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# THE URV & SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITIONS

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- Orthogonal subspaces;
- Orthogonal projectors; Orthogonal decomposition;
- The URV decomposition
- Introduction to the Singular Value Decomposition
- The SVD – existence and properties.

## Orthogonal projectors and subspaces

Notation: Given a subspace  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  define

$$\mathcal{X}^\perp = \{y \mid y \perp x, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

➤ Let  $Q = [q_1, \dots, q_r]$  an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{X}$



How would you obtain such a basis?

➤ Then define **orthogonal projector**  $P = QQ^T$

### Properties

- (a)  $P^2 = P$
- (b)  $(I - P)^2 = I - P$
- (c)  $\text{Ran}(P) = \mathcal{X}$
- (d)  $\text{Null}(P) = \mathcal{X}^\perp$
- (e)  $\text{Ran}(I - P) = \text{Null}(P) = \mathcal{X}^\perp$

➤ Note that (b) means that  $I - P$  is also a projector

*Proof.* (a), (b) are trivial

(c): Clearly  $\text{Ran}(P) = \{x \mid x = QQ^T y, y \in \mathbb{R}^r\} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ . Any  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  is of the form  $x = Qy, y \in \mathbb{R}^r$ . Take  $Px = QQ^T(Qy) = Qy = x$ . Since  $x = Px$ ,  $x \in \text{Ran}(P)$ . So  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \text{Ran}(P)$ . In the end  $\mathcal{X} = \text{Ran}(P)$ .

(d):  $x \in \mathcal{X}^\perp \leftrightarrow (x, y) = 0, \forall y \in \mathcal{X} \leftrightarrow (x, Qz) = 0, \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^r \leftrightarrow (Q^T x, z) = 0, \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^r \leftrightarrow Q^T x = 0 \leftrightarrow QQ^T x = 0 \leftrightarrow Px = 0$ .

(e): Need to show inclusion both ways.

•  $x \in \text{Null}(P) \leftrightarrow Px = 0 \leftrightarrow (I - P)x = x \rightarrow x \in \text{Ran}(I - P)$

•  $x \in \text{Ran}(I - P) \leftrightarrow \exists y \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid x = (I - P)y \rightarrow Px = P(I - P)y = 0 \rightarrow x \in \text{Null}(P) \quad \square$

**Result:** Any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$  can be written in a unique way as

$$x = x_1 + x_2, \quad x_1 \in \mathcal{X}, \quad x_2 \in \mathcal{X}^\perp$$

➤ Proof: Just set  $x_1 = Px$ ,  $x_2 = (I - P)x$

➤ Note:

$$\mathcal{X} \cap \mathcal{X}^\perp = \{0\}$$

➤ Therefore:

$$\mathbb{R}^m = \mathcal{X} \oplus \mathcal{X}^\perp$$

➤ Called the *Orthogonal Decomposition*

## Orthogonal decomposition

- In other words  $\mathbb{R}^m = P\mathbb{R}^m \oplus (I - P)\mathbb{R}^m$  or:  
 $\mathbb{R}^m = \text{Ran}(P) \oplus \text{Ran}(I - P)$  or:  
 $\mathbb{R}^m = \text{Ran}(P) \oplus \text{Null}(P)$  or:  
 $\mathbb{R}^m = \text{Ran}(P) \oplus \text{Ran}(P)^\perp$
- Can complete basis  $\{q_1, \dots, q_r\}$  into orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ,  
 $q_{r+1}, \dots, q_m$
- $\{q_{r+1}, \dots, q_m\} = \text{basis of } \mathcal{X}^\perp. \rightarrow \dim(\mathcal{X}^\perp) = m - r.$

## *Four fundamental subspaces - URV decomposition*

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and consider  $\text{Ran}(A)^\perp$

$$\text{Property 1: } \text{Ran}(A)^\perp = \text{Null}(A^T)$$

*Proof:*  $x \in \text{Ran}(A)^\perp$  iff  $(Ay, x) = 0$  for all  $y$  iff  $(y, A^T x) = 0$  for all  $y$  ...

$$\text{Property 2: } \text{Ran}(A^T) = \text{Null}(A)^\perp$$

➤ Take  $\mathcal{X} = \text{Ran}(A)$  in orthogonal decomposition. ➤ Result:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{R}^m &= \text{Ran}(A) \oplus \text{Null}(A^T) \\ \mathbb{R}^n &= \text{Ran}(A^T) \oplus \text{Null}(A)\end{aligned}$$

4 fundamental subspaces  
 $\text{Ran}(A)$     $\text{Null}(A^T)$   
 $\text{Ran}(A^T)$     $\text{Null}(A)$

- Express the above with bases for  $\mathbb{R}^m$  :

$$\underbrace{[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r]}_{\text{Ran}(A)}, \underbrace{[u_{r+1}, u_{r+2}, \dots, u_m]}_{\text{Null}(A^T)}$$

and for  $\mathbb{R}^n$   $\underbrace{[v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r]}_{\text{Ran}(A^T)}, \underbrace{[v_{r+1}, v_{r+2}, \dots, v_n]}_{\text{Null}(A)}$

- Observe  $u_i^T A v_j = 0$  for  $i > r$  or  $j > r$ . Therefore

$$U^T A V = R = \begin{pmatrix} C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{m \times n} \quad C \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r} \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$A = U R V^T$$

- General class of URV decompositions




➤ Far from unique.

2 Show how you can get a decomposition in which  $C$  is lower (or upper) triangular, from the above factorization.

➤ Can select decomposition so that  $R$  is upper triangular → **URV** decomposition.

➤ Can select decomposition so that  $R$  is lower triangular → **ULV** decomposition.

➤ **SVD** = special case of URV where  $R$  = diagonal

3 How can you get the ULV decomposition by using only the Householder QR factorization (possibly with pivoting)? [Hint: you must use Householder twice]

# The Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

**Theorem** For any matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  there exist unitary matrices  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that

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

where  $\Sigma$  is a diagonal matrix with entries  $\sigma_{ii} \geq 0$ .

$$\sigma_{11} \geq \sigma_{22} \geq \cdots \sigma_{pp} \geq 0 \text{ with } p = \min(n, m)$$

➤ The  $\sigma_{ii}$ 's are the **singular values**. Notation change  $\sigma_{ii} \longrightarrow \sigma_i$

***Proof:*** Let  $\sigma_1 = \|A\|_2 = \max_{x, \|x\|_2=1} \|Ax\|_2$ . There exists a pair of unit vectors  $v_1, u_1$  such that

$$Av_1 = \sigma_1 u_1$$

- Complete  $v_1$  into an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$V \equiv [v_1, V_2] = n \times n \text{ unitary}$$

- Complete  $u_1$  into an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$

$$U \equiv [u_1, U_2] = m \times m \text{ unitary}$$



Define  $U, V$  as single Householder reflectors.

- Then, it is easy to show that

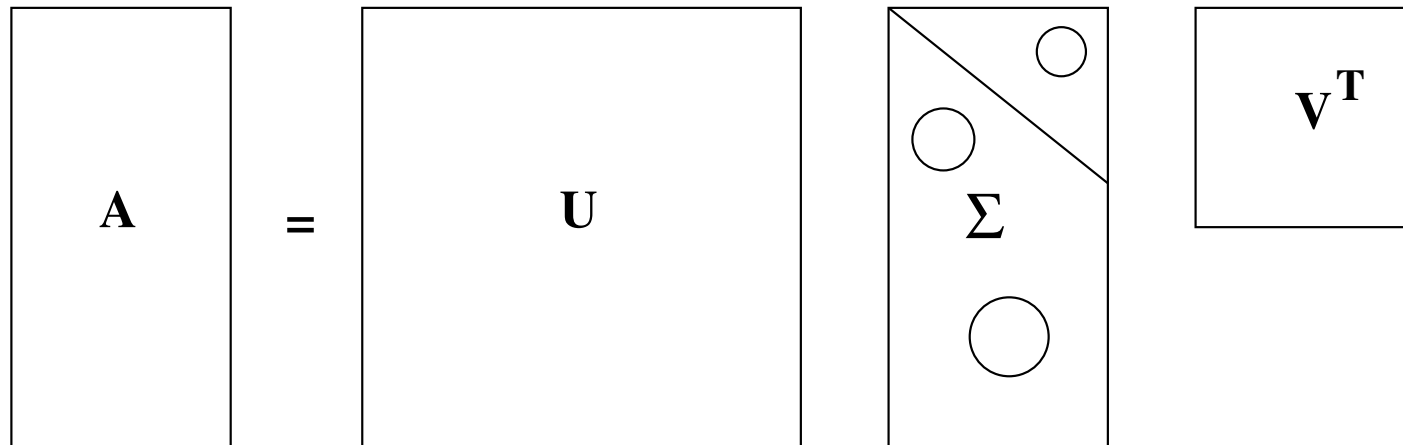
$$AV = U \times \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & w^T \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow U^T AV = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & w^T \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \equiv A_1$$

- Observe that

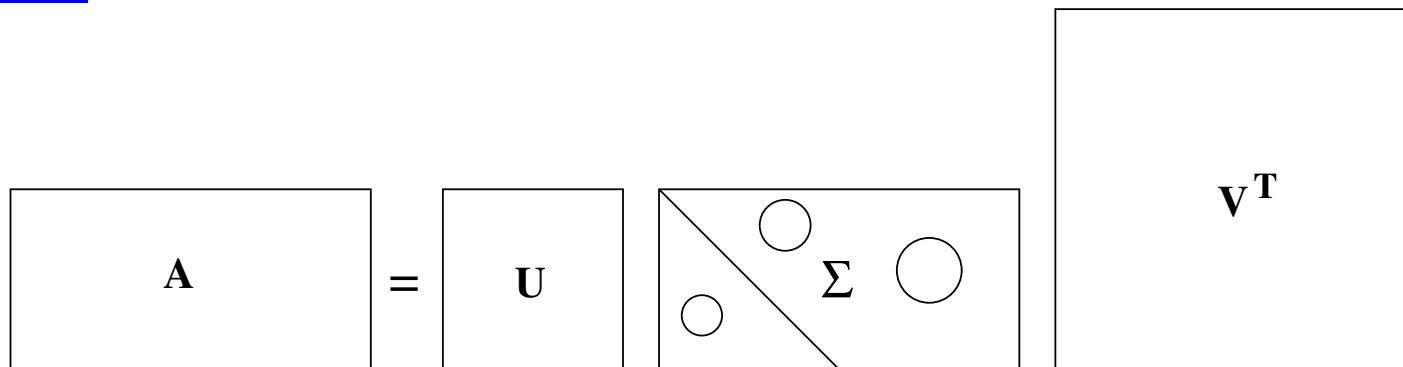
$$\left\| A_1 \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ w \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2 \geq \sigma_1^2 + \|w\|^2 = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \|w\|^2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ w \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2$$

- This shows that  $w$  must be zero [why?]
- Complete the proof by an induction argument. ■

*Case 1:*



*Case 2:*



## The “thin” SVD

- Consider the Case-1. It can be rewritten as

$$A = [U_1 U_2] \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} V^T$$

Which gives:

$$A = U_1 \Sigma_1 V^T$$

where  $U_1$  is  $m \times n$  (same shape as  $A$ ), and  $\Sigma_1$  and  $V$  are  $n \times n$

- Referred to as the “thin” SVD. Important in practice.

 How can you obtain the thin SVD from the QR factorization of  $A$  and the SVD of an  $n \times n$  matrix?

*A few properties.*

Assume that

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_r > 0 \text{ and } \sigma_{r+1} = \cdots = \sigma_p = 0$$

Then:

- $\text{rank}(A) = r = \text{number of nonzero singular values.}$
- $\text{Ran}(A) = \text{span}\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r\}$
- $\text{Null}(A^T) = \text{span}\{u_{r+1}, u_{r+2}, \dots, u_m\}$
- $\text{Ran}(A^T) = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$
- $\text{Null}(A) = \text{span}\{v_{r+1}, v_{r+2}, \dots, v_n\}$



## *Properties of the SVD (continued)*

- The matrix  $A$  admits the SVD expansion:

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$$

- $\|A\|_2 = \sigma_1 =$  largest singular value
- $\|A\|_F = \left(\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i^2\right)^{1/2}$
- When  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix then  $\|A^{-1}\|_2 = 1/\sigma_n$

**Theorem**

Let  $k < r$  and

$$A_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$$

then

$$\min_{\text{rank}(B)=k} \|A - B\|_2 = \|A - A_k\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}$$

**Proof:** First:  $\|A - B\|_2 \geq \sigma_{k+1}$ , for **any** rank- $k$  matrix  $B$ .

Consider  $\mathcal{X} = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k+1}\}$ . Note:

$$\dim(\text{Null}(B)) = n - k \rightarrow \text{Null}(B) \cap \mathcal{X} \neq \{0\}$$

[Why?]

Let  $x_0 \in \text{Null}(B) \cap \mathcal{X}$ ,  $x_0 \neq 0$ . Write  $x_0 = Vy$ . Then

$$\|(A - B)x_0\|_2 = \|Ax_0\|_2 = \|U\Sigma V^T Vy\|_2 = \|\Sigma y\|_2$$

But  $\|\Sigma y\|_2 \geq \sigma_{k+1}\|x_0\|_2$  (Show this).  $\rightarrow \|A - B\|_2 \geq \sigma_{k+1}$

Second: take  $B = A_k$ . Achieves the min.  $\square$

## *Right and Left Singular vectors:*

$$\begin{aligned}Av_i &= \sigma_i u_i \\ A^T u_j &= \sigma_j v_j\end{aligned}$$

- Consequence  $A^T A v_i = \sigma_i^2 v_i$  and  $AA^T u_i = \sigma_i^2 u_i$
- Right singular vectors ( $v_i$ 's) are eigenvectors of  $A^T A$
- Left singular vectors ( $u_i$ 's) are eigenvectors of  $AA^T$
- Possible to get the SVD from eigenvectors of  $AA^T$  and  $A^T A$   
– but: difficulties due to non-uniqueness of the SVD

Define the  $r \times r$  matrix

$$\Sigma_1 = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r)$$

➤ Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and consider  $A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ :

$$A^T A = V \Sigma^T \Sigma V^T \rightarrow A^T A = V \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{n \times n} V^T$$

➤ This gives the spectral decomposition of  $A^T A$ .

- Similarly,  $U$  gives the eigenvectors of  $AA^T$ .

$$AA^T = U \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{m \times m} U^T$$

*Important:*

$A^T A = V D_1 V^T$  and  $AA^T = U D_2 U^T$  give the SVD factors  $U, V$  up to signs!