

Lecture Outline for Friday, Sept. 27, 2024

1. QR decomposition demo using *Matlab*.
2. The greatest factorization of them all, singular value decomposition (SVD)
 - a. Very good at handling difficult systems in which the matrix is very close to singular (ill conditioned), which can happen with large data sets, measurement errors, and/or noisy data, to name just a few issues often encountered in real problems.
 - b. Recommended over the normal equation for solving difficult overdetermined systems. Main disadvantages are more memory storage (an extra matrix) and sometimes it is slower.
 - c. Can also be used for data compression (demo soon).
 - d. Using the so-called “economy-sized” or “thin” decomposition, an $M \times N$ matrix A can be expressed in the product form (assuming $M > N$ or $M = N$ for now)

$$A = U\Sigma V^H,$$

where U is an $M \times N$ column-orthogonal matrix, Σ (sometimes labeled S) is an $N \times N$ diagonal matrix, V is an $N \times N$ orthogonal matrix, and H indicates complex conjugate transpose (V can be complex if A is complex):

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \cdots & \uparrow \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_N \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \cdots & \downarrow \end{bmatrix}_{M \times N} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \sigma_N \end{bmatrix}_{N \times N} \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \cdots & \uparrow \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_N \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \cdots & \downarrow \end{bmatrix}_{N \times N}$$

where $\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_j = \delta_{ij}$ (orthogonal) and $\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j = \delta_{ij}$ (orthogonal)

- e. In the full SVD, U is $M \times M$ and Σ is $M \times N$, but parts of U and Σ are not necessary for non-square ($M > N$) systems, hence the “economy-sized” decomposition.
- f. Matlab command (full SVD unless option is added): $[U, S, V] = \text{svd}(A)$
- g. The diagonal elements of Σ are called *singular values*. They are always real and either positive or zero, even if A has complex entries. They can repeat. Thus,

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_N.$$

Zero singular values, if any, occupy the highest index numbers (i.e., up to and including σ_N)

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3. Singular value decomposition (SVD): Implications and properties

- a. $A = U\Sigma V^T = \sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_j \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^T$, where $\mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^T$ is an outer product, each of which is $M \times N$.
- The outer products have rank = 1. (See HW #2 Prob. 7.)
 - A is a weighted sum of rank-1 $M \times N$ matrices.
 - The weights (σ_j) grow progressively smaller.
 - If any of the singular values are zero or too small to matter (lost in the noise, for example), then A can be represented by two compact sets of orthogonal vectors $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}_{i=1 \text{ to } r}$ and $\{\mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1 \text{ to } r}$, where $r < N$.
 - The summation terms for zero or nearly zero singular values can be ignored. (Example given in image processing demo later.)
- b. Use complex conjugate transpose for complex matrix A .
- c. U and V are both orthogonal ($U^{-1} = U^T$ and $V^{-1} = V^T$); thus,
 $A = U\Sigma V^T \rightarrow AV = U\Sigma \rightarrow A\mathbf{v}_i = \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i$
- d. $A = U\Sigma V^T \rightarrow A^T = V\Sigma^T U^T \rightarrow A^T U = V\Sigma \rightarrow A^T \mathbf{u}_i = \sigma_i \mathbf{v}_i$
- e. $A^T A = (U\Sigma V^T)^T (U\Sigma V^T) = V\Sigma^T U^T U \Sigma V^T = V\Sigma^T \Sigma V^T$
 $\rightarrow (A^T A)V = V\Sigma^T \Sigma \rightarrow (A^T A)\mathbf{v}_i = \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i$
 σ_i^2 are the eigenvalues of $A^T A$, and $\{\mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1 \text{ to } N}$ are the eigenvectors
- f. $AA^T = (U\Sigma V^T)(U\Sigma V^T)^T = U\Sigma V^T V \Sigma^T U^T = U\Sigma \Sigma^T U^T$
 $\rightarrow (AA^T)U = U\Sigma \Sigma^T \rightarrow (AA^T)\mathbf{u}_i = \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{u}_i$
 σ_i^2 are also the eigenvalues of AA^T , and $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}_{i=1 \text{ to } N}$ are the eigenvectors
- g. If A is symmetric, then $A^T A = AA^T = A^2$, so $\lambda_i^2 = \sigma_i^2 \rightarrow |\lambda_i| = |\sigma_i|$ (sign ambiguity)

4. Applications and examples

- a. To solve a system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ (for overdetermined and square systems; underdetermined requires interpretation):

$$U\Sigma V^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \rightarrow \Sigma V^T \mathbf{x} = U^T \mathbf{b} \rightarrow V^T \mathbf{x} = \Sigma^{-1} U^T \mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} = V \Sigma^{-1} U^T \mathbf{b}$$

Since Σ is diagonal (in the “economy-sized” decomposition),

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sigma_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sigma_2 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1/\sigma_N \end{bmatrix}_{N \times N}$$

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- b. Example #1: Compare eigenvalues to singular values of symmetric matrix A (use *Matlab* `eig` and `svd` commands):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- i. Notice order of singular values
 - ii. Check orthogonality of columns of U and V
 - iii. Compare condition number (using *Matlab* command `cond`) to σ_1/σ_3
 - iv. What is the rank of this matrix?
 - v. What are the ranks of $\mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{v}_1^T$, $\mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{v}_2^T$, and $\mathbf{u}_3\mathbf{v}_3^T$?
- c. Example #2: Compare eigenvalues to singular values of the singular matrix A :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- i. Notice order of singular values
 - ii. Check orthogonality of columns of U and V
 - iii. Compare condition number (using *Matlab* command `cond`) to σ_1/σ_3
 - iv. What is the rank of this matrix?
 - v. What are the ranks of $\mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{v}_1^T$, $\mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{v}_2^T$, and $\mathbf{u}_3\mathbf{v}_3^T$?
- d. Example #3: Image processing demonstration.