

**Lemma 2.11** Let  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq M_n$  be a commuting family. Then there a unit vector  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $v$  is an eigenvector for every  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Proof: Consider  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$  s.t.  $A(V) \subseteq V \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Want to show that  $\exists v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  of dim 1.  
such a

Let  $V$  be such a subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with minimal positive dimension.

Will show ~~that~~ <sup>this</sup> the dimension must be 1.

Assume not. Then  $A(V) \subseteq V$  has min dimension  $k > 1$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}$

$\therefore \exists S$  invertible s.t.  $S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix}$

Let  $A_0 = S^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix} S \in \mathcal{F}$  and let  $A_0 u = \lambda u$ .

so that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix}$$

~~$A_0$~~

$$S \begin{bmatrix} u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V.$$

and

$$A_0 S \begin{bmatrix} u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} \lambda u & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix} S^{-1} S \begin{bmatrix} u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= S \begin{bmatrix} A_0 u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} \lambda u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V.$$

Here I choose  $A_0$  so that not all vectors in  $V$  are eigenvectors of  $A_0$ .

Consider  ~~$W = \{w \in V : A_0 w = \lambda w\}$~~   $W = \{w \in \mathbb{C}^n : A_0 w = \lambda w\}$

Then

$$A(W) \subseteq V \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}.$$

$W$  has positive dimension  $\therefore S \begin{bmatrix} u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in W$ .

and  $W \subsetneq V$ .

Claim: for any  $w \in W$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ :

$$AA_0 = A_0A \Rightarrow A_0(Aw) = AA_0w = A \lambda w = \lambda(Aw)$$

So  $A(W) \subseteq W \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}$ .  $\therefore W$  has

smaller dimension !!

Note:  $\exists \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is a basis for  $V$

$$AV = \lambda_1 v_1$$

$$A[v_1 \dots v_k | v_{k+1} \dots v_n]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \lambda_k & \\ & & & \lambda_{k+1} \\ & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_k \\ v_{k+1} \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$$


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$$S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_k$

Recall  $\mathcal{B} = \{ \bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \dots, \bar{e}_m \}$  is the standard basis for  $M_{m,n}$ .

$$\bar{e}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{e}_j = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 2.4 Singular decomposition and polar decomposition

**Lemma 2.14** Let  $A$  be a nonzero  $m \times n$  matrix, and  $u \in \mathbb{C}^m, v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  be unit vectors such that  $|u^* A v|$  attains the maximum value. Suppose  $U \in M_m$  and  $V \in M_n$  are unitary matrices with  $u$  and  $v$  as the first columns, respectively. Then  $U^* A V = \begin{pmatrix} u^* A v & 0 \\ 0 & A_1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Proof

Note that if  $\sum |a_{ij}| = m$ .

then

$$|u^* A v| \leq m$$

Let  $U^* A V = \begin{bmatrix} u^* A v & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & * & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{m1} & & & \end{bmatrix}$

Assume  $x = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix}$  has non-zero entry  $a_{li}$   $l > 1$ .

Consider  $u_0 = \frac{x}{\|x\|}$  and let  $\hat{u} = U u_0 = U \frac{x}{\|x\|}$  is a unit vector.

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{u}^* A v| &= |u_0^* U^* A v| = \left| \frac{x^*}{\|x\|} (U^* A v) \right| = \left| \frac{[a_{11} \dots a_{m1}]}{\|x\|} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} \right| \\ &= \frac{\left( \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2}}{\|x\|} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m |a_{li}|^2} > |a_{11}| \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if  $a_{ij} \neq 0$  for  $j > 1$ .

then we can let

$$v_0 = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{1n} \end{bmatrix}}{\| \cdot \|} \quad \hat{v} = V v_0$$

Then  $u^* A \hat{v} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2} > |a_{11}|$  !!!

**Theorem 2.15** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Then there are unitary matrices  $U \in M_m, V \in M_n$  such that

$$U^* A V = D = \sum_{j=1}^k s_j E_{jj}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1^* \\ \vdots \\ u_m^* \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \dots v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \overbrace{s_1 \dots s_k}^k & & \\ & \overbrace{0 \dots 0}^{n-k} & \\ \hline 0 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{m-k}$$

$s_1 \geq \dots \geq s_k > 0$   
are the singular values of  $A$

$V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  basis for  $\mathbb{C}^n$

$U = \{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  basis for  $\mathbb{C}^m$

$$T x = A x$$

$$[T]_{u,v} = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & s_k & 0 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(v_1) = s_1 u_1, \dots, T(v_k) = s_k u_k$$

$$T(v_j) = 0 \quad j = k+1, \dots, n$$

Proof of Theorem 2.15. Let  $A \in M_{m,n}$ .

Assume  $A \neq 0$ .

Then there are  $u \in \mathbb{C}^m, v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  unit vectors such that  $|u^* A v|$  is max.

We can replace  $v$  by  $e^{it} v$  so that

$$|u^* A v| = u^* A v = s_1$$

Then for unitary  $U \in M_m, V \in M_n$  with  $u, v$  as first columns.

we have

$$U^* A V = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & A_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $A_1 = 0$ , we are done. If not, by induction/repeat the process to  $A_1$  so that there are unitary  $U_1 \in M_{m-1}, V_1 \in M_{n-1}$  s.t.

$$U_1^* A_1 V_1 = \begin{bmatrix} s_2 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{m-k-1}$$

then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & U_1^* \end{bmatrix} U^* A V \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & V_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & U_1^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & A_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & V_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & s_k & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Remark 2.16** Let  $U_1$  be formed by the first  $k$  columns  $u_1, \dots, u_k$  of  $U$  and  $V_1$  be formed by the first  $k$  columns  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  of  $V$ . Then

$$A = U_1 \text{diag}(s_1, \dots, s_k) V_1^* = \sum_{j=1}^k s_j u_j v_j^*$$

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Note that  $s_1^2, \dots, s_k^2$  are the nonzero eigenvalues of  $AA^*$  and  $A^*A$ .

Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$  be an orthonormal set of eigenvectors corresponding to the nonzero eigenvalues  $s_1^2, \dots, s_k^2$  of  $A^*A$ . Let  $u_j = Av_j/s_j$ . Then  $\{u_1, \dots, u_k\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^m$  is an orthonormal family such that  $A = \sum_{j=1}^k s_j u_j v_j^*$ .

Similarly, let  $\{u_1, \dots, u_k\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^m$  be an orthonormal set of eigenvectors corresponding to the nonzero eigenvalues  $s_1^2, \dots, s_k^2$  of  $AA^*$ . Let  $v_j = A^*u_j/s_j$ . Then  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$  is an orthonormal family such that  $A = \sum_{j=1}^k s_j u_j v_j^*$ .

$10 \times 10^3 + 10 \times 2000$   
 $2 \times 10^4$

**Corollary 2.17** Let  $A \in M_n$ . Then  $A = U^*P = QV$  such that  $U, V \in M_n$  are unitary, and  $P, Q$  are positive semidefinite matrices with eigenvalues equal to the singular values of  $A$ .

$$A = U^* \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ & & s_k & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} V = U^* \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_m \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1^* & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & v_n^* \end{bmatrix}$$

$|z| = z = |z|e^{it}$

$$A = U \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ & & s_k & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^*$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_m \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_1 v_1^* & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & s_k v_k^* & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AA^* = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_m \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1^* & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & v_n^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & v_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^* \\ \vdots \\ u_m^* \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= U \begin{bmatrix} s_1^2 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & s_k^2 & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} U^*$$

$$A^*A = V \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & s_k & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} U^* U \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_k \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} V^*$$

$$= V \begin{bmatrix} s_1^2 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ & & s_k^2 & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^*$$

$n-k$