

$$M = U \cdot \Sigma \cdot V^*$$

SVD for Total Least Squares


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General form of Total Least Squares

$$E_{\text{TLS}} = \sum_i (\mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{x})^2$$
$$= \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2 \quad \text{(matrix form)}$$
$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 1 \quad \text{constraint}$$

minimize $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2$
subject to $\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 1$



minimize $\frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2}$ (Rayleigh quotient)

Solution is the eigenvector corresponding to smallest eigenvalue of

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$$

(equivalent)

Solution is the column of \mathbf{V} corresponding to smallest singular value

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$$


Singular Value Decomposition

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T$$

ortho-normal diagonal ortho-normal

$n \times m$ $n \times n$ $n \times m$ $m \times m$

unit norm constraint



orthogonal: inner (dot) product between columns/rows is zero

norm (unit vector): magnitude of each column/row is equal to 1

last column of V is the solution to TLS ... buy why?

Why does V give us the solution to the total least squares problem?

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$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{x}\|^2$$

suppressing constraint
from notation for simplicity

due to orthonormality

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just rotates contents and doesn't scale it so magnitude is unchanged

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substitute $\boldsymbol{y} = \mathbf{V}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}$ from orthonormality $\|\mathbf{V}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}\|^2 = \|\boldsymbol{x}\|^2$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{y}} \|\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{y}\|^2$$

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From substitution we know that:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{y}$$

Therefore:

\mathbf{y} is the last column of \mathbf{V}