

$S$  is symmetric if  $S^T = S$  (square)

$S$  is sym. post. def if all eigenvalues  $\lambda_i > 0$

Thm:  $S$  is sym. post. def.  $\Leftrightarrow$  positive energy.

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T S x \text{ with } Q(x) > 0 \text{ when } x \neq 0.$$

Thm:  $S$  is sym post def  $\Leftrightarrow S = A^T A$   
with  $A$  having ind. col.

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(2)  $S = A^T A$  then

$$2Q(x) = x^T S x = x^T A^T A x$$

$$= (Ax)^T Ax = \|Ax\|^2 \geq 0$$

When is  $Ax = 0$ ? But, if  $A$  is

lin. ind. col  $A = [\vec{c}_1 \dots \vec{c}_n]$ ,  $Ax = \sum x_i \vec{c}_i = 0$

only when  $x_i = 0$  all  $i$ . So when  $A$

has  $\text{ind col} \Rightarrow Ax = 0$  only when  $x = 0$

so  $2Q(x) = \|Ax\|^2 > 0$  so post def.

3)  $S$  is sym pos def all  $\lambda_i > 0$ .

By the spectral Thm.  $A = U^T S U$ ,  $U^T = U^{-1}$

with all  $\lambda_i > 0$ ,  $A = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$

or  $S = U^{-1} A U^T$ , let  $\sqrt{A} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1^{1/2}, \dots, \lambda_n^{1/2})$

OK since  $\lambda_i > 0$

Let  $A = U \sqrt{A} U^T$

Then  $A^T A = (U \sqrt{A} U^T)^T (U \sqrt{A} U^T)$

$$= U (\sqrt{A})^T U^T U \sqrt{A} U^T$$

$$= U \sqrt{A} \sqrt{A} U^T$$

$$= U A U^T = S$$

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# Singular Value Decomposition

## Geometric meaning

A linear transformation (mult. by a matrix)

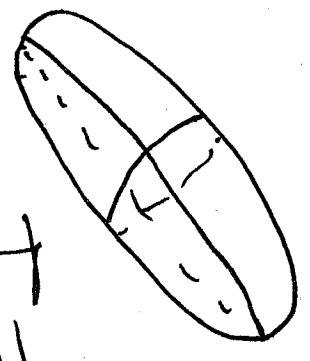
Takes the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 = 1$$



to an

$$\text{ellipsoid } \frac{y_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \dots + \frac{y_n^2}{\sigma_n^2} = 1$$



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Assume  $A$  is square then it has

a decomposition

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

$$\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n), \quad \sigma_i \geq 0 \text{ all } i$$

$U, V$  are  $n \times n$ -orthogonal

$\sigma_i$  = Singular values

rewrite as  $AV = U \Sigma$

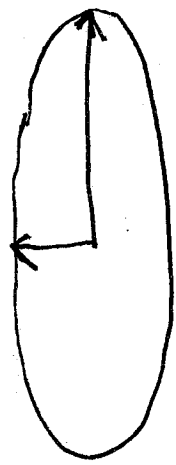
$\sigma_i$  are right sing vector

$\vec{v}_j$  are pre col of  $U$  ~~right~~ left sing vect

$$A \vec{v}_j = \sigma_j \vec{u}_j, \quad \sigma_j \geq 0$$

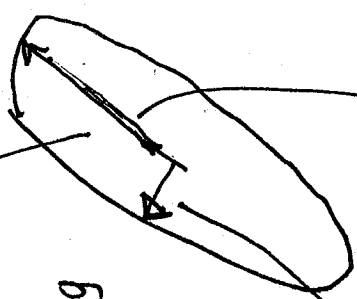
$\Rightarrow$

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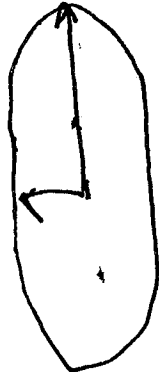


$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

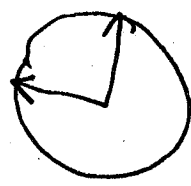
Unit vect  $\vec{u}_1 = u_1$



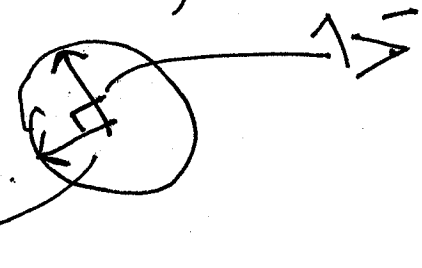
orthog  $\vec{u}_1$



diag  $\Sigma$



orthog  $A^{-1}V^T$



$$A\vec{v}_1 = \sigma_1 \vec{v}_1$$

$\sigma_1 =$  length major axis  
axis

$$A\vec{v}_2 = \sigma_2 \vec{v}_2$$

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

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Proof: when  $A$  is square and invertible ①

$ATA$  is sym, semi pos def  
since  $A$  is invertible it is post def

By spectral theorem

$$V^T (ATA) V = \Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

all  $\lambda_i > 0$ .

Assume  $V = [\vec{v}_1 \dots \vec{v}_n]$ , since  $V$

is orthogonal,  $\vec{v}_i^T \vec{v}_j = \delta_{ij}$

let  $\Delta_L = \sqrt{\Lambda}$

so  $(ATA) \vec{v}_L = \sigma_L^2 \vec{v}_L$  (evec eq for  $ATA$ )

let  $\vec{u}_L = \frac{A \vec{v}_L}{\sigma_L}$  let  $U = [\vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_n]$

(1)  $A \vec{v}_L = \sigma_L \vec{u}_L$  by construction so

$AV = U \Sigma$  works automatically

with  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$ .

(2) we need that  $U$  is orthogonal or

$\vec{u}_L^T \vec{u}_j = \delta_{ij}$  which we check



$$U_L^T \vec{v}_j = \left( A \frac{\vec{v}_L}{\sigma_L} \right)^T \left( A \frac{\vec{v}_j}{\sigma_j} \right)$$

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$$= \frac{\vec{v}_L^T (A^T A \vec{v}_j)}{\sigma_L \sigma_j} = \frac{\vec{v}_L^T \sigma_j^2 \vec{v}_j}{\sigma_L \sigma_j}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_L} \sqrt{\vec{v}_L^T \vec{v}_j} \delta_{ij}$$

as needed

= 1 when

$i=j$