

L11 Singular values

1. Eigenvalue decomposition of Hermitian matrices

(1) Orthonormal matrices

For $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ and $B = (b_{ij})_{m \times n}$ $\langle A, B \rangle = \sum_{ij} \bar{b}_{ij} a_{ij} = \text{tr}(B^* A)$ is an inner product.

With this inner product

A is a unit matrix $\xLeftrightarrow{\text{def}} \|A\| = 1 \iff \|A\|^2 = 1 \iff \langle A, A \rangle = 1$.

A and B are orthogonal $\xLeftrightarrow{\text{def}} \langle A, B \rangle = 0$ but $A \neq 0$ and $B \neq 0$.

Matrices $M_1, \dots, M_n$ are orthonormal $\xLeftrightarrow{\text{def}} \langle M_i, M_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$.

Ex1: If $U = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in C^{n \times n}$ is unitary, let $M_i = u_i u_i^* \in C^{n \times n}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Then (i) $M_i^* = M_i = M_i^2$ (ii) $\text{rank}(M_i) = 1$ (iii) $M_1, \dots, M_n$ are orthonormal.

(i) $M_i^* = (u_i u_i^*)^* = u_i u_i^* = M_i$; $M_i M_i = (u_i u_i^*)(u_i u_i^*) = u_i u_i^* = M_i$;

(ii) $\text{rank}(M_i) = \text{tr}(M_i) = \text{tr}(u_i u_i^*) = \text{tr}(u_i^* u_i) = \text{tr}(1) = 1$

(iii) $\langle M_i, M_i \rangle = \text{tr}(M_i^* M_i) = \text{tr}(M_i) = 1$; $\langle M_i, M_j \rangle = \text{tr}(u_j u_j^* u_i u_i^*) = \text{tr}(0) = 0$.

(2) Spectral decomposition

EVD of $A = A^* \in C^{n \times n}$ expresses A as a LC of n orthonormal matrices

$A = U \Lambda U^* = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) (u_1, \dots, u_n)^* = \lambda_1 (u_1 u_1^*) + \dots + \lambda_n (u_n u_n^*)$.

This expression is also called a spectral decomposition of A .

(3) Compact form of EVD

If $A^* = A \in C^{n \times n}$ has rank r , then $A = U_I \Lambda_r U_I^*$ where $U_I \in C^{n \times r}$ with $U_I^* U_I = I_r$ and $\Lambda_r = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r)$ with $\lambda_i \neq 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, r$.

If $A = U \Lambda U^*$ has rank r , then Λ has rank r . So $\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ where $\Lambda_r = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r)$

with $\lambda_i \neq 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, r$. Thus $A = (U_I, U_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_I^* \\ U_{II}^* \end{pmatrix} = U_I \Lambda_r U_I^*$.

Ex2: With $A = U_I \Lambda_r U_I^*$, by expanding U_I to unitary $U = (U_I, U_{II})$ and Λ_r to $\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$A = U_I \Lambda_r U_I^* = U \Lambda U^*$. This is a full form of EVD of A .

2. Definite and semi-definite matrices

(1) Recall definitions

$A^* = A \in C^{n \times n}$.

$A > 0 \xLeftrightarrow{\text{def}} x^* A x > 0$ for all $0 \neq x \in C^n$; $A < 0 \xLeftrightarrow{\text{def}} x^* A x < 0$ for all $0 \neq x \in C^n$

$A \geq 0 \xLeftrightarrow{\text{def}} x^* A x \geq 0$ for all $0 \neq x \in C^n$; $A \leq 0 \xLeftrightarrow{\text{def}} x^* A x \leq 0$ for all $0 \neq x \in C^n$.

(2) Iff-conditions

$A^* = A = X \Lambda X^*$ where $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ and X is unitary by EVD.

$A > 0 \iff \lambda_i > 0$ for all i $A < 0 \iff \lambda_i < 0$ for all i

$A \geq 0 \iff \lambda_i \geq 0$ for all i $A \leq 0 \iff \lambda_i \leq 0$ for all i .

Proof Only show $A > 0 \iff \lambda_i > 0$ for all i

$\Rightarrow$: $A = X \Lambda X^* > 0$ where $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is unitary and $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$.

Then $0 < x_i^* A x_i = x_i^* X \Lambda X^* x_i = e_i^* \Lambda e_i = \lambda_i$ for all i .

$\Leftarrow$: $z \neq 0$, $z^* A z = (z^* X) \Lambda (X^* z) \xrightarrow{y=X^* z} y^* \Lambda y = \sum_i \lambda_i |y_i|^2$.

$z \neq 0 \implies y = X^* z \neq 0 \implies \sum_i \lambda_i |y_i|^2 > 0$. So $A > 0$.

(3) Application: Definition of $A^{1/2}$ and $A^{-1/2}$.

For $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ with $\lambda_i \geq 0$ for all i , define $\Lambda^{1/2} = \text{diag}(\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_n})$;

For $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ with $\lambda_i > 0$ for all i , define $\Lambda^{-1/2} = \text{diag}(1/\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \dots, 1/\sqrt{\lambda_n})$.

For $0 \leq A = X\Lambda X^*$ define $A^{1/2} = X\Lambda^{1/2}X^*$. Then $A^{1/2} \geq 0$ and $A^{1/2}A^{1/2} = A$.

For $0 < A = X\Lambda X^*$ define $A^{-1/2} = X\Lambda^{-1/2}X^*$. Then $A^{-1/2} > 0$, $A^{-1/2}A^{-1/2} = A^{-1}$.

3. Singular values of $A \in C^{m \times n}$

(1) Eigenvalues of AA^* and A^*A

For $A \in C^{m \times n}$, all eigenvalues of $AA^* \in C^{m \times m}$ and $A^*A \in C^{n \times n}$ are ≥ 0 .

Proof By EVD for Hermitian AA^* and A^*A , $AA^* = U\Lambda U^*$ and $A^*A = V\Gamma V^*$.

But $AA^* \geq 0$ and $A^*A \geq 0$ since $x^*AA^*x = \|A^*x\|^2 \geq 0$ for all $x \in C^m$ and $y^*A^*Ay = \|Ay\|^2 \geq 0$ for all $y \in C^n$. So all diagonal elements of Λ and Γ are ≥ 0 .

(2) Number of positive eigenvalues of AA^* and A^*A

For $A \in C^{m \times n}$ with rank r , AA^* and A^*A have r positive eigenvalues.

Proof (3) of 3 in L07 shows that $\text{rank}(AA^*) = \text{rank}(A^*A) = \text{rank}(A) = r$.

Thus in EVDs $AA^* = U\Lambda U^*$ and $A^*A = V\Gamma V^*$, $\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in R^{m \times m}$ and

$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in R^{n \times n}$, and all diagonal elements of $\Lambda_r \in R^{r \times r}$ and $\Gamma_r \in R^{r \times r}$ are positives.

(3) Distinct positive eigenvalues of AA^* and A^*A

AA^* and A^*A share the same set of distinct eigenvalues

Proof For “ $\delta^2 > 0$ is an eigenvalue for $AA^* \iff \delta^2 > 0$ is an eigenvalue for A^*A ”

only show $\Rightarrow$: If $\delta^2 > 0$ is an eigenvalue for AA^* , then $AA^*x = \delta^2x$, $x \neq 0$.

So $(A^*A)(A^*x) = \delta^2(A^*x)$. Here $A^*x \neq 0$ since otherwise

$$A^*x = 0 \implies 0 = AA^*x = \delta^2x \implies x = 0 \quad \otimes.$$

Thus $\delta^2 > 0$ is an eigenvalue for A^*A .

(4) $\delta^2 > 0$ is an eigenvalue for AA^* and A^*A with multiplicity r and s . Then $r = s$.

Pf: $\delta^2 > 0$ is an eigenvalue of AA^* with multiplicity r . There exists $B \in C^{m \times r}$ with $B^*B = I_r$ such that $(AA^*)B = \delta^2B$. So $(A^*A)(A^*B) = \delta^2(A^*B)$ where $A^*B \in C^{n \times r}$ with $(A^*B)^*(A^*B) = B^*AA^*B = B^*\delta^2B = \delta^2I_r$. Thus $r \leq s$.

$\delta^2 > 0$ is an eigenvalue of A^*A with multiplicity s . There exists $D \in C^{n \times s}$ with $D^*D = I_s$ such that $(A^*A)D = \delta^2D$. So $(AA^*)(AD) = \delta^2(AD)$ where $(AD)^*(AD) = D^*A^*AD = D^*\delta^2D = \delta^2I_s$. Thus $s \leq r$. It follows that $r = s$.

(5) Singular values of A

For $A \in C^{m \times n}$ with rank r , $AA^* \in C^{m \times m}$ and $A^*A \in C^{n \times n}$ share positive-eigenvalue matrix $\Delta^2 = \text{diag}(\delta_1^2, \dots, \delta_r^2)$ with $\delta_1 \geq \dots \geq \delta_r > 0$. Here $\delta_1 \geq \dots \geq \delta_r > 0$ are positive eigenvalues for A and Δ is the positive-singular value matrix.

Ex3: Find positive-singular matrix for $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Two methods.

$$AA' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \implies |AA' - \lambda I| = \lambda(\lambda - 5) \implies \delta^2 = 5 \implies \Delta^2 = 5, \Delta = \sqrt{5}.$$

$$A'A = 5 \implies \delta^2 = 5 \implies \Delta^2 = 5, \Delta = \sqrt{5}.$$

L12 Singular value decomposition and generalized inverse

1. Singular value decomposition

(1) Singular value decomposition (SVD)

For $A \in C^{m \times n}$ with $\text{rank}(A) = r$

(i) Full form: $A = U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^*$ where $U \in C^{m \times m}$ and $V \in C^{n \times n}$ are unitary and in

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in R^{m \times n} \quad \Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \delta_r \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } \delta_1 \geq \cdots \geq \delta_r > 0 \text{ is positive-singular}$$

value matrix for A .

(ii) Compact form: $A = U_I \Delta V_I^*$ where $U_I \in C^{m \times r}$, $V_I \in C^{n \times r}$, $U_I^* U_I = I_r = V_I^* V_I$, and $\Delta \in R^{r \times r}$ is positive-singular value matrix for A .

(2) Constructive proof approach I

$$\text{By EVD } AA^* = U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U^* = (U_I, U_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (U_I, U_{II})^* = U_I \Delta^2 U_I^*.$$

$$\text{Let } V_I = A^* U_I \Delta^{-1}. \text{ Then } V_I^* V_I = \Delta^{-1} U_I^* A A^* U_I \Delta^{-1} = \Delta^{-1} U_I^* U_I \Delta^2 U_I^* U_I \Delta^{-1} = I_r.$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= U U^* A = U (A^* U)^* = U (A^* U_I, A^* U_{II})^* = U (V_I \Delta, A^* U_{II})^* \\ &= (U_I, U_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta V_I^* \\ U_{II}^* A \end{pmatrix} = U_I \Delta V_I^* + U_{II} U_{II}^* A. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } U_{II}^* A = 0 \text{ since } (U_{II}^* A)(U_{II}^* A)^* = U_{II}^* A A^* U_{II} = U_{II}^* U_I \Delta^2 U_I^* U_{II} = 0.$$

Hence $A = U_I \Delta V_I^*$. The compact form of SVD holds.

$$\text{Expand } V_I \text{ to unitary } V = (V_I, V_{II}). \text{ Then } A = U_I \Delta V_I^* = (U_I, U_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (V_I, V_{II})^*.$$

The full form of SVD holds.

(3) Constructive proof approach II

$$\text{By EVD, } A^* A = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^* = (V_I, V_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (V_I, V_{II})^* = V_I \Delta^2 V_I^*.$$

$$\text{Let } U_I = A V_I \Delta^{-1}. \text{ Then } U_I^* U_I = \Delta^{-1} V_I^* A^* A V_I \Delta^{-1} = \Delta^{-1} V_I^* V_I \Delta^2 V_I^* V_I \Delta^{-1} = I_r.$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= A V V^* = (A V_I, A V_{II}) V^* = (U_I \Delta, A V_{II}) V^* = (U_I \Delta, A V_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} V_I^* \\ V_{II}^* \end{pmatrix} \\ &= U_I \Delta V_I^* + A V_{II} V_{II}^*. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } A V_{II} = 0 \text{ since } (A V_{II})^* (A V_{II}) = V_{II}^* A^* A V_{II} = V_{II}^* V_I \Delta^2 V_I^* V_{II} = 0.$$

Hence $A = U_I \Delta V_I^*$. The compact form of SVD holds.

$$\text{Expand } U_I \text{ to unitary } (U_I, U_{II}). \text{ Then } A = U_I \Delta V_I^* = (U_I, U_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (V_I, V_{II})^*.$$

The full form of SVD holds.

(4) Comment:

For SVD Δ and $\begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ are unique. But U , U_I , V and V_I are not unique.

Ex1: If A has full row rank, then by SVD $A = U(\Delta, 0)V^* = U\Delta V_I^*$.

If A has full column rank, then by SVD $A = U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} V^* = U_I \Delta V^*$.

2. Generalized inverse

(1) Definition

For $A \in C^{m \times n}$ $G \in C^{n \times m}$ is a generalized inverse of A denoted as A^- if $AGA = A$.

(2) Existence, non-uniqueness and expressions

If $A = U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^*$, then $A^- = \left\{ V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix} U^* : H_{12}, H_{21} \text{ and } H_{22} \right\}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textbf{Proof } G \in A^- &\iff AGA = A \iff \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^* G U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &\iff \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &\iff \Delta H_{11} \Delta = \Delta \iff H_{11} = \Delta^{-1} \iff V^* G U = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &\iff G = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix} U^*
 \end{aligned}$$

(3) AA^- and A^-A are idempotent.

$(AA^-)^2 = (AA^-A)A^- = AA^-$ and $(A^-A)^2 = A^-(AA^-A) = A^-A$.

A^- represents the set of all generalized inverses of A , or any individual $G \in A^-$.

Ex2: A has full row rank $\implies A = U(\Delta, 0)V^* \implies A^- = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} \\ H_{21} \end{pmatrix} U^*$.

A has full column rank $\implies A = U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} V^* \implies A^- = V(\Delta^{-1}, H_{12})U^*$.

$A \in C^{m \times n}$ is nonand $\text{rank}(A) = n \implies A = U\Delta V^* \implies A^- = V\Delta^{-1}U^*$.

3. Generalized inverse and ordinary inverse

(1) Left-inverse and A^-

A^L is the collection of all left-inverses of A . If $A^L \neq \emptyset$, then $A^L = A^-$.

Proof $\subset$: $G \in A^L \neq \emptyset \implies GA = I \implies AGA = A \implies G \in A^-$.

$\supset$: $A^L \neq \emptyset \implies A$ has full column rank $\implies$ By SVD $A = U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} V^*$.

$G \in A^- \implies G = V(\Delta^{-1}, H_{12})U^* \implies GA = I \implies G \in A^L$.

(2) Right-inverse and A^-

A^R is the collection of all right-inverses of A . If $A^R \neq \emptyset$, then $A^R = A^-$.

Proof $\subset$: $G \in A^R \neq \emptyset \implies AG = I \implies AGA = A \implies G \in A^-$.

$\supset$: $A^R \neq \emptyset \implies A$ full row rank $\implies$ By SVD $A = U(\Delta, 0)V^*$.

$G \in A^- \implies G = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} \\ H_{21} \end{pmatrix} U^* \implies AG = I \implies G \in A^R$.

(3) Inverse and A^-

Suppose A has inverse A^{-1} . Then $A^{-1} = A^-$.

Proof $AA^{-1}A = A$. So $A^{-1} \in A^-$.

In Ex2 we see $A = U\Delta V^*$ and $A^- = V\Delta^{-1}U^*$. So $AA^- = A^-A = I$.

Hence A^- contains only one matrix that is A^{-1} .