


Lecture 02. Linear Algebra

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Some logistics

- Please make your decision ASAP if you want to drop
- Creating team for your project.
- Two TA: Wendi Ren and Hua Jiang.
- Please be nice to our TA team.
- Office hours will be started from next week.
- A schedule is posted on the website.

Outline

- Linear Algebra Basics 
- Norms
- Multiplications
- Matrix Inversion
- Trace and Determinant
- Eigen Values and Eigen Vectors
- Singular Value Decomposition
- Matrix Calculus

Why Linear Algebra?

- Linear algebra provides a way of compactly representing and operating on sets of linear equations

$$4x_1 - 5x_2 = -13 \quad -2x_1 + 3x_2 = 9$$

can be written in the form of $Ax = b$


$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} -13 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ denotes a matrix with m rows and n columns, where elements belong to real numbers.
- $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ denotes a vector with n real entries. By convention an n dimensional vector is often thought as a matrix with n rows and 1 column.

Linear Algebra Basics

- Transpose of a matrix results from flipping the rows and columns. Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, transpose is $A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$
- For each element of the matrix, the transpose can be written as $\rightarrow A^T_{ij} = A_{ji}$
- The following properties of the transposes are easily verified
 - $(A^T)^T = A$
 - $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$
 - $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- A square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is symmetric if $A = A^T$ and it is anti-symmetric if $A = -A^T$. Thus each matrix can be written as a sum of symmetric and anti-symmetric matrices.

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Norms

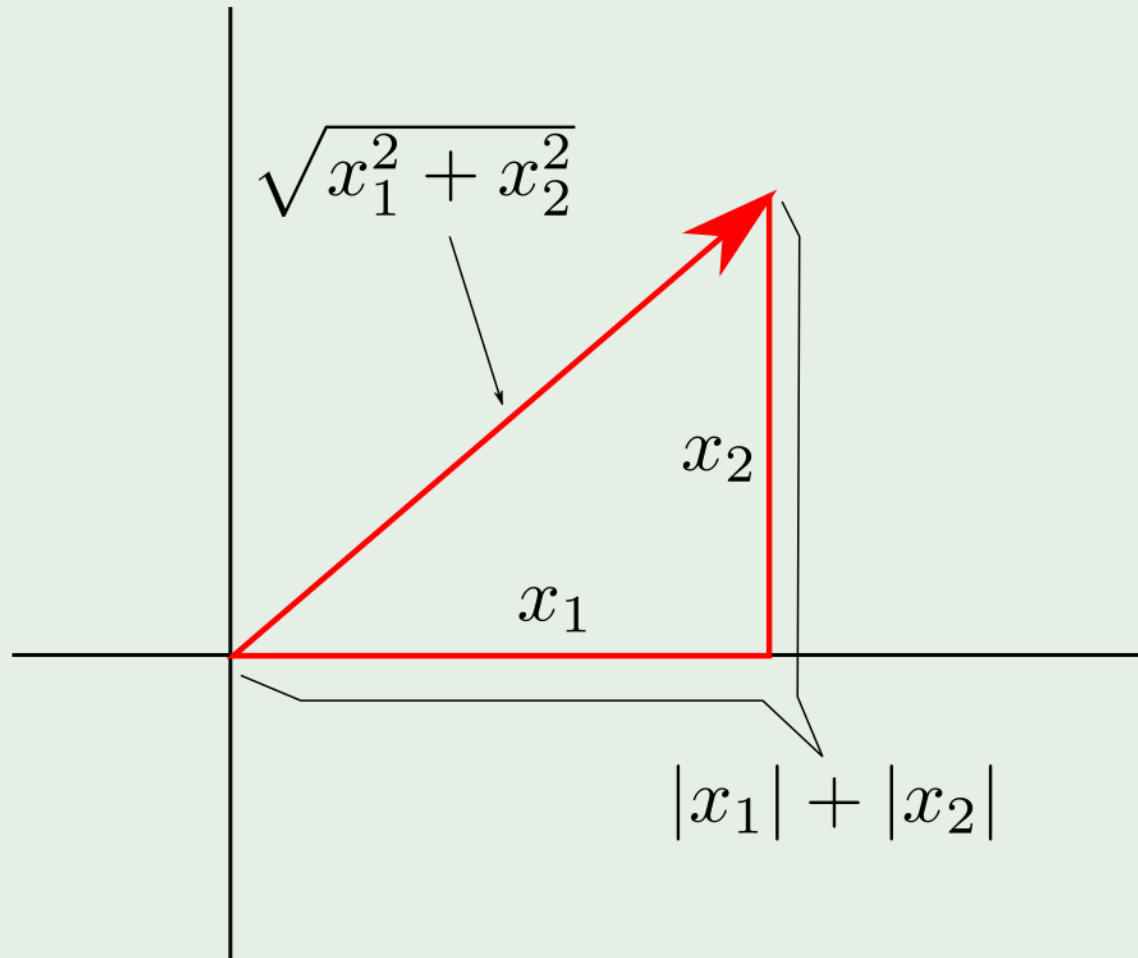
- Norm of a vector $\|x\|$ is informally a measure of the “length” of a vector
- More formally, a norm is any function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that satisfies
 - For all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $f(x) \geq 0$ (non-negativity)
 - $f(x) = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$ (definiteness)
 - For $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $f(tx) = |t|f(x)$ (homogeneity)
 - For all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$ (triangle inequality)
- Common norms used in machine learning are
 - ℓ_2 norm
 - $\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$

Norms

- ℓ_1 norm
 - $\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$
- ℓ_∞ norm
 - $\|x\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i|$
- All norms presented so far are examples of the family of ℓ_p norms, which are parameterized by a real number $p \geq 1$
 - $\|x\|_p = (\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$
- Norms can be defined for matrices, such as the Frobenius norm.
 - $\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2} = \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^\top A)}$

Vector Norm Examples


Example ℓ_1 -norm and ℓ_2 -norm



Special Matrices

- The identity matrix, denoted by $I \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a square matrix with ones on the diagonal and zeros everywhere else
- A diagonal matrix is matrix where all non-diagonal matrices are 0. This is typically denoted as $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_n)$
- Two vectors $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are orthogonal if $x \cdot y = 0$. A square matrix $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is orthogonal if all its columns are orthogonal to each other and are normalized
- It follows from orthogonality and normality that
 - $U^T U = I = U U^T$
 - $\|Ux\|_2 = \|x\|_2$

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Multiplications

- The product of two matrices $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ is given by $C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$, where $C_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik}B_{kj}$
- Given two vectors $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the term $x^\top y$ (also $x \cdot y$) is called the **inner product** or **dot product** of the vectors, and is a real number given by $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$. For example,

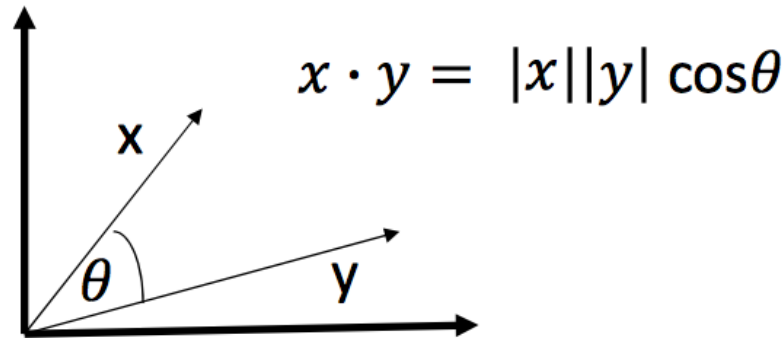
$$x^\top y = [x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3] \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i y_i$$

- Given two vectors $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$, the term xy^\top is called the **outer product** of the vectors, and is a matrix given by $(x_i y_j)^\top = x_i y_j$. For example,

Multiplications

$$xy^T = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} [y_1 \quad y_2 \quad y_3] = \begin{bmatrix} x_1y_1 & x_1y_2 & x_1y_3 \\ x_2y_1 & x_2y_2 & x_2y_3 \\ x_3y_1 & x_3y_2 & x_3y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

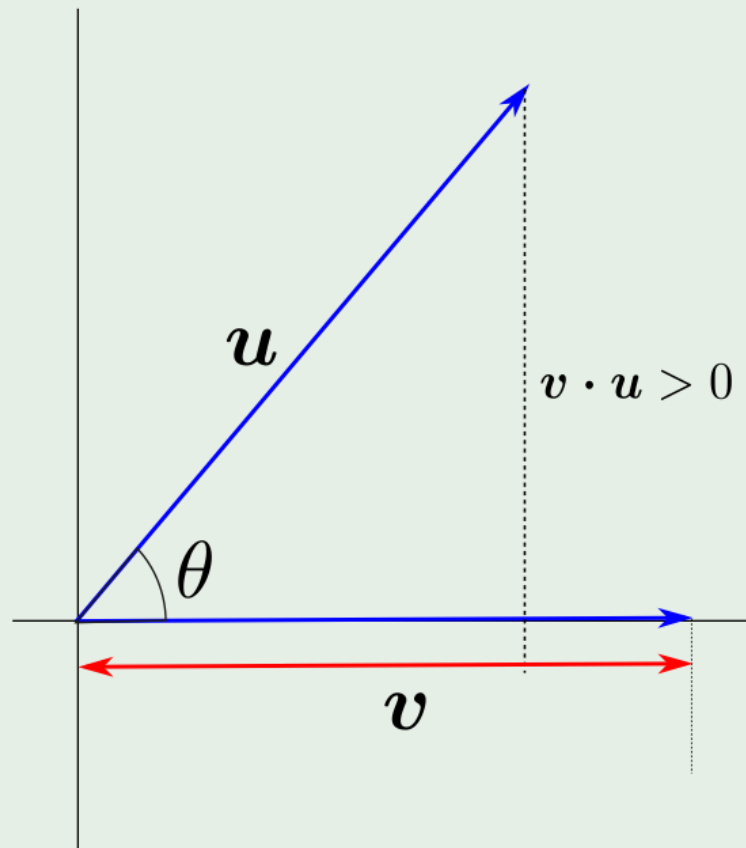
- The dot product also has a geometrical interpretation, for vectors in $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with angle θ between them



which leads to use of dot product for testing orthogonality, getting the Euclidean norm of a vector, and scalar projections.

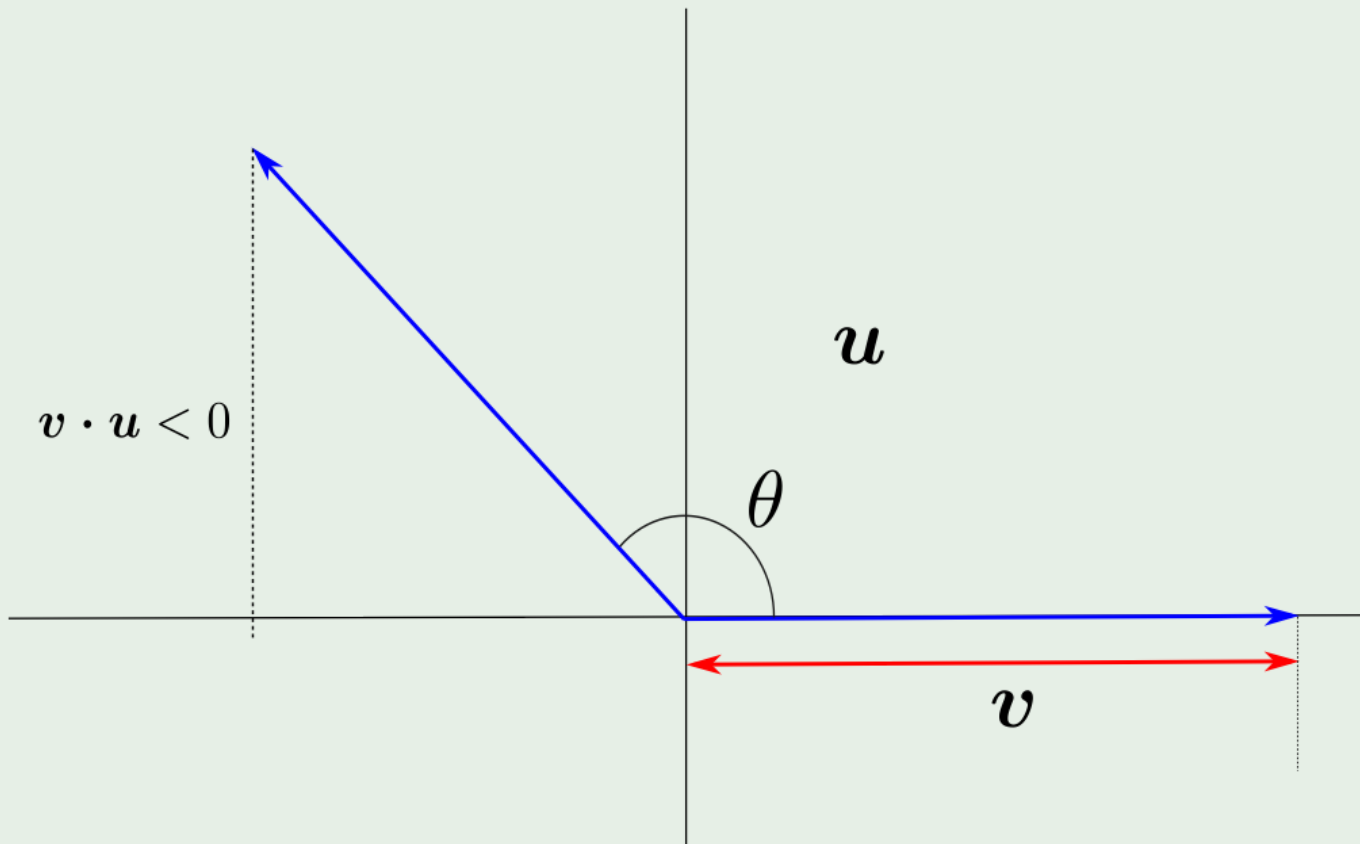
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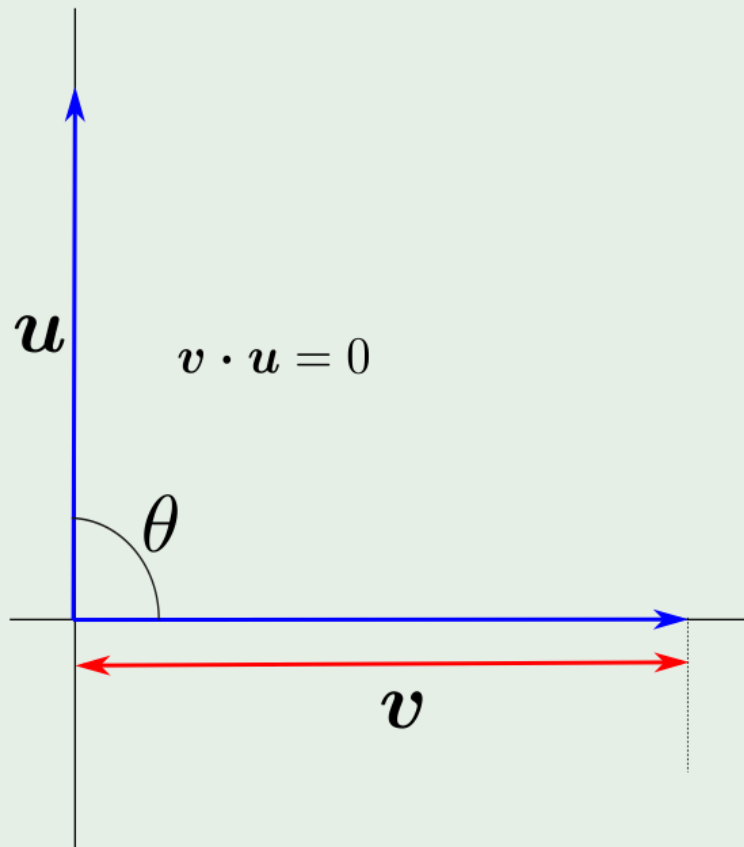
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Linear Independence and Matrix Rank

- A set of vectors $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ are said to be **(linearly) independent** if no vector can be represented as a linear combination of the remaining vectors. That is if

$$x_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i$$

for some scalar values $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots \in \mathbb{R}$ then we say that the vectors are linearly **dependent**; otherwise the vectors are linearly independent

- The **column rank** of a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is the size of the largest subset of columns of A that constitute a linearly independent set. **Row rank** of a matrix is defined similarly for rows of a matrix.

Matrix Rank: Examples

What are the ranks for the following matrices?


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

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Inverse

- The inverse of a square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is denoted A^{-1} and is the unique matrix such that $A^{-1}A = I = AA^{-1}$
- For some square matrices A^{-1} may not exist, and we say that A is **singular or non-invertible**. In order for A to have an inverse, A must be **full rank**.
- For non-square matrices the inverse, denoted by A^+ , is given by $A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ called the **pseudo inverse**

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Matrix Trace

- The trace of a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, denoted as $\mathit{tr}(A)$, is the sum of the diagonal elements in the matrix

$$\mathit{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii}$$

- The trace has the following properties
 - For $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\mathit{tr}(A) = \mathit{tr}A^\top$
 - For $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\mathit{tr}(A + B) = \mathit{tr}(A) + \mathit{tr}(B)$
 - For $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mathit{tr}(tA) = t \cdot \mathit{tr}(A)$
 - For A, B, C such that ABC is a square matrix $\mathit{tr}(ABC) = \mathit{tr}(BCA) = \mathit{tr}(CAB)$
- The trace of a matrix helps us easily compute norms and eigenvalues of matrices as we will see later

Matrix Determinant

Definition (Determinant)

The determinant of a square matrix A , denoted by $|A|$, is defined as

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij}$$

where M_{ij} is determinant of matrix A without the row i and column j .

For a 2×2 matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

$$|A| = ad - bc$$

Properties of Matrix Determinant

Basic Properties

- $|A| = |A^T|$
- $|AB| = |A| |B|$
- $|A| = 0$ if and only if A is not invertible
- If A is invertible, then $|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|}$.

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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- Given a square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ we say that $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is an eigenvalue of A and $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ is an eigenvector if

$$Ax = \lambda x, \quad x \neq 0$$

- Intuitively this means that upon multiplying the matrix A with a vector x , we get the same vector, but scaled by a parameter λ
- Geometrically, we are transforming the matrix A from its original orthonormal basis/co-ordinates to a new set of orthonormal basis x with magnitude as λ

Computing Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- We can rewrite the original equation in the following manner

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= \lambda x, & x &\neq 0 \\ \Rightarrow (\lambda I - A)x &= 0, & x &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- This is only possible if $(\lambda I - A)$ is singular, that is $|(\lambda I - A)| = 0$.
- Thus, eigenvalues and eigenvectors can be computed.
 - Compute the determinant of $A - \lambda I$.
 - This results in a polynomial of degree n .
 - Find the roots of the polynomial by equating it to zero.
 - The n roots are the n eigenvalues of A . They make $A - \lambda I$ singular.
 - For each eigenvalue λ , solve $(A - \lambda I)x$ to find an eigenvector x

Eigenvalue Example

Eigenvalues

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda_1 = -5 \\ \lambda_2 = 2$$

Determine eigenvectors: $\mathbf{Ax} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 = \lambda x_1 &\Rightarrow (1 - \lambda)x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \\ 3x_1 - 4x_2 = \lambda x_2 &\Rightarrow 3x_1 - (4 + \lambda)x_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvector for $\lambda_1 = -5$

$$\begin{aligned} 6x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 = 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.3162 \\ 0.9487 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvector for $\lambda_1 = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} -x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \\ 3x_1 - 6x_2 = 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8944 \\ 0.4472 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Eigen Decomposition

- All the eigen columns can be written together as $AX = X\Lambda$ where the columns of X are the eigenvectors of A , and Λ is a diagonal matrix whose elements are eigenvalues of A
- If the eigenvectors of A are invertible, then $A = X\Lambda X^{-1}$
- There are several properties of eigenvalues and eigenvectors
 - $Tr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$
 - $|A| = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$
 - Rank of A is the number of non-zero eigenvalues of A
 - If A is non-singular then $1/\lambda_i$ are the eigenvalues of A^{-1}
 - The eigenvalues of a diagonal matrix are the diagonal elements of the matrix itself!

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Singular Value Decomposition

$X_{n \times d}$

n: instances
d: dimensions
X is a centered matrix

$U_{n \times n} \rightarrow$ unitary matrix $\rightarrow U \times U^T = I$

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

$\Sigma_{n \times d} \rightarrow$ diagonal matrix

$V_{d \times d} \rightarrow$ unitary matrix $\rightarrow V \times V^T = I$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1 \times 1} & \cdots & u_{1 \times n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{n \times 1} & \cdots & u_{n \times n} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{1 \times 1} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \Sigma_{n \times d} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} v_{1 \times 1} & \cdots & v_{1 \times d} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_{d \times 1} & \cdots & v_{d \times d} \end{bmatrix}$$

Covariance matrix:

$$A_{d \times d} = \frac{X^T X}{n}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X = U \Sigma V^T \\ C = \frac{X^T X}{n} \end{array} \right\} C = \frac{V \Sigma^T U^T U \Sigma V^T}{n} = \frac{V \Sigma^2 V^T}{n}$$

$$A = \frac{V\Sigma^2V^T}{n} = V\frac{\Sigma^2}{n}V^T$$

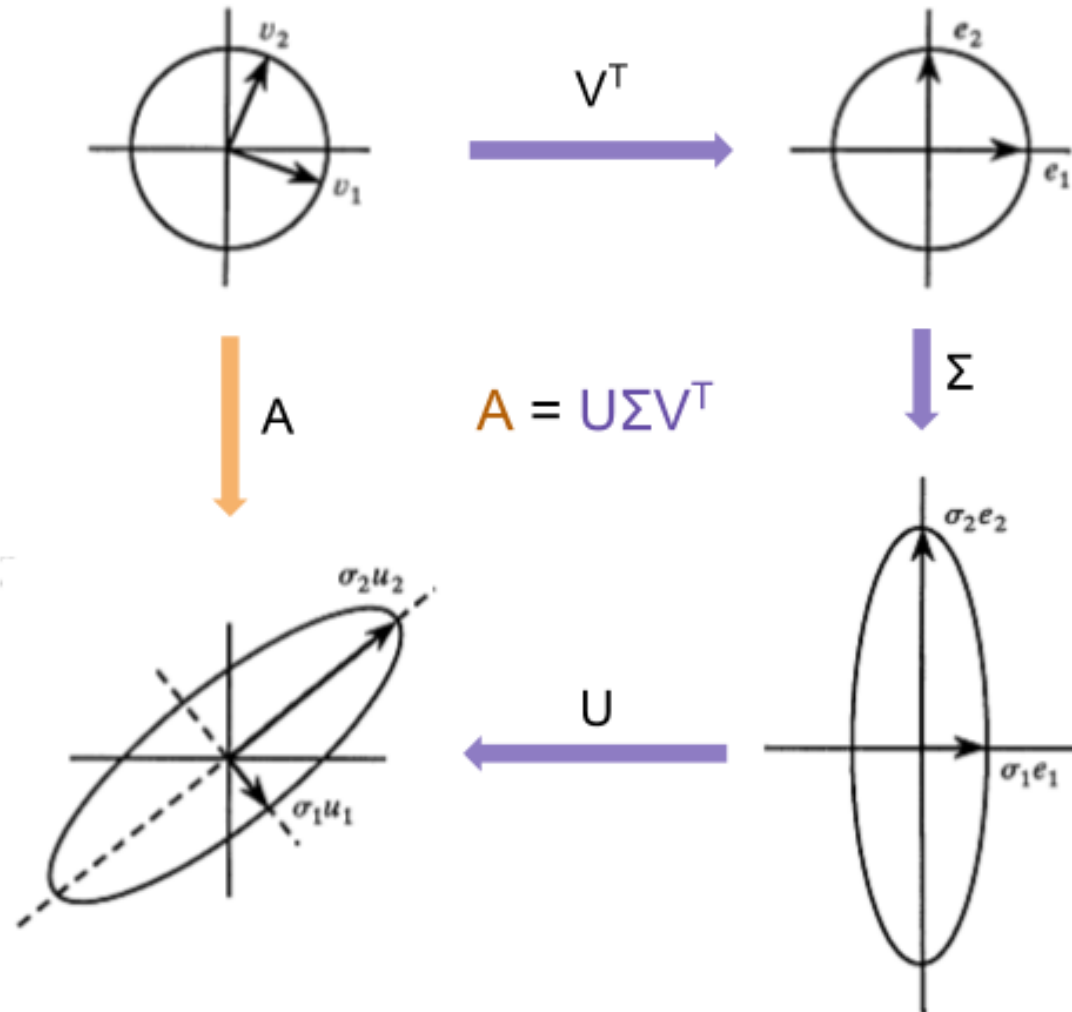
$$AV = V\frac{\Sigma^2}{n}V^TV = V\frac{\Sigma^2}{n}$$

According to Eigen-decomposition definition $\rightarrow AV = \Lambda V$

$\lambda_i = \frac{\sigma_i^2}{n} \rightarrow$ The eigenvalues of covariance matrix

V is the right singular vectors (Principal directions)

Geometric Meaning of SVD



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