

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i u_i v_i^* \quad \text{since } \sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r \geq 0$$

$$= \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^* + \sigma_2 u_2 v_2^* + \dots + \sigma_r u_r v_r^*$$

If $A_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i u_i v_i^* \approx A$ if $\sigma_{k+1} \ll 1$

Thm: $\min_{\text{rank}(X)=k} \|A - X\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}$ & is achieved by $X = A_k$.

Proof: from Demmel Sect. 3.2.3. Assume $k < r$

Let $X = \text{rank } k$, $X \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$

By FTLA: $\mathbb{C}^n = \underbrace{R(X^*)}_{\text{dim } = k} \oplus \underbrace{N(X)}_{\text{dim } n-k}$.

Now let $A = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i u_i v_i^* \quad \{v_1, \dots, v_r\} \in \mathbb{C}^n$

Since $N(X) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ & $\text{dim}(N(X)) = n-k$ & $k < r$

$$\Rightarrow N(X) \cap \underbrace{\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_{k+1}\}}_{\text{dim } k+1} \neq \emptyset$$

dim $n-k$ dim $k+1$

Let $z \in N(X) \cap \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_{k+1}\}$

assume $\|z\| = 1$

$$\|A - X\| = \max_{\substack{\|x\|=1 \\ x \neq 0}} \|(A-X)x\| \geq \|(A-X)z\|$$

$$= \|Az - Xz\|$$

since $z \in N(X)$

$$= \|Az\|$$

$$= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \sigma_i u_i v_i^* z \right\| \quad \text{by } z \in \text{span}\{u_1, \dots, u_{k+1}\}$$

$$\leq \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \sigma_i \delta_i u_i \right\| \quad \text{w/ } \delta_i = v_i^* z$$

Ignoring σ_i for now,

Note $\left\| \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \delta_i u_i \right\|^2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \delta_i u_i \right)^* \left(\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \delta_i u_i \right)$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \delta_i^2 \quad \text{by } u_j^* u_k = \delta_{jk}$$

Note that $\sum |\delta_i|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (v_i^* z)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (v_i^* z)^2 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} -v_1^* \\ \vdots \\ -v_n^* \end{bmatrix} z \right\|^2$

$$= \|V^* z\|^2 = \|z\|^2 = 1$$

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \sigma_i \delta_i u_i \right\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \sigma_i^2 |\delta_i|^2$$

by V unitary

$$\geq \sigma_{k+1}^2 \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} |\delta_i|^2 = \sigma_{k+1}^2$$

$\Rightarrow \|A - X\| \geq \sigma_{k+1}$ for any rank k matrix X .

$$\text{If } \exists X \text{ s.t. } \|A - X\| = \sigma_{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \min_{\text{rank}(X)=k} \|A - X\| = \sigma_{k+1}$$

$$\text{Note } X = A_k = \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j u_j v_j^T$$

$$\|A - A_k\| = \left\| \sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j u_j v_j^T \right\|$$

$$= \sigma_{k+1}$$

Low rank matrix approx. to datasets.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix} \approx \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j u_j v_j^T \quad (k \ll n)$$

$$\text{Span} \{u_1, \dots, u_k\} \approx R(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Span} \{u_1, \dots, u_k\} \approx R(A) \quad (\text{very math-imprecise!})$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Bill \#} \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix}$$

\leftarrow Members of Congress
 \leftarrow values of v_k corresponded to individual senators.

$$\text{Span} \{v_1, \dots, v_k\} \approx R(A^T)$$

u_1, u_2
 template voting
 patterns

v_1, v_2
 tendencies for each
 senator to fall onto
 these last 2 template
 voting patterns.

