

# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD): $A = U\Sigma V^T$

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## PART I:

Symmetric Matrices (Revisited)

Orthogonal Matrices (Revisited)

Orthogonal Diagonalization (Revisited)

# Symmetric Matrices (Definition)

The notion of a symmetric matrix is fundamental for later concepts & courses:

## Definition

(Symmetric Matrix)

A square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is **symmetric** if  $A$  is equal to its transpose:  $A^T = A$

## Corollary

*(Diagonal Matrices are Symmetric)*

*A diagonal matrix  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric.*

Symmetric Matrices:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

Not Symmetric:  $\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 9 & 4 & 5 \\ 8 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 9 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

# Symmetric Matrices (Properties)

Symmetric matrices have some very nice properties:

## Theorem

*(The Real Spectrum Theorem)*

Let symmetric matrix  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Then the following all hold:

- $S$  is diagonalizable
- All eigenvalues of  $S$  are real
- If some eigenvalue  $\lambda_k$  repeats, its multiplicities match:  $AM[\lambda_k] = GM[\lambda_k]$   
i.e. If  $\lambda_k$  occurs  $j$  times, then  $\lambda_k$  has  $j$  linearly independent eigenvectors:

$$\mathbf{x}_{k,1}, \mathbf{x}_{k,2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{k,j-1}, \mathbf{x}_{k,j}$$

# Eigenvectors of a Symmetric Matrix (Revisited)

Eigenvectors of distinct eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix have a benefit:

## Theorem

*(Eigenvectors of a Symmetric Matrix)*

Let symmetric matrix  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  have eigenpairs  $(\lambda_1, \mathbf{x}_1), (\lambda_2, \mathbf{x}_2)$ . Then:

*If eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are distinct, then eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$  are orthogonal.*

*i.e. If  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ , then  $\mathbf{x}_1 \perp \mathbf{x}_2$ .*

# Orthogonal Matrices (Revisited)

Question: When is the inverse of a square matrix simply its transpose??

Answer: When the square matrix is orthogonal:

## Definition

(Orthogonal Matrix)

A square matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is **orthogonal** if  $Q$  is invertible and  $Q^{-1} = Q^T$

## Corollary

(Determining if a Matrix is Orthogonal)

A square matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is **orthogonal**  $\iff Q^T Q = I$

## Theorem

(An Orthogonal Matrix has Orthonormal Columns)

A square matrix  $Q$  is **orthogonal**  $\iff$  its columns form an orthonormal set.

# Orthogonally Diagonalizable Matrices (Revisited)

## Definition

(Orthogonally Diagonalizable Matrix)

Let square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

Then  $A$  is **orthogonally diagonalizable** if  $\exists Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  s.t.  $Q$  is orthogonal and

$$Q^T A Q = D \text{ where } D \text{ is diagonal.}$$

## Theorem

*(Symmetric Matrices are Orthogonally Diagonalizable)*

*Square matrix  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable  $\iff A$  is symmetric.*

## PART II:

Full Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)  
The Four Fundamental Matrix Subspaces via Full SVD  
Reduced Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)



# Full SVD (Motivation)

Recall that only symmetric matrices have an ortho-eigen-decomposition:

$$S_{n \times n} = Q\Lambda Q^T$$

Recall further that eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix are all real.

Recall further that eigenvalues of a square matrix may be complex in general.

Question:

If this decomposition is relaxed by allowing two unlike orthogonal matrices...

...but forcing all the middle's main diagonal entries to be real numbers...

...can such a decomposition exist for all rectangular matrices???

i.e. For all  $m \times n$  real-entried matrices  $A$ , is this possible:

$A_{m \times n} = U\Sigma V^T$  s.t.  $U^T U = I_{m \times m}$ ,  $V^T V = I_{n \times n}$ ,  $\Sigma_{m \times n}$  is real-entried diagonal

Answer: Turns out, YES! Let's derive it!

# Full SVD (Motivation)

Given:  $m \times n$  rectangular matrix  $A$  such that  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ .

Question: Is it possible for Full SVD to recycle a prior decomposition?

Answer: YES! The ortho-eigen-decomposition for symmetric matrices:

$$S_{n \times n} = Q\Lambda Q^T$$

Question: How to produce a square symmetric matrix involving only matrix  $A$ ?

Answer:  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$

## Theorem

*(Properties of  $A^T A$  &  $AA^T$ )*

*Let  $A$  be a tall or square  $m \times n$  matrix. Then:*

- (i)  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$  are both symmetric.*
- (ii) The eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$  are all real.*
- (iii) The eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$  are orthonormal.*
- (iv)  $(\mu, \mathbf{v}) \neq (0, \vec{\mathbf{0}})$  is an eigenpair of  $A^T A \iff (\mu, A\mathbf{v})$  is an eigenpair of  $AA^T$ .*
- (v) The eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$  are non-negative.*
- (vi)  $\text{NulSp}(A^T A) = \text{NulSp}(A)$ ,  $\text{NulSp}(AA^T) = \text{NulSp}(A^T)$*
- (vii)  $\text{ColSp}(A^T A) = \text{ColSp}(A^T)$ ,  $\text{ColSp}(AA^T) = \text{ColSp}(A)$*

# Full SVD (Properties of $A^T A$ & $AA^T$ )

## Theorem

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- (vi)  $\text{NulSp}(A^T A) = \text{NulSp}(A)$ ,  $\text{NulSp}(AA^T) = \text{NulSp}(A^T)$
- (vii)  $\text{ColSp}(A^T A) = \text{ColSp}(A)$ ,  $\text{ColSp}(AA^T) = \text{ColSp}(A)$

**PROOF:** (i)  $(A^T A)^T = A^T A^{TT} = A^T A \implies A^T A$  is symmetric,  $AA^T$  is left to the reader to prove.

(ii) & (iii) Both follow immediately since  $AA^T$  and  $AA^T$  are symmetric matrices.

(iv)  $A^T A \mathbf{v} \stackrel{\text{EIG}}{=} \mu \mathbf{v} \xrightarrow{A} A(A^T A \mathbf{v}) = A(\mu \mathbf{v}) \stackrel{\text{ASSOC.}}{\iff} (AA^T)(A\mathbf{v}) = A(\mu \mathbf{v})$   
 $\stackrel{\text{FACTOR}}{\iff} (AA^T)(A\mathbf{v}) = \mu(A\mathbf{v}) \stackrel{\text{EIG}}{\iff} (\mu, A\mathbf{v})$  is an eigenpair of  $AA^T$ .

(v) Let  $(\mu, \mathbf{v})$  be an eigenpair of  $A^T A$  and  $(\mu, \mathbf{u})$  be an eigenpair of  $AA^T$ . Then:

$$\|A\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 = (A\mathbf{v})^T (A\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}^T A^T A \mathbf{v} \stackrel{\text{EIG}}{=} \mathbf{v}^T \mu \mathbf{v} = \mu \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} = \mu \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 \implies \mu = \frac{\|A\mathbf{v}\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2} \geq 0$$

$$\|A^T \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 = (A^T \mathbf{u})^T (A^T \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u}^T A A^T \mathbf{u} \stackrel{\text{EIG}}{=} \mathbf{u}^T \mu \mathbf{u} = \mu \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} = \mu \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 \implies \mu = \frac{\|A^T \mathbf{u}\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2} \geq 0 \quad \square$$

# Full SVD (Properties of $A^T A$ & $AA^T$ )

## Theorem

(Properties of  $A^T A$  &  $AA^T$ )

Let  $A$  be a tall or square  $m \times n$  matrix. Then:

- (i)  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$  are both symmetric.
- (ii) The eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$  are all real.
- (iii) The eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$  are orthonormal.
- (iv)  $(\mu, \mathbf{v}) \neq (0, \vec{\mathbf{0}})$  is an eigenpair of  $A^T A \iff (\mu, A\mathbf{v})$  is an eigenpair of  $AA^T$ .
- (v) The eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$  are non-negative.
- (vi)  $\text{NulSp}(A^T A) = \text{NulSp}(A)$ ,  $\text{NulSp}(AA^T) = \text{NulSp}(A^T)$
- (vii)  $\text{ColSp}(A^T A) = \text{ColSp}(A)$ ,  $\text{ColSp}(AA^T) = \text{ColSp}(A)$

PROOF:

$$(vi) \text{NulSp}(A^T A) := \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A^T A \mathbf{x} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \} = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A \mathbf{x} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \} := \text{NulSp}(A)$$

$$\text{NulSp}(AA^T) := \{ \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m : AA^T \mathbf{y} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \} = \{ \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m : A^T \mathbf{y} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \} := \text{NulSp}(A^T)$$

$$(vii) \text{ColSp}(A^T A) \stackrel{FTLA}{=} \text{NulSp}(A^T A)^\perp \stackrel{(vi)}{=} \text{NulSp}(A)^\perp \stackrel{FTLA}{=} \text{ColSp}(A)$$

$$\text{ColSp}(AA^T) \stackrel{FTLA}{=} \text{NulSp}(AA^T)^\perp \stackrel{(vi)}{=} \text{NulSp}(A^T)^\perp \stackrel{FTLA}{=} \text{ColSp}(A)$$

# Full SVD (Derivation, starting from $A^T A$ )

Given:  $m \times n$  rectangular matrix  $A$  such that  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ .

Factor  $A^T A = VMV^T$  s.t.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V^T V = VV^T = I_{n \times n} \quad , \quad M = \text{diag}(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n) \\ \langle \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j \rangle_2 = \delta_{ij} \quad , \quad A^T A \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k = \mu_k \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k \quad \forall k \leq n \end{array} \right\}$  Then:

$$\|A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k\|_2^2 = (A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k)^T (A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k) \stackrel{T}{=} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^T (A^T A) \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k \stackrel{EIG}{=} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^T \mu_k \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k = \mu_k (\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^T \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k) = \mu_k \|\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k\|_2^2 = \mu_k \cdot 1 = \mu_k$$

$$\|A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k\|_2 = \sqrt{\mu_k} := \sigma_k \implies \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k := A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k / \sigma_k$$

Descend-sort-label the **singular values** of  $A$  like so:  $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$

$$\langle \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j \rangle_2 = \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j = \left( \frac{A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^T \left( \frac{A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_j}{\sigma_j} \right) \stackrel{T}{=} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^T A^T A \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \stackrel{EIG}{=} \frac{\mu_j}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^T \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j \stackrel{\perp}{=} \delta_{ij} \implies \langle \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j \rangle_2 = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k = \sigma_k \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k & \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq r \\ A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k = \mathbf{0} & \text{for } r < k \leq n \end{cases}$$

Note that  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n$  are called the **right-singular vectors** of  $A$

$$\therefore AV = U\Sigma \implies \boxed{A = U\Sigma V^T}$$

# Full SVD (Derivation, starting from $AA^T$ )

Given:  $m \times n$  rectangular matrix  $A$  such that  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ .

Factor  $AA^T = UMU^T$  s.t.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} U^T U = U U^T = I_{m \times m} \quad , \quad M = \text{diag}(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m) \\ \langle \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j \rangle_2 = \delta_{ij} \quad , \quad AA^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k = \mu_k \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \quad \forall k \leq m \end{array} \right\}$  Then:

$$\|A^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k\|_2^2 = (A^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k)^T (A^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k) \stackrel{T}{=} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^T (AA^T) \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \stackrel{EIG}{=} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^T \mu_k \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k = \mu_k (\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k) = \mu_k \|\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k\|_2^2 = \mu_k \cdot 1 = \mu_k$$

$$\|A^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k\|_2 = \sqrt{\mu_k} := \sigma_k \implies \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k := A^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k / \sigma_k$$

Descend-sort-label the **singular values** of  $A$  like so:  $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$

$$\langle \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j \rangle_2 = \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^T \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j = \left( \frac{A^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^T \left( \frac{A^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j}{\sigma_j} \right) \stackrel{T}{=} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{u}}_i^T AA^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \stackrel{EIG}{=} \frac{\mu_j}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j \stackrel{\perp}{=} \delta_{ij} \implies \langle \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j \rangle_2 = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} A^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k = \sigma_k \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k & \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq r \\ A^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k = \mathbf{0} & \text{for } r < k \leq m \end{cases}$$

Note that  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_m$  are called the **left-singular vectors** of  $A$

$$\therefore A^T U = V \Sigma^T \implies A^T = V \Sigma^T U^T \xrightarrow{T} \boxed{A = U \Sigma V^T}$$

# Full SVD (Derivation, final matrix shapes)

$$\text{rank}(A) = r$$

$$A = U\Sigma V^T$$

$$A_{n \times n} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \hat{\mathbf{u}}_1 & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{u}}_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_{n \times n} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\Sigma}_{r \times r} & & \\ \hline & O_{(n-r) \times (n-r)} & \\ \hline & & \end{bmatrix}}_{n \times n} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \hat{\mathbf{v}}_1 & \text{---} \\ & \vdots & \\ \text{---} & \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}}_{n \times n}$$

$$A_{m \times n} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \hat{\mathbf{u}}_1 & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{u}}_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_{m \times m} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\Sigma}_{r \times r} & & \\ \hline & O_{(m-r) \times (n-r)} & \\ \hline & & \end{bmatrix}}_{m \times n} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \hat{\mathbf{v}}_1 & \text{---} \\ & \vdots & \\ \text{---} & \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}}_{n \times n}$$

where:  $U^{-1} = U^T$ ,  $V^{-1} = V^T$ ,  $\dot{\Sigma} := \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix}$  with  $\sigma_1 \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_r > 0$



# Full SVD (Procedure)

## Proposition

(Full SVD)

**GIVEN:**  $m \times n$  tall ( $m \geq n$ ) or square ( $m = n$ ) matrix  $A$  with column rank  $r \leq n$ :

**TASK:** Factor  $A = U\Sigma V^T$  where:  $U^T U = I_{m \times m}$ ,  $V^T V = I_{n \times n}$ ,  $\Sigma$  is  $m \times n$  diagonal

- 1 Find the  $n$  eigenvalues  $\mu_1 \geq \dots \geq \mu_r > \mu_{r+1} = \dots = \mu_n = 0$  of symmetric matrix  $A^T A$ .
- 2 Find the  $r$  **right-singular vectors** of  $A$ :  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_r =$  eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  w.r.t.  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r$
- 3 Find the  $r$  **singular values** of  $A$ :  $\sigma_1 := \sqrt{\mu_1}, \dots, \sigma_r := \sqrt{\mu_r}$
- 4 Find the  $r$  **left-singular vectors** of  $A$ :  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_1 := A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_1/\sigma_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_r := A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_r/\sigma_r$
- 5 If  $r < n$ , use Gram-Schmidt on std basis vectors  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{r+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to find:  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_{r+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n$
- 6 If  $r < m$ , use Gram-Schmidt on std basis vectors  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{r+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_m \in \mathbb{R}^m$  to find:  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{r+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_m$
- 7 Form the matrices comprising the Full SVD like so:

$$A_{m \times n} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \hat{\mathbf{u}}_1 & \dots & \hat{\mathbf{u}}_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_{m \times m} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\Sigma}_{r \times r} & & \\ \dots & \dots & \\ \dots & \dots & \\ & & O_{(m-r) \times (n-r)} \end{bmatrix}}_{m \times n} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_1 & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n \end{bmatrix}}_{n \times n} \equiv U\Sigma V^T$$

where:  $O_{(m-r) \times (n-r)}$  is zero matrix and  $\dot{\Sigma} := \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r)$  with  $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$

# The Four Fundamental Matrix Subspaces via Full SVD

Given:  $m \times n$  rectangular matrix  $A$  s.t.  $\text{rank}(A) = r$  and  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ . Then:

$$\begin{cases} A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k = \sigma_k \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k, k \leq r \\ A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k = \mathbf{0}, r < k \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \text{ColSp}(A) := \text{Span}\{A\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k : k \leq n\} = \text{Span}\{\hat{\mathbf{u}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_r\} \\ \text{NulSp}(A) := \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x} : A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\} = \text{Span}\{\hat{\mathbf{v}}_{r+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n\} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} A^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k = \sigma_k \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k, k \leq r \\ A^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k = \mathbf{0}, r < k \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \text{ColSp}(A^T) := \text{Span}\{A^T \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k : k \leq m\} = \text{Span}\{\hat{\mathbf{v}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_r\} \\ \text{NulSp}(A^T) := \text{Span}\{\mathbf{y} : A^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}\} = \text{Span}\{\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{r+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_m\} \end{cases}$$

# The Four Fundamental Matrix Subspaces via Full SVD

## Theorem

*(The Four Fundamental Matrix Subspaces via Full SVD)*

GIVEN:  $m \times n$  tall/square ( $m \geq n$ ) matrix  $A$  with column rank  $r \leq n$  and Full SVD  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ .

Then, the four fundamental matrix subspaces of  $A$  are (directly via the Full SVD):

- $ColSp(A) = Span\{\hat{\mathbf{u}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_r\}$
- $NulSp(A) = Span\{\hat{\mathbf{v}}_{r+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n\}$
- $ColSp(A^T) = Span\{\hat{\mathbf{v}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_r\}$
- $NulSp(A^T) = Span\{\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{r+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_m\}$

Moreover, the relations among these fundamental subspaces are now immediate:

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad & \dim ColSp(A) = r \\ (ii) \quad & \dim ColSp(A^T) = r \end{aligned}$$

$$(iii) \quad \mathbb{R}^m = ColSp(A) \oplus NulSp(A^T)$$

$$(iv) \quad \mathbb{R}^n = ColSp(A^T) \oplus NulSp(A)$$

# Reduced SVD (Procedure)

## Proposition

(Reduced SVD)

GIVEN:  $m \times n$  tall ( $m \geq n$ ) or square ( $m = n$ ) matrix  $A$  with column rank  $r \leq n$ :

TASK: Factor  $A = \hat{U}\hat{\Sigma}\hat{V}^T$  where:  $\hat{U}^T\hat{U} = I_{m \times m}$ ,  $\hat{V}^T\hat{V} = I_{n \times n}$ ,  $\hat{\Sigma}$  is  $r \times r$  diagonal

- 1 Find the  $n$  eigenvalues  $\mu_1 \geq \dots \geq \mu_r > \mu_{r+1} = \dots = \mu_n = 0$  of symmetric matrix  $A^T A$ .
- 2 Find the  $r$  **right-singular vectors** of  $A$ :  $\hat{v}_1, \dots, \hat{v}_r =$  eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  w.r.t.  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r$
- 3 Find the  $r$  **singular values** of  $A$ :  $\sigma_1 := \sqrt{\mu_1}, \dots, \sigma_r := \sqrt{\mu_r}$
- 4 Find the  $r$  **left-singular vectors** of  $A$ :  $\hat{u}_1 := A\hat{v}_1/\sigma_1, \dots, \hat{u}_r := A\hat{v}_r/\sigma_r$
- 5 Form the matrices comprising the Reduced SVD like so:

$$A_{m \times n} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \hat{\mathbf{u}}_1 & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{u}}_r \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_{m \times r} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix}}_{r \times r} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \hat{\mathbf{v}}_1 & \text{---} \\ & \vdots & \\ \text{---} & \hat{\mathbf{v}}_r & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}}_{r \times n} \equiv \hat{U}\hat{\Sigma}\hat{V}^T$$

where:  $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$

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