

# Recitation Week 10

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# Rank k approximation

1. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a matrix such that using SVD,  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ . Let  $U_r$  and  $V_r$  denote the first  $r$  columns of  $U$  and  $V$  respectively
  - i. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a rank one matrix. Find the value of the square of the its first singular value in terms of entries of  $A$
  - ii. Let's say we have a function  $f$  to measure distance between two matrices such that

$$f: X, Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \quad X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

How would you formulate the optimization problem to find a rank  $k$  matrix  $A_k$  which is at minimal distance to  $A$ ?

1. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a rectangular matrix such that using SVD,  $A = U\Sigma V^T$  and let  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ . Let  $U_r$  and  $V_r$  denote the first  $r$  columns of  $U$  and  $V$  respectively
  1. Show that  $A$  can also be expressed as  $A = XY^T$  where  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$  and  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$  such that  $X$  and  $Y$  have orthogonal columns respectively. Is this factorization unique?
  2. Computationally, what's the advantage of expressing  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  as  $A = XY^T$