

## 8. Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

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- Columns of  $V$  are orthogonal eigenvectors of  $A^T A$
- $Av = \sigma u$  gives orthonormal eigenvectors  $u$  of  $AA^T$
- $\sigma^2 = \text{eigenvalue of } A^T A = \text{eigenvalue of } AA^T \neq 0$
- $A = (\text{rotation})(\text{stretching})(\text{rotation}) \ U \Sigma V^T$  for every  $A$
- Why is the SVD so important?
  - It separates the matrix into rank one pieces like the other factorizations  $A=LU$ ,  $A=QR$ ,  $S=Q\Lambda Q^T$
  - Those pieces come in order of importance
  - 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  $k$

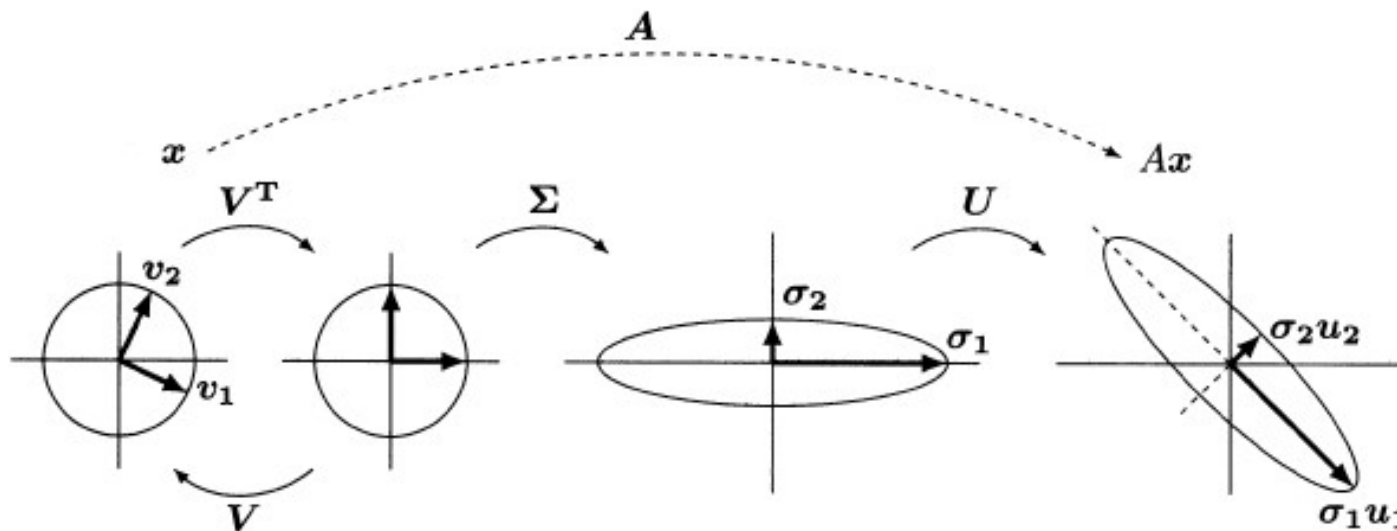
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- **Example** Find the matrices  $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{V}$  for  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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

$$\sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + \sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T = \mathbf{A}$$

- If  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{Q}^T$  is symmetric positive definite, what is its SVD?
- If  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{Q}^T$  has a negative eigenvalue ( $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x} = -\alpha\mathbf{x}$ ), what is the singular value and what are the vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$ ?
- If  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}$  is an orthogonal matrix, why does every singular value equal 1?
- Why are all eigenvalues of a square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  less than or equal to  $\sigma_1$ ?
- If  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^T$  has rank 1, what are  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{v}_1, \sigma_1$ ? Check that  $|\lambda_1| \leq \sigma_1$

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



$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \\ & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{4 parameters: two angles, two numbers}}$$

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

Maximize the ratio  $\frac{\|\mathbf{Ax}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} \rightarrow$  The maximum is  $\sigma_1$  at the vector  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_1$

$\Rightarrow$  Find the maximum value  $\lambda$  of  $\frac{\|\mathbf{Ax}\|^2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} = \frac{(\mathbf{Ax})^T \mathbf{Ax}}{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Sx}}{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}} \rightarrow 2\mathbf{Sx} = 2\lambda\mathbf{x}$

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

- Polar decomposition:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T = (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}^T)(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T) = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{S}$

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

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

# 11. Norms of Vectors and Matrices

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

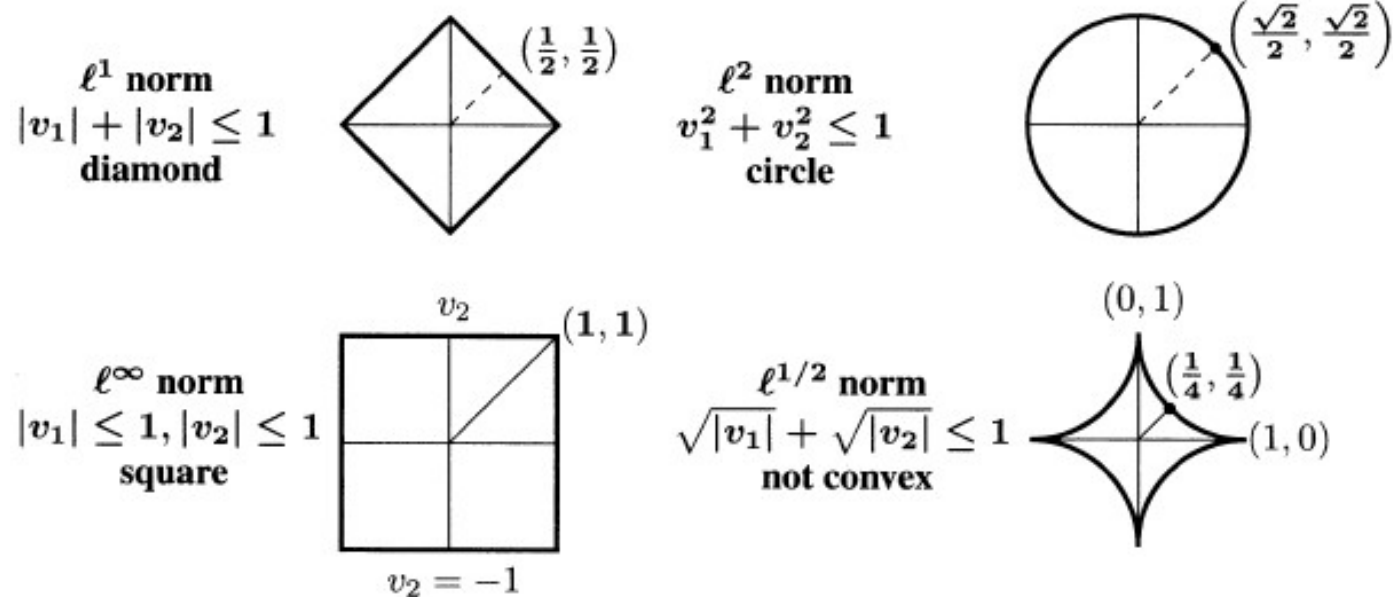
every norm for vectors or functions or matrices must share these two properties of the absolute value  $|c|$  of a number

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

$$\begin{cases} l^2 \text{ norm} = \text{Euclidean norm} : \|\mathbf{v}\|_2 = \sqrt{|v_1|^2 + \dots + |v_n|^2} \\ l^1 \text{ norm} = 1\text{-norm} : \|\mathbf{v}\|_1 = |v_1| + \dots + |v_n| \\ l^\infty \text{ norm} = \text{max norm} : \|\mathbf{v}\|_\infty = \text{maximum of } |v_1|, \dots, |v_n| \end{cases}$$

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

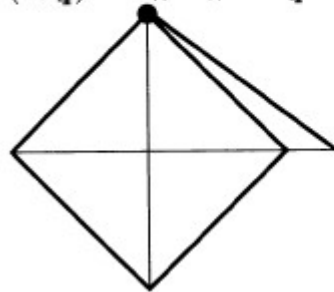
- Important vector norms and a failure



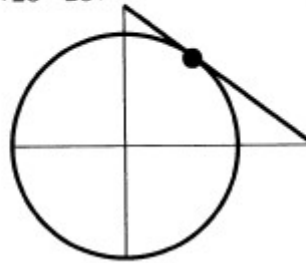
- Minimum of  $\|v\|_p$  on the line  $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 = 1$

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

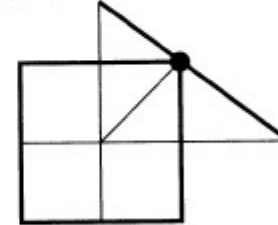
$(0, \frac{1}{4})$  has  $\|v^*\|_1 = \frac{1}{4}$



$(\frac{3}{25}, \frac{4}{25})$  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:  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$   
 Angle  $\theta$  between vector  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ :  $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{w} = \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\| \cos \theta$  }  $\rightarrow$  { Cauchy - Schwarz:  $|\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{w}| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|$   
 Triangle Inequality:  $\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\|$

Choose any symmetric positive definite matrix  $\mathbf{S}$

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

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

# Norm of Matrices

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

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

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

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



# 9. Principal Components

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- 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  $\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| \geq \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|$

$$\mathbf{A}_k = \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + \dots + \sigma_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Spectral norm : } \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \max_{\mathbf{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} = \sigma_1 \\ \text{Frobenius norm : } \|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2} \\ \text{Nuclear norm : } \|\mathbf{A}\|_N = \sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_r \end{array} \right.$$

# Eckart-Young Theorem

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- Best approximation by  $A_k$

Eckart - Young in  $L^2$  :

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

Eckart - Young in the Frobenius norm :

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

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

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

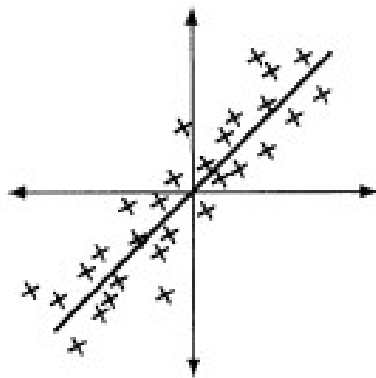
The singular values of  $\mathbf{H}$  must be the smallest  $(n - k)$  singular values of  $\mathbf{A}$

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

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- 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  $A$



$A$  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  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > 0$

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- 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
  - Linear algebra behind PCA
    - Singular values  $\sigma_i$  and singular vectors  $u_i$  of  $A$
    - Total variance:
$$T = \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2}{n-1} = \frac{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}{n-1}$$