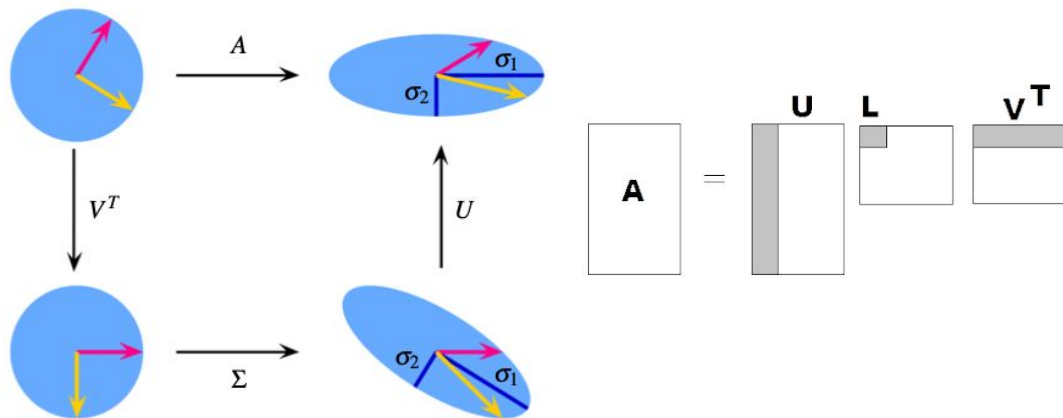




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# Discussion 10B

Geometry of the SVD



# Recap

The **Singular Value Decomposition** of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  with rank  $r$  is:

$$\begin{array}{l} \sigma_i = 0 \\ \text{for } i > r \end{array} \quad A = \sigma_1 \vec{u}_1 \vec{v}_1^T + \dots + \sigma_r \vec{u}_r \vec{v}_r^T = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T$$

$+ \sigma_{r+1} \vec{u}_{r+1} \vec{v}_{r+1}^T + \dots + \sigma_n \vec{u}_n \vec{v}_n^T$

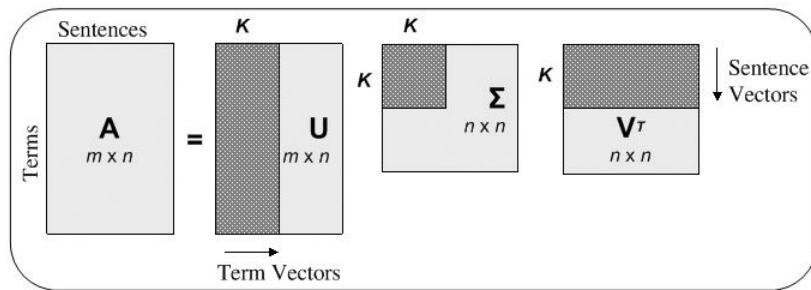
Each term  $\sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$  is a **rank 1 matrix**.

- Vectors  $\mathbf{u}_i$  are orthonormal and called **left-singular vectors**.
- Scalars  $\sigma_i$  are non-negative and called **singular values**.
- Vectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  are orthonormal and called **right-singular vectors**.

# Full SVD

We can also write out the SVD as a product of matrices:

$$A = U_1 S V_1^T$$



Full SVD

Compact SVD

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix}$$

$U = [U_1 \ U_2]$  is an  $m \times m$  square matrix with orthonormal columns.

$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} S_{r \times r} & 0_{r \times (n-r)} \\ 0_{(m-r) \times r} & 0_{(m-r) \times (n-r)} \end{bmatrix}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $S$  is an  $r \times r$  diagonal matrix.

$V: [V_1 \ V_2]$  is an  $n \times n$  square matrix with orthonormal columns.

# Computing the Full SVD

We can compute the SVD through the following procedure:

1. Compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors  $(\lambda_i, \mathbf{v}_i)$  of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ .

2. The singular values  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$

3. Compute left-singular vectors  $\mathbf{u}_i = \frac{\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i}{\sigma_i}$

Use  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i = \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i$   $\rightarrow$  for  $i=1, \dots, r$

4. For  $i > r$ ,  $\sigma_i = \mathbf{0}$  and vectors  $\mathbf{u}_i$  and  $\mathbf{v}_i$  span the  $\mathbf{Nul} \mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{Nul} \mathbf{A}^T$ .

a. In other words, we can compute  $\mathbf{u}_i$  by finding an orthonormal basis for the null-space of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  and  $\mathbf{v}_i$  from the null-space of  $\mathbf{A}$

$\{ \mathbf{u}_{r+1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n \}$  we can compute an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbf{Nul} \mathbf{A}^T$   
 $\{ \mathbf{v}_{r+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \}$  " " " for  $\mathbf{Nul} \mathbf{A}$

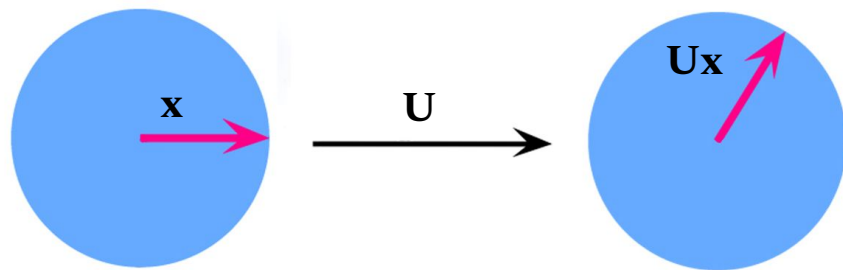
but if  $m < n$   
then  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$  will be  
more computationally  
efficient,  $(\lambda_i, \mathbf{u}_i)$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \frac{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{u}_i}{\sigma_i}$$

# Full SVD

"unitary"

The  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  matrices are square and have orthonormal columns.



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

An orthonormal transform **rotates** a vector  $\mathbf{x}$ . A rotation does not change the norm of a vector.

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{Ux}\|$$

# Full SVD

Since  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$  we can view  $\mathbf{A}$  as three operations:

$\mathbf{A}$  is a linear transformation that maps vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$$

1.  $\mathbf{V}^T$  rotates the vector  $\mathbf{x}$
2.  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  scales the vector  $\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}$
3.  $\mathbf{U}$  rotates  $\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}$

