- The Singular Value Decomposition:
  - Encapsulates all aspects of a matrix (hence of a linear transformation)
  - Can be used to solve the basic problems of linear algebra
  - Is widely used in data reduction

- Singular value decomposition (SVD), for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $A = U \Sigma V^T$ , with  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  orthogonal,  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}_+$  diagonal
- The SVD is determined by eigendecomposition of  $A^TA$ , and  $AA^T$ 
  - $A^T A = (U \Sigma V^T)^T (U \Sigma V^T) = V (\Sigma^T \Sigma) V^T$ , an eigendecomposition of  $A^T A$ . The columns of V are eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  and called *right singular vectors* of A
  - $AA^T = (U\Sigma V^T)(U\Sigma^T V^T)^T = U(\Sigma\Sigma^T)U^T$ , an eigendecomposition of  $AA^T$ . The columns of U are eigenvectors of  $AA^T$  and called *left singular vectors* of A
  - The matrix  $\Sigma$  has zero elements except for the diagonal that contains  $\sigma_i$ , the singular values of A computed as the square roots of the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  (or  $A A^T$ )

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{1} & & & \\ & \sigma_{2} & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \sigma_{r} & & \\ & & & & \sigma_{r} & & \\ & & & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}_{+}^{m \times n}$$

• The SVD of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  reveals: rank(A), bases for  $C(A), N(A^T), C(A^T), N(A)$ 



$$\boldsymbol{A} = (\boldsymbol{u}_1 \ \dots \ \boldsymbol{u}_r \ \boldsymbol{u}_{r+1} \ \dots \ \boldsymbol{u}_m) \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_r & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{v}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{v}_r^T \\ \boldsymbol{v}_{r+1}^T \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{v}_n^T \end{pmatrix}$$

• Change of coordinates (solving a linear system)  $m{A}m{x} = m{b}$ ,  $m{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m imes m}$ ,  $m{x}, m{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ 

LU solution	Operations (flops)	SVD solution	Operations (flops)
Factor $LU\!=\!A$	$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{2m^3}{3}\right)$	Factor $\boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{V}^{T}\!=\!\boldsymbol{A}$	$\mathcal{O}(11m^3)$
Forward substitution $Ly = b$	$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m^2}{2}\right)$	Compute $oldsymbol{c} = oldsymbol{U}^T oldsymbol{b}$	$\mathcal{O}(m^2)$
Back substitute $oldsymbol{U} oldsymbol{x} = oldsymbol{y}$	$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m^2}{2}\right)$	Compute $d\!=\!\Sigma^{-1}c$	$\mathcal{O}(m)$
		$d_i = c_i / \sigma_i$ , $i = 1,, m$	
		Compute ${m x}{=}{m V}{m d}$	${\cal O}(m^2)$

flop = floating point operation, defined as an addition and multiplication

• SVD can be used for solving a linear system, but is generally more expensive than the standard LU factorization (Gaussian elimination)

• Find closest approximation to  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  by linear combination of column vectors of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , m > n,  $\min_{x} \|b - Ax\|$ 

QR solution	Operations (flops)	SVD solution	Operations (flops)
Factor $QR\!=\!A$	$\mathcal{O}\left(2mn^2-\frac{2n^3}{3}\right)$	Factor $\boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{V}^{T}\!=\!\boldsymbol{A}$	$\mathcal{O}(2mn^2 + 11n^3)$
Compute $oldsymbol{c} = oldsymbol{Q}^T oldsymbol{b}$	$\mathcal{O}(mn)$	Compute $oldsymbol{c} = oldsymbol{U}^T oldsymbol{b}$	$\mathcal{O}(mn)$
Back substitute ${old R} x {=} c$	$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{n^2}{2}\right)$	Compute $d\!=\!\Sigma^+c$	$\mathcal{O}(n)$
		$d_i = c_i / \sigma_i$ , $i = 1,, n$	
		Compute $x = Vd$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

flop = floating point operation, defined as an addition and multiplication

• SVD can be used for solving a least squares problem, but is generally more expensive than the standard QR factorization (Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization)