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Thm (SVD): Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix of rank r . Then there exist $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$ and orthonormal sets $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$ in \mathbb{R}^m and $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n such that

$$A = \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \sigma_2 u_2 v_2^T + \dots + \sigma_r u_r v_r^T$$

$A^T = \sigma_1 v_1 u_1^T + \sigma_2 v_2 u_2^T + \dots + \sigma_r v_r u_r^T$ is the **SVD** of A^T .

$$Ax = \sigma_1 (v_1 \cdot x) u_1 + \sigma_2 (v_2 \cdot x) u_2 + \dots + \sigma_r (v_r \cdot x) u_r$$

$$Av_i = \sigma_i u_i$$

$$\|Av_i\| = \sigma_i$$

Naïve Schoolbook Procedure to Compute SVD:

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix of rank r .

(1) Compute the nonzero eigenvalues of $A^T A$:

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > 0 \quad \text{counted w/multiplicity}$$

(automatically r of them, & they're positive)

(2) Compute orthonormal bases of eigenspaces of $A^T A \rightsquigarrow$ orthonormal set $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$ st. $A^T A v_i = \lambda_i v_i$ for all i .

(3) Let $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$ and $u_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A v_i$. Then $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$ is orthonormal and

$$A = \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \sigma_2 u_2 v_2^T + \dots + \sigma_r u_r v_r^T.$$

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NB: If A is a wide matrix ($n > m$) then $A^T A$ is $n \times n$ but $A A^T$ is $m \times m$. So compute the SVD of A^T instead!

Eg: $A = \begin{pmatrix} -10 & 10 & -10 & 10 \\ 10 & 5 & 10 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 200 & -50 & 200 & -50 \\ -50 & 125 & -50 & 125 \\ 200 & -50 & 200 & -50 \\ -50 & 125 & -50 & 125 \end{pmatrix}$ yikes!

compute sub of A^T 2

$A A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 400 & -100 \\ -100 & 250 \end{pmatrix}$ $\rho(\lambda) = (\lambda - 450)(\lambda - 200)$

$\lambda_1 = 450 \Rightarrow \sigma_1 = \sqrt{450} = 15\sqrt{2}$ $v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ $u_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma_1} A^T v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda_2 = 200 \Rightarrow \sigma_2 = \sqrt{200} = 10\sqrt{2}$ $v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ $u_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_2} A^T v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow A^T = 15\sqrt{2} u_1 v_1^T + 10\sqrt{2} u_2 v_2^T$

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Why does this work?

Nonzero eigenvalues of $A^T A$ are positive & there are r of them

• $A^T A$ is positive-semidefinite: if $A^T A x = \lambda x$, $x \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow \|Ax\|^2 = (Ax)^T (Ax) = x^T (A^T A x) = x^T \lambda x = \lambda \|x\|^2$

$\Rightarrow \lambda \geq 0$

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

• $\text{rank}(A^T A) = n - \dim \text{Nul}(A^T A) \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} n - \dim \text{Nul}(A) = \text{rank}(A)$

• $A^T A$ symmetric $\xrightarrow{\text{spectral thm}}$ diagonalizable over $\mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$ all $A M = G M$

$\Rightarrow 0$ is an eigenvalue of mult. $n - r = \dim \text{Nul}(A^T A)$

$\Rightarrow \rho(\lambda) = \pm (\lambda - \lambda_1) \dots (\lambda - \lambda_r) \lambda^{n-r}$ $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r \neq 0$

\Rightarrow there are r nonzero eigenvalues (with multiplicity).

Get $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$ = orthonormal eigenvectors st. $A^T A v_i = \lambda_i v_i$.
 Set $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$, $u_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A v_i$.

Orthonormality of $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} u_i \cdot u_j &= \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_i} A v_i\right)^T \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_j} A v_j\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} v_i^T (A^T A v_j) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} v_i^T (\sigma_j^2 v_j) = \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_i} v_i \cdot v_j = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

orthonormality of $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$ ✓

Outer Product Formula:

Let $A' = \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \dots + \sigma_r u_r v_r^T$. We'll show $A' = A$ by showing $A' v_i = A v_i$ for $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ a basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

(This means $v_1, \dots, v_n \in \text{Nul}(A - A') \Rightarrow \text{Nul}(A - A') = \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow A - A' = 0$)

Let $\{\underbrace{v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n}_{\text{non-vectors}}\}$ be an o.n. basis for $\text{Nul}(A) = \text{Nul}(A^T A)$
 = 0-eigenspace of $A^T A$

$\Rightarrow \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is an o.n. eigenbasis of $A^T A$.

$\Rightarrow \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

For $i \leq r$,

$$\begin{aligned} A' v_i &= \sigma_1 (\cancel{v_1 \cdot v_i}) u_1 + \dots + \sigma_i (\cancel{v_i \cdot v_i}) u_i + \dots + \sigma_r (\cancel{v_r \cdot v_i}) u_r \\ &= \sigma_i u_i = A v_i \quad \text{b/c } u_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A v_i \text{ by definition.} \end{aligned}$$

For $i > r$,

$A' v_i = 0$ because $v_j \cdot v_i = 0$ for $j \leq i$.

$A v_i = 0$ because $v_i \in \text{Nul}(A)$. ✓

This justifies the SVD!

SVD: Matrix Form

NB: $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$ is an o.n. basis for $\text{Col}(A)$:

• $u_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A v_i \in \text{Col}(A)$ • $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\} \perp I$; $\dim \text{Col}(A) = r$

NB: $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$ is an o.n. basis for $\text{Row}(A)$:

• replace A by A^T \uparrow

Let $\{u_{r+1}, \dots, u_m\}$ be an o.n. basis for $\text{Nul}(A^T) = \text{Nul}(AA^T)$

$\Rightarrow \{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$ is an o.n. eigenbasis for AA^T

Let $\{v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n\}$ be an o.n. basis for $\text{Nul}(A) = \text{Nul}(A^T A)$

$\Rightarrow \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is an o.n. eigenbasis for $A^T A$.

Thm (SVD): Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix of rank r . Then

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

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_m \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} m \times m \\ \text{orthogonal} \end{matrix} \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} n \times n \\ \text{orthogonal} \end{matrix}$$

same size as $A \rightarrow \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_r & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} m \times n \\ \text{diagonal} \end{matrix}$

Check: $U \Sigma^T V^T v_i = U \Sigma^T e_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i > r \\ \sigma_i u_i & \text{for } i \leq r \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0 \\ \sigma_i u_i \end{cases} = A v_i$

orthogonal diagonalizations \downarrow

Compare: $A^T A = V \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & \sigma_r^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^T \quad A A^T = U \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & \sigma_r^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U^T$

Combine both: "diagonalize" $A = U \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & \sigma_r & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^T$

SVD & the Four Subspaces:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} | & \dots & | & | & \dots & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_r & u_{r+1} & \dots & u_n \\ | & \dots & | & | & \dots & | \end{pmatrix}$$

o.n. basis for Col(A) o.n. basis for Nul(A^T)

$$A^T u_i = \sigma_i v_i \quad \downarrow \quad \uparrow \quad A v_i = \sigma_i u_i$$

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} | & \dots & | & | & \dots & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_r & v_{r+1} & \dots & v_n \\ | & \dots & | & | & \dots & | \end{pmatrix}$$

o.n. basis for Row(A) o.n. basis for Nul(A)

$A^T \rightarrow 0$
 $A \rightarrow 0$

NB: SVD of $A^T \Rightarrow A^T = V \Sigma^T U^T$

Procedure for $A = U \Sigma^T V^T$:

- (1) Compute σ_i, u_i, v_i as for outer product version
- (2) Compute $\{u_{r+1}, \dots, u_n\}$ o.n. basis for $\text{Nul}(A^T)$
 $\{v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n\}$ o.n. basis for $\text{Nul}(A)$

(do elimination & run Gram-Schmidt)

$$(3) \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} | & \dots & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_m \\ | & \dots & | \end{pmatrix} \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} | & \dots & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_n \\ | & \dots & | \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma^T = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & 0 \\ & \dots & \\ 0 & \sigma_r & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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