

5: Singular Value Decomp

DEF: A self-adjoint $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ is positive definite if

$$\langle Ax, x \rangle > 0 \quad \forall \text{ nonzero } x \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

If: $\langle Ax, x \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{C}^n$, then A is positive semi-definite.

Prop: Self-adj $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ is pos def iff all eigenvalues of A are positive. Similarly, A is pos. semi-def. iff all e. values are nonneg.

Proof: \Rightarrow) Say A is pos. def.

$$\langle Ax, x \rangle > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{0\}$$

In particular,

$$0 < \langle Av, v \rangle = \langle \lambda v, v \rangle = \lambda \underbrace{\|v\|^2}_{>0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda > 0$$

\Leftarrow) Suppose all e. values of A are positive. By the Spectral Thm,

$$A = U^* \Lambda U \leftarrow \text{unitary}$$

↑ pos. e. values on diagonal

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Ax, x \rangle &= \langle U^* \Lambda U x, x \rangle \\ &= \langle \Lambda \underbrace{U x}_y, U x \rangle = \langle \Lambda y, y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for $y = Ux \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Note that

$$\langle \Lambda y, y \rangle = \lambda_1 |y_1|^2 + \lambda_2 |y_2|^2 + \dots + \lambda_n |y_n|^2 > 0$$

for nonzero $y \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Finally, note that
 $y = Ux = 0$ iff $x = 0$. □

We are interested in the pair A^*A and AA^*

Corollary: Let $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})$. Then the $(n \times n)$ matrix A^*A and $(m \times m)$ matrix AA^* are self-adj. with nonneg. eigenvalues, and the positive e. values coincide.

Note: $m \neq n$, $m >> n$

↑ at most n nonzero e. vals.

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Lemma: For any $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ and $B \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{C})$, the matrices AB and BA have the same nonzero eigenvalues

Proof: Prob. Set 13.

Proof Cor.:

Clear that AA^* and A^*A are self-adj.

$$0 \leq \|Ax\|^2 = \langle Ax, Ax \rangle = \langle A^*Ax, x \rangle \rightarrow \text{pos. semi-def.}$$

\Rightarrow E. values of A^*A are non.-neg.

$$\text{Similarly: } 0 \leq \|A^*x\|^2 = \dots = \langle AA^*x, x \rangle \rightarrow \text{pos. semi-def.}$$

By Lemma above,

the positive e. values of AA^* and A^*A coincide. □

DEF: Let $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ have rank r . Let $\sigma_1^2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r^2$ be the positive eigenvalues of A^*A (or AA^*). The scalars $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$ are called the positive singular values of A .

THM (SVD)

Suppose $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ is of rank r , and let $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r$ be the positive singular values of A . Let Σ be the $(m \times n)$ matrix defined by

$$\Sigma_{ij} = \begin{cases} \sigma_i & \text{if } i=j \leq r \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then there exists an $(m \times m)$ unitary matrix U and an $(n \times n)$ unitary matrix V s.t.

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

Proof: A^*A self-adj and $(n \times n)$ with pos. e.values $\sigma_1^2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r^2$ and $(n-r)$ zero e.values

By the Spectral Theorem \exists $(n \times n)$ unitary V

s.t. $\otimes \quad V^* A^* A V = (AV)^*(AV) = D$

where $D = \Sigma^* \Sigma$ is the $(n \times n)$ diag. matrix

with $D_{ii} = \sigma_i^2, \quad i = 1, \dots, r$

and zeros elsewhere.

Recall: From \otimes we have

$$V^* A^* A V = V^{-1} A^* A V = D$$

$$A^* A V = V D$$

\Rightarrow Columns of V are the (orthon.) e.vectors of $A^* A$.

Now note: From \otimes clear that columns $(AV)_j$ of AV are orthogonal and length of $(AV)_j$ is σ_j (bc $\langle (AV)_j, (AV)_j \rangle = \|(AV)_j\|^2 = \sigma_j^2$) for $j=1, \dots, r$.

Let U_r denote the $(m \times r)$ matrix with $(AV)_j / \sigma_j$ as its j th column:

$$U_r = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \frac{(AV)_1}{\sigma_1} & \dots & \frac{(AV)_r}{\sigma_r} \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

Now complete U_r to an $(m \times m)$ unitary matrix U by finding an ONB to the ortho. comp. of the column space of U_r :

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} U_r & \vdots & \text{ONB} \end{bmatrix}$$

Use these $(m-r)$ basis vectors as the last ⁶ columns of U . We then have

$$AV = U\Sigma \iff A = U\Sigma V^*$$

□

Ranks! • The last $(m-r)$ columns of U and the last $(n-r)$ columns of V are redundant. As a consequence, the SVD of A is not uniquely determined.

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^*A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 12 & 2 \\ 12 & 13 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AA^* = \dots = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 8 \\ 8 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(AA^* - \lambda I) = (17 - \lambda)^2 - 8^2 = (\lambda - 9)(\lambda - 25) = 0$$

$\lambda = 9$ or $\lambda = 25$

$$\sigma_1^2 = 25 \quad (\sigma_1 = 5)$$

$$\sigma_2^2 = 9 \quad (\sigma_2 = 3)$$

$$\sigma_3^3 = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{last eigenvalue of } \underline{A^*A}$$

$$\underline{\sigma_1^2 = 25}:$$

$$A^*A - \sigma_1^2 I = \begin{bmatrix} -12 & 12 & 2 \\ 12 & -12 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & -17 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 17/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{solve}}{\downarrow} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\},$$

and a normalized choice is e.g. $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\underline{\sigma_2^2 = 9}:$$

$$A^*A - \sigma_2^2 I = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 12 & 2 \\ 12 & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{solve}}{\downarrow} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} t/4 \\ -t/4 \\ t \end{pmatrix} \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$$

and a normalized choice is e.g.

$$v_2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}, \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \right)^T$$

$$\underline{\sigma_3^2 = 0}:$$

$$A^*A - \sigma_3^2 I = A^*A = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 12 & 2 \\ 12 & 13 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{solve}}{\downarrow} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow v_3 = (-2t, 2t, t)^T, \text{ and normalized choice is}$$

$$v_3 = \left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}\right)^T.$$

We can now "build" all matrices that we need:

$$\textcircled{\text{I}} \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/6 & 2/3 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/6 & -2/3 \\ 0 & 2\sqrt{2}/3 & -1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{\text{II}} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{\text{III}} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ u_1 & u_2 \\ | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \frac{Av_1}{\sigma_1} & \frac{Av_2}{\sigma_2} \\ | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_1 = 5 \quad Av_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5\sqrt{2}/2 \\ 5\sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{Av_1}{\sigma_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_2 = 3 \quad Av_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/6 \\ -\sqrt{2}/6 \\ 2\sqrt{2}/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9\sqrt{2}/6 \\ -9\sqrt{2}/6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{Av_2}{\sigma_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ -\sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow U = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = U \Sigma V^*, \quad \text{with } \textcircled{\text{I}}, \textcircled{\text{II}}, \textcircled{\text{III}}$$

Proposition: Let $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ have pos. singular values $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r$. The operator norm of A is then

$$\|A\| = \sigma_1.$$

PR: $\|A\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|$

Let $A = U\Sigma V^*$ (the SVD), and let σ_1 be the first column of Σ . Then $\|v_1\| = 1$ (unitary V) and since

$$AV = U\Sigma$$

it is clear that $Av_1 = \sigma_1 u_1 \Rightarrow \|Av_1\| = \sigma_1$ ↙ $\|u_1\| = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \|A\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\| \geq \|Av_1\| = \sigma_1$$

Now let $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ be any vector with $\|x\| = 1$.

Consider $Ax = U\Sigma V^*x$

$y, \|y\| = 1$

V^* unitary \rightarrow repr. isometry $\rightarrow \|V^*x\| = \|x\| = 1$

Note: $\Sigma y = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 y_1 \\ \sigma_2 y_2 \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_r y_r \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \|\Sigma y\| \leq \sigma_1 \|y\|$

Finally, since U is also unitary:

$$\|Ax\| = \|U\Sigma y\| = \|\Sigma y\| \leq \sigma_1 \|y\| = \sigma_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\| = \sigma_1$$

□

$$z = x + iy = |z| e^{i\theta}, \quad |e^{i\theta}| = 1$$

↑
nonneg

Square matrix A : $A = WP$

unitary \nearrow $(\sim e^{i\theta})$

\nwarrow positive semi-def $(\sim r = |z|)$

THM: For any $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C}) \exists$ unitary W
and pos. semi-def P s.t.

$$A = WP$$

Proof: By the SVD thm:

$$A = U\Sigma V^* = UV^*V\Sigma V^* \\ = WP$$

with $W = UV^*$ and $P = V\Sigma V^*$