

# Singular Value Decomposition

## Definitions:

$\sigma_1 = \text{maximum amplification} = \max \|Av\| = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^*A)}$

$\sigma_2 = 2\text{nd greatest (largest amplification of orthogonal vector to } \sigma_1)$

$\sigma_r = \text{rank}(A) = \text{min-amplification}$

## SVD Abstract Definition:

Let  $f: V \rightarrow U$  be a linear map. A SVD of  $f$  is:

- an orthonormal basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  for  $V$
- an orthonormal basis  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  for  $U$
- $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$  for  $f(v_i) = \sigma_i u_i$

## Facts about $f^*f$ :

- i.  $f^*f$  is self-adjoint.  $(f^*f)^* = f^*f$
  - ii. The eigenvalues of  $f^*f$  are non-negative.
  - iii.  $\text{Null}(f^*f) = \text{null}(f)$
  - iv.  $\text{rank}(f^*f) = \text{rank}(f)$  ← by rank-nullity thm.
- $\text{Span}\{v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n\} = \text{Null}(A)$
  - $\text{Span}\{u_1, \dots, u_r\} = \text{Col}(A)$

## Building the SVD

Theorem: If  $f: V \rightarrow U$  is linear, it has an SVD. (Existence)

Let  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > 0$  where  $r = \text{rank}(f)$ , with corresponding normalized eigenvectors  $v_1, \dots, v_r$ .

Select a  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$  and  $u_i = \frac{f(v_i)}{\sigma_i}$ .

Repeat for  $0 \leq i \leq r$ .

- 1 Compute  $A^*A$
- 2 Identify  $r$  positive eigenvals of  $A^*A$
- 3 Identify  $r$  orthonormal eigenvectors
- 4  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$
- 5  $u_i = \frac{Av_i}{\sigma_i}$

## Example: SVD of identity map

1. compute  $I^*I = II = I$

2. get eigenvectors/values of  $I^*I$ :  
 all vectors are eigenvectors w/  $\lambda = 1$ .

3. Do  $u_i = \frac{Iv_i}{\sigma_i} = v_i$

Therefore the SVD of  $I$  is any orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{C}^n$

## Dimensions

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

$m \times n$     $m \times m$     $m \times n$     $n \times n$

$m \times n$

Compact:

$$U_r \Sigma_r V_r^* = m \times n$$

$m \times r$     $r \times r$     $r \times n$

→ (1) Find the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $A^*A$  and order them such that  $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > 0$  and  $\lambda_{r+1} = \dots = \lambda_n = 0$ .

→ (2) Find the orthonormal eigenvectors of  $A^*A$ , so that

$$A^*A\bar{v}_i = \lambda_i\bar{v}_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, r$$

Note that the vectors must be orthonormal, that is  $\langle \bar{v}_i, \bar{v}_i \rangle = 1$  and  $\langle \bar{v}_i, \bar{v}_j \rangle = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .

→ (3) Let  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$  and set

$$\bar{u}_i = \frac{A\bar{v}_i}{\sigma_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, r$$

→ (4) If  $r < n$  then we complete the  $U$  and  $V$  matrices by adding vectors  $\bar{u}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{u}_m$  and  $\bar{v}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{v}_n$  to create an orthonormal bases for  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Example: Real Numbers

Find SVD of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^*A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -9 \\ -9 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 18, \quad \lambda_2 = 0.$$

$$v_1 = \downarrow \text{null} \begin{bmatrix} -9 & -9 \\ -9 & -9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

normalize to get  $v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$v_2 = \text{null} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -9 \\ -9 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1} = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}, \quad u_1 = \frac{Av_1}{\sigma} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compact Form:  $A = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} 3\sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

→ More on Compact SVD

Form:  $A = U \Sigma V^T = \begin{bmatrix} U_c & U_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T$   
 $= U_c \Sigma_c V_c^T$

Full Form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 1 & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & u_2 & u_3 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Start with  $I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $e_1, e_2, e_3$

Use Gram-Schmidt on  $[u_1, e_1, e_2]$ .

$$u_2 = e_1 - \text{proj}_{u_1} e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \langle e_1, u_1 \rangle u_1$$

\* Sometimes this results in a zero vector

Facts about  $A$

- $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(A^*A) = \#$  of nonzero eigenvectors
- $\text{Null}(A) = \text{Null}(A^*A)$

Complex SVD Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -j \\ 0 & 1 \\ j & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1 \quad -j)$$

should be self adjoint  
 $\downarrow$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -j \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{self adjoint}$$

$$A^*A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ j & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -j \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -j \\ j & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A^*A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1)$$

$$\lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$\text{Null}(A^*A - 3I) = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & -j & 0 \\ j & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ j \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -j \\ j & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} j \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\sigma_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2} = 1$$

$$u_1 = \frac{Av_1}{\sigma_1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ j \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{Av_2}{\sigma_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ j \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Truncated SVD } A = U_t \Sigma_t V_t^*$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 \\ \frac{j}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{j}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{j}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Full SVD

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{j}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Gram-Schmidt:  $e_1 - \text{proj}_{u_1} e_1$

$$= e_1 - \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\right)v$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{j}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{j}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}$$

normalize to get  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{j}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{j}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{j}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{j}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{j}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$