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# Dimensionality Reduction: SVD & CUR

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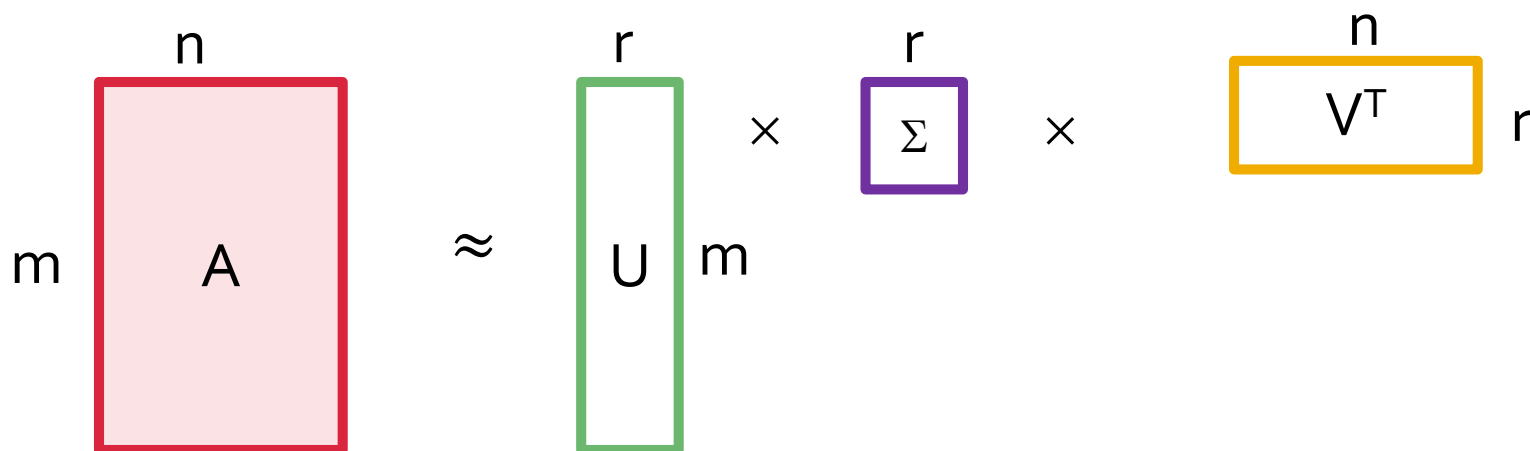
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# Reducing Matrix Dimension

- Often, our data can be represented by an  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix
- And this matrix can be closely approximated by the product of three matrices that share a small common dimension  $r$



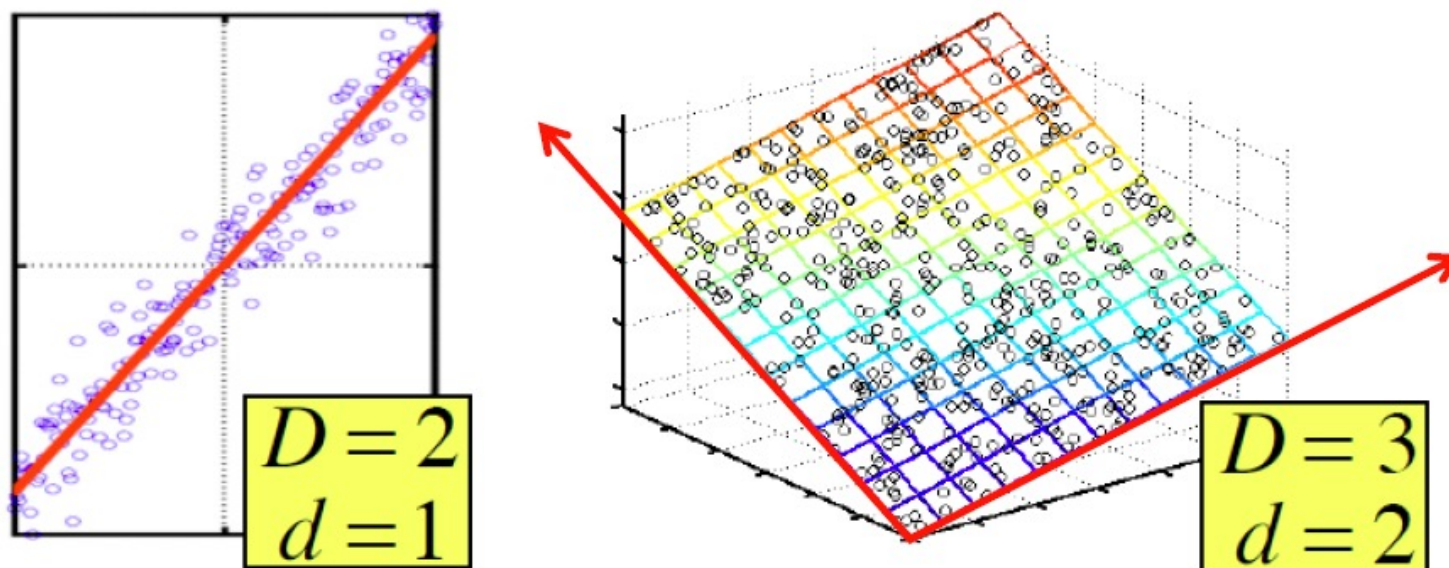
# Dimensionality Reduction

- **Compress / reduce dimensionality:**
  - $10^6$  rows;  $10^3$  columns; no updates
  - Random access to any cell(s); **small error: OK**

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ABC Inc.		1	1	1	0	0	[1 0]
DEF Ltd.		2	2	2	0	0	[2 0]
GHI Inc.		1	1	1	0	0	[1 0]
KLM Co.		5	5	5	0	0	[5 0]
Smith		0	0	0	2	2	[0 2]
Johnson		0	0	0	3	3	[0 3]
Thompson		0	0	0	1	1	[0 1]

**Note:** The above matrix is really “2-dimensional.” All rows can be reconstructed by scaling  $[1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0]$  or  $[0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1]$

# Dimensionality Reduction

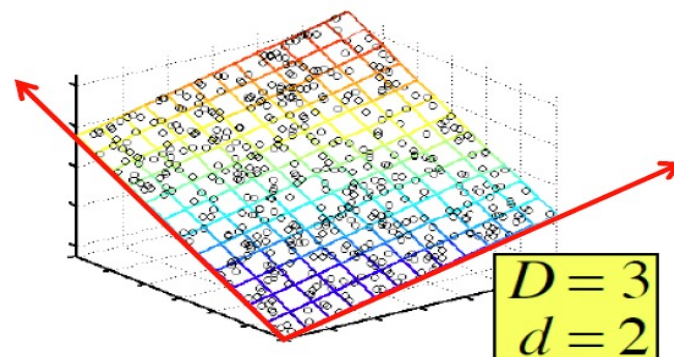
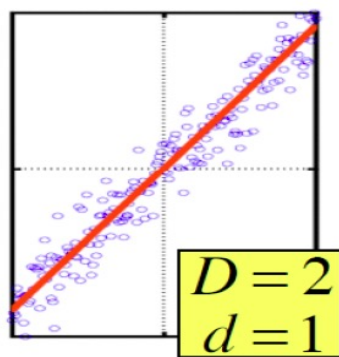


There are hidden, or **latent factors, latent dimensions** that – to a close approximation – explain why the values are as they appear in the data matrix

# Dimensionality Reduction

The axes of these dimensions can be chosen by:

- The first dimension is the direction in which the points exhibit the greatest variance
- The second dimension is the direction, orthogonal to the first, in which points show the 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest variance
- And so on..., until you have enough dimensions that variance is really low



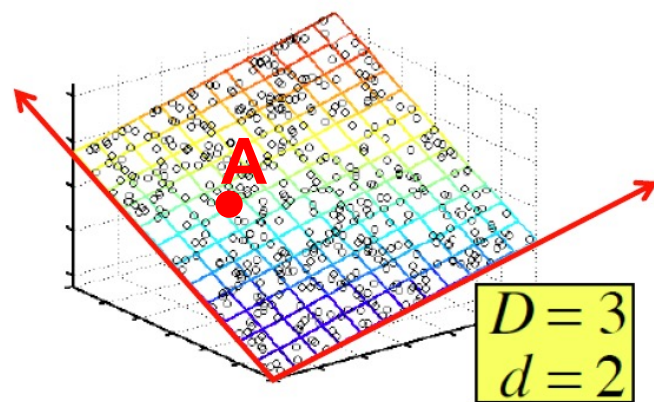
# Rank is “Dimensionality”

- **Q:** What is **rank** of a matrix **A**?
- **A:** Number of **linearly independent** rows of **A**
- **Cloud of points in 3D space:**

- Think of point coordinates

as a matrix:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  **A**

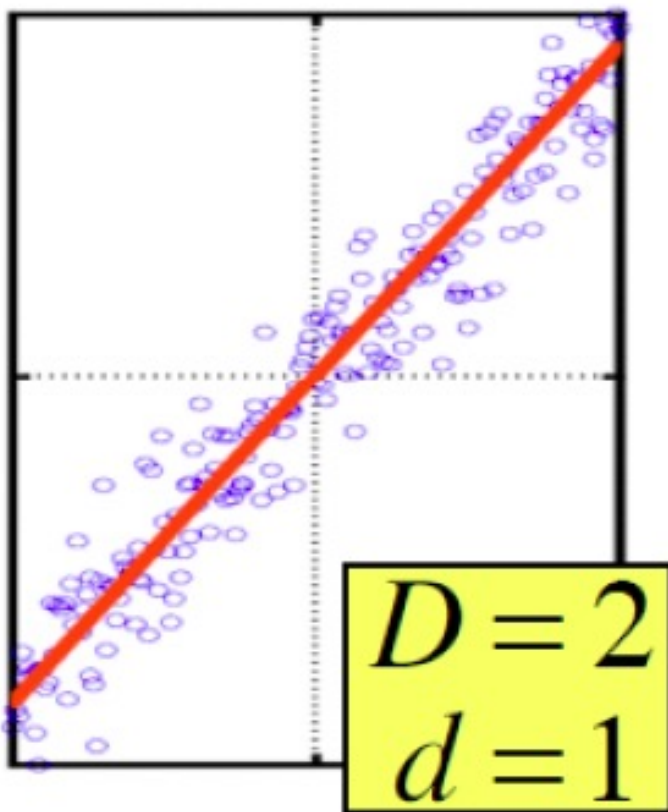
1 row per point:  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  **B**  
**C**



- **We can rewrite coordinates more efficiently!**
  - Old basis vectors:  $[1 \ 0 \ 0]$   $[0 \ 1 \ 0]$   $[0 \ 0 \ 1]$
  - **New basis vectors:**  $[1 \ 2 \ 1]$   $[-2 \ -3 \ 1]$
  - Then **A** has new coordinates:  $[1 \ 0]$ , **B**:  $[0 \ 1]$ , **C**:  $[1 \ -1]$ 
    - **Notice:** We reduced the number of dimensions/coordinates!

# Dimensionality Reduction

- Goal of dimensionality reduction is to discover the axes of data!



Rather than representing every point with 2 coordinates we represent each point with 1 coordinate (corresponding to the position of the point on the red line).

By doing this we incur a bit of **error** as the points do not exactly lie on the line

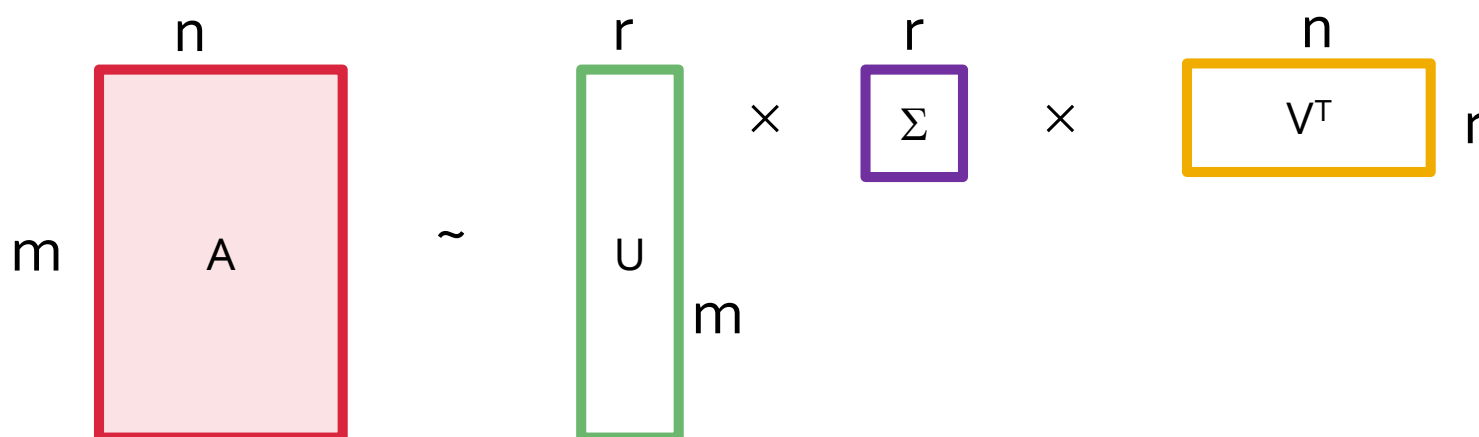
# SVD: Singular Value Decomposition

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# Reducing Matrix Dimension

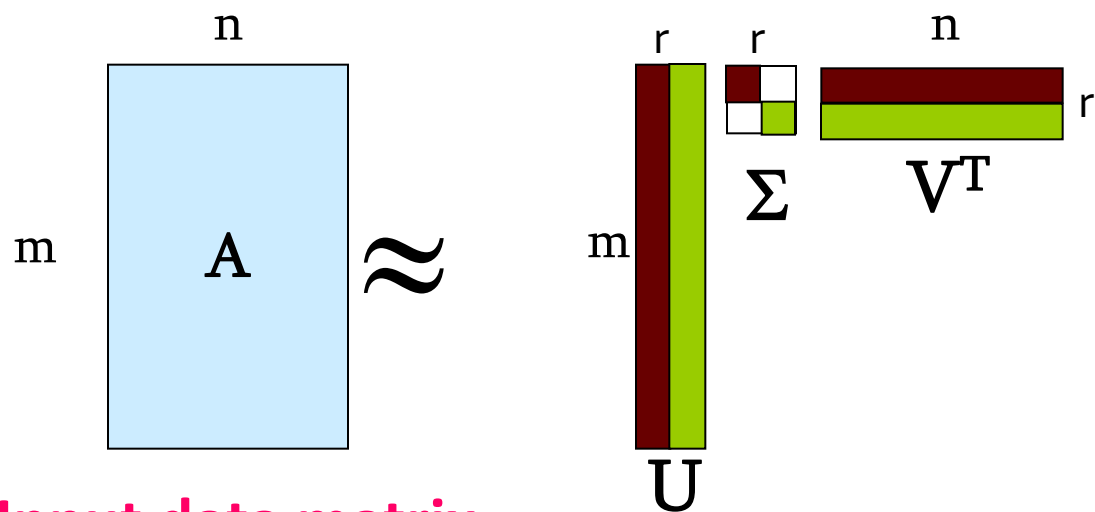
- Gives a decomposition of any matrix into a product of three matrices:



- There are strong constraints on the form of each of these matrices
  - Results in a unique decomposition
- From this decomposition, you can choose any number  $r$  of intermediate concepts (latent factors) in a way that minimizes the reconstruction error

# SVD – Definition

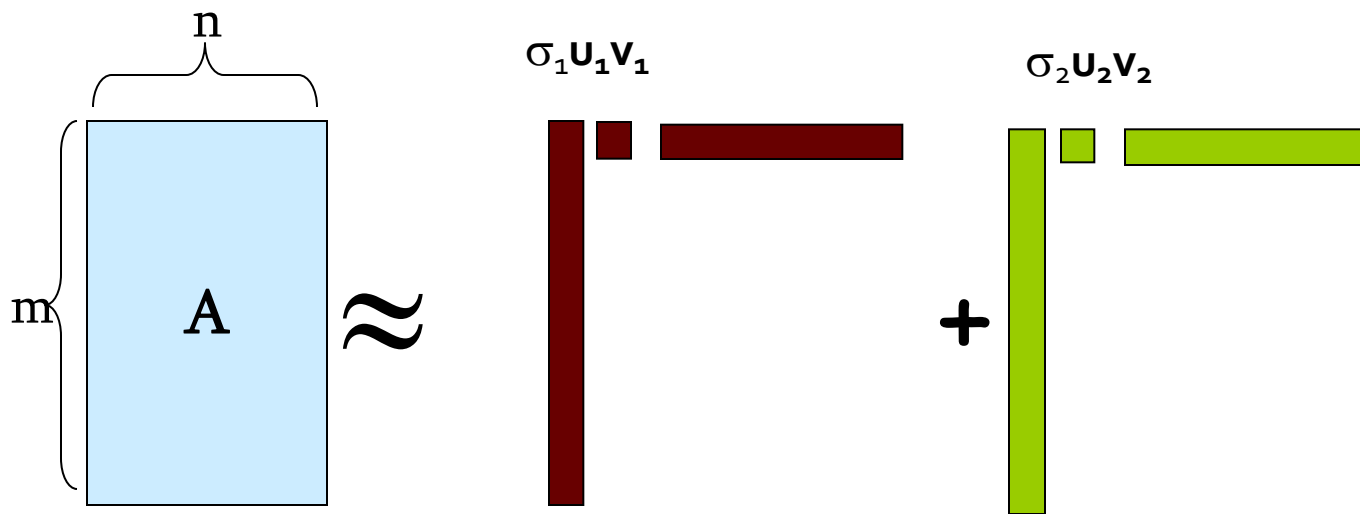
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- **A: Input data matrix**
  - $m \times n$  matrix (e.g.,  $m$  documents,  $n$  terms)
- **U: Left singular vectors**
  - $m \times r$  matrix ( $m$  documents,  $r$  concepts)
- **$\Sigma$ : Singular values**
  - $r \times r$  diagonal matrix (strength of each ‘concept’)  
( $r$ : rank of the matrix **A**)
- **V: Right singular vectors**
  - $n \times r$  matrix ( $n$  terms,  $r$  concepts)

# SVD

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If we set  $\sigma_2 = 0$ , then the green columns may as well not exist.

$\sigma_i \dots$  scalar  
 $\mathbf{u}_i \dots$  vector  
 $\mathbf{v}_i \dots$  vector

# SVD – Properties

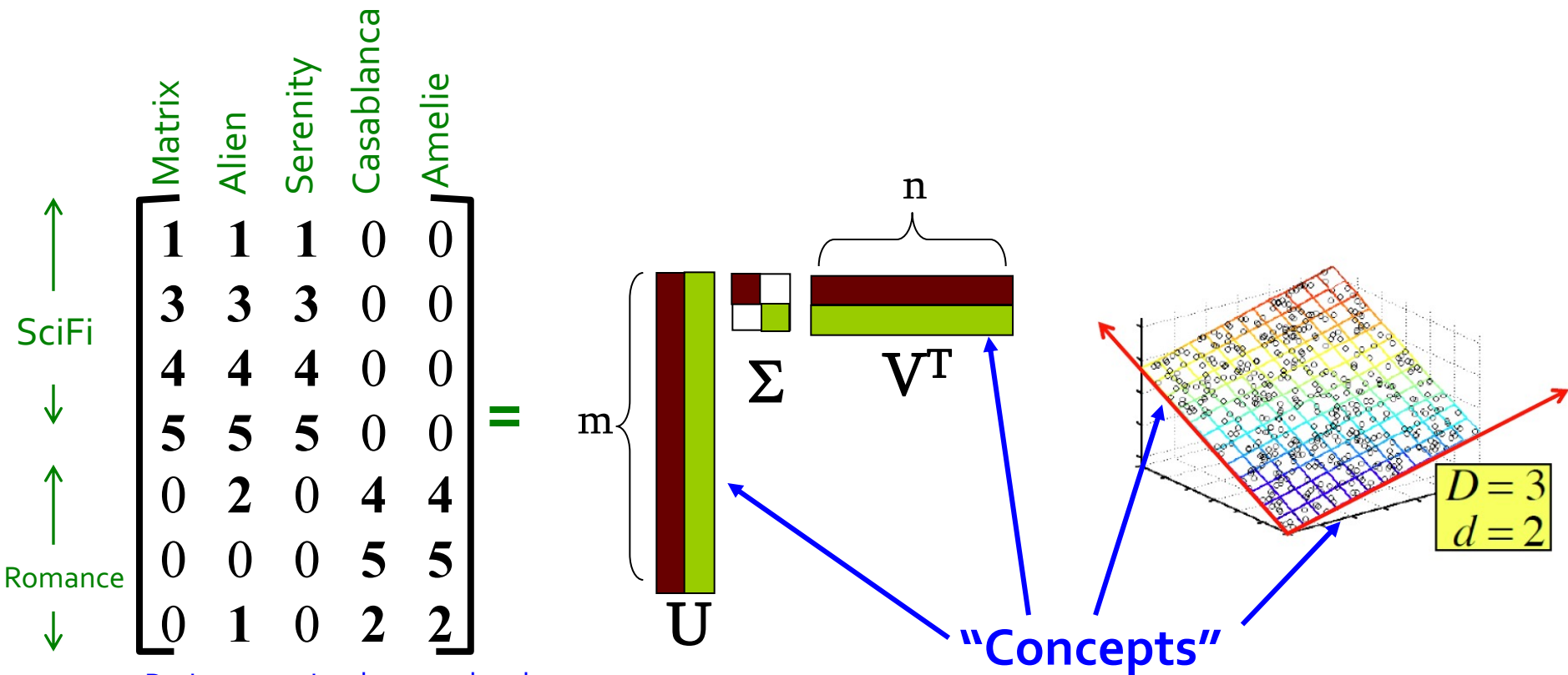
It is **always** possible to decompose a real matrix  $A$  into  $A = U \Sigma V^T$ , where

- $U, \Sigma, V$ : **unique**
- $U, V$ : **column orthonormal**
  - $U^T U = I; V^T V = I$  ( $I$ : identity matrix)
  - (Columns are orthogonal unit vectors)
- $\Sigma$ : **diagonal**
  - Entries (**singular values**) are **non-negative**, and sorted in decreasing order ( $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq 0$ )

Nice proof of uniqueness: [https://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs322/2008sp/stuff/TrefethenBau\\_Lec4\\_SVD.pdf](https://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs322/2008sp/stuff/TrefethenBau_Lec4_SVD.pdf)

# SVD – Example: Users-to-Movies

- Consider a matrix. What does SVD do?



Ratings matrix where each column corresponds to a movie and each row to a user. First 4 users prefer SciFi, while others prefer Romance.

# SVD – Example: Users-to-Movies

- $A = U \Sigma V^T$  - example: Users to Movies

Matrix   Alien   Serenity   Casablanca   Amelie

SciFi

Romance

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.13 & 0.02 & -0.01 \\ 0.41 & 0.07 & -0.03 \\ 0.55 & 0.09 & -0.04 \\ 0.68 & 0.11 & -0.05 \\ 0.15 & -0.59 & 0.65 \\ 0.07 & -0.73 & -0.67 \\ 0.07 & -0.29 & 0.32 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 12.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0.56 & 0.59 & 0.56 & 0.09 & 0.09 \\ 0.12 & -0.02 & 0.12 & -0.69 & -0.69 \\ 0.40 & -0.80 & 0.40 & 0.09 & 0.09 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$U$  is “user-to-concept”  
factor matrix

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	5	5	5	0	0		0.68	0.11	-0.05		
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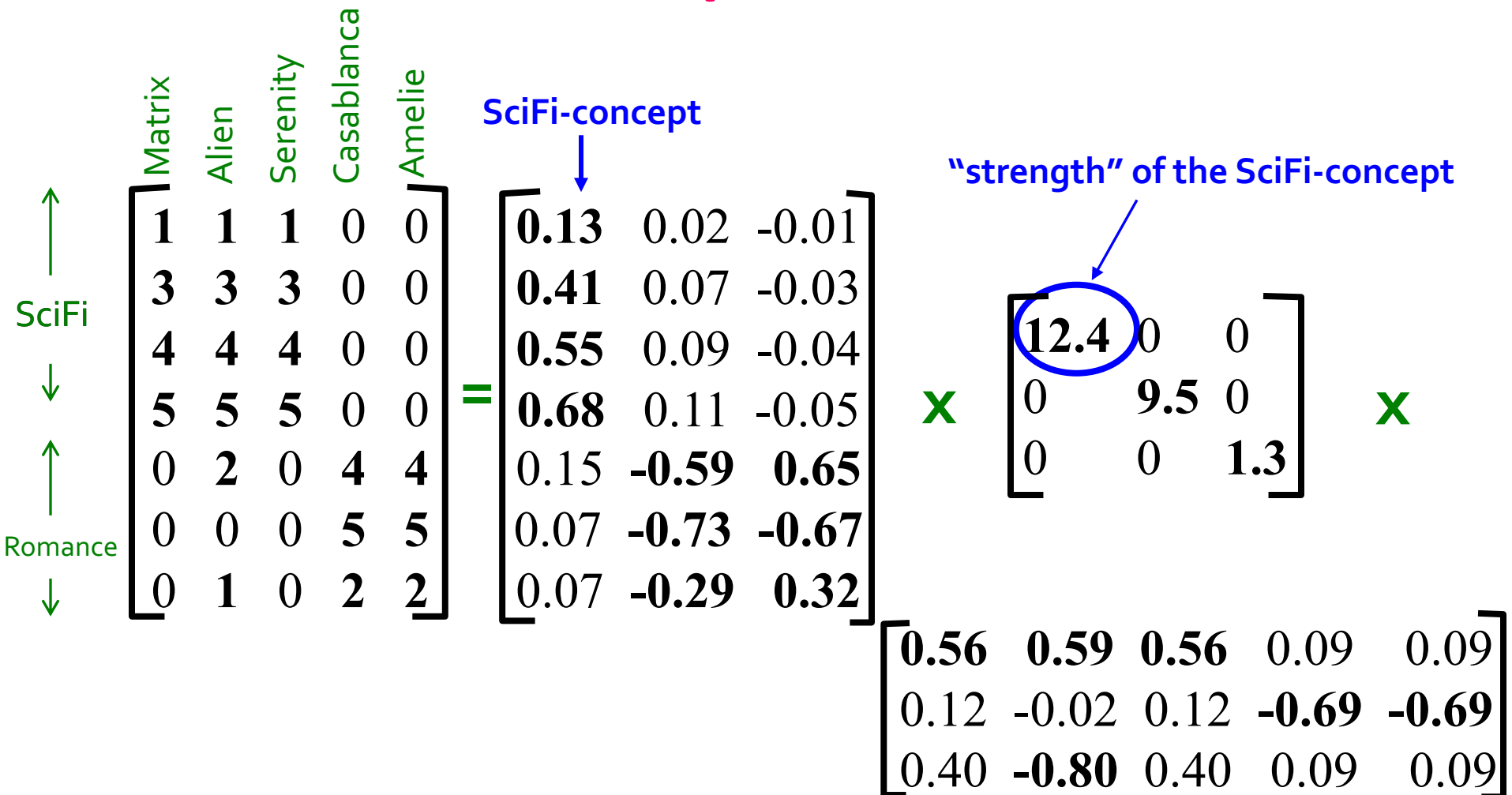
  

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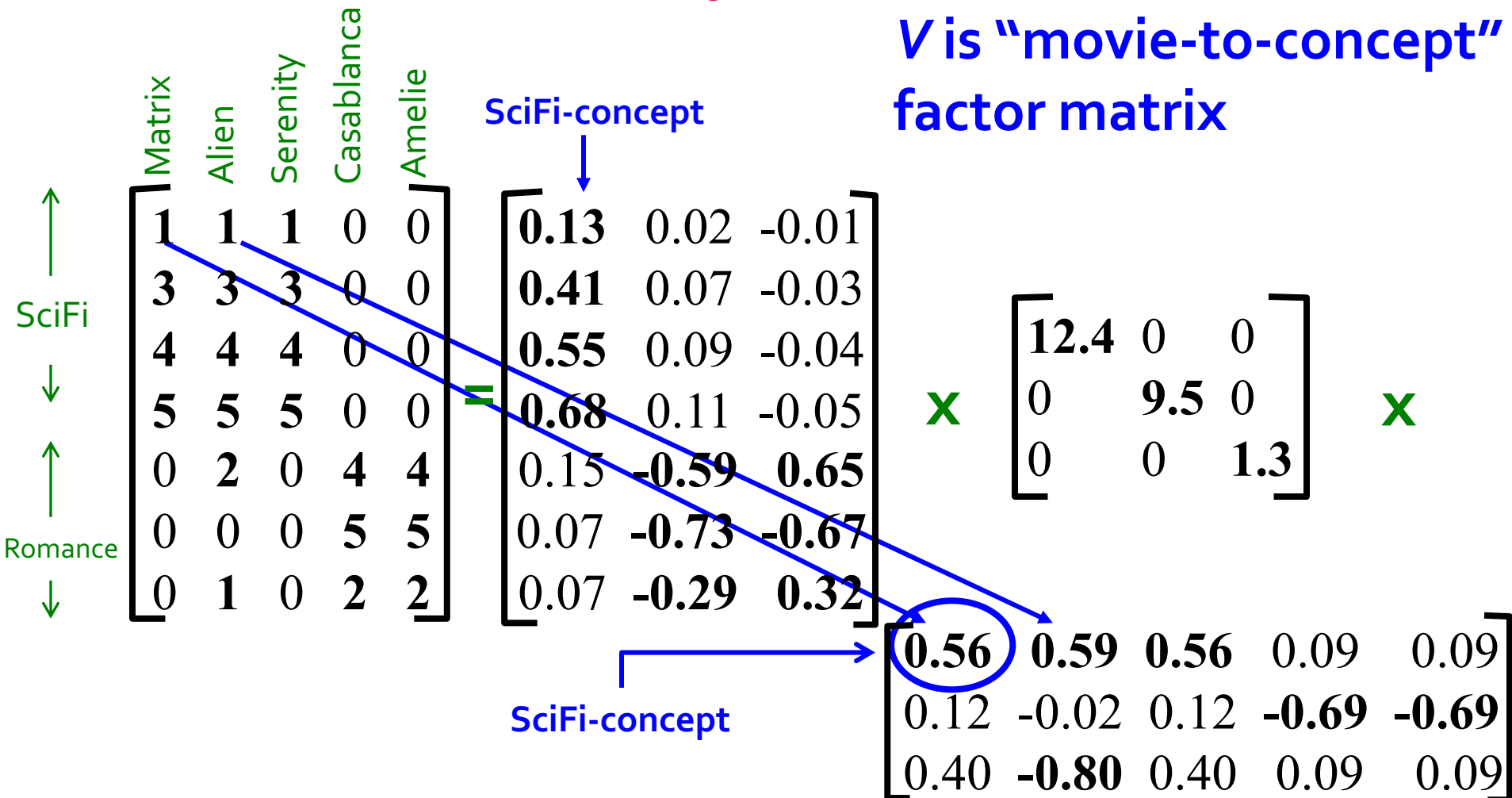
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# SVD – Interpretation #1

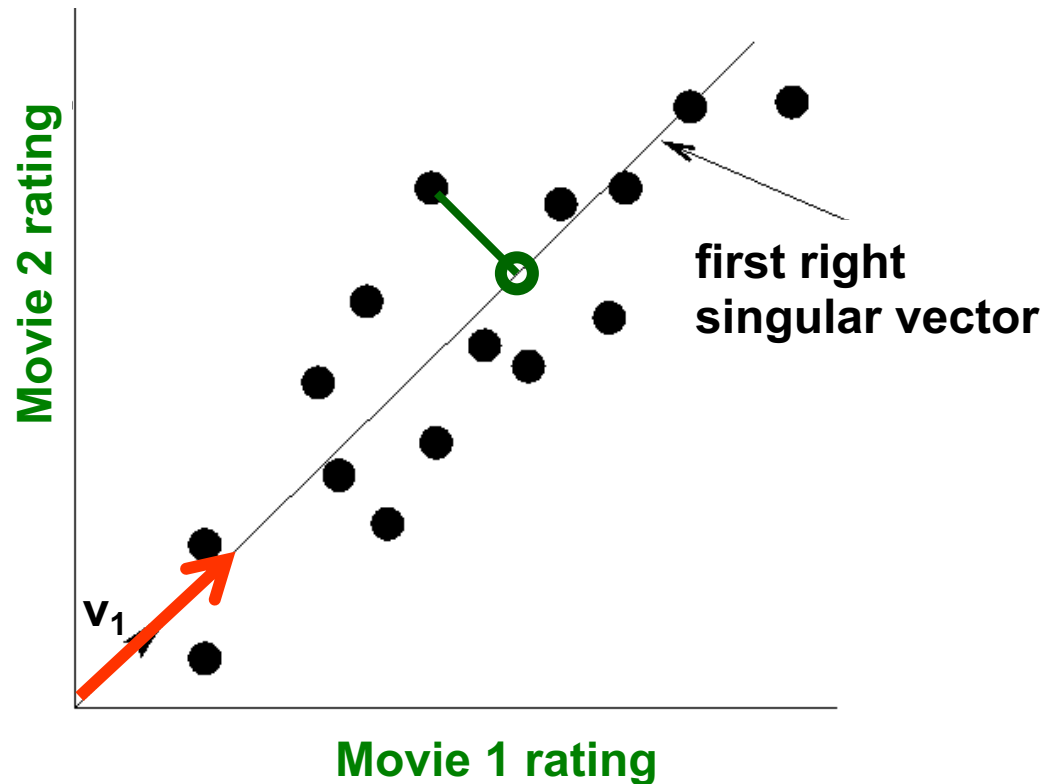
## Movies, users and concepts:

- $U$ : user-to-concept matrix
- $V$ : movie-to-concept matrix
- $\Sigma$ : its diagonal elements:  
‘strength’ of each concept

# Dimensionality Reduction with SVD

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# SVD – Dimensionality Reduction



- Instead of using two coordinates  $(x, y)$  to describe point positions, let's use only one coordinate
- Point's position is its location along vector  $v_1$

# SVD – Dimensionality Reduction

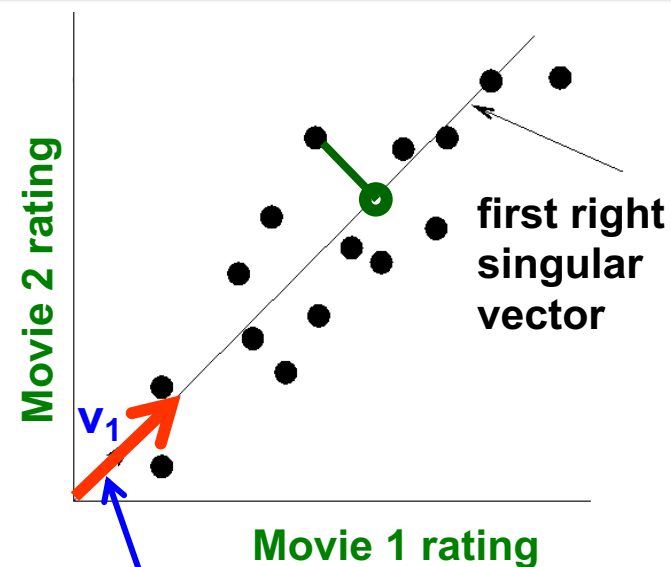
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- $U$ : “user-to-concept” matrix
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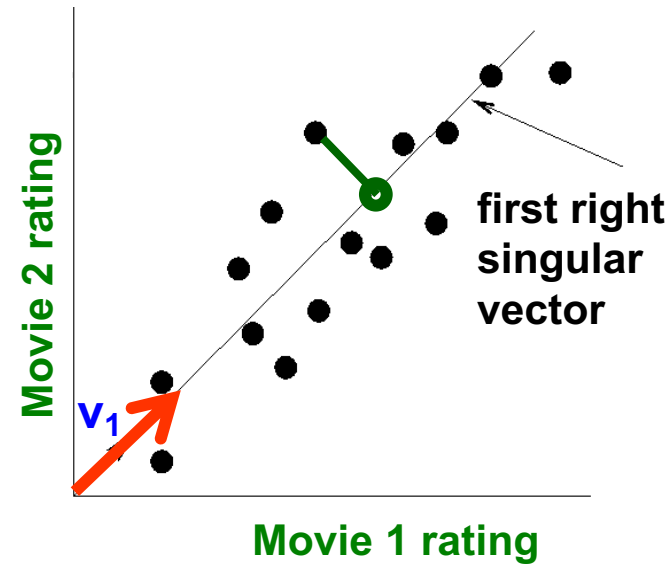


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variance ('spread')  
on the  $v_1$  axis



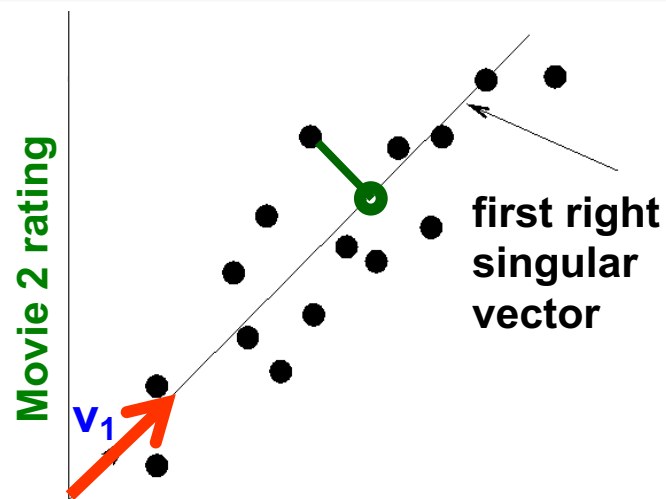
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$A = U \Sigma V^T$  - example:

- $U \Sigma$ : Gives the coordinates of the points in the projection axis

1	1	1	0	0
3	3	3	0	0
4	4	4	0	0
5	5	5	0	0
0	2	0	4	4
0	0	0	5	5
0	1	0	2	2

Projection of users  
on the “Sci-Fi” axis  
 $U \Sigma$ :



	Movie 1 rating	
1.61	0.19	-0.01
5.08	0.66	-0.03
6.82	0.85	-0.05
8.43	1.04	-0.06
1.86	-5.60	0.84
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# SVD – Interpretation #2

## More details

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# SVD – Interpretation #2

This is Rank 2 approximation to A.  
We could also do Rank 1 approx.  
The larger the rank the more accurate the approximation

## More details

- **Q:** How exactly is dim. reduction done?
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Reconstructed data matrix B

Reconstruction Error is quantified by the Frobenius norm:

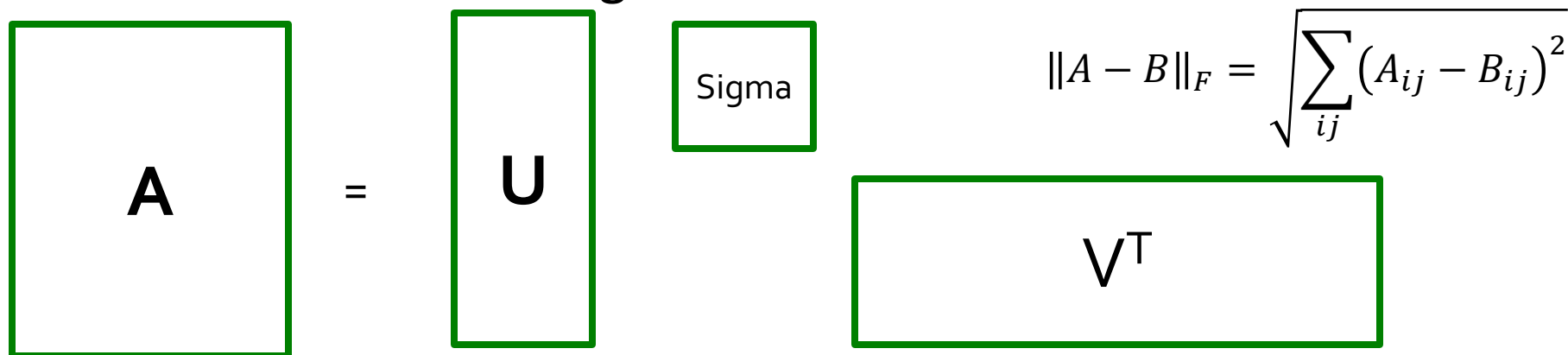
$$\|M\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{ij} M_{ij}^2}$$

$$\|A-B\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{ij} (A_{ij}-B_{ij})^2}$$

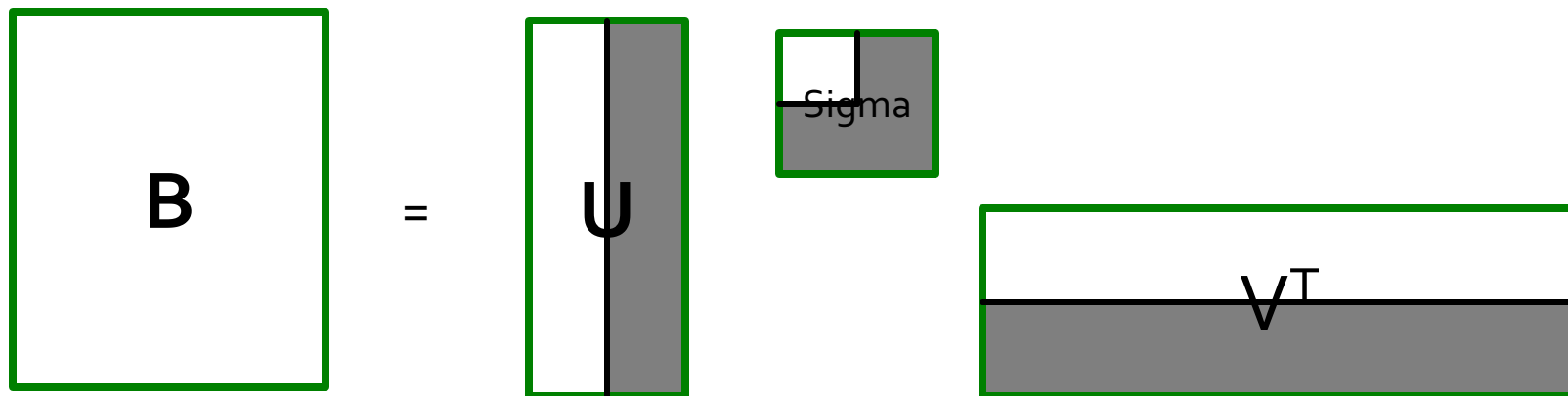
is “small”

# SVD – Best Low Rank Approx.

- **Fact: SVD gives ‘best’ axis to project on:**
  - **‘best’** = minimizing the sum of reconstruction errors



**B is best approximation of A:**



# SVD – Conclusions so far

- **SVD:  $A = U \Sigma V^T$ : unique**
  - **U**: user-to-concept factors
  - **V**: movie-to-concept factors
  - $\Sigma$  : strength of each concept
- **Q: So what's a good value for  $r$  (# of latent factors)?**
- Let the *energy* of a set of singular values be the sum of their squares.
- Pick  $r$  so the retained singular values have at least 90% of the total energy.
- **Back to our example:**
  - With singular values 12.4, 9.5, and 1.3, total energy = 245.7
  - If we drop 1.3, whose square is only 1.7, we are left with energy 244, or over 99% of the total



# How to Compute SVD

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# Finding Eigenpairs

- How do we actually compute SVD?
- First we need a method for finding the **principal eigenvalue** (the largest one) and the corresponding **eigenvector** of a symmetric matrix
  - $M$  is *symmetric* if  $m_{ij} = m_{ji}$  for all  $i$  and  $j$
- **Method:**
  - Start with any “guess eigenvector”  $\mathbf{x}_0$
  - Construct  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \frac{M\mathbf{x}_k}{\|M\mathbf{x}_k\|}$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ 
    - $\| \dots \|$  denotes the Frobenius norm
  - Stop when consecutive  $\mathbf{x}_k$  show little change

# Example: Iterative Eigenvector

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{M\mathbf{x}_0}{\|M\mathbf{x}_0\|} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} / \sqrt{34} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.51 \\ 0.86 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{x}_1$$

$$\frac{M\mathbf{x}_1}{\|M\mathbf{x}_1\|} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.23 \\ 3.60 \end{pmatrix} / \sqrt{17.93} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.53 \\ 0.85 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{x}_2$$

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# Finding the Principal Eigenvalue

- Once you have the principal eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$ , you find its eigenvalue  $\lambda$  by  $\lambda = \mathbf{x}^T M \mathbf{x}$ .
  - **In proof:** We know  $\mathbf{x}\lambda = M\mathbf{x}$  if  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue; multiply both sides by  $\mathbf{x}^T$  on the left.
  - Since  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$  we have  $\lambda = \mathbf{x}^T M \mathbf{x}$
- **Example:** If we take  $\mathbf{x}^T = [0.53, 0.85]$ , then

$$\lambda = [0.53 \ 0.85] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.53 \\ 0.85 \end{bmatrix} = 4.25$$

# Finding More Eigenpairs

- Eliminate the portion of the matrix  $M$  that can be generated by the first eigenpair,  $\lambda$  and  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$M^* := M - \lambda \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T$$

- Recursively find the principal eigenpair for  $M^*$ , eliminate the effect of that pair, and so on

- **Example:**

$$M^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - 4.25 \begin{bmatrix} 0.53 \\ 0.85 \end{bmatrix} [0.53 \ 0.85] = \begin{bmatrix} -0.19 & 0.09 \\ 0.09 & 0.07 \end{bmatrix}$$

# How to Compute the SVD

- Start by supposing  $A = U\Sigma V^T$
- $A^T = (U\Sigma V^T)^T = (V^T)^T \Sigma^T U^T = V\Sigma U^T$ 
  - **Why?** (1) Rule for transpose of a product; (2) the transpose of the transpose and the transpose of a diagonal matrix are both the identity functions
- $A^T A = V\Sigma U^T U \Sigma V^T = V\Sigma^2 V^T$ 
  - **Why?**  $U$  is orthonormal, so  $U^T U$  is an identity matrix
  - Also note that  $\Sigma^2$  is a diagonal matrix whose  $i$ -th element is the square of the  $i$ -th element of  $\Sigma$
- $A^T A V = V\Sigma^2 V^T V = V\Sigma^2$ 
  - **Why?**  $V$  is also orthonormal

# Computing the SVD –(2)

- Since  $A^T A = V \Sigma^2 V^T \rightarrow A^T A V = V \Sigma^2$ 
  - **Note** that therefore the  $i$ -th column of  $V$  is an eigenvector of  $A^T A$ , and its eigenvalue is the  $i$ -th element of  $\Sigma^2$
- Thus, we can find  $V$  and  $\Sigma$  by finding the eigenpairs for  $A^T A$ 
  - Once we have the eigenvalues in  $\Sigma^2$ , we can find the singular values by taking the square root of these eigenvalues
- Symmetric argument,  $A A^T$  gives us  $U$

# SVD – Complexity

- **To compute the full SVD using specialized methods:**
  - $O(nm^2)$  or  $O(n^2m)$  (whichever is less)
- **But:**
  - Less work, if we just want singular values
  - or if we want the first  $k$  singular vectors
  - or if the matrix is sparse
- **Implemented in** linear algebra packages like
  - LINPACK, Matlab, SPlus, Mathematica ...



# Example of SVD

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# Case study: How to query?

- Q: Find users that like 'Matrix'
- A: Map query into a 'concept space' – how?

Diagram illustrating the mapping of a query (Matrix) into a concept space. The diagram shows a matrix of user ratings for five movies (Matrix, Alien, Serenity, Casablanca, Amelie) across two genres (SciFi and Romance). This matrix is multiplied by a matrix of concept weights for the same movies, resulting in a vector of concept scores for the query 'Matrix'.

Genre labels: SciFi (up arrow), Romance (down arrow).

Movie labels: Matrix, Alien, Serenity, Casablanca, Amelie.

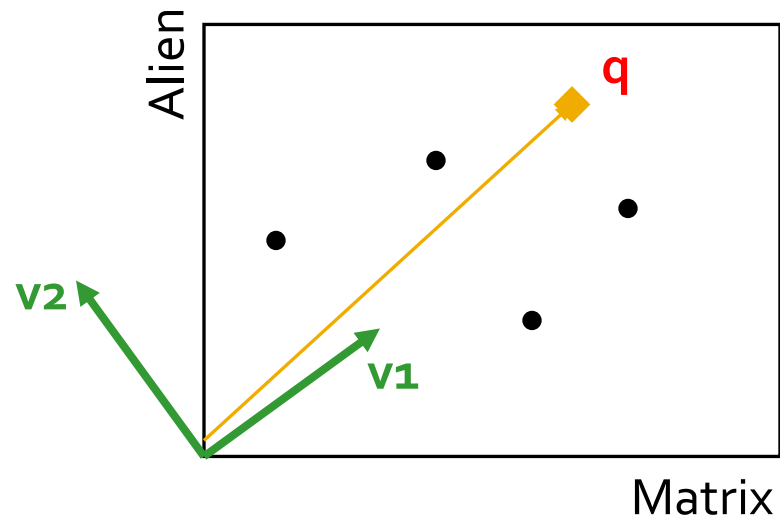
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**Project into concept space:**  
Inner product with each  
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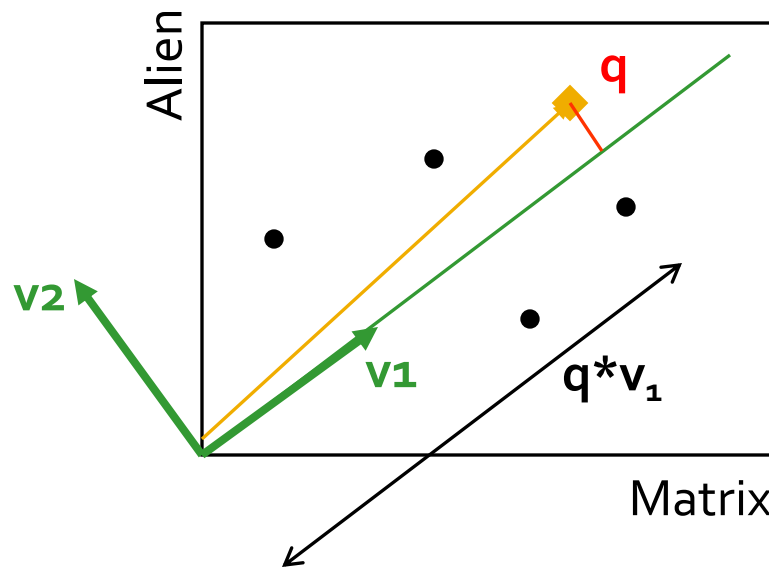


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# Case study: How to query?

Compactly, we have:

$$\mathbf{q}_{\text{concept}} = \mathbf{q} \mathbf{V}$$

E.g.:

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Matrix} \\ 5 \\ \text{Alien} \\ 0 \\ \text{Serenity} \\ 0 \\ \text{Casablanca} \\ 0 \\ \text{Amelie} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0.56 & 0.12 \\ 0.59 & -0.02 \\ 0.56 & 0.12 \\ 0.09 & -0.69 \\ 0.09 & -0.69 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{SciFi-concept} \\ 2.8 \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

movie-to-concept factors (V)

# Case study: How to query?

- How would the user  $d$  that rated ('Alien', 'Serenity') be handled?

$$\mathbf{d}_{\text{concept}} = \mathbf{d} \mathbf{V}$$

E.g.:

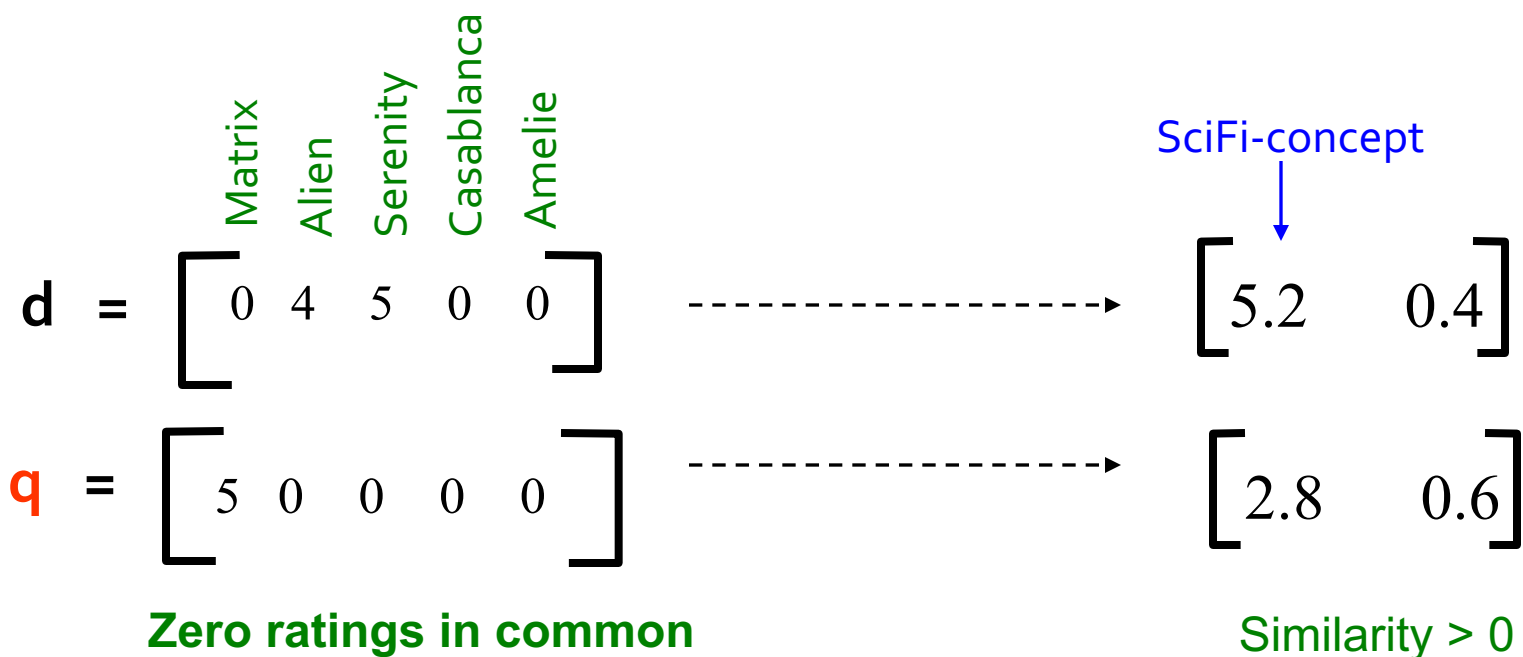
$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Matrix} & \text{Alien} & \text{Serenity} & \text{Casablanca} & \text{Amelie} \\ 0 & 4 & 5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0.56 & 0.12 \\ 0.59 & -0.02 \\ 0.56 & 0.12 \\ 0.09 & -0.69 \\ 0.09 & -0.69 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.2 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

movie-to-concept factors (V)

SciFi-concept

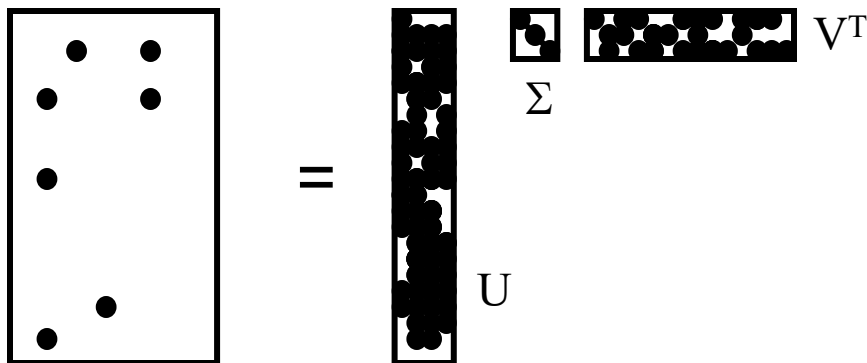
# Case study: How to query?

- **Observation:** User  $d$  that rated (*'Alien'*, *'Serenity'*) will be **similar** to user  $q$  that rated (*'Matrix'*), although  $d$  and  $q$  have **zero ratings in common!**



# SVD: Drawbacks

- + **Optimal low-rank approximation**  
in terms of Frobenius norm
- **Interpretability problem:**
  - A singular vector specifies a linear combination of all input columns or rows
- **Lack of sparsity:**
  - Singular vectors are **dense!**





# CUR Decomposition

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# Sparsity

- It is common for the matrix  $A$  that we wish to decompose to be very sparse
- But  $U$  and  $V$  from a SVD decomposition will **not** be sparse
- **CUR** decomposition solves this problem by using only (randomly chosen) rows and columns of  $A$

# CUR Decomposition

Frobenius norm:  
 $\|X\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{ij} X_{ij}^2}$

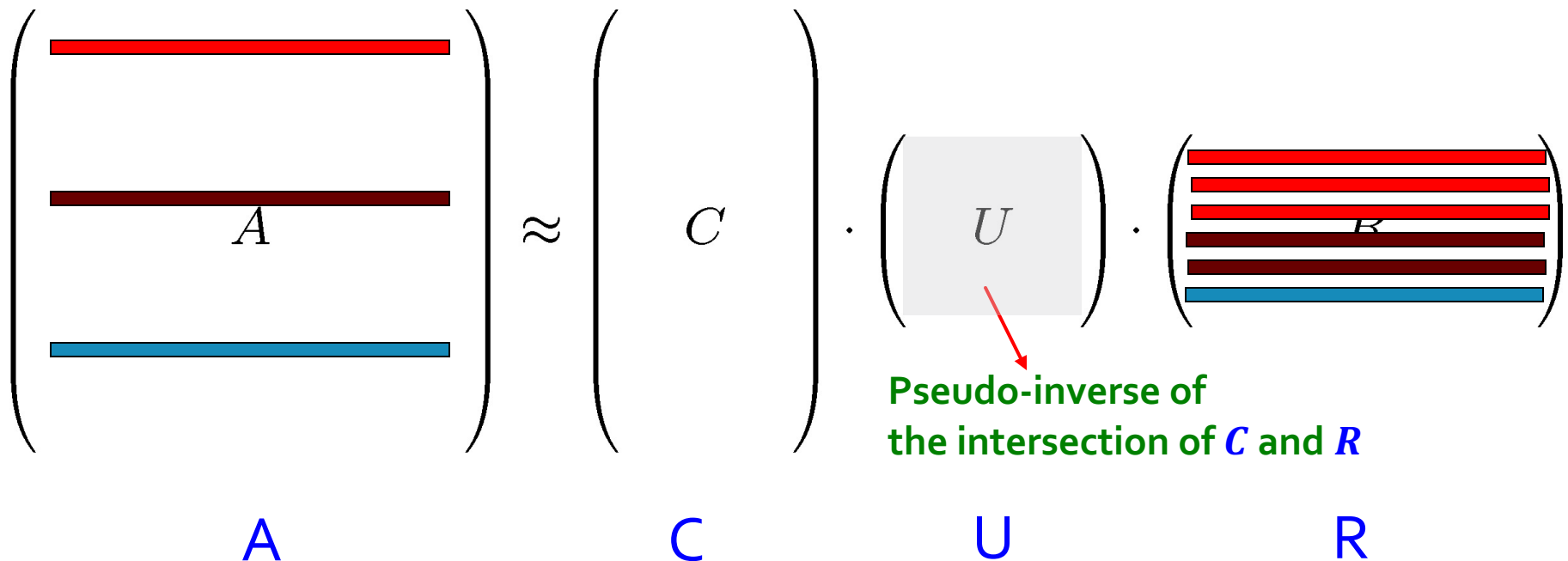
- Goal: Express  $A$  as a product of matrices  $C, U, R$   
Make  $\|A - C \cdot U \cdot R\|_F$  small
- “Constraints” on  $C$  and  $R$ :

$$\left( \begin{array}{|c|} \hline A \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \approx \left( \begin{array}{|c|} \hline C \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \cdot \left( \begin{array}{|c|} \hline U \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \cdot \left( \begin{array}{|c|} \hline R \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

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# Computing U

- Let  $W$  be the “intersection” of sampled columns  $C$  and rows  $R$

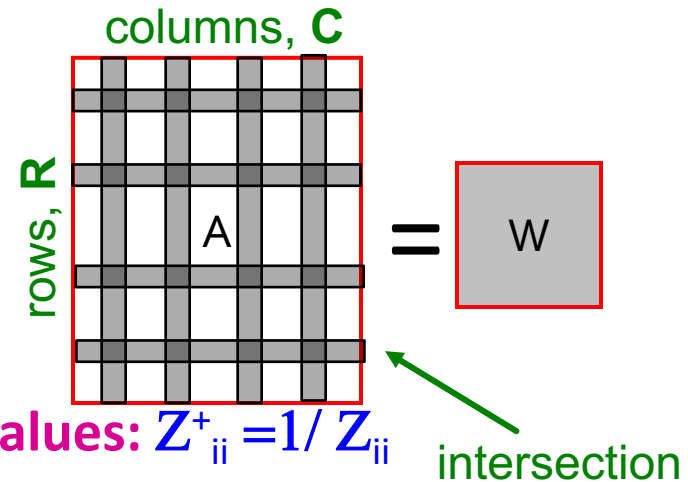
- Def:  $W^+$  is the **pseudoinverse**

- Let SVD of  $W = X Z Y^T$

- Then:  $W^+ = Y Z^+ X^T$

- $Z^+$ : reciprocals of non-zero singular values:  $Z_{ii}^+ = 1/Z_{ii}$

- Let:  $U = Y (Z^+)^2 X^T$



Why the intersection? These are high magnitude numbers

Why pseudoinverse works?

$$W = X Z Y^T \text{ then } W^{-1} = (Y^T)^{-1} Z^{-1} X^{-1}$$

$$\text{Due to orthonormality: } X^{-1} = X^T, \quad Y^{-1} = Y^T$$

$$\text{Since } Z \text{ is diagonal } Z^{-1} = 1/Z_{ii}$$

**Thus**, if  $W$  is nonsingular, pseudoinverse is the true inverse

# Which Rows and Columns?

- To decrease the expected error between  $A$  and its decomposition, we must pick rows and columns in a nonuniform manner
- The **importance** of a row or column of  $A$  is the **square of its Frobenius norm**
  - That is, the sum of the squares of its elements.
- When picking rows and columns, the probabilities must be proportional to importance
- **Example:**  $[3,4,5]$  has importance 50, and  $[3,0,1]$  has importance 10, so pick the first 5 times as often as the second

# CUR: Row Sampling Algorithm

- Sampling columns (similarly for rows):

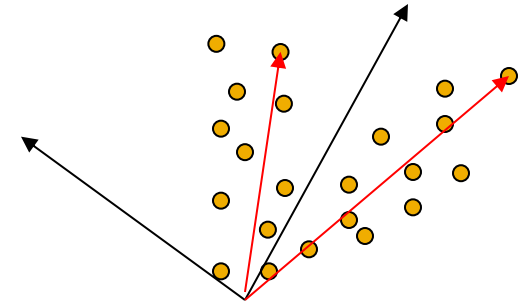
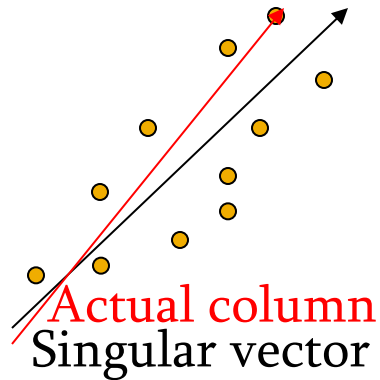
**Input:** matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , sample size  $c$

**Output:**  $\mathbf{C}_d \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times c}$

1. for  $x = 1 : n$  [column distribution]
2.  $P(x) = \sum_i \mathbf{A}(i, x)^2 / \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{A}(i, j)^2$
3. for  $i = 1 : c$  [sample columns]
4. Pick  $j \in 1 : n$  based on distribution  $P(x)$
5. Compute  $\mathbf{C}_d(:, i) = \mathbf{A}(:, j) / \sqrt{cP(j)}$

Note this is a randomized algorithm, same column can be sampled more than once

# Intuition



- **Rough and imprecise intuition behind CUR**
  - CUR is more likely to pick points away from the origin
    - Assuming smooth data with no outliers these are the directions of maximum variation
- **Example:** Assume we have 2 clouds at an angle
  - SVD dimensions are orthogonal and thus will be in the middle of the two clouds
  - CUR will find the two clouds (but will be redundant)



# CUR: Provably good approx. to SVD

- **For example:**

- Select  $c = O\left(\frac{k \log k}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$  columns of  $A$  using **ColumnSelect** algorithm (slide 56)

- Select  $r = O\left(\frac{k \log k}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$  rows of  $A$  using **RowSelect** algorithm (slide 56)

- Set  $U = Y (Z^+)^2 X^T$

- **Then:**  $\overset{\text{CUR error}}{\|A - CUR\|_F} \leq (2 + \varepsilon) \overset{\text{SVD error}}{\|A - A_K\|_F}$   
with probability 98%

**In practice:** Pick  $4k$  cols/rows for a “rank- $k$ ” approximation

# CUR: Pros & Cons

## + Easy interpretation

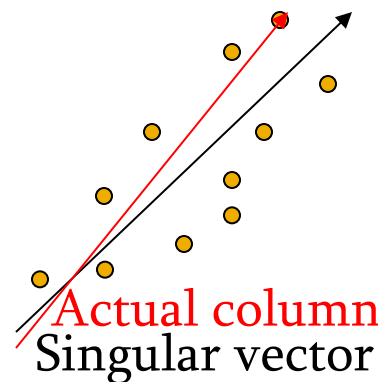
- Since the basis vectors are actual columns and rows

## + Sparse basis

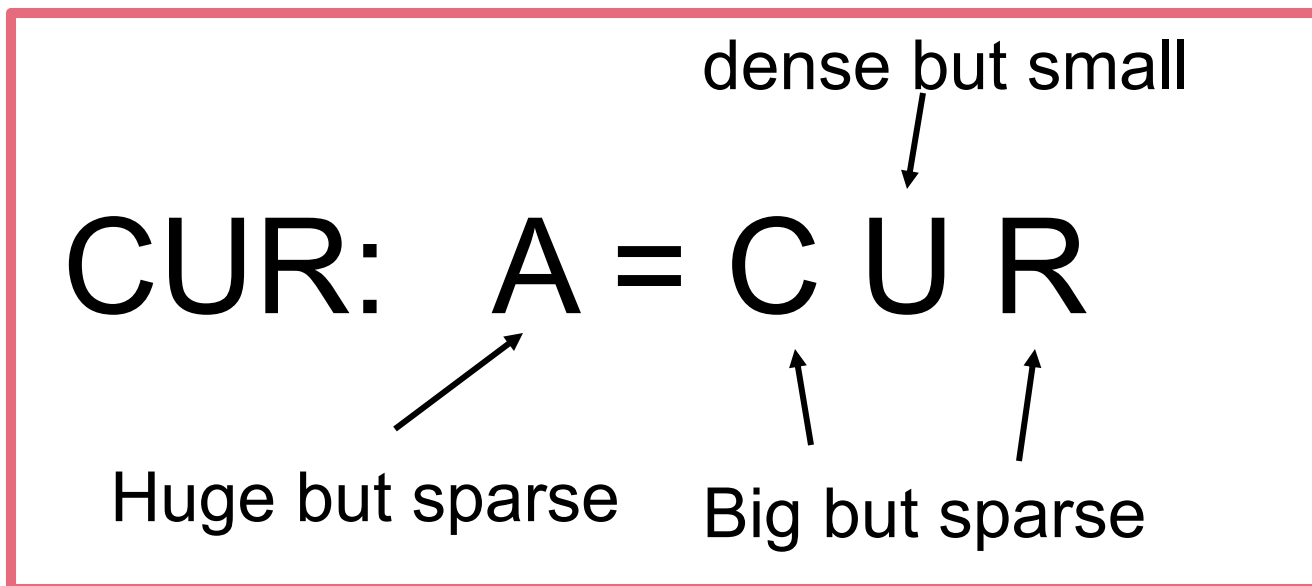
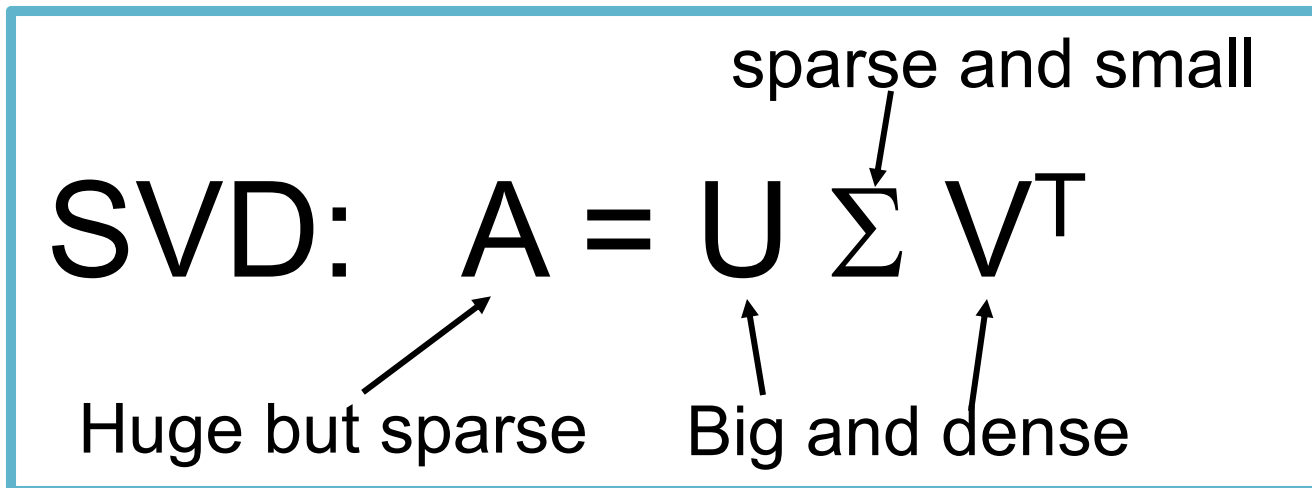
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## - Duplicate columns and rows

- Columns of large norms will be sampled many times



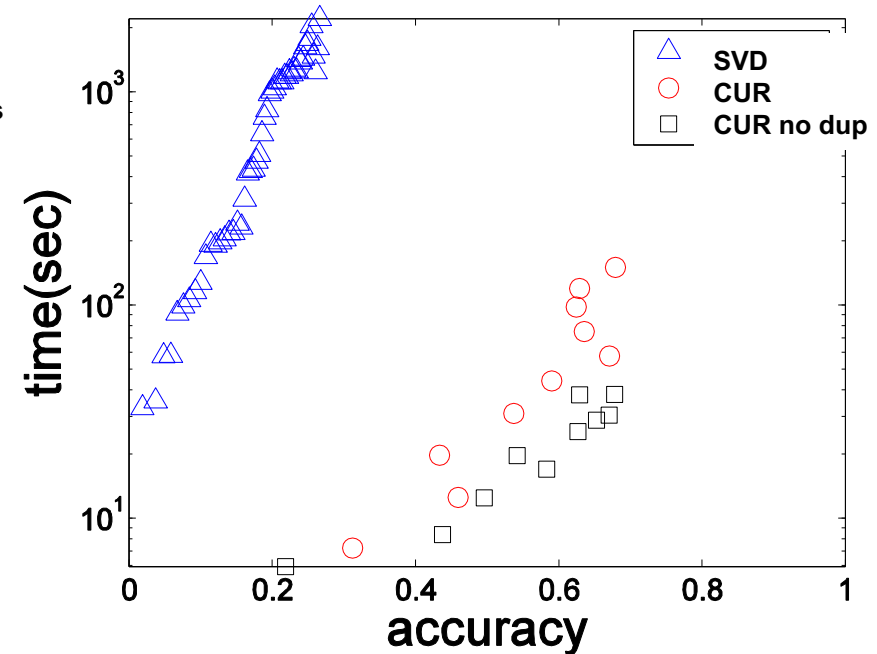
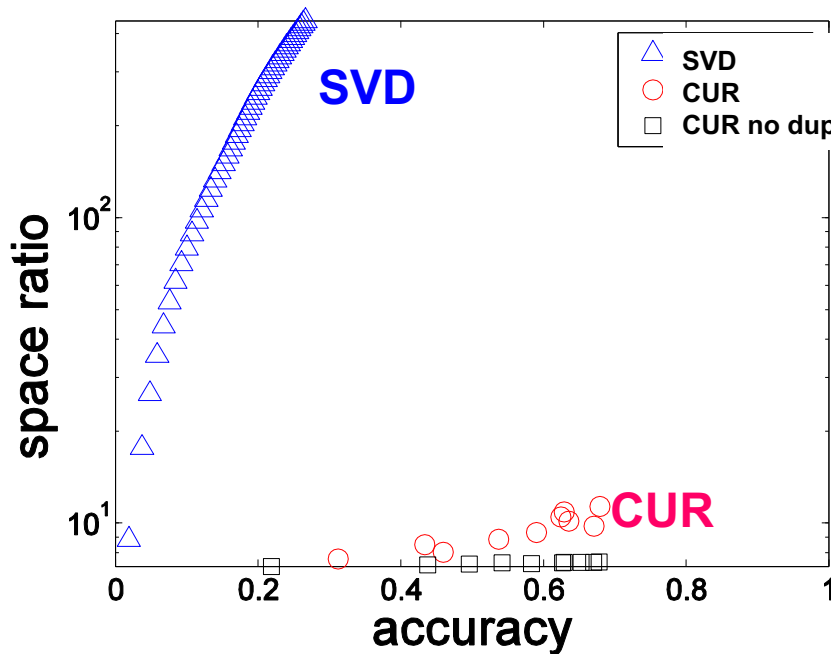
# SVD vs. CUR



# SVD vs. CUR: Simple Experiment

- **DBLP bibliographic data**
  - Author-to-conference big sparse matrix
  - $A_{ij}$ : Number of papers published by author  $i$  at conference  $j$
  - 428K authors (rows), 3659 conferences (columns)
    - **Very sparse**
- **Want to reduce dimensionality**
  - How much time does it take?
  - What is the reconstruction error?
  - How much space do we need?

# Results: DBLP- big sparse matrix



- **Accuracy:**
  - 1 – relative sum squared errors
- **Space ratio:**
  - #output matrix entries / #input matrix entries
- **CPU time**

Sun, Faloutsos: *Less is More: Compact Matrix Decomposition for Large Sparse Graphs*, SDM '07.