$\mathbf{e}_3$  vector projected to the zero vector  $\Rightarrow$  spans the null space of  $A$  and  $A^T$

# SVD Steps

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

Here: review steps — for a robust algorithm  $\Rightarrow$  advanced numerical methods

**Input:**  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$

**Output:**  $U, V, \Sigma$  such that  $A = U\Sigma V^T$

- 1 Find the *eigenvalues*  $\lambda'_1, \dots, \lambda'_n$  of  $A^T A$ 
  - ▶ Order the  $\lambda'_i$  so that  $\lambda'_1 \geq \lambda'_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda'_n$
  - ▶ Suppose  $\lambda'_1, \dots, \lambda'_r > 0$ , then the *rank* of  $A$  is  $r$
- 2 Create an  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix  $\Sigma$  with  $\sigma_{i,i} = \sqrt{\lambda'_i}, i = 1, \dots, r$
- 3 Find the corresponding (normalized) eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  of  $A^T A$
- 4 Create an  $n \times n$  matrix  $V$  with column vectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$
- 5 Find the (normalized) eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}_i$  of  $AA^T$
- 6 Create an  $m \times m$  matrix  $U$  with column vectors  $\mathbf{u}_i$

## Notes on steps:

- Can compute  $\mathbf{u}_i, i = 1, r$  as  $\mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i / \|\cdot\|$   
If  $m > n$  then the remaining  $\mathbf{u}_i$  are found from the null space of  $A^T$
- The only “hard” task is finding the  $\lambda'_i$   
Since  $A^T A$  is symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  Can choose a highly efficient algorithm
- Forming  $A^T A$  can result in an ill-posed problem:  $\kappa(A^T A) = \kappa(A)^2$   
Avoid direct computation of this matrix  
— employ the Householder method

# Singular Values and Volumes

Determinant:

$$\det U = \pm 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \det V = \pm 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\det A| = \det \Sigma = \sigma_1 \cdot \dots \cdot \sigma_n$$

Application: given a 2D triangle  $T$  with area  $\varphi$

Transform  $T \rightarrow T'$  with 2D linear map with singular values  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$

$$\text{Area of } T' = \pm \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \varphi$$

Application: given a 3D object  $O$  with volume  $\varphi$

Transform  $O \rightarrow O'$  with 3D linear map with singular values  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$

$$\text{Volume of } O' = \pm \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \varphi$$

Recall determinants without using singular values

$$\det A = \lambda_1 \cdot \dots \cdot \lambda_n$$

# The Pseudoinverse

The inverse of a matrix:

- Limited to square, nonsingular matrices
- Mainly a theoretical tool for analyzing the solution to a linear system

The **generalized inverse** or **pseudoinverse**  $A^\dagger$

- For general matrices
- Suited for practical use
- Can be computed with the SVD

Special case:  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix  $\Sigma$  with diagonal elements  $\sigma_i$

$$\text{Pseudoinverse: } n \times m \quad \Sigma^\dagger \quad \text{with } \sigma_i^\dagger = \begin{cases} 1/\sigma_i & \text{if } \sigma_i > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

If  $\text{rank}(\Sigma) = r$  then

- $\Sigma^\dagger \Sigma$  holds the  $r \times r$  identity matrix
- All other elements are zero

# The Pseudoinverse

Leads to the pseudoinverse for a general  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$

$$A^\dagger = (U\Sigma V^T)^{-1} = V\Sigma^\dagger U^T$$

If  $A$  is square and invertible then  $A^\dagger = A^{-1}$

Properties:

$$A^\dagger A A^\dagger = A^\dagger \quad \text{and} \quad A A^\dagger A = A$$

Often times called the **Moore-Penrose generalized inverse**

Primary application: *least squares approximation*

# The Pseudoinverse

**Example:** Find the pseudoinverse of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.89 & 0 & -0.44 \\ 0.44 & 0 & 0.89 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2.23 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2.23 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2/5 & 1/5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2.23 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.89 & 0.44 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.44 & 0.89 \end{bmatrix}$$



# The Pseudoinverse

**Example:** square and nonsingular  $A$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The pseudoinverse is equal to the inverse:

$$A^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Least Squares

**Overdetermined linear system:**  $m$  equations in  $n$  unknowns where  $m \geq n$

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

Linear system is inconsistent

— unlikely that  $\mathbf{b}$  lives in subspace  $\mathcal{V}$  defined by columns of  $A$

**The least squares solution** finds the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  into  $\mathcal{V}$

— Call this projection  $\mathbf{b}'$

⇒ Solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}'$  produces vector closest to  $\mathbf{b}$  that lives in  $\mathcal{V}$

**Normal equations**

$$A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b} \quad \text{solution minimizes} \quad \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|$$

This system can be ill-posed ⇒ use *pseudoinverse*

$$\mathbf{x} = A^\dagger \mathbf{b}$$

# Least Squares

Why is  $\mathbf{x} = A^\dagger \mathbf{b}$  the least squares solution?

Find  $\mathbf{x}$  to minimize  $\|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|$

$$\begin{aligned}A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b} &= U\Sigma V^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b} \\ &= U\Sigma V^T \mathbf{x} - UU^T \mathbf{b} \\ &= U(\Sigma \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z})\end{aligned}$$

This new framing of the problem exposes that

$$\|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\| = \|\Sigma \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|$$

$\Rightarrow$  an easier diagonal least squares problem to solve

# Least Squares

## Steps:

- 1 Compute the SVD  $A = U\Sigma V^T$
- 2 Compute the  $m \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{z} = U^T \mathbf{b}$
- 3 Compute the  $n \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{y} = \Sigma^\dagger \mathbf{z}$   
— Least squares solution to  $m \times n$  problem  $\Sigma \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{z}$

requires minimizing

$$\mathbf{v} = \Sigma \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}$$

$$\text{rank}(\Sigma) = r$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 y_1 - z_1 \\ \sigma_2 y_2 - z_2 \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_r y_r - z_r \\ -z_{r+1} \\ \vdots \\ -z_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{y}$  minimizing  $\mathbf{v}$ :  $y_i = z_i / \sigma_i \quad i = 1, \dots, r \Rightarrow \mathbf{y} = \Sigma^\dagger \mathbf{z}$

- 4 Compute the  $n \times 1$  solution vector  $\mathbf{x} = V\mathbf{y}$

# Least Squares

Summarize — The calculations in reverse order include

$$\mathbf{x} = V\mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = V(\Sigma^\dagger \mathbf{z})$$

$$\mathbf{x} = V\Sigma^\dagger(U^T \mathbf{b})$$

**Example:** Revisit temperature-time data: find the best fit line coefficients — Chapter 12 (normal equations) and Chapter 13 (Householder)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 10 & 1 \\ 20 & 1 \\ 30 & 1 \\ 40 & 1 \\ 50 & 1 \\ 60 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 \\ 25 \\ 40 \\ 40 \\ 30 \\ 5 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Least Squares

**Step 1)** Compute the SVD  $A = U\Sigma V^T$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 95.42 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.47 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.68 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} U \quad 7 \times 7 \\ \Sigma \quad 7 \times 2 \\ V \quad 2 \times 2 \end{array}$$

**Step 2)**  $\mathbf{z} = U^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 54.5 \\ 51.1 \\ 3.2 \\ -15.6 \\ 9.6 \\ 15.2 \\ 10.8 \end{bmatrix}$

**Step 3)**  $\mathbf{y} = \Sigma^\dagger \mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.57 \\ 34.8 \end{bmatrix}$

**Step 4)**  $\mathbf{x} = V\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.23 \\ 34.8 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$  best fit line:  $x_2 = -0.23x_1 + 34.8$

# Least Squares

The normal equations give a best approximation

$$\mathbf{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b} \quad \text{to the original problem} \quad A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

by considering  $\mathbf{b}'$  in the subspace of  $A$  called  $\mathcal{V}$

Substitute this expression for  $\mathbf{x}$  into  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}'$ :

$$\mathbf{b}' = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b} = AA^\dagger \mathbf{b} = \text{proj}_{\mathcal{V}} \mathbf{b}$$

Goal is to project  $\mathbf{b}$  into  $\mathcal{V} \Rightarrow AA^\dagger$  is a projection

Property  $A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger$  ensures necessary idempotent property

# Application: Image Compression

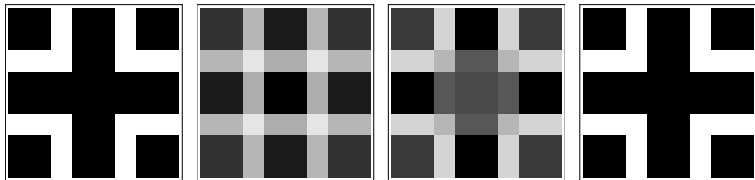
Given:  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$

with  $k = \min(m, n)$  singular values  $\sigma_i$  where  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_k$

Find: the SVD of  $A$  and write as a sum of  $k$  rank one matrices:

$$A = \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + \sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T + \dots + \sigma_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T$$

- An image has the same structure as a matrix
- Interpret matrix elements brightness values (gray scales)
- Figure (left): input image with  $8 \times 8$  pixels





# Application: Image Compression

Singular values for this matrix are  $\sigma_i = 6.2, 1.7, 1.49, 0, \dots, 0$   
Images from left to right  $A, A_1, A_2, A_3$  (original image is  $A$ )

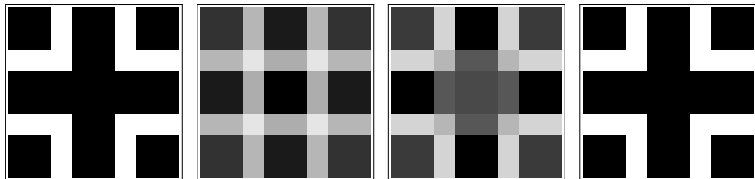
$$A_1 = \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \Rightarrow \text{best rank one approximation to } A$$

$$A_2 = \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + \sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T \text{ best rank two approximation to } A$$

Original image is nearly replicated already

— Due to the fact that  $\sigma_4 = \dots = \sigma_8 = 0$

— Last image is  $A_3 = A_2 + \sigma_3 \mathbf{u}_3 \mathbf{v}_3^T = A$  since the remaining singular values are zero



# Application: Image Compression

The change in an image by adding the smallest  $\sigma_i$  can be hardly noticeable  
 $\Rightarrow$  Omitting images corresponding to small  $\sigma_k$  amounts to compressing the original image

Chapter introduction Figure created from a  $105 \times 105$  color image  
— 3 matrices (red, green, blue)

$$\text{red: } \sigma_i = 47.9, 5.9, 3.9, 1.7, \dots$$

$$\text{green: } \sigma_i = 33.9, 4.8, 3.6, 1.6, \dots$$

$$\text{blue: } \sigma_i = 32.7, 6.1, 3.2, 2.0, \dots$$

In Figure:  $A$ ,  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $A_{14}$

# Application: Image Compression

Quantify each matrix term's contribution using the *Frobenius norm*

Define the *energy* or *fraction of power* of each matrix term as

$$E_i = \frac{\|\sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T\|_F^2}{\|A\|_F^2} = \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_k^2} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k$$

Cumulative energy for an image can be defined as

$$C_i = E_1 + \dots + E_i$$

For *red component* in the introduction to chapter Figure:

$$C_1 = 0.9752 \quad C_2 = 0.9901 \quad C_{14} = 0.9999$$

⇒ first two matrix terms constitute a good approximation to the original image

# Application: Image Compression

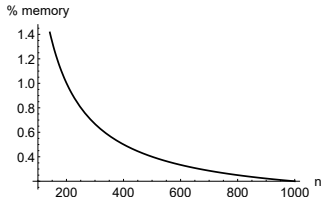
Progressively sending matrix term data

— Send sets of  $\sigma_i, \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v}_i$ , one at a time then progressively rebuilding the image on the client side

Example:  $1000 \times 1000$  image

— A rank 1 approximation is represented by 2001 values

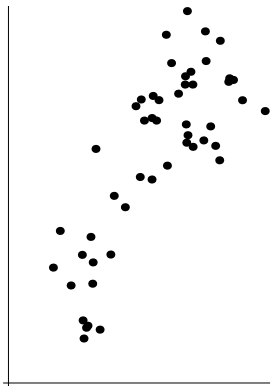
— 0.2% of the 1 million brightness values for one color component



SVD matrix term memory: for an  $n \times n$  image, the percentage of memory that one matrix term requires is plotted

# Principal Component Analysis

**Scatter plot:** data pairs recorded in Cartesian coordinates

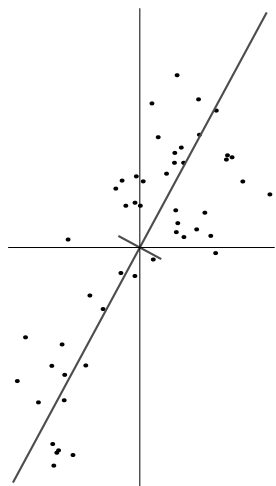


Each circle represents a coordinate pair (point) in the  $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2]$ -system

Example: Gross domestic product and poverty rate pairs

How might we reveal trends in this data set?

# Principal Component Analysis



Given: 2D data set  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$   
such that  $\mathbf{x}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{0}$

Let  $\mathbf{d}$  be a unit vector

Project  $\mathbf{x}_i$  onto line containing  $\mathbf{d}$

— Squared length  $(\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{d})^2$

$$I(\mathbf{d}) = (\mathbf{x}_1 \cdot \mathbf{d})^2 + \dots + (\mathbf{x}_n \cdot \mathbf{d})^2$$

Rotate  $\mathbf{d}$  around the origin

— Compute  $I(\mathbf{d})$

Directions corresponding to min and  
max  $I(\mathbf{d})$  are orthogonal

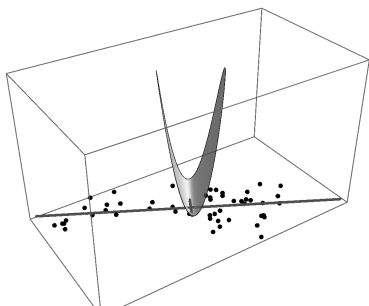
$\Rightarrow$  indicates variation in data

# Principal Component Analysis

Arrange data  $\mathbf{x}_i$  in a **data matrix** and formulate problem in matrix form

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^T \\ \mathbf{x}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{then} \quad l(\mathbf{d}) = \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{d}\|^2 = (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{d}) \cdot (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{d} \quad (*)$$

Let  $C = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$  then  $C$  is a symmetric positive definite  $2 \times 2$  matrix  
(\* ) is a *quadratic form*



# Principal Component Analysis

For which  $\mathbf{d}$  is  $I(\mathbf{d})$  maximal?

Answer:  $\mathbf{d}$  that corresponds to  $C$ 's dominant eigenvector

$$\mathbf{d}^T C \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{d}^T \lambda \mathbf{d}$$

$I(\mathbf{d})$  is minimal for  $\mathbf{d}$  being the eigenvector corresponding to  $C$ 's smallest eigenvalue

These eigenvectors form the major and minor axis of the *action ellipse*

—  $C$  symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  Eigenvectors orthogonal



# Principal Component Analysis

Look more closely at  $C$

$$c_{1,1} = x_{1,1}^2 + x_{2,1}^2 + \dots + x_{n,1}^2$$

$$c_{1,2} = c_{2,1} = x_{1,1}x_{1,2} + x_{2,1}x_{2,2} + \dots + x_{n,1}x_{n,2}$$

$$c_{2,2} = x_{1,2}^2 + x_{2,2}^2 + \dots + x_{n,2}^2.$$

- If each element of  $C$  is divided by  $n$  it is called the **covariance matrix**
- Summary of the variation in each coordinate and between coordinates
  - Dividing by  $n$  will result in scaled eigenvalues (eigenvectors will not change)

# Principal Component Analysis

Eigenvectors provide a convenient *local coordinate frame* for the data set

— Idea behind the principle of the *eigendecomposition*

— This frame is commonly called the **principal axes**

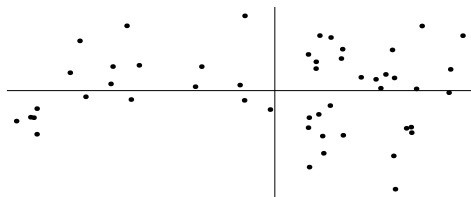
Let  $V = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2]$  hold the normalized eigenvectors as column vectors

—  $\mathbf{v}_1$  is the dominant eigenvector

Orthogonal transformation of the data  $X$

— aligns  $\mathbf{v}_1$  with  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  with  $\mathbf{e}_2$

$$\hat{X} = XV \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

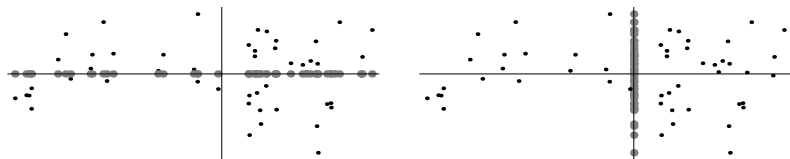


# Principal Component Analysis

## Summary:

- Established a **principal components coordinate system**
    - Defined by the eigenvectors of the covariance matrix
    - Greatest variance corresponds to the first coordinate
  - Data coordinates are now in terms of the trend lines
    - Coordinates directly measure the distance from each trend line
- ⇒ Name of this method: **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**

# Principal Component Analysis



PCA can also be used for *data compression* by reducing dimensionality

Let  $V$  hold only some eigenvectors

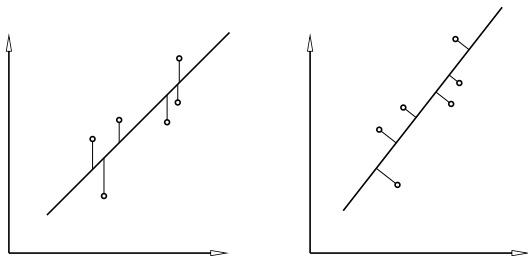
— Example: most significant then  $V = \mathbf{v}_1$  (left Figure)

— Example:  $V = \mathbf{v}_2$  (right Figure)

Greater spread of the data corresponds to higher variance

# Principal Component Analysis

## Best Fit Line

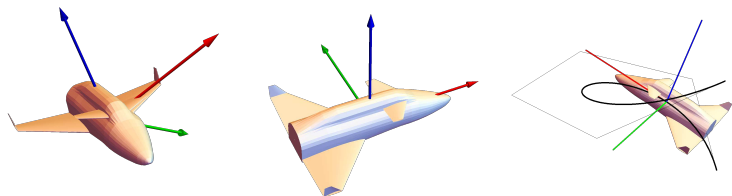


Left: least squares best fit line minimizes the sum of the vertical distances

Right: PCA best fit line minimizes the sum of the perpendicular distances to the dominant line

# Principal Component Analysis

3D axis alignment: PCA can be used to align a 3D object with the coordinate axes in preparation for animation



Left: input space shuttle model

Middle: PCA axis aligned model

Right: moving the shuttle through space

# Principal Component Analysis

Here we demonstrated PCA for 2D and 3D data but the real power of PCA comes with higher dimensional data

- Helpful when it is difficult to visualize and understand relationships between dimensions
- Possible to identify insignificant dimensions and eliminate them

# Application: Face Authentication

Suppose a company has installed a face authentication system for access to the building

Each of the 1000 employees has their picture taken,  
—  $200 \times 200$  pixel image  $I_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 1000$

When a person arrives at the building's door, their picture  $I$  is taken and it must be checked if it is in the employee database

How can this be done quickly?



# Application: Face Authentication

Convert each image  $I_i$  column-by-column to a vector  $\mathbf{f}_i$  with 40,000 entries  
— All employee images live in a 40,000-dimensional face vector space  $\mathcal{F}$

A person arrives at the door:

- a new image  $I$  is taken
- converted to a vector  $\mathbf{f}$
- A comparison against the faces in the database

$$\|\mathbf{f}_i - \mathbf{f}\| < \epsilon \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 1000$$

( $\epsilon$  is a pre-determined tolerance)

High dimensionality of  $\mathcal{F}$  makes this an expensive operation

# Application: Face Authentication

Faster approach: **eigenfaces**

Reduce the number of defining features for each face from 40,000 to something more manageable

— Let's select the first 100 eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_j$  corresponding to the largest eigenvalues

— Each eigenvector has 40,000 components and it can be reorganized into a (ghostly) image



# Application: Face Authentication

Each face  $\mathbf{f}_i$  in the database can be approximated by a linear combination of the eigenfaces in vector form  $\mathbf{v}_j$

$$\mathbf{f}_i \approx s_{i,1}\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + s_{i,100}\mathbf{v}_{100}$$

$\Rightarrow 40,000 \times 100$  overdetermined linear system

— same procedure is applied to the new face  $\mathbf{f}$  (resulting in  $\mathbf{s}$ )

Check whether new face is close to a face in the database of faces

$$\|\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}\| < \tau, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 1000,$$

( $\tau$  predetermined tolerance)

Computational cost comparison:

1000 vectors that are 100-dimensional versus

1000 vectors that are 40,000-dimensional

- Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)
- singular values
- right singular vector
- left singular vector
- SVD matrix dimensions
- SVD column, row, and null spaces
- SVD steps
- volume in terms of singular values
- eigendecomposition
- matrix decomposition
- action ellipse axes length
- pseudoinverse
- generalized inverse
- least squares solution via the pseudoinverse
- quadratic form
- contour ellipse
- Principal Components Analysis (PCA)
- covariance matrix