
Homework 12

This homework is due on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 11:59PM. Self-grades and HW Resubmissions are due the following Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 11:59PM.

1. SVD Proofs

- (a) **Show, for a general matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with $\text{rank}(A) = r$ and $A = U\Sigma V^\top$, that $\text{Null}(A) = \text{Col}(V_{n-r})$.** (HINT: How do we show two sets are equal? Try and use that approach here. Consider the outer product summation form for the SVD. Also, consider using the rank-nullity theorem that $\dim \text{Col}(A) + \dim \text{Null}(A) = n$.)
- (b) **Show, for a general matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with $\text{rank}(A) = r$ and $A = U\Sigma V^\top$, that $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Col}(U_r)$.**
- (c) **Show, for a general matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with $\text{rank}(A) = r$ and $A = U\Sigma V^\top$, that $\text{Null}(A^\top) = \text{Col}(U_{m-r})$ and $\text{Col}(A^\top) = \text{Col}(V_r)$. Then show:**
- i. $\dim \text{Col}(A) + \dim \text{Null}(A^\top) = m$,
 - ii. and $\text{Col}(A)$ and $\text{Null}(A^\top)$ are orthogonal.

2. SVD System ID

Previously, we saw instances for how to solve system ID problems when $D \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is full rank (for $m > n$). Now, let us consider more generally the following problem of estimating \vec{p} in

$$D\vec{p} = \vec{s} \quad (1)$$

where $\vec{p} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\vec{s} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, and $D \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. We assume that $\text{rank}(D) = r < \min(m, n)$, and we do not make any further assumptions on the relationship between m and n . Let's assume that D has an SVD given by

$$D = U\Sigma V^\top \quad (2)$$

where $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ and $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ are orthonormal matrices. $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has the following form:

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_r & 0_{r \times (n-r)} \\ 0_{(m-r) \times r} & 0_{(m-r) \times (n-r)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

where $\Sigma_r = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \sigma_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix}$ is a $r \times r$ diagonal matrix with nonzero elements along its diagonal.

Using this problem setup, we can rewrite our original system ID problem as

$$U\Sigma V^\top \vec{p} = \vec{s} \quad (4)$$

Our goal is to find \vec{p} with smallest norm that best estimates \vec{s} .

For notational convenience, denote $U := \begin{bmatrix} U_r & U_{m-r} \end{bmatrix}$ where $U_r \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$ is a matrix with the first r columns of U and $U_{m-r} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (m-r)}$ is a matrix with the last $m-r$ columns of U . Also, denote $V := \begin{bmatrix} V_r & V_{n-r} \end{bmatrix}$ where $V_r \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ is a matrix that has the first r columns of V , and $V_{n-r} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-r)}$ is a matrix that has the last $n-r$ columns of V . From SVD properties, we know that the columns of U_r form an orthonormal basis for $\text{Col}(D)$ and that the columns of V_{n-r} form an orthonormal basis for $\text{Null}(D)$.

(a) Using the fact that U is orthonormal, show that $\Sigma V^\top \vec{p} = U^\top \vec{s}$.

(b) Show that we can write $\vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} V_r & V_{n-r} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\alpha} \\ \vec{\beta} \end{bmatrix}$ for some vectors $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ (i.e., find $\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^r$ and $\vec{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-r}$). Show that changing $\vec{\beta}$ will not affect the result of $D\vec{p}$ and that we should set $\vec{\beta} = \vec{0}$ if we want to minimize $\|\vec{p}\|$. Since $V_{n-r}\vec{\beta}$ is the component of \vec{p} that is in the nullspace of D , we can set $\vec{\beta}$ to be whatever we want. To choose the \vec{p} with smallest norm, we will set $\vec{\beta} = \vec{0}$.

(c) From the previous part, we can rewrite $\vec{p} = V \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\alpha} \\ \vec{0} \end{bmatrix}$. This simplifies our system ID problem as follows:

$$\Sigma V^\top V \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\alpha} \\ \vec{0} \end{bmatrix} = U^\top \vec{s} \quad (5)$$

$$\Sigma \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\alpha} \\ \vec{0} \end{bmatrix} = U^\top \vec{s} \quad (6)$$

Simplify the left hand side of eq. (6) using eq. (3). Rewrite $U^\top \vec{s}$ as $\begin{bmatrix} U_r^\top \vec{s} \\ U_{m-r}^\top \vec{s} \end{bmatrix}$ and find an expression for $\vec{\alpha}$. (HINT: Block matrix multiplication will work like normal matrix-vector multiplication here since $\Sigma_r \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$ and $\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^r$.)

- (d) **Use the previous part to come up with a solution for \vec{p} .**
- (e) From the concept of projections, we know that the optimal solution for \vec{p} satisfies the property that the projection error, namely $\vec{s} - D\vec{p}$, is orthogonal to the projection itself, namely $D\vec{p}$. Write $\vec{s} := \begin{bmatrix} U_r & U_{m-r} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{w} \\ \vec{z} \end{bmatrix}$ for some vectors $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^r$ and $\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{m-r}$. **Find \vec{w} and \vec{z} . Using this, show that our solution for \vec{p} is optimal.**

3. SVD

(a) Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Observe that the columns of matrix A are mutually orthogonal with norms $\sqrt{14}$, $\sqrt{3}$, $\sqrt{42}$.

Verify numerically that columns $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ are orthogonal to each other.

(b) Write $A = BD$, where B is an orthonormal matrix and D is a diagonal matrix. What is B ? What is D ?

(c) Write out a singular value decomposition of $A = U\Sigma V^T$ using the previous part. Note the ordering of the singular values in Σ should be from the largest to smallest. (HINT: There is no need to compute the eigenvalues of anything. Use Theorem 14, Note 14.)

(d) Given the matrix

$$A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{50}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{50}} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (7)$$

write out a singular value decomposition of matrix A in the form $U\Sigma V^T$. Note the ordering of the singular values in Σ should be from the largest to smallest. (HINT: You don't have to compute any eigenvalues for this. Some useful observations are that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3, 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1, -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = 5, \quad \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{2}.$$

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(e) Define the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the SVD of A by following the standard algorithm introduced in Note 14, i.e. by computing the eigendecomposition of $A^T A$. Also find the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of A . Is there a relationship between the eigenvalues or eigenvectors of A with the SVD of A ?

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