

# Worksheet 11

**Objectives:** (1) Know properties and applications of the SVD (2) Understand conditioning of eigenvalue problems (3) Know effect of matrix transformations on eigenvalues

## Problem 1: Properties of the SVD

- (a) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $m \times n$ , what are the dimensions of the matrices in  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$  and what properties do each have?
- (b) What assumptions do we need to make about the matrix  $A$  to make sure that its SVD exists?
- (c) How do the columns of  $U$  relate to  $A$ ? How about the columns of  $V$ ?
- (d) Assume  $\sigma_i \neq 0$  for all  $i$  and all matrices to be of size  $n \times n$ . Write the formula

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{v}_i \frac{\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{b}}{\sigma_i}$$

using the matrices  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_i$  are the columns of  $\mathbf{U}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_i$  are the columns of  $\mathbf{V}$ .

## Problem 2: Eigenvalue problem: properties and conditioning

- (a) A  $3 \times 3$  matrix has 2 distinct eigenvalues. Is it necessarily defective?
- (b) Why is the eigenvalue problem well-conditioned for symmetric matrices?
- (c) Suppose  $\lambda = 2$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . Name an eigenvalue of  $(A^2 - 2)^{-1}$ .