

# 8. Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- Columns of  $V$  are orthogonal eigenvectors of  $A^T A$   $V = \Sigma^{-1} V$
- $Av = \sigma u$  gives orthonormal eigenvectors  $u$  of  $AA^T$   $U$
- $\sigma^2 =$  eigenvalue of  $A^T A =$  eigenvalue of  $AA^T \neq 0 > 0$
- $A =$  (rotation)(stretching)(rotation)  $U \Sigma V^T$  for every  $A$
- Why is the SVD so important?
  - It separates the matrix into rank one pieces like the other factorizations  $A=LU$ ,  $A=QR$ ,  $S=Q\Lambda Q^T$  ✓  $| \text{---} k \text{---} |$
  - Those pieces come in order of importance  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \dots > \sigma_r$
  - First piece  $\sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T$  is the closest rank one matrix to  $A$
  - Sum of the first  $k$  pieces is best possible for rank  $k$

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

$$(xy^T)x = x(y^Tx) = \lambda x$$

$$|\lambda_1| = |y^Tx| \leq \sigma_1 = \|y\| \|x\|$$

$$AV_i = \sigma_i u_i$$

$$u_i = \frac{AV_i}{\sigma_i}$$

$2 \times n$   
 $A^T A = n \times n$   
 $A A^T = 2 \times 2$

Schwartz inequality

• Example

Find the matrices  $U, \Sigma, V$  for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 20 \\ 20 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{45} & \\ & \sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}, V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 50$$

$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 225$$

$$A = \begin{matrix} SVD \\ // \end{matrix}$$

$$\sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \sigma_2 u_2 v_2^T = A$$

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

$$U = V = Q, \Sigma = \Lambda$$

• If  $S = Q \Lambda Q^T$  is symmetric positive definite, what is its SVD?

• If  $S = Q \Lambda Q^T$  has a negative eigenvalue ( $Sx = -\alpha x$ ), what is the singular value and what are the vectors  $v$  and  $u$ ?

• If  $A = Q$  is an orthogonal matrix, why does every singular value equal 1?

• Why are all eigenvalues of a square matrix  $A$  less than or equal to  $\sigma_1$ ?

• If  $A = xy^T$  has rank 1, what are  $u_1, v_1, \sigma_1$ ? Check that  $|\lambda_1| \leq \sigma_1$

$$Q^T Q = I = A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \Sigma = I$$

$$xy^T = \frac{x}{\|x\|} \left( \frac{\|x\| \|y\|}{\|y\|} \right) \frac{y^T}{\|y\|} = u_1 \sigma_1 v_1^T$$

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

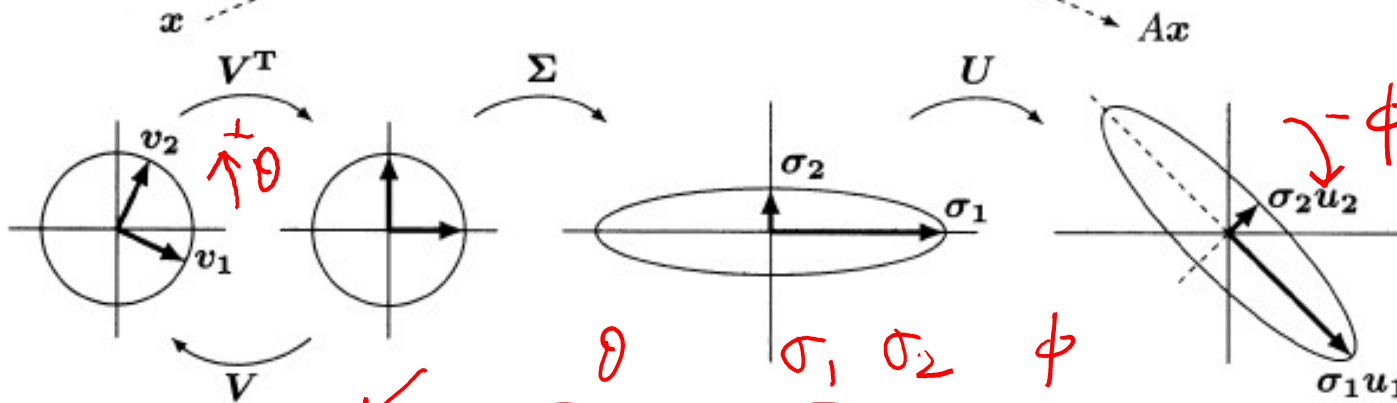
$$(xy^T)x = x(y^Tx) = \lambda x$$

- If A is  $m$  by  $n$  and B is  $n$  by  $m$ , then  $AB$  and  $BA$  have the same nonzero eigenvalues
- Geometry of SVD

$AB \neq BA$

$A = U \Sigma V^T$

$(Av)$



$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \\ & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

4 parameters: two angles, two numbers

- First singular vector  $\mathbf{v}_1$

$\|A\| =$  Maximize the ratio  $\frac{\|A\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|}$  → The maximum is  $\sigma_1$  at the vector  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_1$   
*largest growth factor*

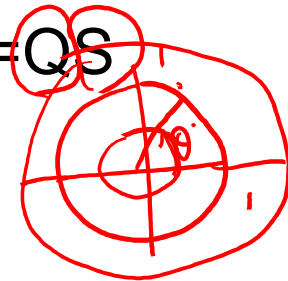
⇒ Find the maximum value  $\lambda$  of  $\frac{\|A\mathbf{x}\|^2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} = \frac{(A\mathbf{x})^T A\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T S\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}} \rightarrow 2S\mathbf{x} = 2\lambda\mathbf{x}$

$\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)' = \frac{a'b - ab'}{a^2} = 0$

Maximize  $\frac{\|A\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|}$  under the condition  $\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \rightarrow$  The maximum is  $\sigma_2$  at  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_2$

- Polar decomposition:  $A = U\Sigma V^T = (UV^T)(V\Sigma V^T) = QS$

$\underbrace{x+iy}_{\text{complex number}} = \underbrace{re^{i\theta}}_{\text{polar form}} \rightarrow \begin{cases} e^{i\theta}: \text{orthogonal matrix} \\ r \geq 0: \text{positive semidefinite matrix} \end{cases}$



$U\Sigma V^T = A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{Q}_{\text{rotation}} \underbrace{S}_{\text{stretch}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sqrt{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

# 11. Norms of Vectors and Matrices

- The norm of a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is a positive number  $\|\mathbf{v}\|$
- That number measures the “length” of the vector

size

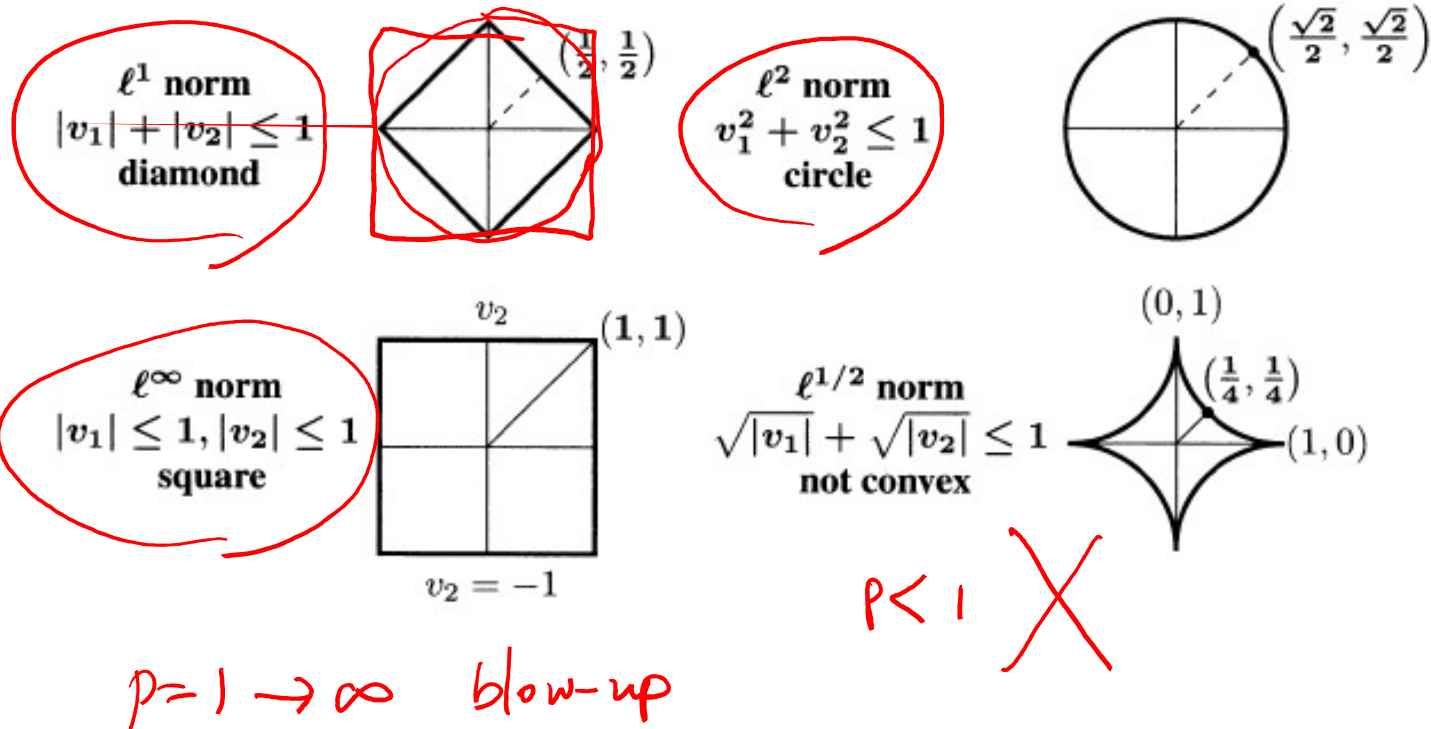
every norm for vectors or functions or matrices must share these two properties of the absolute value  $|c|$  of a number

$$\text{All norms } \begin{cases} \text{multiply } \mathbf{v} \text{ by } c \text{ (rescaling)} \rightarrow \|\mathbf{c}\mathbf{v}\| = |c|\|\mathbf{v}\| \quad \checkmark \\ \text{add } \mathbf{v} \text{ to } \mathbf{w} \text{ (Triangle inequality)} \rightarrow \|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\| \quad \checkmark \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} l^2 \text{ norm} = \text{Euclidean norm} : \|\mathbf{v}\|_{l^2} = \sqrt{|v_1|^2 + \dots + |v_n|^2} \\ l^1 \text{ norm} = 1\text{-norm} : \|\mathbf{v}\|_{l^1} = |v_1| + \dots + |v_n| \\ l^\infty \text{ norm} = \text{max norm} : \|\mathbf{v}\|_{l^\infty} = \text{maximum of } |v_1|, \dots, |v_n| \end{cases}$$

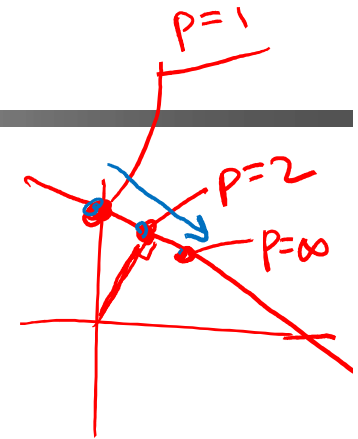
$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_p = \left( |v_1|^p + \dots + |v_n|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

- Important vector norms and a failure

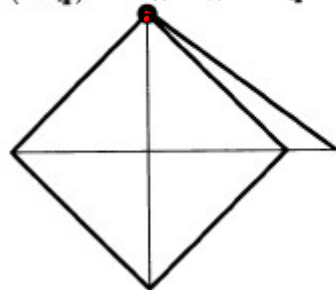


- Minimum of  $\|v\|_p$  on the line  $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 = 1$

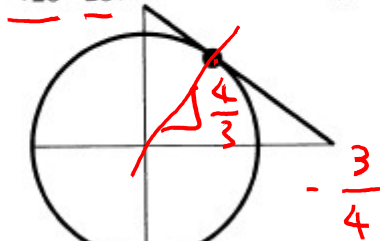
Minimize  $\|v\|_p$  among vectors  $(v_1, v_2)$  on the line  $3v_1 + 4v_2 = 1$



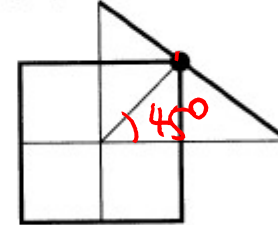
$(0, \frac{1}{4})$  has  $\|v^*\|_1 = \frac{1}{4}$



$(\frac{3}{25}, \frac{4}{25})$  has  $\|v^*\|_2 = \frac{1}{5}$



$(\frac{1}{7}, \frac{1}{7})$  has  $\|v^*\|_\infty = \frac{1}{7}$



- Inner products and S-norm

Inner product = length squared:  $\underline{v \cdot v = v^T v = \|v\|^2}$

Angle  $\theta$  between vector  $v$  and  $w$ :  $\underline{v^T w = \|v\| \|w\| \cos \theta}$

→ { Cauchy-Schwarz:  $\underline{|v^T w| \leq \|v\| \|w\|}$

Triangle Inequality:  $\underline{\|v + w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|}$

Choose any symmetric positive definite matrix  $S$

$\underline{\|v\|_S^2 = v^T S v}$  gives a norm for  $v$  in  $\mathcal{R}^n$  (called the S-norm)

$(v, w)_S = v^T S w$  gives the S-inner product for  $v, w$  in  $\mathcal{R}^n$

# Norm of Matrices

- Frobenius Norm
- Matrix Norm  $\|A\|$  from vector norm  $\|v\|$
- Nuclear Norm

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$  (SVD)

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \|A\|_F &= \sqrt{|a_{11}|^2 + \dots + |a_{1n}|^2 + \dots + |a_{mn}|^2} \\ \|A\|_F &= \|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{\Sigma}^T\|_F = \|\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T\|_F = \|\mathbf{\Sigma}\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2} \\ \|A\|_F^{(2)} &= \text{trace of } A^T A = \text{sum of eigenvalues} = \sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2 \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \|A\|_2 &= \max_{v \neq 0} \frac{\|Av\|}{\|v\|} = \text{largest growth factor} = \sigma_1 \\ l^2 \text{ norm: } \|A\|_2 &= \text{largest singular value } \sigma_1 \text{ of } A \\ l^1 \text{ norm: } \|A\|_1 &= \text{largest } l^1 \text{ norm of the columns of } A \\ l^\infty \text{ norm: } \|A\|_\infty &= \text{largest } l^1 \text{ norm of the rows of } A \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\|A\|_N = \sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_r = \text{trace norm}$$



# 9. Principal Components

- major tool in understanding a matrix of data
- Eckart-Young low rank approximation theorem
  - The norm of  $A - A_k$  is below the norm of all other  $A - B_k$
  - $A_k = \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + \dots + \sigma_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T$
- Frobenius norm squared = sum of squares of all entries

Eckart - Young : If  $\mathbf{B}$  has rank  $k$ , then  $\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| \geq \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|$  ✓

$A \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_k = \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + \dots + \sigma_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T$  ← SVD error ✓

Spectral norm :  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \max_{\mathbf{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} = \sigma_1$

★ Frobenius norm :  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}$

Nuclear norm :  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_N = \sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_r$

# Eckart-Young Theorem

$k=2$   
 $\sigma_{k+1} = \sigma_3$

- Best approximation by  $A_k$

Handwritten red annotations showing a matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & & \\ & 2 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and another matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 2 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- ① Eckart - Young in  $L^2$ :

→ If  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) \leq k$ , then  $\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = \max_{\mathbf{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} \geq \sigma_{k+1} = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|$

Eckart - Young in the Frobenius norm:

- ② If  $\mathbf{B}$  is closest to  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{V}$  is closest to  $\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{U} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}^T, \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{H} & \mathbf{G} \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  must be the same as  $\mathbf{E} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k)$

The singular values of  $\mathbf{H}$  must be the smallest  $(n - k)$  singular values of  $\mathbf{A}$

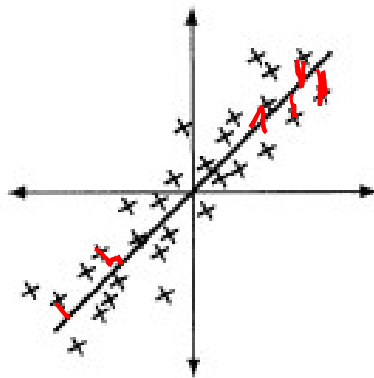
The smallest error  $\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_F$  must be  $\|\mathbf{H}\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_{k+1}^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}$

# Principal Component Analysis

↖ Least<sup>2</sup>

- Understand  $n$  sample points in  $m$ -dimensional space
- Data matrix  $A_0$ :  $n$  samples,  $m$  variables
  - Find the average (the sample mean) along each row of  $A_0$
  - Subtract that mean from  $m$  entries in the row
  - Centered matrix  $A = A_0 - (\text{mean})$
  - How will linear algebra find that closest line through  $(0,0)$ ? It is in the direction of the first singular vector  $u_1$  of  $A$

age  
height



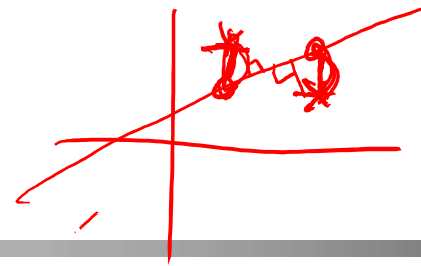
$A$  is  $2 \times n$  (large nullspace)

$AA^T$  is  $2 \times 2$  (small matrix)

$A^T A$  is  $n \times n$  (large matrix)

Two singular values  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > 0$

Least<sup>2</sup>  $\longleftrightarrow$  PCA  
 $\min \| \underline{b} - Ax \|^2$   
 • C + D  
 (age) =  $\square$  (height)  
 ratio:  $\sigma_i$



• **Statistics** behind PCA

- Variances: diagonal entries of the matrix  $AA^T$
- Covariances: off-diagonal entries of the matrix  $AA^T$  ✓
- Sample covariance matrix:  $S = AA^T / (n-1)$

• **Geometry** behind PCA

- Sum of squared distances from the data points to the line is a minimum

$\|A\| = \|A - \text{mean}\|$

• **Linear algebra** behind PCA

- Singular values  $\sigma_i$  and singular vectors  $u_i$  of A

- Total variance:

$$T = \frac{\|A\|_F^2}{n-1} = \frac{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}{n-1}$$

separate each col  $a_j$  of A

$$\sum \|a_j\|^2 = \sum |a_j^T u_1|^2 + \sum |a_j^T u_2|^2$$

$\frac{u_1^T (A^T A) u_1}{\max}$        $\min$