

# Singular Value Decomposition (matrix factorization)

# Singular Value Decomposition

The SVD is a factorization of a  $m \times n$  matrix into

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

where  $\mathbf{U}$  is a  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix,  $\mathbf{V}^T$  is a  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  is a  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix.

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \dots$$

For a square matrix ( $m = n$ ):

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}^T$$

# Reduced SVD

What happens when  $\mathbf{A}$  is not a square matrix?

1)  $m > n$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_n & \dots & \mathbf{u}_m \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}}_{m \times m} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_n & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & \vdots & & \\ & & 0 & & \end{pmatrix}}_{m \times n} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dots & \mathbf{v}_1^T & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \mathbf{v}_n^T & \dots \end{pmatrix}}_{n \times n}$$

# Reduced SVD

2)  $n > m$

$$A = U \Sigma V^T = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_m \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}}_{n \times m} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & 0 & & \\ & \ddots & & & & & \\ & & \sigma_m & & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & 0 & & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{m \times n} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dots & \mathbf{v}_1^T & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \mathbf{v}_m^T & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \mathbf{v}_n^T & \dots \end{pmatrix}}_{n \times n}$$

Let's take a look at the product  $\Sigma^T \Sigma$ , where  $\Sigma$  has the singular values of a  $\mathbf{A}$ , a  $m \times n$  matrix.

$m > n$

$$\Sigma^T \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \sigma_n & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & 0 & \\ & & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \sigma_n & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & 0 & \\ & & & & \vdots & \\ & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \sigma_n^2 & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & 0 & \\ & & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$n \times m$                        $m \times n$                        $n \times n$

$n > m$

$$\Sigma^T \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_m & & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & \vdots & \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_m & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \sigma_m^2 & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & 0 & \\ & & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$n \times m$                        $m \times n$                        $n \times n$

Assume  $\mathbf{A}$  with the singular value decomposition  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T$ . Let's take a look at the eigenpairs corresponding to  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ :

In a similar way,

# How can we compute an SVD of a matrix $A$ ?

1. Evaluate the  $n$  eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
2. Make a matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  from the normalized vectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$ . The columns are called “right singular vectors”.

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Make a diagonal matrix from the square roots of the eigenvalues.

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \dots$$

4. Find  $\mathbf{U}$ :  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T \Rightarrow \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}$ . The columns are called the “left singular vectors”.

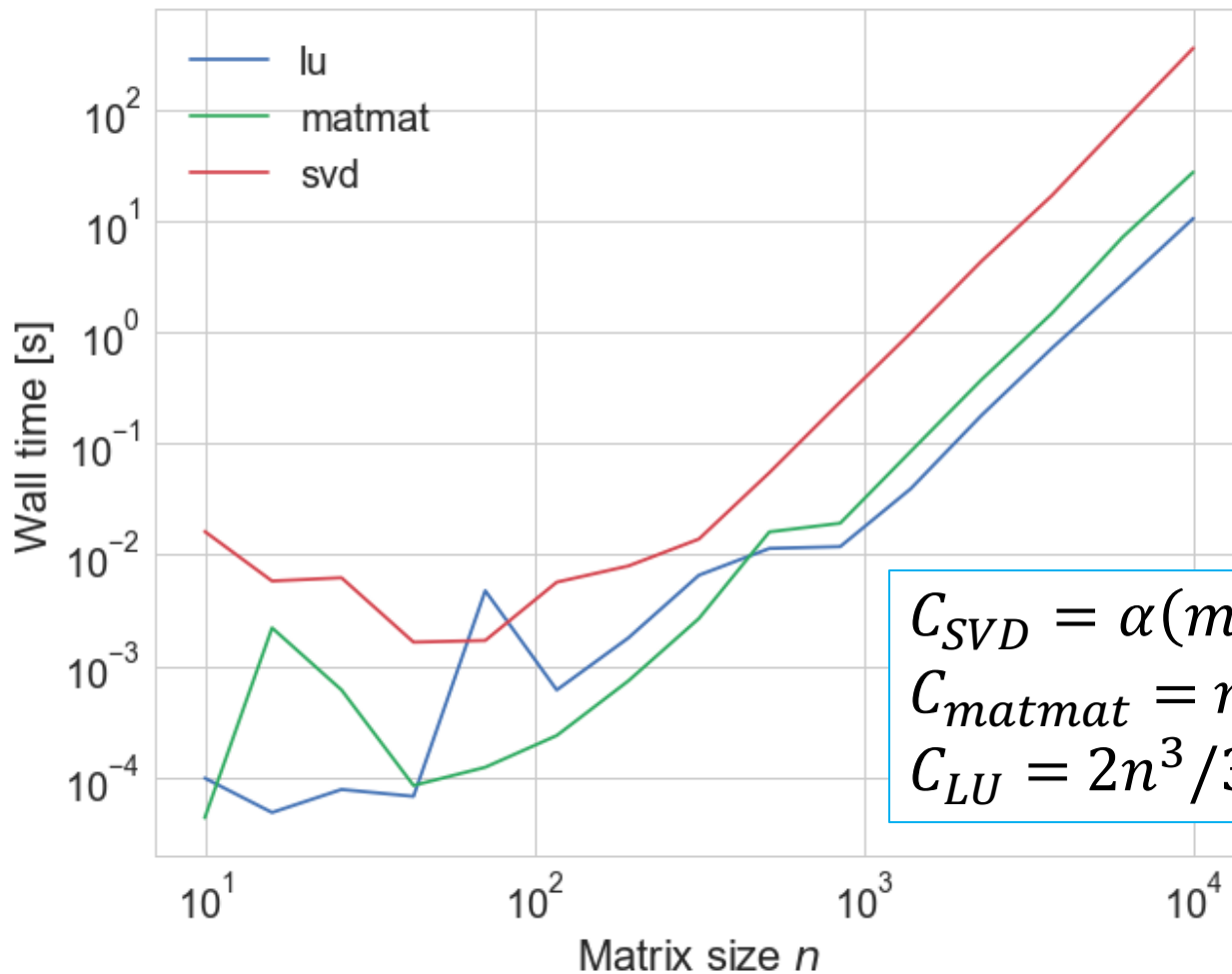


# Singular values are always non-negative

- A matrix is positive definite if  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x} > \mathbf{0}$  for  $\forall \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$
- A matrix is positive semi-definite if  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$  for  $\forall \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$

# Cost of SVD

The cost of an SVD is proportional to  $m n^2 + n^3$  where the constant of proportionality constant ranging from 4 to 10 (or more) depending on the algorithm.



$$C_{SVD} = \alpha(m n^2 + n^3) = O(n^3)$$
$$C_{matmat} = n^3 = O(n^3)$$
$$C_{LU} = 2n^3/3 = O(n^3)$$

# SVD summary:

- The SVD is a factorization of a  $m \times n$  matrix into  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T$  where  $\mathbf{U}$  is a  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix,  $\mathbf{V}^T$  is a  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  is a  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix.
- In reduced form:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}_R \mathbf{\Sigma}_R \mathbf{V}_R^T$ , where  $\mathbf{U}_R$  is a  $m \times k$  matrix,  $\mathbf{\Sigma}_R$  is a  $k \times k$  matrix, and  $\mathbf{V}_R$  is a  $n \times k$  matrix, and  $k = \min(m, n)$ .
- The columns of  $\mathbf{V}$  are the eigenvectors of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ , denoted the right singular vectors.
- The columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  are the eigenvectors of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$ , denoted the left singular vectors.
- The diagonal entries of  $\mathbf{\Sigma}^2$  are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ .  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$  are called the singular values.
- The singular values are always non-negative (since  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  is a positive semi-definite matrix, the eigenvalues are always  $\lambda \geq 0$ )