

Lecture 3

Eigenvalue, Matrix Decomposition

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Definition

- Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix.
- A scalar λ is said to be an **eigenvalue** of A if there exists a nonzero vector \mathbf{x} such that

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}.$$

- The vector \mathbf{x} is said to be an **eigenvector belonging to λ** .

Implications

- An eigenvector \mathbf{x} and $A\mathbf{x}$ have the same direction.
- If \mathbf{x} is an eigenvector belonging to λ , so is $c\mathbf{x}$ for any $c \neq 0$.
- If \mathbf{x} is an eigenvector of A belonging to λ , then \mathbf{x} is an eigenvector of A^s belonging to λ^s .

Example

- Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Then

$$A\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = (-3)\mathbf{u}.$$

- Thus, -3 is the eigenvalue of A and the corresponding eigenvector is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Equivalent Characterizations

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Characteristic polynomial

- $p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$ is an n th degree polynomial in λ .
- $p(\lambda)$ is called the **characteristic polynomial** of A .
- $p(\lambda) = 0$ is called the **characteristic equation** of A .
- A scalar λ is an eigenvalue of A if and only if $p(\lambda) = 0$.

Example

- The characteristic polynomial of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ is

$$p(\lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 2 \\ 3 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 12 = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 3) = 0.$$

- Hence, the the eigenvalues of A are $\lambda_1 = 4$ and $\lambda_2 = -3$.
- The eigenvectors belonging to λ_1 are nonzero solutions of

$$(A - 4I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}.$$

The eigenvectors belonging to λ_2 are nonzero solutions of

$$(A + 3I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}.$$

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Stochastic Matrix

- An $n \times n$ matrix A is a stochastic matrix if
 1. all the entries are non-negative ($a_{ij} \geq 0$);
 2. the summation of each column is 1 ($\mathbf{1}^\top A = \mathbf{1}^\top$).
- For any vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A\mathbf{x}$ and \mathbf{x} have the same sum.
- 1 is an eigenvalue of A (and A^\top).
- All the eigenvalues λ of A have $|\lambda| \leq 1$.
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We can also write

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Properties of $A^T A$

Let A be any $m \times n$ matrix A of real numbers.

- $A^T A$ is symmetric.
- $A^T A$ is diagonalizable by an orthogonal matrix, and the eigenvalues of $A^T A$ are real.
- $\mathcal{N}(A^T A) = \mathcal{N}(A)$.
- $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T A)$.
- The eigenvalues of $A^T A$ are nonnegative.

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Singular Value Decomposition

The **singular-value decomposition (SVD)** of an $m \times n$ matrix A of real numbers is a factorization of the form $U\Sigma V^T$, where

- U is an $m \times m$ orthogonal matrix;
- V is an $n \times n$ orthogonal matrix;
- Σ is an $m \times n$ matrix whose off-diagonal entries are all 0's, and whose diagonal entries σ_i , $i = 1, \dots, n$, called the **singular values** satisfy

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0.$$

Here singular values $\sigma_k = 0$ if $k > \min\{m, n\}$.

SVD exists for any real matrix.

Linear Transformation View

- Suppose A has the SVD: $A = U\Sigma V^T$.
- The columns of U form an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^m .
- The columns of V form an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^n .
- The linear transformation $L(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ has the matrix representation Σ with respect to the above bases of \mathbb{R}^m and \mathbb{R}^n .
- In other words,

$$L(\mathbf{x}) = U\Sigma V^T \mathbf{x}$$

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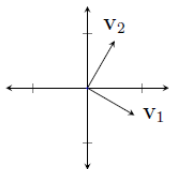
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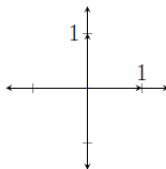
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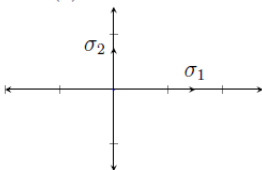
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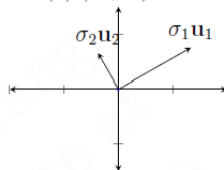
(a) standard axis



(b) (v_1, v_2) axis



(c) scaled by σ_1 and σ_2 , (u_1, u_2) axis



(d) standard axis

Example

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SVD and Rank

- If $A = U\Sigma V^\top$, then the rank of A is equal to the number of **nonzero singular values**.
- Proof Technique:
 - Let r be the number of nonzero singular values of A .
 - Let U_r and V_r be the first r columns of U and V , respectively.
 - Let $\Sigma_r = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r)$.

We have $U_r^\top U_r = V_r^\top V_r = I_r$ and

$$A = U_r \Sigma_r V_r^\top. \quad (3)$$

Outer Product Expansion

$$\begin{aligned}A &= U_r \Sigma_r V_r^T \\&= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_r^\top \end{bmatrix} \\&= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \mathbf{v}_1^\top \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_r \mathbf{v}_r^\top \end{bmatrix} \\&= \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^\top\end{aligned}$$

Eigenvalues vs Singular Values

- For an $n \times n$ square matrix A with SVD and rank r

$$A\mathbf{v}_i = \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i, i = 1, \dots, r.$$

- The rank of a matrix is always the same as the number of non-zero singular values.

Eigenvalues vs Singular Values

- If A is diagonalizable, i.e., A has n linearly independent eigenvectors

\mathbf{x}_i

$$A\mathbf{x}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{x}_i, i = 1, \dots, n$$

then the rank of the matrix is equal to the number of non-zero eigenvalues.

- But this may not be the case when the matrix is not diagonalizable.

Consider $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Property of SVD

Let an $m \times n$ matrix A having SVD $U\Sigma V^\top$. Then

- $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, where $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0$ are eigenvalues of $A^\top A$.
- V diagonalizes $A^\top A$, and hence \mathbf{v}_j 's are eigenvectors of $A^\top A$.
- the columns of U satisfy:

$$\mathbf{u}_j = \frac{1}{\sigma_j} A \mathbf{v}_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, r = \text{rank}(A)$$

$$A^\top \mathbf{u}_j = \mathbf{0}, \quad j = r + 1, \dots, m.$$

Matrix Norm

- Matrix norm $\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2}$, which is also called *Frobenius* norm.
- If $A = U\Sigma V^\top$, then $\|A\|_F^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \cdots + \sigma_n^2$.

Lemma

If Q is an orthogonal matrix, then $\|QA\|_F = \|A\|_F$.

Low rank approximation

For a fixed $m \times n$ matrix A and an integer k , solve

$$\min_{\text{rank}(S) \leq k} \|A - S\|_F. \quad (4)$$

Theorem

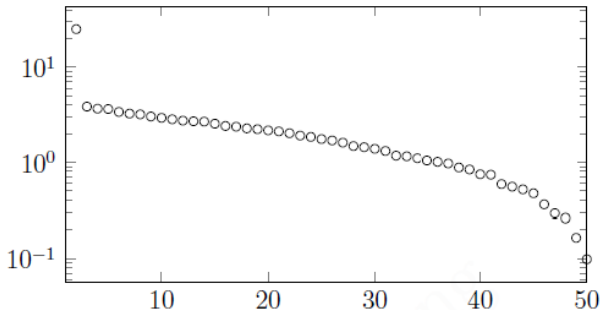
Let $A = U\Sigma V^\top$ be an $m \times n$ matrix and let $A_k = U\Sigma_k V^\top$ where Σ_k is same as Σ except that the (j, j) entry is 0 for $j > k$. Then

$$\min_{\text{rank}(S) \leq k} \|A - S\|_F = \|A - A_k\|_F = (\sigma_{k+1}^2 + \cdots + \sigma_n^2)^{1/2}.$$

In other words, A_k is the best rank k approximation of A in Frobenius norm.

Example

- Generate a random 50×50 matrix A using Julia
- Check the rank of matrix A , which should be 64 most of the case.
- Plot the singular values:



Applications

- Eigenvalues with PCA;
- Eigenvalues for extracting information from graph;
- SVD with recommender systems.