

## Last time

- Orthogonal diagonalization
  - Spectral theorem
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Our next application is based on the following innocent seeming observations.

Observation 1 For any matrix  $A$ ,  $A^T A$  is symmetric.

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$$\text{Indeed, } (A^T A)^T = A^T (A^T)^T = A^T A.$$

Observation 2 Given orthogonal eigenvectors  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  of  $A^T A$ ,  $A\vec{v}_1$  and  $A\vec{v}_2$  are still orthogonal.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Indeed, } A\vec{v}_1 \cdot A\vec{v}_2 &= (A\vec{v}_1)^T A\vec{v}_2 \\ &= \vec{v}_1^T A^T A \vec{v}_2 \\ &= \vec{v}_1 \cdot A^T A \vec{v}_2 \\ &= \vec{v}_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 \\ &= \lambda_2 (\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ -7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -7 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ -7 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 85 & -30 \\ -30 & 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_{A^T A}(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - 125\lambda + 2500$$

$$= (\lambda - 100)(\lambda - 25) \quad \lambda = 25, 100$$

$$E_{100} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} -15 & -30 \\ -30 & -60 \end{bmatrix} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Span} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ -1 \end{array} \right]$$

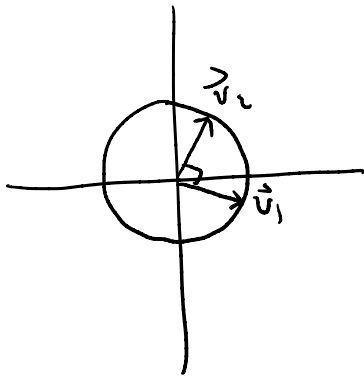
$$E_{25} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 60 & -30 \\ -30 & 15 \end{bmatrix} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Span} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

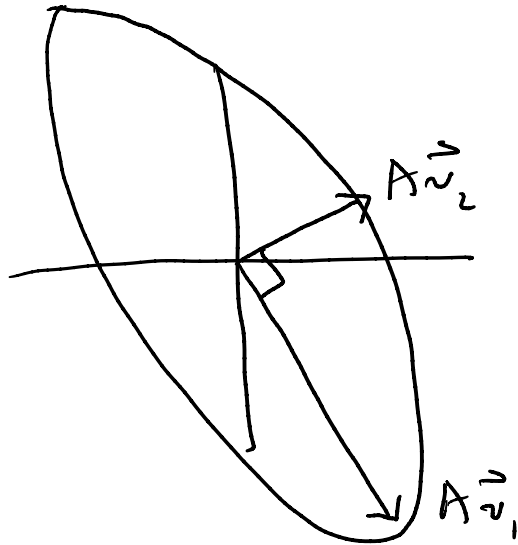
$$\vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ -7 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ -7 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$



$A$   $\rightarrow$



The effect of  $A$  is to transform the unit circle into an ellipse. The lengths of the axes of the ellipse are

$$|A\vec{v}_1| = \sqrt{\frac{100}{5} + \frac{400}{5}} = 10 = \sqrt{\pi_1}$$

$$|A\vec{v}_2| = \sqrt{\frac{100}{5} + \frac{25}{5}} = 5 = \sqrt{\pi_2}.$$

Def The singular values of the  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  are the square roots of the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$ . We denote them

$\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  and list them in descending order:

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0.$$

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For any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , there is a basis  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  such that

(1)  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  is orthonormal

(2)  $\{A\vec{v}_1, \dots, A\vec{v}_n\}$  is orthogonal

(3)  $|A\vec{v}_i| = \sigma_i$ .

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_{A^T A}(\lambda) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 1) - (1-\lambda)$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 + \lambda^2 - \lambda - 3\lambda + 1 - 1 + \lambda$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 - 3\lambda$$

$$= -\lambda(\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3)$$

$$= -\lambda(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1) \quad \lambda = 0, 1, 3$$

So the singular values of  $A$  are

$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\sigma_2 = 1$$

$$\sigma_3 = 0$$

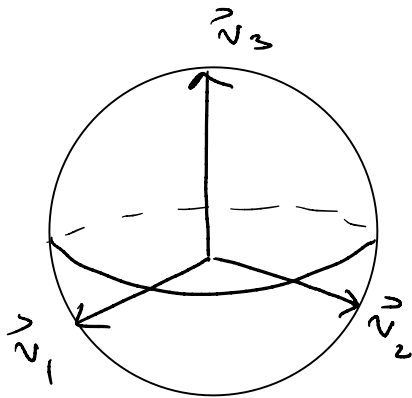
$$\begin{aligned} E_3 &= \ker \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



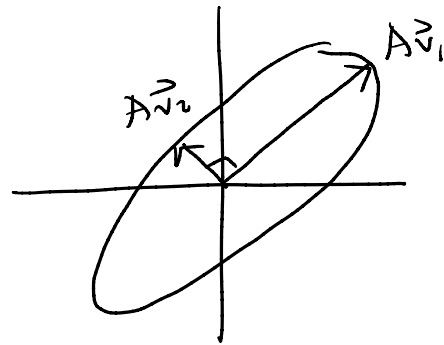
$$E_1 = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_2 = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$A$   
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The example shows that, in general, the image of  $A$  has dimension equal to the number of nonzero singular values.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{rank}(A) &= \# \text{ of } \sigma_i \neq 0 \\ &= \# \text{ of } \lambda_i \neq 0 \\ &= \text{rank}(A^T A)\end{aligned}$$

As we've seen,  $\{A\vec{v}_1, \dots, A\vec{v}_n\}$  is orthogonal, and  $|A\vec{v}_i| = \sigma_i$ . If

$A$  has rank  $r$ , then  $A\vec{v}_i \neq 0$ , so

$\{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_r\}$  is orthonormal, where

$$\vec{u}_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A\vec{v}_i$$

Expanding this to an ONB for  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , we have the equations

$$A_{\vec{v}_i} = \begin{cases} \sigma_i \vec{u}_i & i = 1, \dots, r \\ 0 & i = r+1, \dots, m \end{cases}$$

or  $AV = U\Sigma$ , where

$$V = [\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m] \quad U = [\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_m]$$

$$\Sigma = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \sigma_1 & & & & & \\ & \sigma_2 & & & & \\ & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & \sigma_r & & \\ & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{array} \right] \quad \left. \vphantom{\Sigma} \right\} \begin{matrix} r \\ m-r \end{matrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_r$

The matrices  $U$  and  $V$  are both orthogonal, so this equation becomes

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

Singular value decomposition An  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  of rank  $r$  can be written as

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

where  $U$  is  $m \times m$  orthogonal,  $V$  is  $n \times n$  orthogonal, and  $\Sigma$  is  $m \times n$  with the first  $r$  diagonal entries positive and all other entries 0.

