

# Singular Value Decomposition (matrix factorization)

# Singular Value Decomposition

The SVD is a factorization of a  $m \times n$  matrix into

$$\begin{matrix}
 & & m \times m & & \\
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 m \times n & \text{---} & A = U \Sigma V^T & \text{---} & m \times n \\
 & & \nwarrow & \nearrow & \\
 & & n \times n & &
 \end{matrix}$$

where  $U$  is a  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix,  $V^T$  is a  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix and  $\Sigma$  is a  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix.

For a square matrix ( $m = n$ ):

$$A = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}}_U \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \phi \\ & \ddots & \\ \phi & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix}}_\Sigma \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}^T}_{V^T} \quad \sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \dots$$

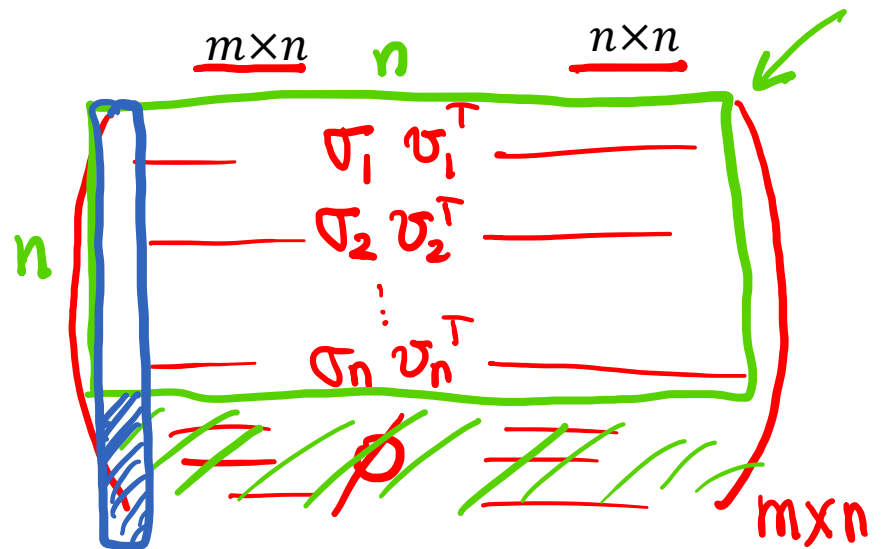
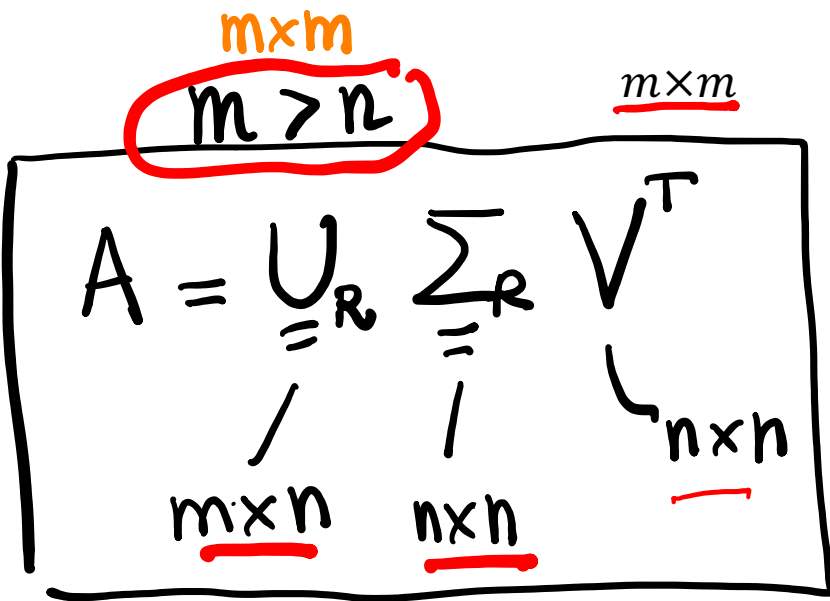
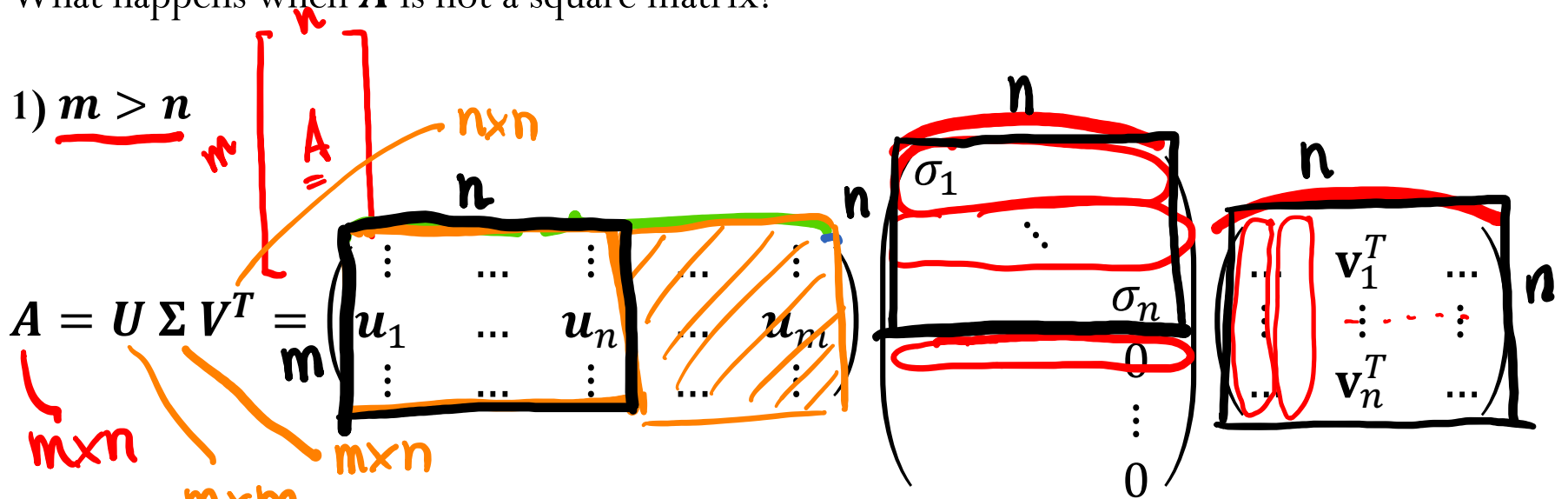
$U_i$  (left singular vectors)      singular values      right singular vector

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \dots & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma_1^T - \\ -\sigma_2^T - \\ \vdots^T - \\ -\mathbf{v}_n^T - \end{pmatrix}$$

# Reduced SVD

What happens when  $A$  is not a square matrix?

1)  $m > n$

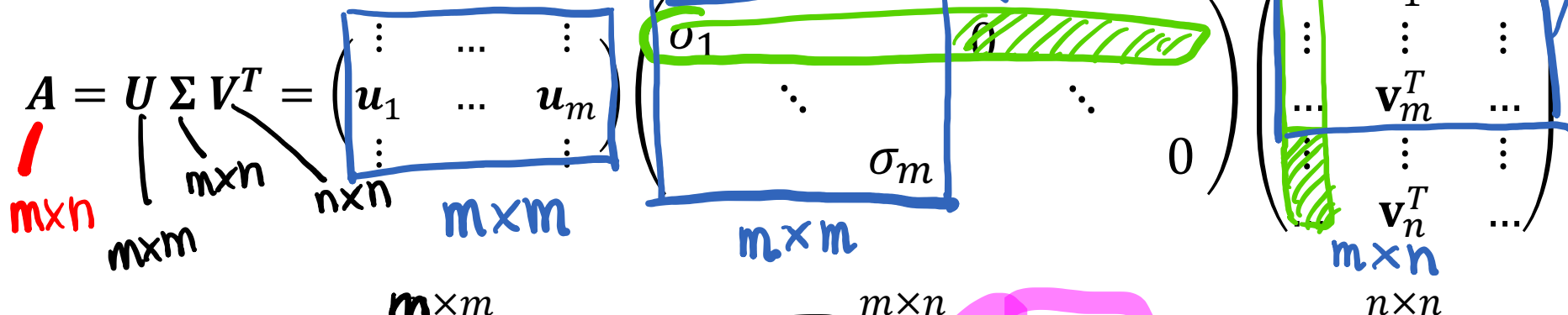


# Reduced SVD

2)  $n > m$

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$n$   
 $A$



$m < n$

$$A = U \Sigma_R V_R^T$$

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

General:

$$A = U_R \Sigma_R V_R^T$$

$m \times n$     $m \times m$     $m \times m$     $m \times n$     $m < n$   
 $m \times n$     $n \times n$     $n \times n$     $n \times n$     $m > n$

$U_R : m \times k$   
 $\Sigma_R : k \times k$   
 $V_R^T : k \times n$

$k = \min(m, n)$

Let's take a look at the product  $\Sigma^T \Sigma$ , where  $\Sigma$  has the singular values of a  $\mathbf{A}$ , a  $m \times n$  matrix.

$m > n$

$$\Sigma^T \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_n & \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times m} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_n & \\ & & & 0 \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{m \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_n^2 & \\ & & & 0 \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n} \rightarrow \Sigma_R^2$$

$n > m$

$$\Sigma^T \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_m & \\ & & & 0 \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times m} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_m & \\ & & & 0 \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{m \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_m^2 & \\ 0 & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & 0 \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

(The bottom-right  $(n-m) \times (n-m)$  block is circled and labeled  $\Sigma_R^2$ )

Assume  $\mathbf{A}$  with the singular value decomposition  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T$ . Let's take a look at the eigenpairs corresponding to  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} &= (\mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T)^T (\mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T) \\ &= (\mathbf{V}^T)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \underbrace{\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U}} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T \\ &= \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{I} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T \\ &= \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{\Sigma}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & \\ & \sigma_2^2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(x, \lambda) \quad \boxed{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} x = \lambda x}$$

$$(\mathbf{ABC})^T = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$$

$$\mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{U}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$$

Diagonalization:

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{X}^{-1}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^2 \mathbf{V}^T}$$

$\Rightarrow$  columns of  $\mathbf{V}$  are the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  diagonal entries of  $\mathbf{\Sigma}^2$  are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$   
 $x, \lambda = \text{eig}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) \quad \boxed{\lambda_i = \sigma_i^2}$

In a similar way,

$$\begin{aligned} AA^T &= (U\Sigma V^T)(U\Sigma V^T)^T \\ &= U\Sigma V^T(V^T)^T \Sigma^T U^T \\ &= U\Sigma \underbrace{V^T V}_I \Sigma^T U^T \end{aligned}$$

$$= U\Sigma \Sigma^T U^T$$

$$AA^T = U\Sigma^2 U^T$$

$$B = XDX^{-1}$$

→ columns of  $U$  are the eigenvectors of  $AA^T$

$A^T A$

$$V^{-1} = V^T$$

# How can we compute an SVD of a matrix A ?

1. Evaluate the  $n$  eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  *la. eig( $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ )*
2. Make a matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  from the normalized vectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$ . The columns are called “right singular vectors”.

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Make a diagonal matrix from the square roots of the eigenvalues.

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix}$$

*singular values*  $\sigma_i^2 = \lambda_i$

$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$  and  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \dots$

4. Find  $\mathbf{U}$ :  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T \Rightarrow \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}$ . The columns are called the “left singular vectors”.

$$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}$$



# Singular values are always non-negative

- A matrix is positive definite if  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x} > \mathbf{0}$  for  $\forall \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$
- A matrix is positive semi-definite if  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$  for  $\forall \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$

$A^T A$

$$\mathbf{x}^T (A^T A) \mathbf{x} = \underbrace{(\mathbf{Ax})^T}_{\mathbf{y}} \underbrace{\mathbf{Ax}}_{\mathbf{y}} = \|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2^2 \geq 0$$

$$\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2$$

$A^T A$  is positive semi-definite

$$A^T A \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x} \rightarrow (\mathbf{x}, \lambda)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T A^T A \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = \lambda \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \geq 0$$

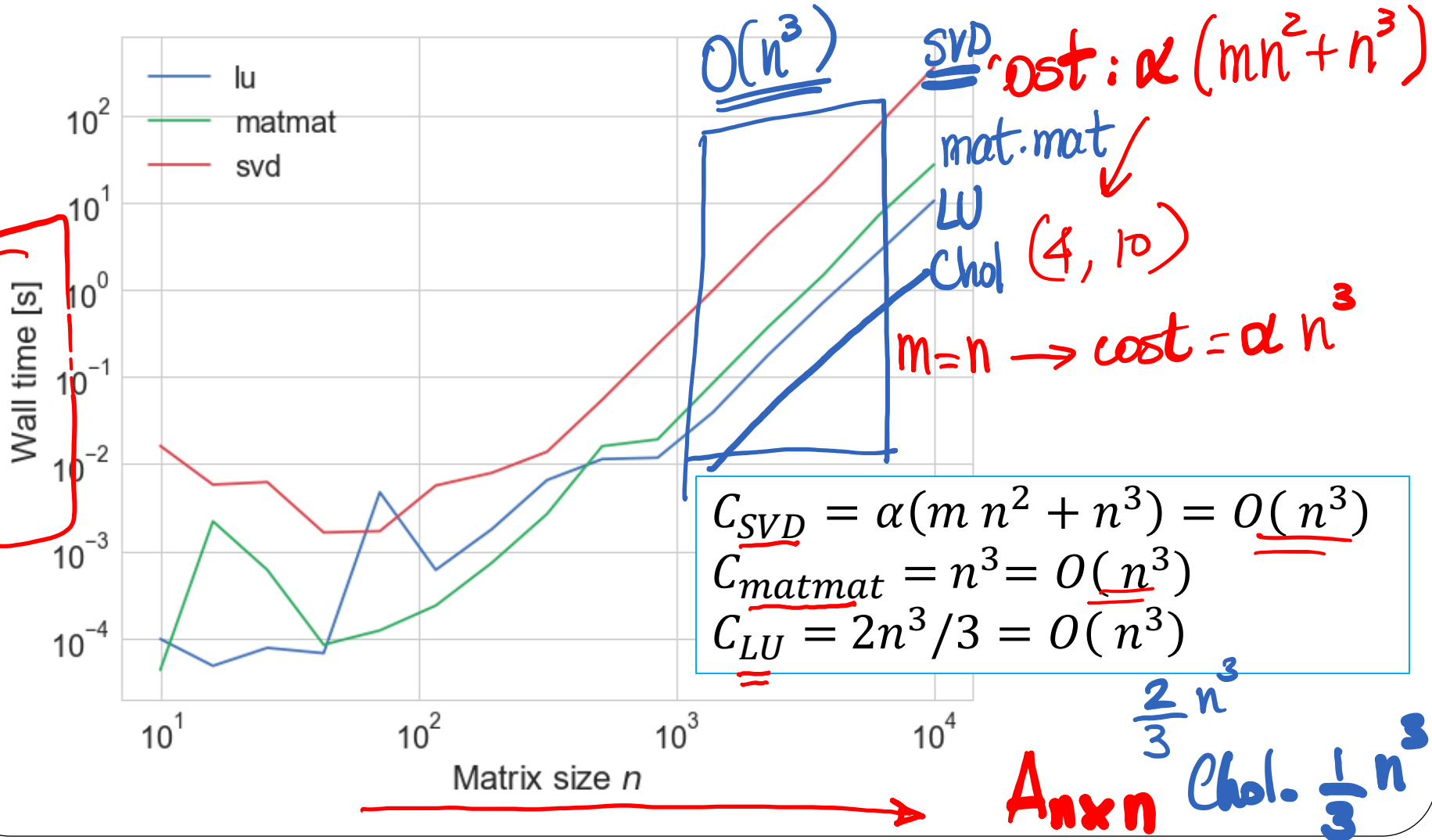
$$\lambda = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T A^T A \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2} = \frac{\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2} \geq 0$$

$$A^T A$$
$$\lambda_i \geq 0$$

# Cost of SVD

$A_{m \times n}$

The cost of an SVD is proportional to  $m n^2 + n^3$  where the constant of proportionality constant ranging from 4 to 10 (or more) depending on the algorithm.



# SVD summary:

- The SVD is a factorization of a  $m \times n$  matrix into  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T$  where  $\mathbf{U}$  is a  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix,  $\mathbf{V}^T$  is a  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  is a  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix.
- In reduced form:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}_R \mathbf{\Sigma}_R \mathbf{V}_R^T$ , where  $\mathbf{U}_R$  is a  $m \times k$  matrix,  $\mathbf{\Sigma}_R$  is a  $k \times k$  matrix, and  $\mathbf{V}_R$  is a  $n \times k$  matrix, and  $k = \min(m, n)$ .
- The columns of  $\mathbf{V}$  are the eigenvectors of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ , denoted the right singular vectors.
- The columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  are the eigenvectors of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$ , denoted the left singular vectors.
- The diagonal entries of  $\mathbf{\Sigma}^2$  are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ .  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$  are called the singular values.
- The singular values are always non-negative (since  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  is a positive semi-definite matrix, the eigenvalues are always  $\lambda \geq 0$ )