

# Discussion 11A

The following note is useful for this discussion: [Note 16](#)

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

Define the matrix

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

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  $\sigma \vec{u} \vec{v}^\top$  where both  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}^\top$  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  $A^\top A$  and diagonalize it using the spectral theorem (i.e. find  $V$  and  $\Lambda$ ).**
- ii. **Unpack  $V := [V_r \quad V_{n-r}]$  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  $U_r \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$  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?)
- 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  $A^\top$ . What are the relationships between the matrices composing  $A$  and the matrices composing  $A^\top$ ?

- (d) **Show, for a general matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with  $\text{rank}(A) = r$  and  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ , that  $\text{Null}(A) = \text{Col}(V_{n-r})$ . Then, find a basis for the null space of  $A$  in eq. (1).** (HINT: How do we show two sets are equal? Try and use that approach here. Consider the outer product summation form for the SVD. Also, consider using the rank-nullity theorem that  $\dim \text{Col}(A) + \dim \text{Null}(A) = n$ .)

- (e) **Show, for a general matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with  $\text{rank}(A) = r$  and  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ , that  $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Col}(U_r)$ . Then, find a basis for the range (or column space) of  $A$ .**

- (f) **(PRACTICE) Show, for a general matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with  $\text{rank}(A) = r$  and  $A = U\Sigma V^\top$ , that  $\text{Null}(A^\top) = \text{Col}(U_{m-r})$  and  $\text{Col}(A^\top) = \text{Col}(V_r)$ . Then show:**
- i.  $\dim \text{Col}(A) + \dim \text{Null}(A^\top) = n$ ,
  - ii. **and  $\text{Col}(A)$  and  $\text{Null}(A^\top)$  are orthogonal.**

- (g) Suppose  $A$  was a wide matrix. Instead of finding  $A^\top A$ , we may want to find the SVD by computing  $AA^\top$ . The original Algorithm 7 from [Note 16](#), in its entirety, is shown below:

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**Algorithm 1** Constructing the SVD

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1: function FULLSVD( $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ )
2:    $r := \text{RANK}(A)$ 
3:    $(V, \Lambda) := \text{DIAGONALIZE}(A^\top A)$  ▷ Sorted so that  $\Lambda_{11} \geq \dots \geq \Lambda_{nn}$ 
4:   Unpack  $V := \begin{bmatrix} V_r & V_{n-r} \end{bmatrix}$ 
5:   Unpack  $\Lambda := \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_r & 0_{r \times (n-r)} \\ 0_{(n-r) \times r} & 0_{(n-r) \times (n-r)} \end{bmatrix}$ 
6:    $\Sigma_r := \Lambda_r^{1/2}$ 
7:   Pack  $\Sigma := \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_r & 0_{r \times (n-r)} \\ 0_{(m-r) \times r} & 0_{(m-r) \times (n-r)} \end{bmatrix}$ 
8:    $U_r := AV_r \Sigma_r^{-1}$ 
9:    $U := \text{EXTENDBASIS}(U_r, \mathbb{R}^m)$ 
10:  return  $(U, \Sigma, V)$ 
11: end function

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**Write a modified version of Algorithm 7 where you solve for the SVD of  $A$  using  $AA^\top$  instead of  $A^\top A$ . (HINT: Consider replacing every instance of “ $A$ ” in  $A^\top A$  with “ $A^\top$ ”. What happens? How can we use the result from the [1.c](#) part?)**

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