

Recap

HW 2 out
Due: 10/30/25

Real Spectral Thm: $\varphi: V \rightarrow V$ $\varphi = \varphi^*$

O.n. basis of eigenvectors $v_1, \dots, v_n$
 $\varphi(v_i) = \lambda_i \cdot v_i$ $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$

Rayleigh Quotients: $R_\varphi(v) = \frac{\langle v, \varphi(v) \rangle}{\langle v, v \rangle}$

$$\lambda_1 = \max_{v \neq 0} R_\varphi(v) \quad . \quad \lambda_n = \min_{v \neq 0} R_\varphi(v)$$

Positive Semidefinite operators: Self-adjoint $\varphi: V \rightarrow V$

- $R_\varphi(v) \geq 0 \quad \forall v \neq 0$
- $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0$
- $\varphi = \alpha^* \alpha$ for some $\alpha: V \rightarrow V$

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

$\varphi: V \rightarrow V$ self-adjoint



- Real Spectral Theorem
- Orthonormal eigenbasis
- Rayleigh quotients

What about general $\varphi: V \rightarrow W$?



Extending to other transformations

Let $\varphi: V \rightarrow W$ be any linear transformation. Then

$$\varphi^* \varphi: V \rightarrow V \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi \varphi^*: W \rightarrow W$$

$\varphi^*(\varphi(\dots))$

are self-adjoint, positive semidefinite linear operators with the same non-zero eigenvalues.

Proof:

$$\varphi^* \varphi(v) = \lambda \cdot v \Rightarrow \varphi \varphi^* \varphi(v) = \lambda \cdot \varphi(v)$$

(for $v \neq 0$)

$$\text{Also } \varphi(v) \neq 0 \text{ since } \varphi^* \varphi(v) = \lambda \cdot v \neq 0 \quad (\lambda \neq 0, v \neq 0)$$

$\therefore \varphi(v)$ is an eigenvector of $\varphi \varphi^*$

Similarly for $\varphi \varphi^*(v) = \lambda \cdot v$, $\varphi^*(v)$ is an eigenvector of $\varphi^* \varphi$.

Orthonormal eigenvectors

Let $\varphi^* \varphi : V \rightarrow V$ have non-zero eigenvalues $\sigma_1^2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n^2 > 0$
with orthonormal eigenvectors $v_1, \dots, v_n$

Then $w_i = \frac{\varphi(v_i)}{\sigma_i}$ for $i \in [n]$

are orthonormal eigenvectors of $\varphi \varphi^* : W \rightarrow W$ with
same eigenvalues $\sigma_1^2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n^2 > 0$.

Proof: $\varphi \varphi^*(w_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \varphi \varphi^* \varphi(v_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \cdot \sigma_i^2 \cdot \varphi(v_i) = \sigma_i^2 \cdot w_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle w_i, w_j \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \langle \varphi(v_i), \varphi(v_j) \rangle = \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \langle \varphi^* \varphi(v_i), v_j \rangle \\ &= \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_j} \langle v_i, v_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Ex: Let $V_\lambda = \{v \in V \mid \varphi^* \varphi(v) = \lambda \cdot v\}$ $W_\lambda = \{w \in W \mid \varphi \varphi^*(w) = \lambda \cdot w\}$.
For all $\lambda \neq 0$ $\dim(V_\lambda) = \dim(W_\lambda)$.

Understanding the action of φ

$$\varphi : V \longrightarrow W$$

$\dim(V) = n$ $\dim(W) = m$

O.n. basis
of eigenvectors
for $\varphi^* \varphi$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} w_1 = \frac{\varphi(v_1)}{\sigma_1} \\ \vdots \\ w_n = \frac{\varphi(v_n)}{\sigma_n} \\ \vdots \\ w_m \end{array}$$

rank $(\varphi) = ?$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(v_{n+1}) &= 0 \quad (\|\varphi(v_{n+1})\|^2 \\ &= \langle v_{n+1}, \varphi^* \varphi(v_{n+1}) \rangle \\ &= \langle v_{n+1}, 0 \rangle = 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \langle v, v_i \rangle \cdot \sigma_i \cdot w_i$$

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \cdot v_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle v, v_i \rangle \cdot v_i$$

$$\varphi(v) = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle v, v_i \rangle \cdot \varphi(v_i) + \sum_{i=n+1}^m \langle v, v_i \rangle \cdot \varphi(v_i)$$

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$$w = \sum_j c'_j \cdot w_j = \sum_j \langle w, w_j \rangle \cdot w_j$$

$$\varphi^*(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle w, w_i \rangle \cdot \sigma_i \cdot v_i$$

Ex.

Outer Products

For $v \in V$, $w \in W$, let $|w\rangle\langle v|$ denote the following linear transformation from V to W

$$|w\rangle\langle v|(u) = \langle v, u \rangle \cdot w$$

Then $\varphi: V \rightarrow W$ with singular values / vectors

$$\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_n \quad v_1 \dots v_n \\ w_1 \dots w_n$$

can be written as

$$\varphi = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i |w_i\rangle\langle v_i|$$

singular values
left singular vectors
right singular vectors

$$\varphi(u) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \cdot \langle v_i, u \rangle \cdot w_i$$

SVD practice

Ex: Prove that $\text{rank}(|v\rangle\langle w|) = 1$

Ex: Prove that $\varphi^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i |v_i\rangle\langle w_i|$

Ex: Prove that $\text{rank}(\varphi) = \text{rank}(\varphi^*) = r$

Ex: For self-adjoint $\varphi: V \rightarrow V$ with
eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n$
orthonormal eigenvectors $v_1 \dots v_n$

Prove that $\varphi = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i |v_i\rangle\langle v_i|$

SVD for matrices

$$A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$$

$\equiv$

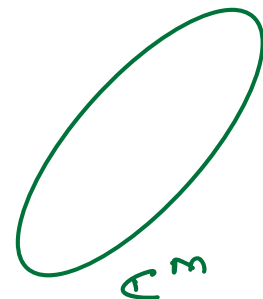
$A :$



$\mathbb{C}^n$

$v_1, \dots, v_n$

$\longrightarrow$



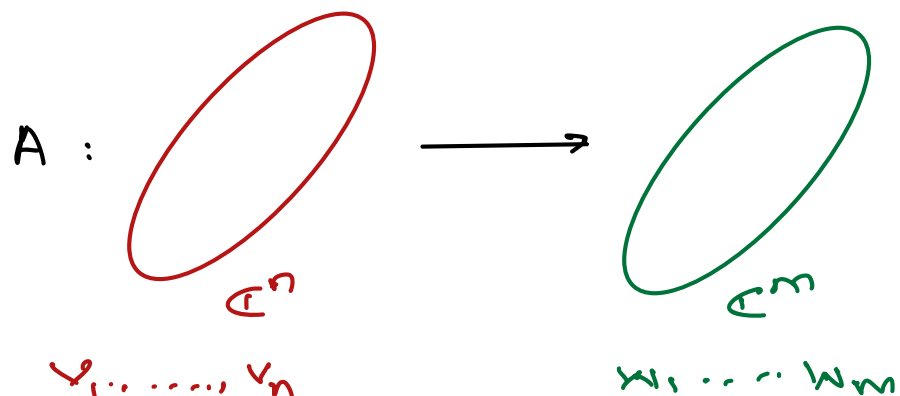
$\mathbb{C}^m$

$$w_i = \frac{A v_i}{\sigma_i}$$

$$|w_i\rangle \langle v_i| (u) = (v_i^* \cdot u) \cdot w_i = \underline{w_i} \underline{v_i^*} u$$

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sigma_i w_i \cdot v_i^*$$

SVD: matrix form



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

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ w_1 & \dots & w_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sigma_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} v_1^* \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} v_n^* \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

columns form o.n. basis

rows form o.n. basis

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | & & | \\ w_1 & \dots & w_n & \dots & w_m \\ | & & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & 0 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & \\ 0 & & \sigma_n & & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 0 & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} v_1^* \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} v_n^* \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} v_m^* \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

→ "Unitary" matrices ←