

1. Computing the SVD: A “Tall” Matrix Example

Define the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3 \times 2) = (3 \times 3)(3 \times 2)(2 \times 2) \quad (1)$$

*A = UΣV<sup>T</sup>*

Here, we expect  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ ,  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$ , and  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  (recall that  $U$  and  $V$  must be square since they are orthonormal matrices).

In this problem, we will walk through the SVD algorithm, prove some important theorems about the SVD matrices and column/null spaces, and consider an alternate way to approach the SVD.

- (a) Let’s start by trying to write  $A$  as an outer product in the form of  $\sigma \vec{u} \vec{v}^T$  where both  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}^T$  have unit norm. (HINT: Are the columns of  $A$  linearly independent or dependent? What does that tell us about how we can represent them?)

- (b) In this part, we will walk through Algorithm 7 in **Note 16**. This algorithm applies for a general matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .

- i. **Find  $r := \text{rank}(A)$ . Compute  $A^T A$  and diagonalize it using the spectral theorem (i.e. find  $V$  and  $\Lambda$ ).**
- ii. **Unpack  $V := \begin{bmatrix} V_r & V_{n-r} \end{bmatrix}$  and unpack  $\Lambda := \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_r & 0_{r \times (n-r)} \\ 0_{(n-r) \times r} & 0_{(n-r) \times (n-r)} \end{bmatrix}$ .**
- iii. **Find  $\Sigma_r := \Lambda_r^{1/2}$  and then find  $\Sigma := \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_r & 0_{r \times (n-r)} \\ 0_{(m-r) \times r} & 0_{(m-r) \times (n-r)} \end{bmatrix}$ .**
- iv. **Find  $U_r := AV_r \Sigma_r^{-1}$ , where  $U_r \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times r}$  and then extend the basis defined by columns of  $U_r$  to find  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ .**

(HINT: How can we extend a basis, and why is that needed here?)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix}_{(3 \times 2)} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}_{(3 \times 1)} \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}_{(1 \times 2)} \quad \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 v_1 & u_1 v_2 \\ u_2 v_1 & u_2 v_2 \\ u_3 v_1 & u_3 v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 \\ v_3 & v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{v^T}$$

$$\underbrace{\sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + (2)^2}}_u$$

$$\sqrt{9}$$

$$\|u\| = 3$$

$$\hat{u} = \frac{u}{\|u\|} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u = \|u\| \hat{u}$$

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\hat{v}^T = \frac{v^T}{\|v\|} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v = \|v\| \hat{v}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= u v^T = (\|u\| \hat{u})(\|v\| \hat{v})^T \\ &= \|u\| \|v\| \hat{u} \hat{v}^T = \sigma \hat{u} \hat{v}^T = 3\sqrt{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ \sigma &= \|u\| \|v\| = 3\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

- v. Use the previous parts to write the full SVD of  $A$ .
- vi. If we were to calculate the SVD of our matrix using a calculator, are we *guaranteed* to always get the same SVD? Why or why not?

(c) We now want to create the SVD of  $A^T$ . **What are the relationships between the matrices composing  $A$  and the matrices composing  $A^T$ ?**

$$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & -9 \\ -9 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$(2 \times 3)(3 \times 2)$    $(2 \times 2)$

$$r = 1$$

Reminder: Spectral Theorem

$$S = S^T$$

$$S = Q \Lambda Q^T \quad Q^T = Q^{-1}$$
$$= Q \Lambda Q^{-1}$$

$$\det(A^T A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 9-\lambda & -9 \\ -9 & 9-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (9-\lambda)^2 - 81 = 0$$

$$(9-\lambda)^2 = 81$$

$$9-\lambda = \pm 9$$

$$9-\lambda = 9 \quad 9-\lambda = -9$$

$$\lambda = 0, 18$$

$$\underline{\lambda=0}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda=18$$

$$\text{null} \begin{pmatrix} -9 & -9 \\ -9 & -9 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A^T A) = Q \Lambda Q^T$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 18 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

$$= (V \Sigma^T U^T) U \Sigma V^T$$

$$= V \Sigma^T \Sigma V^T$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$A^T A = Q \Lambda Q^T$$

$$V = Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} v_r & v_{n-r} \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$v_r = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \quad v_{n-r} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 18 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_r = 18$$

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$$\Sigma_r = \lambda_r^{1/2} = \sqrt{18}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{18} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} u_r & u_{n-r} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_r = A v_r \Sigma_r^{-1}$$

$$v_r = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_r = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}}$$

$$\Sigma_r = \sqrt{18}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ -2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
use basis vectors for  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ -2/3 \end{bmatrix}, e_1, e_2, e_3 \right\} \rightarrow \text{G.S.}$$

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