

## CS-GY 6763: Lecture 10

# Singular value decomposition, low-rank approximation, Krylov subspace methods

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# LINEAR ALGEBRA REMINDER

If a square matrix has orthonormal rows, it also has orthonormal columns:

$v_i$

$v_i^T v_j \text{ for } j \neq i$   
 $= 0$

$$V^T V = I = \underline{\underline{V V^T}}$$

$$(V^T)^T V^T = I$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.62 & 0.78 & -0.11 \\ -0.28 & -0.35 & -0.89 \\ -0.73 & -0.52 & 0.44 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -0.62 & -0.28 & -0.73 \\ 0.78 & -0.35 & -0.52 \\ -0.11 & -0.89 & 0.44 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## LINEAR ALGEBRA REMINDER

Implies that for any vector  $x$ ,  $\|Vx\|_2^2 = \|x\|_2^2$  and  $\|V^T x\|_2^2 = \|x\|_2^2$ .  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1, \dots, x_k \end{bmatrix}$

Same thing goes for Frobenius norm: for any matrix  $X$ ,

$$\|VX\|_F^2 = \|X\|_F^2 \text{ and } \|V^T X\|_F^2 = \|X\|_F^2.$$

$$\|M\|_F^2 = \sum_{ij} M_{ij}^2$$

$$\|Vx\|_2^2 = \|x\|_2^2$$

$$= (Vx)^T Vx = x^T \underbrace{V^T V}_{=I} x = x^T x = \|x\|_2^2$$

$$VX = \begin{bmatrix} Vx_1 & \dots & Vx_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|VX\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \|Vx_i\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \|x_i\|_2^2 = \|X\|_F^2$$

## LINEAR ALGEBRA REMINDER

The same is not true for rectangular matrices:

$V^T V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$V V^T = \begin{bmatrix} .5 & -1 & .7 & -2 \\ 1.6 & -.44 & 4.2 & -1.5 \\ 7.8 & .42 & -.5 & .67 \\ -2 & 2.0 & 1.1 & 8.0 \\ -1.5 & .55 & 3.2 & .5 \\ .67 & -2.8 & -2.4 & 1.6 \\ 9.0 & 8.7 & -7.7 & 7.8 \end{bmatrix}$

*orthogonal*

$$V^T V = I$$

but

$$V V^T \neq I$$

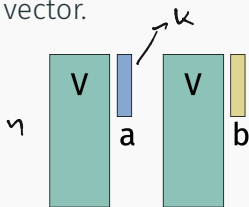
For any  $x$ ,  $\|Vx\|_2^2 = \|x\|_2^2$  but  $\|V^T x\|_2^2 \neq \|x\|_2^2$  in general.

$$x^T V^T V x = x^T x = \|x\|_2^2$$

$$\|Vx\|_2^2 = \|x\|_2^2$$

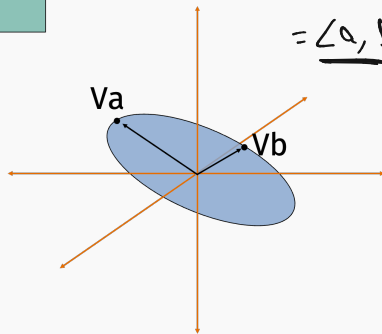
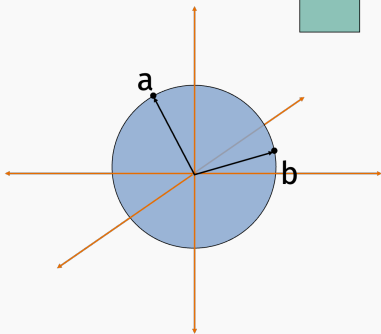
# LINEAR ALGEBRA REMINDER

Multiplying a vector by  $V$  with orthonormal columns rotates and/or reflects the vector.



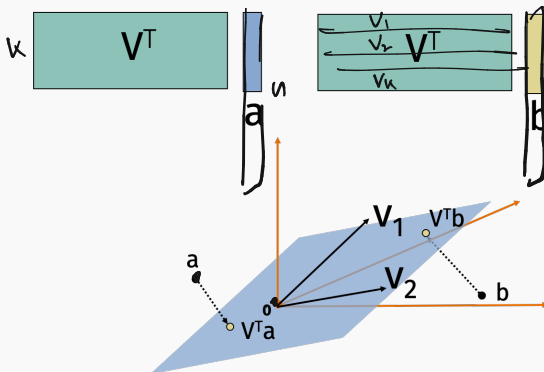
$$\|Va\|_2^2 = \|a\|_2^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle Va, Vb \rangle &= a^T V^T V b = a^T b \\ &= \underline{\langle a, b \rangle}\end{aligned}$$



## LINEAR ALGEBRA REMINDER

Multiplying a vector by a rectangular matrix  $V^T$  with orthonormal rows projects the vector (representing it as coordinates in the lower dimensional space).



So we always have that  $\| \underbrace{V^T x}_2 \|_2 \leq \| \underbrace{x}_2 \|_2$ .

# SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITION

Reduced SVD

Economy SVD

One of the most fundamental results in linear algebra.

Any matrix  $X$  can be written:

$$U \Sigma V^T$$

$U^T U = I$   
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$X$  (n by d) =  $U$  (left singular vectors)  $\Sigma$  (singular values)  $V^T$  (right singular vectors)

Where  $\underline{U^T U = I}$ ,  $\underline{V^T V = I}$ , and  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \sigma_d \geq 0$ .

Singular values are unique. Factors are not. Would still get a valid SVD by multiplying both  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $V$  and  $U$  by  $-1$ .

# SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITION

Important take away from singular value decomposition.

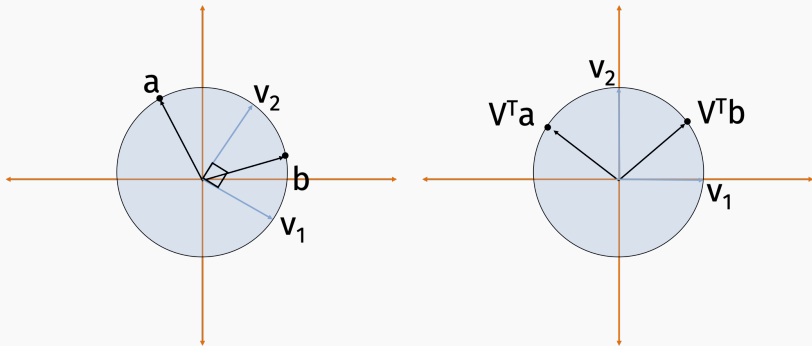
Multiplying any vector  $\mathbf{a}$  by a matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  to form  $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}$  can be viewed as a composition of 3 operations:

1. Rotate/reflect the vector (multiplication by  $\mathbf{V}^T$ ).
2. Scale the coordinates (multiplication by  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ ).
3. Rotate/reflect the vector again (multiplication by  $\mathbf{U}$ ).

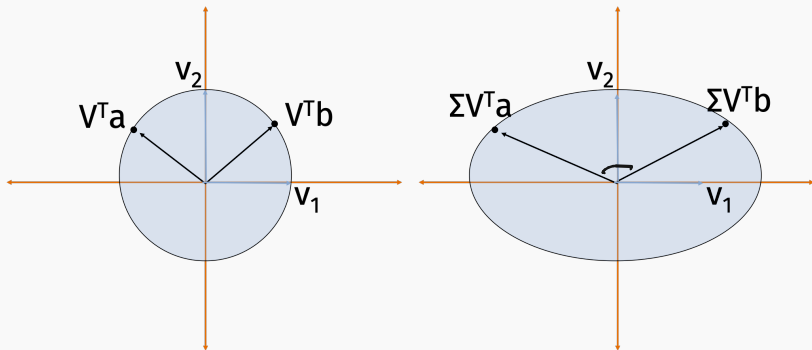
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a} &= \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{a} \\ &= \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{\Sigma}(\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{a}))\end{aligned}$$



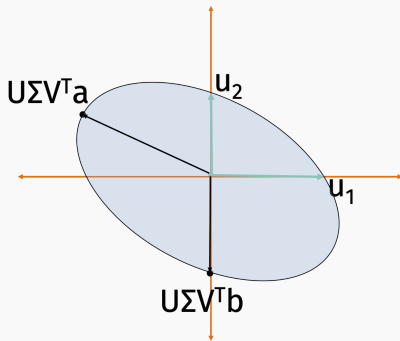
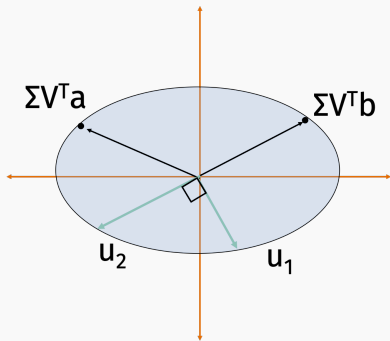
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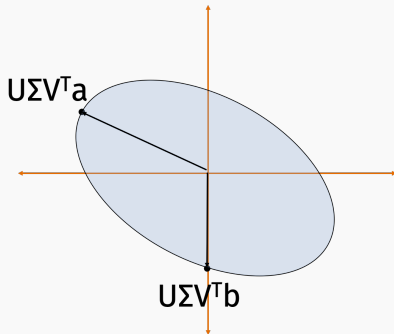
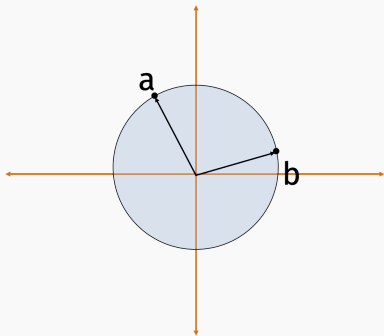
## SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITION: STRETCH



## SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITION: ROTATE/REFLECT



# SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITION



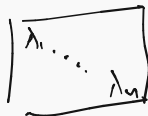
## COMPARISON TO EIGENDECOMPOSITION

Recall that an eigenvalue of a square matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  is any vector  $\mathbf{v}$  such that  $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ . A matrix has at most  $d$  linearly independent eigenvectors. If a matrix has a full set of  $d$  eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_d$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  it is called "diagonalizable" and can be written as:

$$\mathbf{X}\mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i$$



$$\mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$$



$$\mathbf{V}^{-1} \neq \mathbf{V}^T$$

### Singular value decomposition

- Exists for all matrices, square or rectangular.
- Singular values are always positive.
- Factors **U** and **V** are orthogonal.

### Eigendecomposition

- Exists for some square matrices.
- Eigenvalues can be positive or negative.
- Factor **V** is orthogonal if and only if **X** is symmetric.

$$V^{-1} = V^T$$

$$V \Lambda V^T$$

## CONNECTION TO EIGENDECOMPOSITION

• U contains the orthogonal eigenvectors of  $XX^T$ .

• V contains the orthogonal eigenvectors of  $X^TX$ .

$$\sigma_i^2 = \lambda_i(XX^T) = \lambda_i(X^TX)$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma \cdot \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

$$XX^T = U \underbrace{\Sigma \Sigma^T}_I U^T$$

$$\underline{XX^T} = U \Sigma^2 U^T$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{XX^T} u_1 &= U \Sigma^2 U^T u_1 \\ &= \lambda_1 u_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= U \Sigma^2 e_1$$

$$= U \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\sigma_1^2 \cdot u_1}$$

## SVD APPLICATIONS

Lots of applications.

$$\min_a \|Xa - b\|_2^2$$

- Compute pseudoinverse  $\underline{V}\underline{\Sigma}^{-1}\underline{U}^T$ .

$$\max_x \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2}$$

- Read off condition number of  $\underline{X}$ ,  $\sigma_1^2/\sigma_d^2$ .

- Compute matrix norms. E.g.  $\|\underline{X}\|_2 = \sigma_1$ ,  $\|\underline{X}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d \sigma_i^2}$ .

- Compute matrix square root – i.e. find a matrix  $\underline{B}$  such that  $\underline{B}\underline{B}^T = \underline{X}$ . Used e.g. in sampling from Gaussian with covariance  $\underline{X}$ .

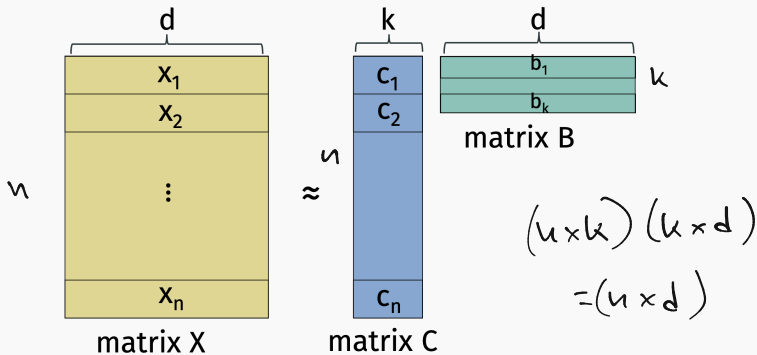
- Principal component analysis.

**Killer app:** Read off optimal low-rank approximations for  $\underline{X}$ .



## LOW-RANK APPROXIMATION

Approximate  $X$  as the product of two rank  $k$  matrices:

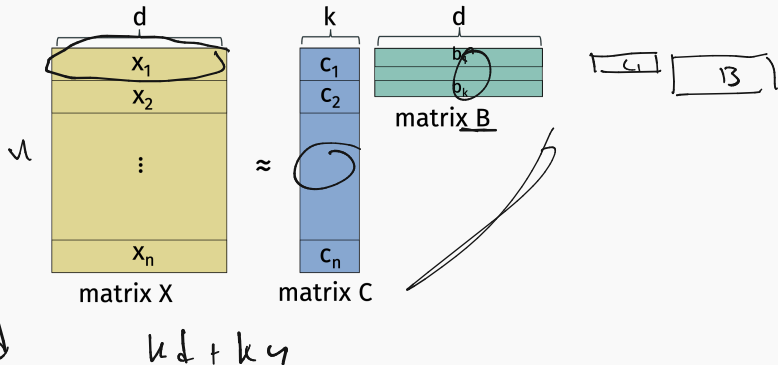


Typically choose C and B to minimize:

$$\min_{B, C} \|X - CB\|$$

for some matrix norm. Common choice is  $\|X - CB\|_F^2$ .

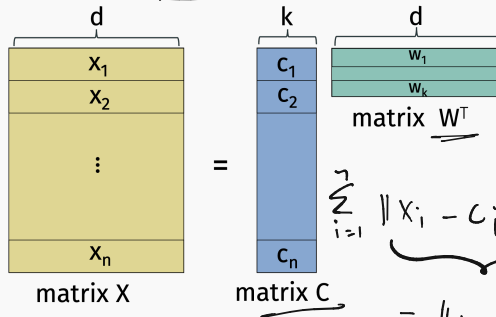
## APPLICATIONS OF LOW-RANK APPROXIMATION



- $CB$  takes  $O(k(n + d))$  space to store instead of  $O(\underline{nd})$ .
- Regression problems involving  $\underline{CB}$  can be solved in  $O(nk^2)$  instead of  $O(\underline{nd^2})$  time.
- Will see a bunch more in a minute.

## LOW-RANK APPROXIMATION

Without loss of generality can assume that the right matrix is orthogonal. I.e.  $W^T$  with  $\underline{W^T W = I}$



$$X_i \approx C_i \beta$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$z_i, \omega^T = C_i \beta$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|X_i - C_i W^T\|_2^2$$

$$= \|X_i - \omega C_i\|_2^2$$

Then we should choose  $C$  to minimize:

$$\min_{C, W} \|X - CW^T\|_F^2$$

This is just  $n$  least squares regression problems!

## LOW-RANK APPROXIMATION

$$\min \|Az - b\|_2^2$$

$$z^* = \underline{(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b}$$

$$c_i = \arg \min_c \| \underline{Wc} - x_i \|_2^2$$

$$2A^T(Az - b) = 0$$

$$(\underbrace{W^T W}_{I})^{-1} W^T x_i$$

$$\underline{c_i} = \underline{W^T x_i}$$

$$\underline{C} = \underline{XW}$$

So our optimal low-rank approximation always has the form:

$$X \approx \underline{XWW^T}$$

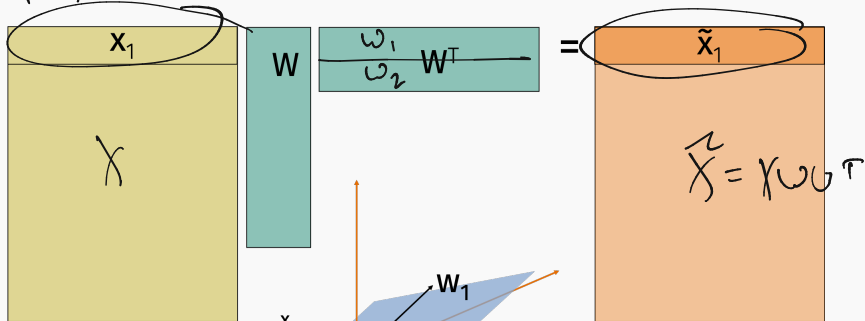
$$\min_W \|X - XWW^T\|_F$$

# PROJECTION MATRICES

$WW^T$  is a symmetric projection matrix.

$$P \cdot P = P$$

$\underbrace{XWW^T}_{\text{Projection}} \rightarrow \text{Projection}$



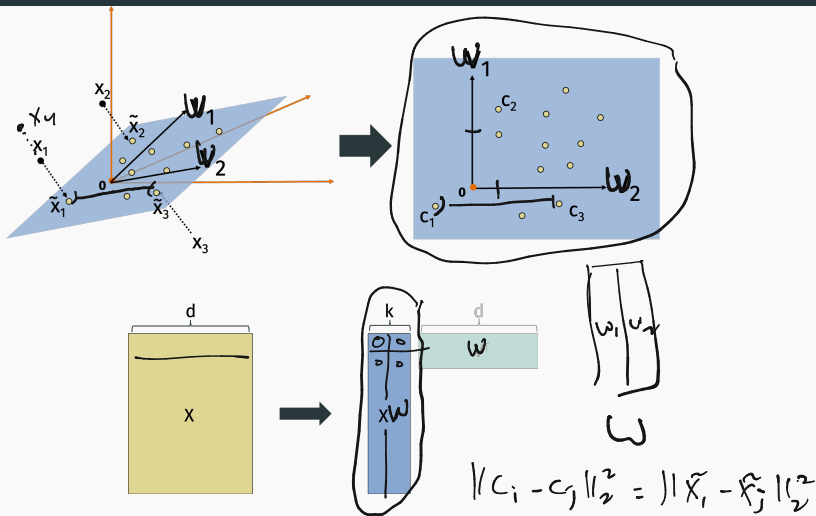
$\rightarrow$  row vector

$$x_1 W W^T$$

$$= W W^T x_1 \rightarrow \text{column vector}$$

$$\underbrace{W W^T W W^T}_{I} x = W W^T x$$

# LOW-RANK APPROXIMATION



$C = XW$  can be used as a compressed version of data matrix  $X$ .

Let  $C = XW$ . We have that:

$$\|x_i - x_j\|_2 \approx \|x_i^T W W^T - x_j^T W W^T\|_2 = \|c_i - c_j\|_2$$

$\nearrow \tilde{x}_i$        $\nearrow \tilde{x}_j$

Similarly, we expect that:

- $\|x_i\|_2 \approx \|c_i\|_2$
- $\langle x_i, x_j \rangle \approx \langle c_i, c_j \rangle$
- etc.

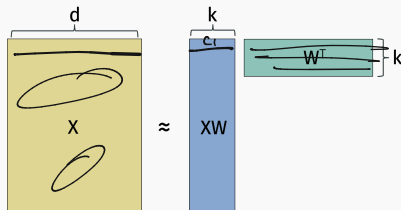
$$\|x_i - x_j\|_2 \approx \|c_i - c_j\|_2$$

$$c_i, c_j \in \{\}^k \quad x_i, x_j \in \{\}^d$$

How does this compare to Johnson-Lindenstrauss projection?

## WHY IS DATA APPROXIMATELY LOW-RANK?

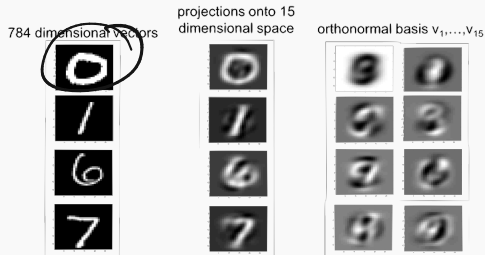
Rows of  $\mathbf{X}$  (data points) are approximately spanned by  $k$  vectors. Columns of  $\mathbf{X}$  (data features) are approximately spanned by  $k$  vectors.





## ROW REDUNDANCY

If a data set only had  $k$  unique data points, it would be exactly rank  $k$ . If it has  $k$  “clusters” of data points (e.g. the 10 digits) it’s often very close to rank  $k$ .



## COLUMN REDUNDANCY

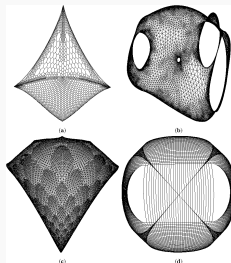
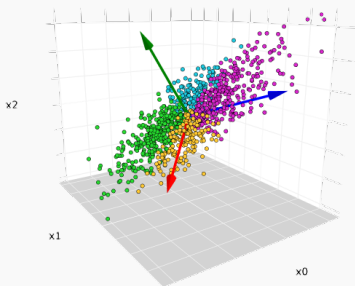
Colinearity/correlation of data features leads to a low-rank data matrix.

	bedrooms	bathrooms	sq.ft.	floors	list price	sale price
home 1	2	2	1800	2	200,000	195,000
home 2	4	2.5	2700	1	300,000	310,000
.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.	.	.
home n	5	3.5	3600	3	450,000	450,000

# APPLICATIONS OF LOW-RANK APPROXIMATION

Fact that  $\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2 \approx \|\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{W}^T - \mathbf{x}_j^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{W}^T\|_2 = \|\underline{\mathbf{c}}_i - \underline{\mathbf{c}}_j\|_2$  leads to lots of applications.

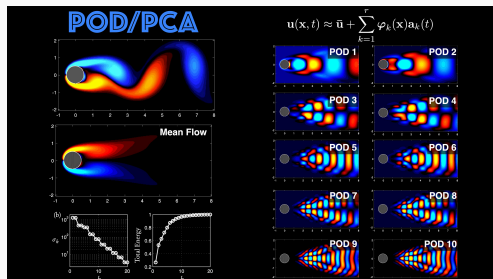
- Data compression. E.g. used in state-of-the-art data dependence methods for nearest neighbor search.
- Data visualization when  $k = 2$  or 3.



• Entity embeddings (next lecture).

# APPLICATIONS OF LOW-RANK APPROXIMATION

- Reduced order modeling for solving physical equations.



- Constructing preconditioners in optimization.
- Many more.

# PARTIAL SVD

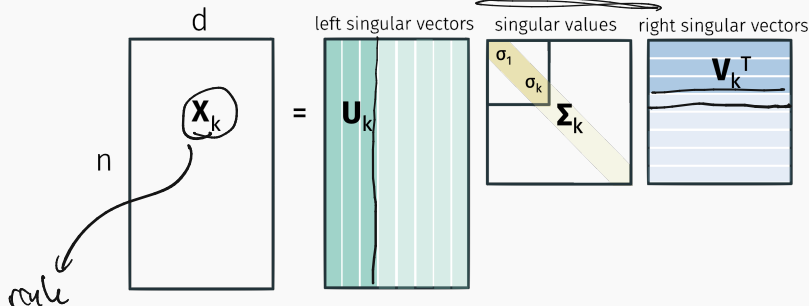
( Can find the best projection from the singular value decomposition.

$$X_k = U_k U_k^T X$$

$$X_k = X U_k U_k^T$$

$$\underline{O(nd^2)}$$

$$O(ndk)$$



$$\underline{V_k} = \arg \min_{\text{orthogonal } \underline{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}} \|X - X \underline{W} \underline{W}^T\|_F^2$$

## OPTIMAL LOW-RANK APPROXIMATION

$$\text{Claim: } X_k = \underline{U_k \Sigma_k V_k^T} = \underline{X V_k V_k^T}.$$

$$X V_k \underline{V_k^T} = U_k \Sigma_k \underline{V_k^T}$$

$$X V_k = U_k \Sigma_k$$

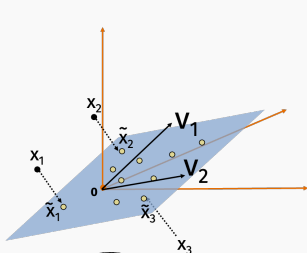
$$\underline{U \Sigma V^T V_k} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 0 \\ 0 & & & 0 \\ 0 & & & 0 \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c} \hline 6, \dots, 6_n \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

# OPTIMALITY OF SVD

Claim 1:

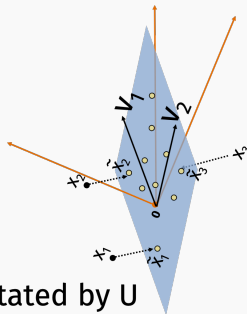
$$\underline{U} \underline{\Sigma}_n \underline{U}_n^T = U_n \Sigma_n U_n^T$$

$$\arg \min_{\text{rank } k \text{ B}} \|\underline{X} - \underline{B}\|_F^2 = \underline{U} \cdot \arg \min_{\text{rank } k \text{ B}} \|\underline{\Sigma V}^T - \underline{B}\|_F^2$$



$$\underline{\underline{\Sigma V^T}}$$

$$U \Sigma U^T$$



Rotated by  $U$   
on the left

# OPTIMALITY OF SVD

Claim 2:



Claim 3:

$$\arg \min_{\text{rank } k \text{ B}} \|\Sigma V^T - B\|_F^2 = \arg \min_{\text{rank } k \text{ B}} \|V \Sigma - B^T\|_F^2$$

$$B^T = \bar{V}_k \bar{\Sigma}_k$$

$$B = \Sigma_k V_k^T$$

$$\rightarrow \|V^T(V\Sigma - B^T)\|_F^2$$

$$\arg \min_{\text{rank } k \text{ B}} \|V\Sigma - B^T\|_F^2 = \arg \min_{\text{rank } k \text{ B}} \|\Sigma - V^T B^T\|_F^2$$

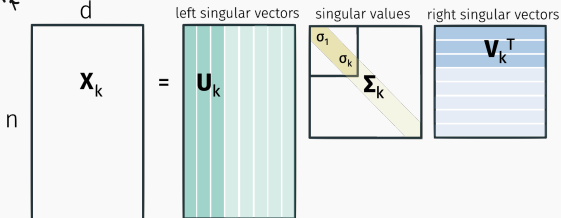
Chose  $B^T$  so that  $V^T B^T = \underline{\underline{\Sigma_k}}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_k \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_k & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \\ & 0 & 0 \\ & & \sigma_{k+1} & \ddots & \sigma_n \end{bmatrix}$$



## USEFUL OBSERVATIONS

$$\|X - XGG^T\|_F \geq \|X - XU_nU_n^T\|_F$$



Observation 1:

$$\arg \min_{W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}} \|X - XWW^T\|_F^2 = \left( \arg \max_{W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}} \|XWW^T\|_F^2 \right)$$

Follows from fact that for all orthogonal W:

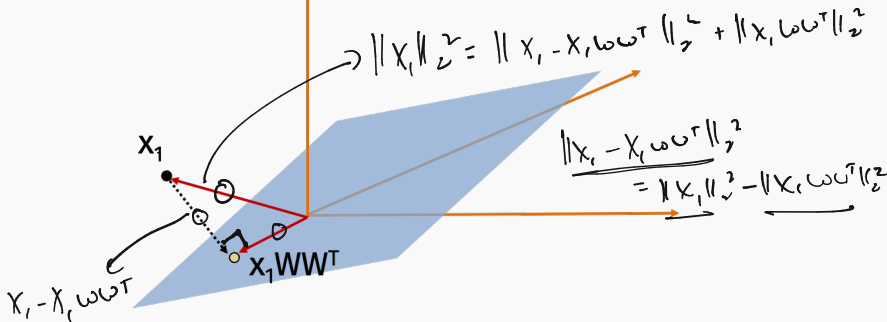
$$\|X - XWW^T\|_F^2 = \|X\|_F^2 - \|XWW^T\|_F^2$$

Pythagorean  
Theorem

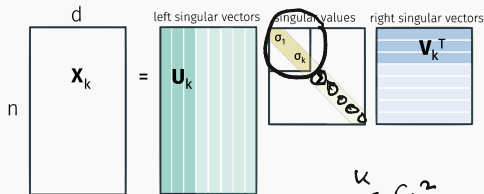
## USEFUL OBSERVATIONS

Claim:

$$\sum_{i \in I} \|x_i - x_i \omega \omega^T\|_2^2 = \|X - XWW^T\|_F^2 = \|X\|_F^2 - \|XWW^T\|_F^2$$



## USEFUL OBSERVATIONS



**Observation 2:** The optimal low-rank approximation error

$$\underline{E_k} = \|X - X V_k V_k^T\|_F^2 = \|X\|_F^2 - \|X V_k V_k^T\|_F^2 \text{ can be written:}$$

$$E_k = \sum_{i=k+1}^d \sigma_i^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^d \sigma_i^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2$$

## SPECTRAL PLOTS

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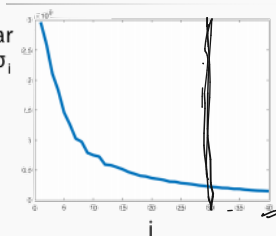
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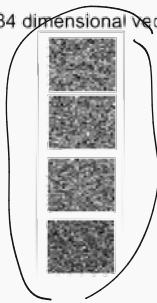
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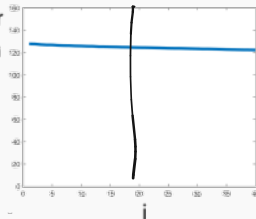
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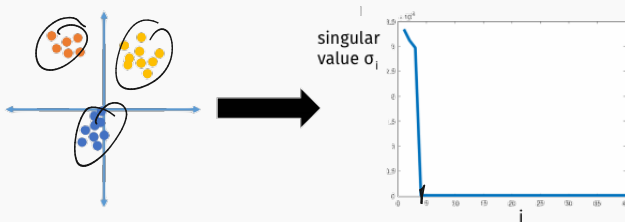
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## COMPUTING THE SVD

Suffices to compute right singular vectors  $V$ :

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

$$X = \underline{U} \underline{\Sigma}$$

- Compute  $X^T X$ .
- Find eigendecomposition  $V \Lambda V^T = X^T X$  using e.g. QR algorithm.
- Compute  $L = XV$ . Set  $\sigma_i = \|L_i\|_2$  and  $U_i = L_i / \|L_i\|_2$ .

$$X \rightarrow n \times d$$

$$\text{Total runtime} \approx O(nd^2) + d^3 \log \log(K_\epsilon)$$

## COMPUTING THE SVD (FASTER)

- Compute approximate solution. }
- Only compute top  $k$  singular vectors/values. Runtime will depend on  $k$ . When  $k = d$  we can't do any better than classical algorithms based on eigendecomposition.
- Iterative algorithms achieve runtime  $\approx O(ndk)$  vs.  $O(nd^2)$  time.
  - **Krylov subspace methods** like the Lanczos method are most commonly used in practice.
  - **Power method** is the simplest Krylov subspace method, and still works very well.

**What we won't discuss today:** sketching methods and stochastic methods (which are faster in some settings).



# POWER METHOD

Today: What about when  $k = 1$ ?

Goal: Find some  $\mathbf{z} \approx \mathbf{v}_1$ .

Input:  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  with SVD  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$ .

$$\|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{v}_1\|_2^2 \leq \epsilon$$

$$\alpha_{\text{old}} \rightarrow \alpha_{\text{nd}} \\ \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{z}^{(i-1)})$$

Power method:

- Choose  $\mathbf{z}^{(0)}$  randomly.  $\mathbf{z}_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .
- $\mathbf{z}^{(0)} = \mathbf{z}^{(0)} / \|\mathbf{z}^{(0)}\|_2$
- For  $i = 1, \dots, T$   $\rightarrow$   $T$  iterations
  - $\mathbf{z}^{(i)} = \mathbf{X}^T \cdot (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{z}^{(i-1)})$
  - $n_i = \|\mathbf{z}^{(i)}\|_2$
  - $\mathbf{z}^{(i)}$  =  $\mathbf{z}^{(i)} / n_i$

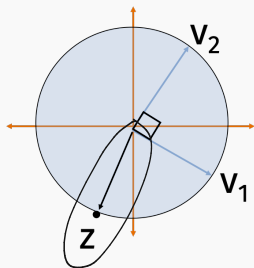
Return  $\mathbf{z}^{(T)}$

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$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_d \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{X} \quad \mathbf{z}^{(i-1)} \quad O(ndT)$$

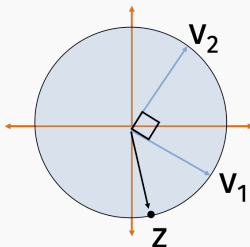
# POWER METHOD INTUITION

0 iterations



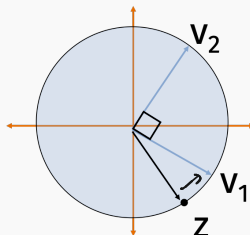
$$z = v_1$$

1 iterations



$$\frac{x^T x z}{\|x^T x z\|_2}$$

2 iterations



$$\frac{\lambda_1 (x^T x) \cdot v_1}{\|x^T x z\|_2}$$

$$\underline{c = v_1}$$

# POWER METHOD FORMAL CONVERGENCE

## Theorem (Basic Power Method Convergence)

$$G_1 = G_2 : \gamma = 0$$
$$G_2 < G_1 : \gamma \text{ larger}$$

Let  $\gamma = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{\sigma_1}$  be parameter capturing the “gap” between the first and second largest singular values. If Power Method is initialized with a random Gaussian vector then, with high probability, after  $T = O\left(\frac{\log d/\epsilon}{\gamma}\right)$  steps, we have either:

$$\|v_1 - z^{(T)}\|_2 \leq \epsilon \quad \text{or} \quad \|v_1 - (-z^{(T)})\|_2 \leq \epsilon.$$

Total runtime:  $O\left(nd \cdot \frac{\log d/\epsilon}{\gamma}\right)$

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# ONE STEP ANALYSIS OF POWER METHOD

$$\underline{\mathbf{z}}^{(i)} = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{z}^{(i-1)}$$

Write  $\mathbf{z}^{(i)}$  in the right singular vector basis:

$$\underline{\mathbf{z}}^{(0)} = c_1^{(0)} \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2^{(0)} \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_d^{(0)} \mathbf{v}_d \longrightarrow \mathbf{c}^{(0)}$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{z}}^{(1)} = \underline{c}_1^{(1)} \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2^{(1)} \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \underline{c}_d^{(1)} \mathbf{v}_d$$

$\vdots$

$$\underline{\mathbf{z}}^{(i)} = c_1^{(i)} \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2^{(i)} \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_d^{(i)} \mathbf{v}_d$$

$$\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{c}^{(i)}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{v}} \quad \parallel$$

**Note:**  $[c_1^{(i)}, \dots, c_d^{(i)}] = \mathbf{c}^{(i)} = \underline{\underline{\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{z}^{(i)}}}$

**Also:**  $\|\mathbf{c}^{(i)}\|_2^2 = \sum_{j=1}^d (c_j^{(i)})^2 = \underline{\underline{1}}$

# ONE STEP ANALYSIS OF POWER METHOD

Claim: After update  $\mathbf{z}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{n_j} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{z}^{(i-1)}$ ,  $c_1^{(i-1)} \dots c_d^{(i-1)}$

$$c_j^{(i)} = \frac{1}{n_j} \sigma_j^2 c_j^{(i-1)}$$

$$\mathbf{z}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{n_j} \left[ c_1^{(i-1)} \sigma_1^2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2^{(i-1)} \sigma_2^2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_d^{(i-1)} \sigma_d^2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_d \right]$$

$$c^{(i)} = \sum c^{(i-1)}$$

$$c^{(i-1)} = V^T \mathbf{z}^{(i-1)}$$

$$c^{(i)} = V^T \mathbf{z}^{(i)} = V^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{z}^{(i-1)} \cdot \frac{1}{n_j}$$

$$V \Sigma V^T U \Sigma V^T = V \Sigma^2 V^T$$

$$\cancel{V^T X} \cancel{X \Sigma} \underbrace{V^T \mathbf{z}^{(i-1)}}_{c^{(i-1)}}$$

## MULTI-STEP ANALYSIS OF POWER METHOD

$$G_1^2 > G_2^2 > G_3^2 > \dots$$

Claim: After  $T$  updates:

$$\underline{z^{(T)}} = \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^T n_i} \left[ \underbrace{c_1^{(0)} \sigma_1^{2T}}_{\downarrow \approx 0} v_1 + c_2^{(0)} \sigma_2^{2T} v_2 + \dots + c_d^{(0)} \sigma_d^{2T} v_d \right]$$

Let  $\underline{\alpha_j} = \left( \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^T n_i} \right) c_j^{(0)} \sigma_j^{2T}$ . Goal: Show that  $\underline{\alpha_j} \ll \underline{\alpha_1}$  for all  $j \neq 1$ .

## POWER METHOD FORMAL CONVERGENCE

Since  $\mathbf{z}^{(T)}$  is a unit vector,  $\sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i^2 = 1$ . So  $|\alpha_1| \leq 1$ .

If we can prove that  $\left| \frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_1} \right| \leq \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{d}}$  then:

$$\|\mathbf{z}^{(T)} - \mathbf{v}_1\|_2^2 \leq 2\epsilon$$

$$\alpha_j^2 \leq \alpha_1^2 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{d}$$

$$1 = \alpha_1^2 + \sum_{j=2}^d \alpha_j^2 \leq \alpha_1^2 + \epsilon$$

$$\alpha_1^2 \geq 1 - \epsilon$$
$$\leq \alpha_1^2 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{d} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{d} \quad \underline{|\alpha_1| \geq 1 - \epsilon}$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{z}^{(T)}\|_2^2 = 2 - 2\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{z}^{(T)} \rangle \leq 2\epsilon$$

$\nearrow \geq (1-\epsilon)$

## POWER METHOD FORMAL CONVERGENCE

Lets proves that  $\left| \frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_1} \right| \leq \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{d}}$  where  $\alpha_j = \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^T n_i} c_j^{(0)} \sigma_j^{2T}$

**Assumption:** Starting coefficients are all roughly equal.

For all  $j$   $\underline{O(1/d^{1.5})} \leq \underline{|c_j^{(0)}|} \leq \underline{1.}$

This is a very loose bound, but it's all that we will need. We will prove shortly that it holds with probability 99/100.

$$\frac{|\alpha_j|}{|\alpha_1|} = \frac{\sigma_j^{2T}}{\sigma_1^{2T}} \cdot \frac{|c_j^{(0)}|}{|c_1^{(0)}|} \leq \left(\frac{G_j}{G_1}\right)^{2T} \cdot d^{1.5} \leq \left(\frac{G_2}{G_1}\right)^{2T} \cdot d^{1.5}$$

$$\leq (1-\gamma)^{2T} \cdot d^{1.5} \leq \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{d}}$$

Need  $T = \frac{\log(d/\epsilon)}{\gamma}$

$$\left((1-\gamma)^{1/\gamma}\right)^{\log(d/\epsilon)} \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{\log(d/\epsilon)} \leq \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{d}}$$



## STARTING COEFFICIENT ANALYSIS

**Need to prove:** Starting coefficients are all roughly equal.

$$\text{For all } j \quad \underline{O(1/d^{1.5})} \leq |c_j^{(0)}| \leq 1$$

with probability 99/100. **Prove using Gaussian (anti)-concentration.**

$$\frac{z^0}{\|z^0\|_2}$$

Right hand side is immediate from fact that  $\sum_j (c_j^{(0)})^2 = 1$ .

To show the left hand side we first use rotational invariance of Gaussian:

$$\underline{c^{(0)}} = \frac{V^T \underline{z^{(0)}}}{\|z^{(0)}\|_2} = \frac{V^T z^{(0)}}{\|V^T z^{(0)}\|_2} \sim \frac{\underline{g}}{\|g\|_2},$$

where  $\underline{g} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)^d$ .

## STARTING COEFFICIENT ANALYSIS

Need to show that with high probability, every entry of

$$\frac{g}{\|g\|_2} \geq c \cdot \frac{1}{d^{1.5}}.$$

**Part 1:** With probability  $999/1000$ ,

$$\|g\|_2 \leq O(\sqrt{d})$$

$$\|g\|_2^2 \leq \underline{2d}$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$= \sum g_i^2$$

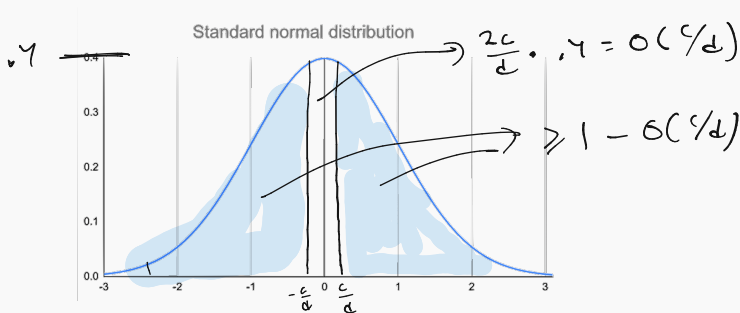
$$\underline{\mathbb{E}[\|g\|_2^2]} = \sum \mathbb{E}[g_i^2] = \underline{d}$$

## STARTING COEFFICIENT ANALYSIS

Need to show that with high probability, the magnitude of every entry of  $\underline{\underline{\mathbf{g}}} \geq \underline{c \cdot \frac{1}{d}}$ .

Part 2: With probability  $\underline{1 - \frac{c}{d}}$ ,

for any  $i$ ,  $\underline{|g_i|} \geq O\left(\frac{c}{d}\right)$ .



Applying union bound completes the result.

## POWER METHOD FORMAL CONVERGENCE

### Theorem (Basic Power Method Convergence)

Let  $\gamma = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{\sigma_1}$  be parameter capturing the “gap” between the first and second largest singular values. If Power Method is initialized with a random Gaussian vector then, with high probability, after  $T = O\left(\frac{\log d/\epsilon}{\gamma}\right)$  steps, we have either:  $O(\gamma^{1/2})$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{z}^{(T)}\|_2 \leq \epsilon \quad \text{or} \quad \|\mathbf{v}_1 - (-\mathbf{z}^{(T)})\|_2 \leq \epsilon.$$

The method truly won't converge if  $\gamma$  is very small. Consider extreme case when  $\gamma = 0$ .

$$\mathbf{z}^{(T)} = \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^T n_i} \left[ c_1^{(0)} \sigma_1^{2T} \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2^{(0)} \sigma_2^{2T} \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_d^{(0)} \sigma_d^{2T} \cdot \mathbf{v}_d \right]$$

## Theorem (Gapless Power Method Convergence)

If Power Method is initialized with a random Gaussian vector then, with high probability, after  $T = O\left(\frac{\log(d/\epsilon)}{\epsilon}\right)$  steps, we obtain a  $\mathbf{z}$  satisfying:

~~$1/2$~~   ~~$\sqrt{1/2}$~~   ~~$1/4$~~

$$\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^T\|_F^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon)\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{v}_1\mathbf{v}_1^T\|_F^2$$

**Intuition:** For a good low-rank approximation, we don't actually need to converge to  $\mathbf{v}_1$  if  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are the same or very close. Would suffice to return either  $\mathbf{v}_1$  or  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , or some linear combination of the two.

## GENERALIZATIONS TO LARGER $k$

- Block Power Method aka Simultaneous Iteration aka Subspace Iteration aka Orthogonal Iteration

### Power method:

- Choose  $\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}$  be a random Gaussian matrix.
- $\mathbf{Z}_0 = \text{orth}(\mathbf{G})$ .
- For  $i = 1, \dots, T$ 
  - $\mathbf{Z}^{(i)} = \mathbf{X}^T \cdot (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Z}^{(i-1)})$
  - $\mathbf{Z}^{(i)} = \text{orth}(\mathbf{Z}^{(i)})$

Return  $\mathbf{Z}^{(T)}$

**Runtime:**  $O\left(\frac{\log d/\epsilon}{\epsilon}\right)$  iterations to obtain a nearly optimal low-rank approximation:

$$\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}^T\|_F^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon)\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{V}_k\mathbf{V}_k^T\|_F^2.$$

Possible to “accelerate” these methods.

$$\frac{\log d / \epsilon}{\epsilon}$$

**Convergence Guarantee:**  $T = O\left(\frac{\log d / \epsilon}{\sqrt{\epsilon}}\right)$  iterations to obtain a nearly optimal low-rank approximation:

$$\|X - XZZ^T\|_F^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon) \|X - XV_k V_k^T\|_F^2.$$

Runtime:  $O(\text{nnz}(X) \cdot k \cdot T) \leq O(ndk \cdot T)$ .

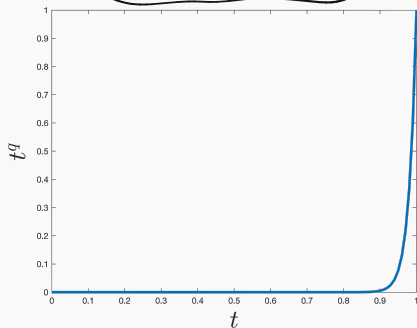
$$\frac{\log d / \epsilon}{\gamma}$$

$$\frac{\log(d/\epsilon)}{\sqrt{\gamma}}$$

# KRYLOV SUBSPACE METHODS

$$X^T X X^T X \dots X^T X$$

$$\underline{z^{(q)}} = c \cdot \underline{(X^T X)^q} \cdot g$$



$$\underline{\underline{z^{(q)}}} = c \cdot \left[ c_1 \cdot \sigma_1^{2q} \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \cdot \sigma_2^{2q} \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \cdot \sigma_n^{2q} \mathbf{v}_n \right]$$



$$(X^T X)^{k-1} g$$

$$z^{(q)} = c \cdot (X^T X)^q \cdot g$$

Along the way we computed:

$$\mathcal{K}_q = \left[ \underline{g}, (X^T X) \cdot \underline{g}, (X^T X)^2 \cdot \underline{g}, \dots, (X^T X)^q \cdot \underline{g} \right]$$

$\mathcal{K}$  is called the Krylov subspace of degree  $q$ .

**Idea behind Krylov methods:** Don't throw away everything before  $(X^T X)^q \cdot g$ . What you're using when you run `svds` or `eigs` in MATLAB or Python.

Want to find  $\mathbf{v}$ , which minimizes  $\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\|_F^2$ .

$$\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\|_F^2$$

Lanczos method:

- Let  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times g}$  be an orthonormal span for the vectors in  $\mathcal{K}$ .
- Solve  $\min_{\mathbf{v}=\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{w}} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\|_F^2$ . return  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{w}$ 
  - Find best vector in the Krylov subspace, instead of just using last vector.
  - Can be done in  $O(\underline{ndg} + dg^2)$  time.

2nd g

# LANCZOS METHOD ANALYSIS

For a degree  $t$  polynomial  $\underline{\underline{p}}$ , let  $\underline{\underline{v_p}} = \frac{p(X^T X)g}{\|p(X^T X)g\|_2}$ .

Power method returns:

$$(X^T X - 2(X^T X)^2 + 3(X^T X)^3)g$$

$v_{X^3}$ .

Lanczos method returns  $\underline{\underline{v_{p^*}}}$  where:

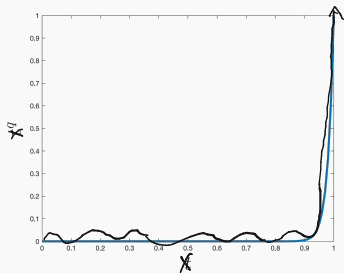
$$\underline{\underline{p^*}} = \arg \min_{\text{degree } p} \|X - Xv_p v_p^T\|_F^2.$$

$$\underline{C_0} g + \underline{C_1 X^T X g} + \dots + \underline{C_8 (X^T X)^8 g}$$

$p(X^T X)g$  for deg 8 poly  $p$ .

# LANCZOS METHOD ANALYSIS

**Claim:** There is a  $t = O\left(\sqrt{q \log \frac{1}{\Delta}}\right)$  degree polynomial  $\hat{p}$  approximating  $x^q$  up to error  $\underline{\Delta} \sigma_1^2$  on  $[0, \sigma_1^2]$ .



$$\Delta = \frac{\rho_0(\epsilon)}{\sqrt{q} \sigma_1^2}$$

$$q = \frac{\log(d/\epsilon)}{\gamma}$$

$$\|X - Xv_{p^*}v_{p^*}^T\|_F^2 \leq \|X - Xv_{\hat{p}}v_{\hat{p}}^T\|_F^2 \approx \|X - Xv_{x^q}v_{x^q}^T\|_F^2 \approx \|X - Xv_1v_1^T\|_F^2$$

**Runtime:**  $O\left(\frac{\log(d/\epsilon)}{\sqrt{\gamma}} \cdot \text{nnz}(X)\right)$  vs.  $O\left(\frac{\log(d/\epsilon)}{\gamma} \cdot \text{nnz}(X)\right)$

## POWER METHOD – NO GAP DEPENDENCE

Again convergence is slow when  $\gamma = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{\sigma_1}$  is small.  $\mathbf{z}^{(q)}$  has large components of both  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ . But in this case:

$$\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{v}_1\mathbf{v}_1^T\|_F^2 = \sum_{i \neq 1} \sigma_i^2 \approx \sum_{i \neq 2} \sigma_i^2 = \sigma_i^2 \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{v}_2\mathbf{v}_2^T\|_F^2.$$

So we don't care! Either  $\mathbf{v}_1$  or  $\mathbf{v}_2$  give good rank-1 approximations.

**Claim:** To achieve

$$\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^T\|_F^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon) \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{v}_1\mathbf{v}_1^T\|_F^2$$

we need  $O\left(\frac{\log(d/\epsilon)}{\epsilon}\right)$  power method iterations or  $O\left(\frac{\log(d/\epsilon)}{\sqrt{\epsilon}}\right)$  Lanczos iterations.

## GENERALIZATIONS TO LARGER $k$

- Block Krylov methods

$$\text{ord}_p(X^T X) \cdot G$$

- Let  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}$  be a random Gaussian matrix.

$$K_q = [G, (X^T X) \cdot G, (X^T X)^2 \cdot G, \dots, \underbrace{(X^T X)^q \cdot G}]$$

$\downarrow$   
approx to  $V_k$

**Runtime:**  $O\left(\text{nnz}(X) \cdot k \cdot \frac{\log d/\epsilon}{\sqrt{\epsilon}}\right)$  to obtain a nearly optimal low-rank approximation.

$$\sqrt{\gamma}$$

k+p vectors

$$\underline{d(k+p)}$$

$$\frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_{k+1}}{\lambda_k}$$

$$\frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_{k+p}}{\lambda_k}$$