

# Randomized SVD

CSCI 4360/6360 Data Science II

# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- Given a (any!) matrix  $M$ , which is  $n \times m$ , it can be represented as

$$M = U\Sigma V^T$$

- $U$ :  $n \times n$ , unitary matrix (orthogonal)
- $\Sigma$ :  $n \times m$ , diagonal matrix of singular values
- $V^T$ :  $m \times m$ , unitary matrix (orthogonal)

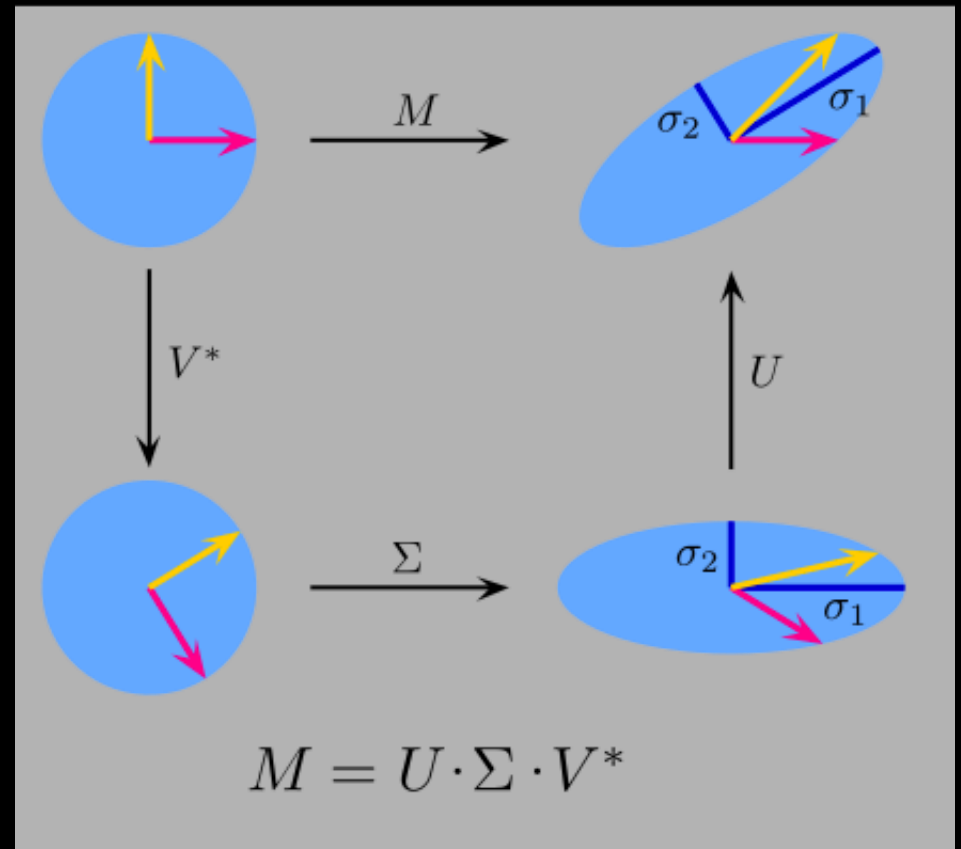
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$$\mathbf{A}_{[m \times n]} = \mathbf{U}_{[m \times r]} \mathbf{\Sigma}_{[r \times r]} (\mathbf{V}_{[n \times r]})^T$$

- **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)

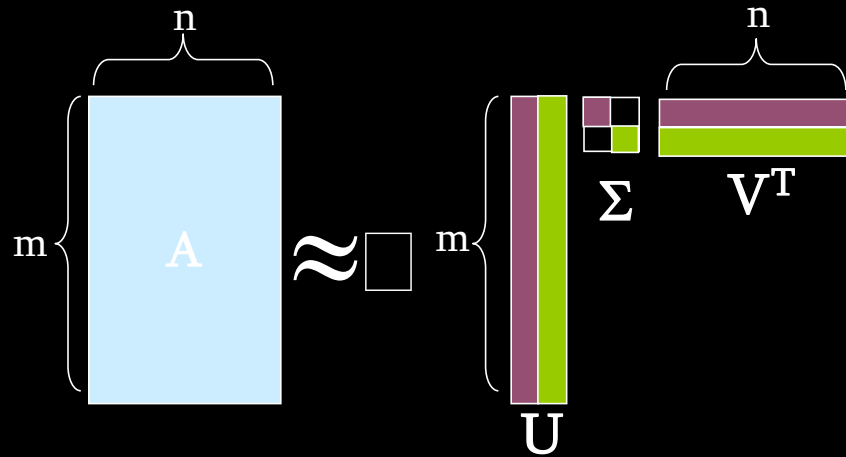
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- Columns of  $U$  and  $V$  are orthonormal bases
- Singular values are the "strength" of each singular vector



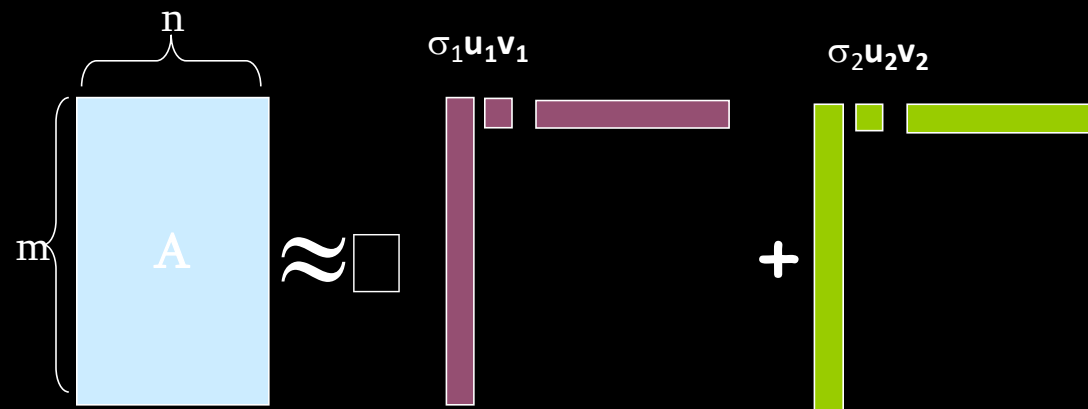
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$\sigma_i$  ... scalar  
 $\mathbf{u}_i$  ... vector  
 $\mathbf{v}_i$  ... vector

# SVD - Properties

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

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

Nice proof of uniqueness: <http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/~bast/ir-seminar-ws04/lecture2.pdf>

# Why randomize SVD?

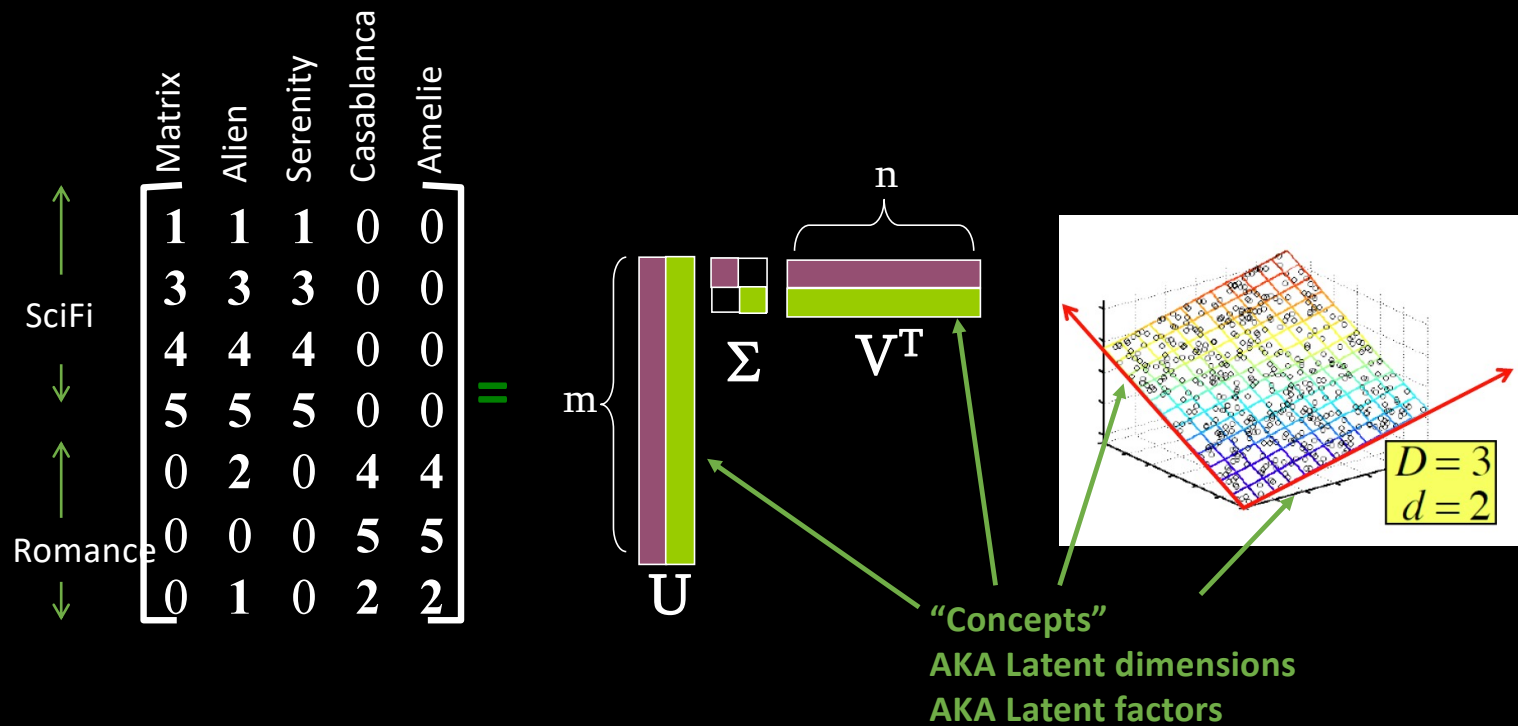
- **Runtime**

- We're good at generating [pseudo-]random numbers
- Can easily parallelize / distribute matrix algebra
- SVD, like PCA, runs  $O(n^3)$ , making anything beyond  $\sim 10^3$  infeasible



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SciFi

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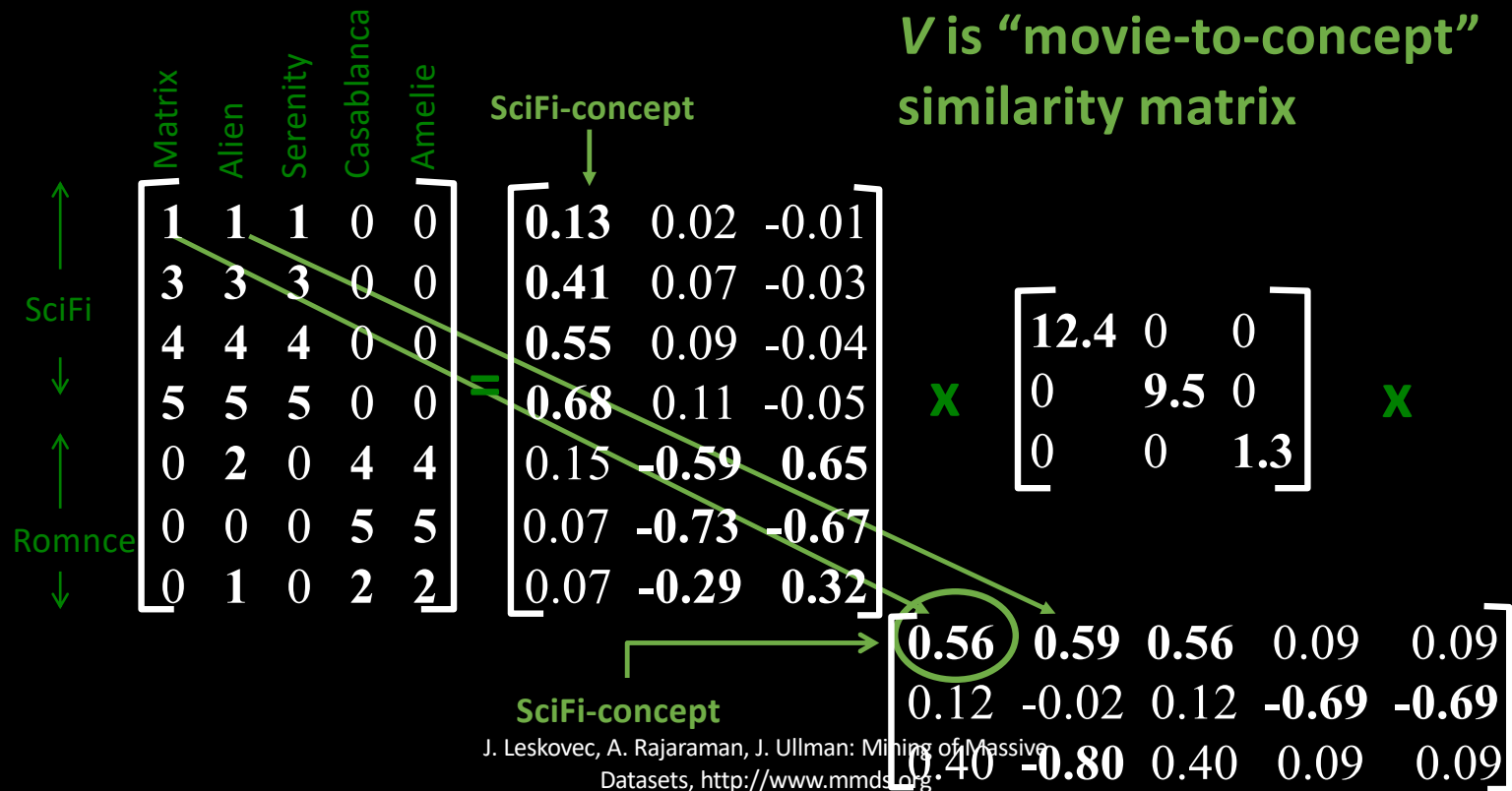
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"strength" of the SciFi-concept

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# SVD - Interpretation #1

**'movies', 'users' and 'concepts':**

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

# SVD - Interpretation #2

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

is "small"

**Frobenius norm:**

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

# SVD – Best Low Rank Approx.

$$\boxed{A} = \boxed{U} \boxed{\text{Sigma}} \boxed{V^T}$$

**B is best approximation of A**

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## Relationship to PCA

- SVD can be applied to *any* matrix; PCA only works on symmetric covariance matrices
- However, there is a relationship

$$M^T M = V \Sigma^T U^T U \Sigma V^T = V (\Sigma^T \Sigma) V^T$$
$$M M^T = U \Sigma V^T V \Sigma^T U^T = U (\Sigma \Sigma^T) U^T$$

- Columns of  $V$  are eigenvectors of  $M^T M$
- Columns of  $U$  are eigenvectors of  $M M^T$
- Singular values are square roots of eigenvalues of  $M^T M$  or  $M M^T$

# SVD: Drawbacks

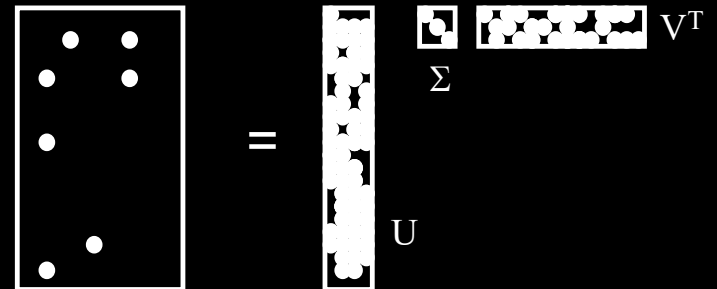
+ **Optimal low-rank approximation**  
in terms of Frobenius norm

- **Interpretability problem:**

- A singular vector specifies a linear combination of all input columns or rows

- **Lack of sparsity:**

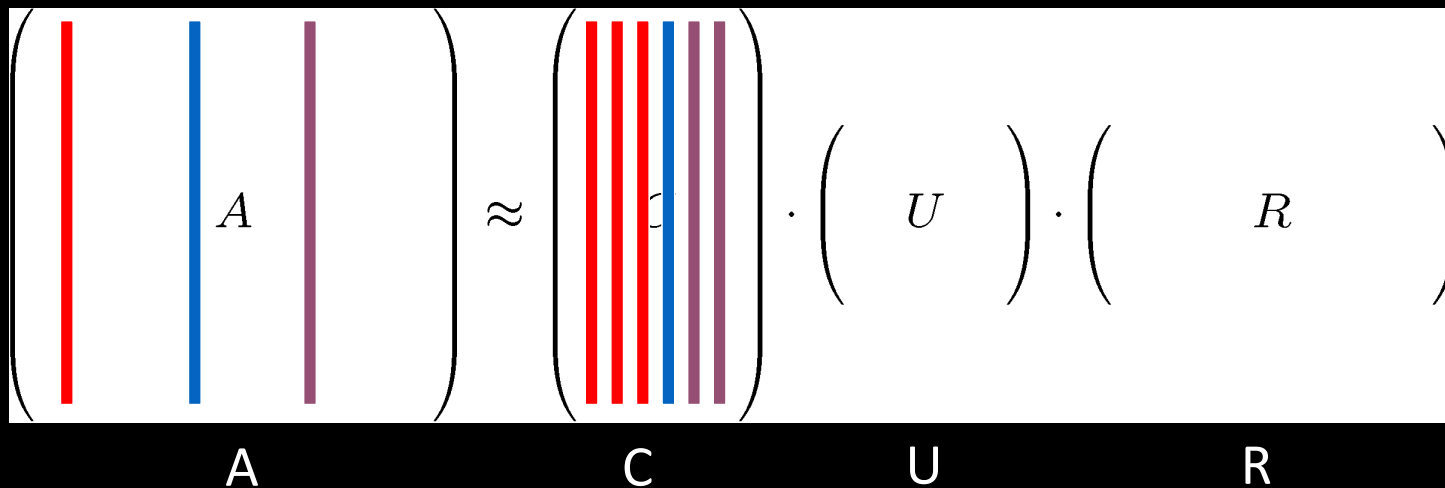
- Singular vectors are **dense!**



# CUR Decomposition

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:**

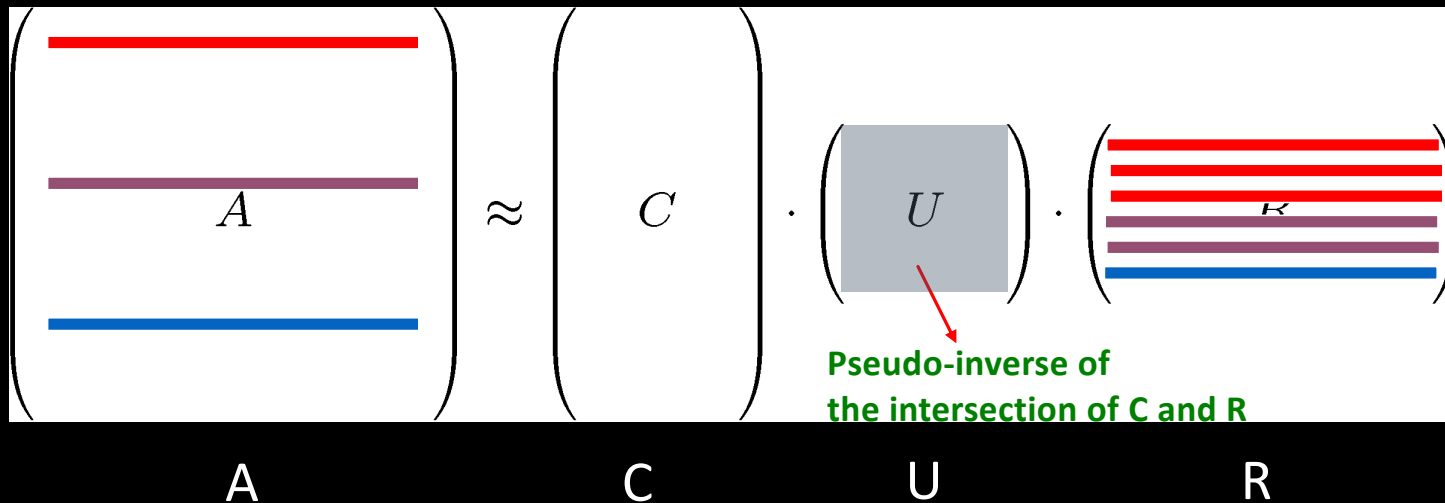




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# CUR: How it Works

- Sampling columns (similarly for rows):

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

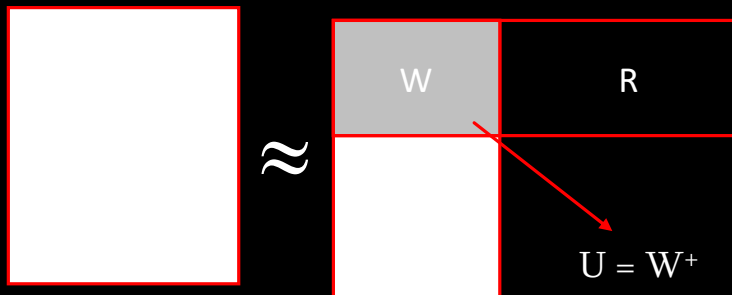
**Input:** matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , sample size  $c$

**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  $\mathbf{C}_d(:, i) = \mathbf{A}(:, j) / \sqrt{cP(j)}$

# Computing U

- Let  $\mathbf{W}$  be the “intersection” of sampled columns  $\mathbf{C}$  and rows  $\mathbf{R}$ 
  - Let SVD of  $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Y}^T$
- Then:  $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{W}^+ = \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{Z}^+ \mathbf{X}^T$ 
  - $\mathbf{Z}^+$ : reciprocals of non-zero singular values:  $\mathbf{Z}^+_{ii} = 1/Z_{ii}$
  - $\mathbf{W}^+$  is the “pseudoinverse”



## Why pseudoinverse works?

$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Y}$  then  $\mathbf{W}^{-1} = \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{Z}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^{-1}$

Due to orthonormality

$\mathbf{X}^{-1} = \mathbf{X}^T$  and  $\mathbf{Y}^{-1} = \mathbf{Y}^T$

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

**Thus**, if  $\mathbf{W}$  is nonsingular, pseudoinverse is the true inverse

# CUR: Pros & Cons

## + Easy interpretation

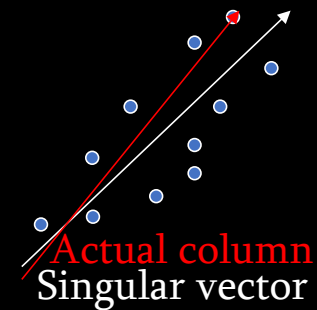
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## + Sparse basis

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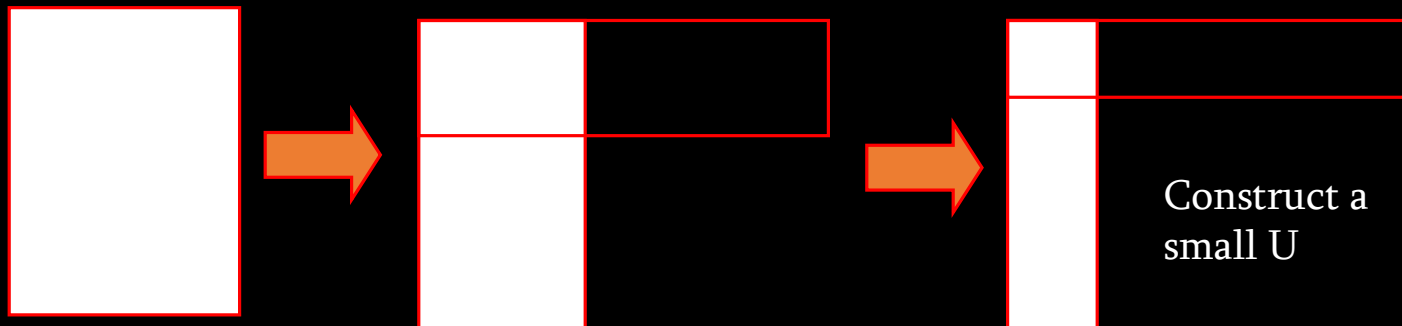
## - Duplicate columns and rows

- Columns of large norms will be sampled many times



# Solution

- **If we want to get rid of the duplicates:**
  - Throw them away
  - Scale (multiply) the columns/rows by the square root of the number of duplicates



# SVD vs. CUR

sparse and small

$$\text{SVD: } A = U \Sigma V^T$$

Huge but sparse      Big and dense

dense but small

$$\text{CUR: } A = C U R$$

Huge but sparse      Big but sparse

# Stochastic SVD (SSVD)

- Uses **random projections** to find close approximation to SVD
- Combination of probabilistic strategies to maximize convergence likelihood
- Easily scalable to *massive* linear systems

# Basic goal

- Matrix  $A$ 
  - Find a low-rank approximation of  $A$
  - Basic dimensionality reduction

$$\|A - QQ^*A\| < \epsilon$$



Preconditioning



# Approximating range of $A$

- INPUT:  $A, k, p$
- OUTPUT:  $Q$

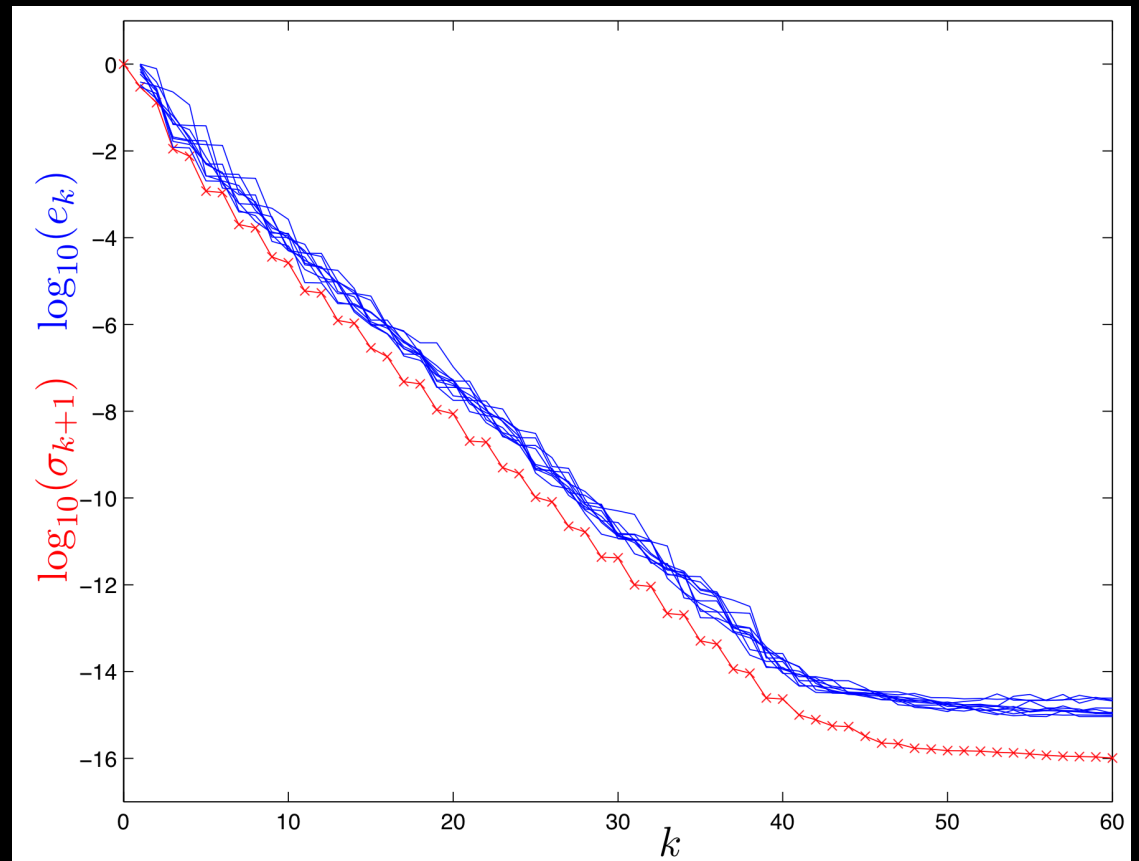
1. Draw Gaussian  $n \times k$  test matrix  $\Omega$
2. Form product  $Y = A\Omega$
3. Orthogonalize columns of  $Y \rightarrow Q$

# Approximating SVD of $A$

- INPUT:  $Q$
  - OUTPUT: Singular vectors  $U$
1. Form  $k \times n$  matrix  $B = Q^T A$
  2. Compute SVD of  $B = \hat{U} \Sigma V^T$
  3. Compute singular vectors  $U = Q \hat{U}$

# Empirical Results

- 1000x1000 matrix
- Several runs of empirical results (blue) to theoretical lower bound (red)
- **Error seems to be systemic**



# Power iterations

- Affects decay of eigenvalues / singular values

$$Y = \cancel{A} \Omega.$$

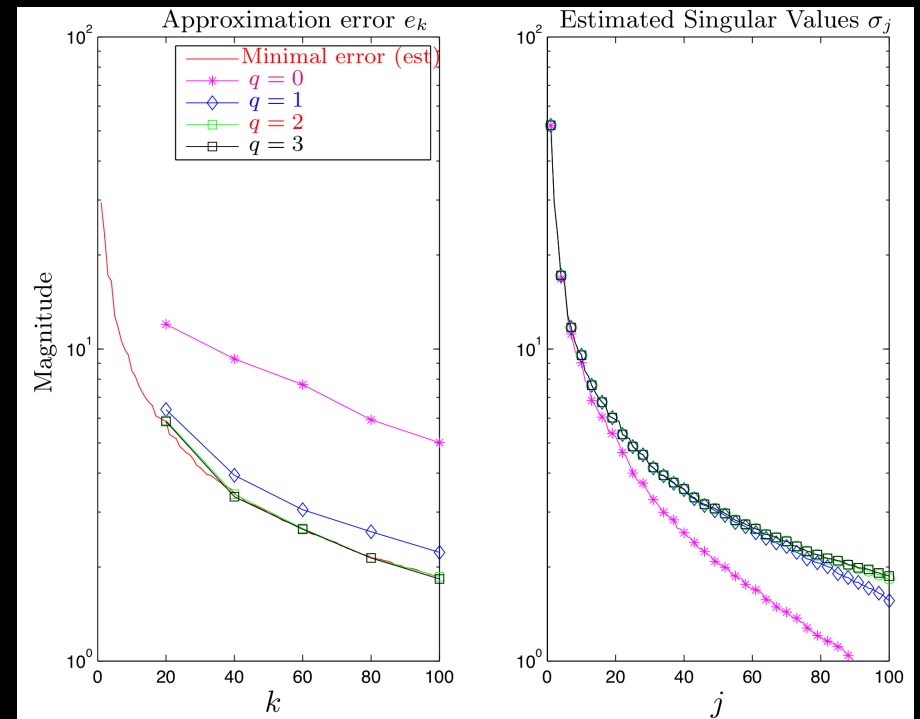
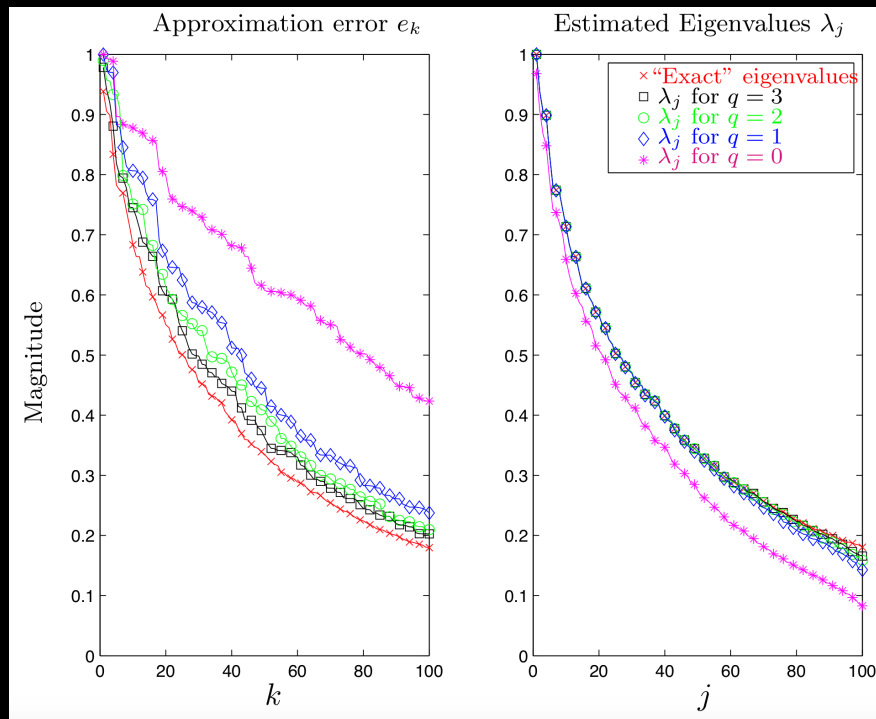
$$Y = (A A^*)^q A \Omega$$

# Power iterations

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}\|A - QQ^T A\|_2 &\leq \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{p-1}}\right) \sigma_{k+1} + \frac{e\sqrt{k+p}}{p} \cdot \left(\sum_{j>k} \sigma_j^2\right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \left[1 + \frac{4\sqrt{k+p}}{p-1} \cdot \sqrt{\min\{m, n\}}\right] \sigma_{k+1} \\ &= C \cdot \sigma_{k+1}.\end{aligned}$$

Upshot: after only a single power iteration, the error is proportional to the *next* [uncomputed] singular value (times a constant  $C$ ).

# Empirical Results



# Why does this work?

- Three primary reasons:

## 1. Johnson-Lindenstrauss Lemma

- Low-dimensional embeddings preserve pairwise distances

$$(1 - \varepsilon)\|u - v\|^2 \leq \|f(u) - f(v)\|^2 \leq (1 + \varepsilon)\|u - v\|^2$$

## 2. Concentration of measure

- Geometric interpretation of classical idea: regular functions of independent random variables rarely deviate far from their means

## 3. Preconditioning

- Condition number: how much change in output is produced from change in input (relation to #1)
- $Q$  matrix lowers condition number while preserving overall system

$$\kappa = \frac{|\lambda_{\max}|}{|\lambda_{\min}|}$$

# Summary

- Relationship of SVD and PCA
  - PCA: eigenvectors and eigenvalues of the covariance matrix (or kernel matrix, for Kernel PCA)
  - SVD: Low-rank approximation for *any* matrix
- CUR
  - Randomly sample columns of data matrix  $A$  to use as basis
  - Interpretable and sparse, but potentially oversample high-magnitude columns
- SVD via SGD
  - Reframe SVD as a matrix completion problem
  - Use SGD in alternating least-squares to infer "missing" components
- SSVD
  - Full-blown Johnson-Lindenstrauss exploitation
  - Use random projections to approximate SVD to high accuracy
  - Requires some empirical tweaks (oversampling, power iterations)



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# Large-Scale Matrix Factorization with Distributed Stochastic Gradient Descent

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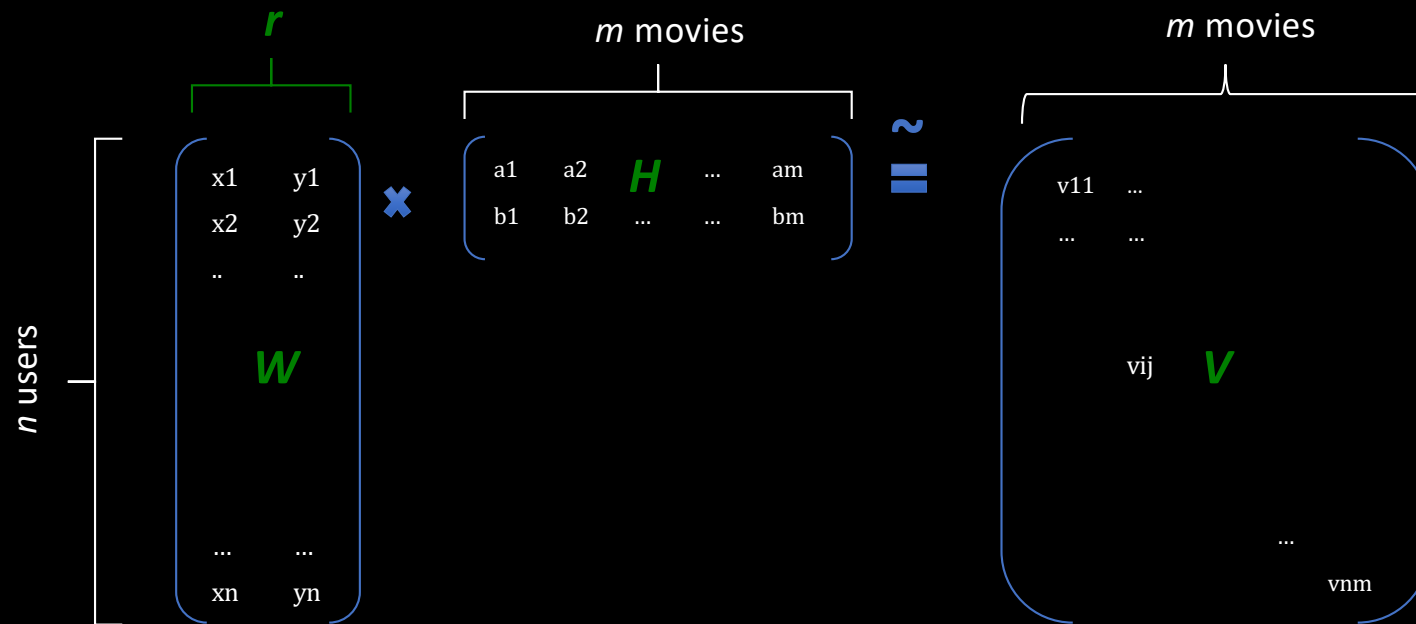
## Collaborative Filtering

- ▶ Problem
  - ▶ Set of users
  - ▶ Set of items (movies, books, jokes, products, stories, ...)
  - ▶ Feedback (ratings, purchase, click-through, tags, ...)
- ▶ Predict additional items a user may like
  - ▶ Assumption: Similar feedback  $\implies$  Similar taste
- ▶ Example

	<i>Avatar</i>	<i>The Matrix</i>	<i>Up</i>
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<i>Bob</i>	3	2	?
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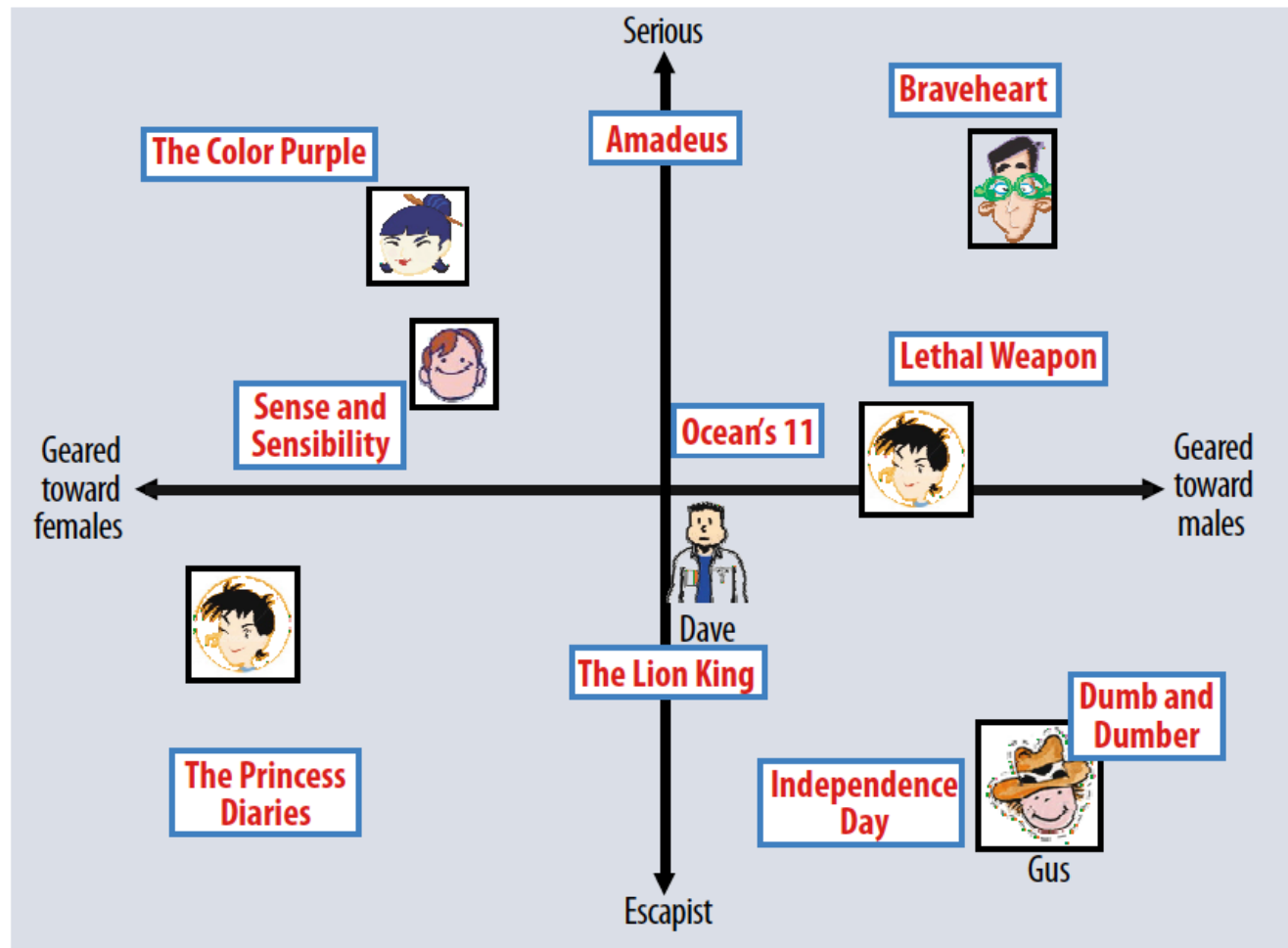
- ▶ Netflix competition: 500k users, 20k movies, 100M movie ratings, 3M question marks

# Recovering latent factors in a matrix



$V[i,j]$  = user  $i$ 's rating of movie  $j$

# Semantic Factors (Koren et al., 2009)



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- ▶ Bias, regularization



# Matrix factorization as SGD

require that the loss can be written as

$$L = \sum_{(i,j) \in Z} l(\mathbf{V}_{ij}, \mathbf{W}_{i*}, \mathbf{H}_{*j})$$

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## Algorithm 1 SGD for Matrix Factorization

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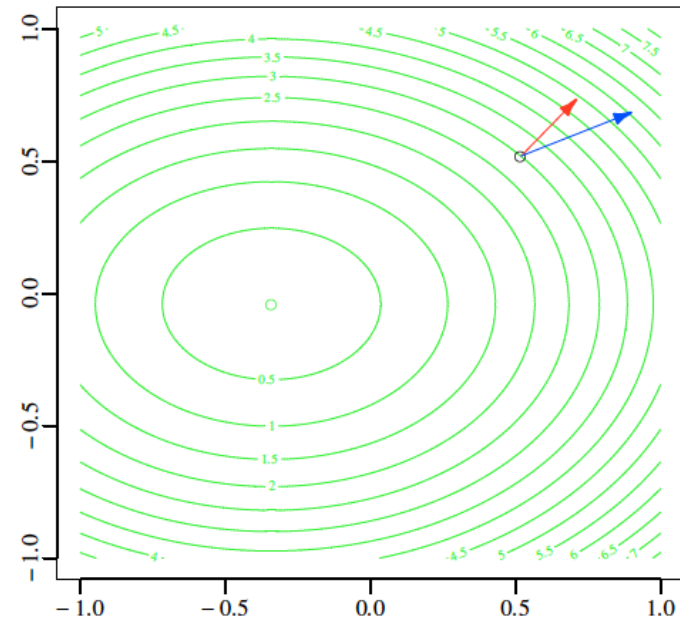
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**end while**

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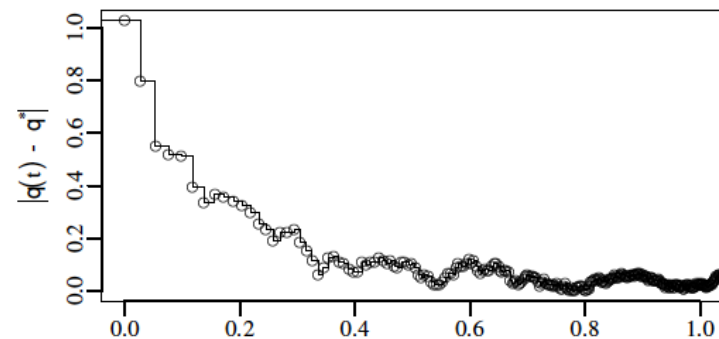
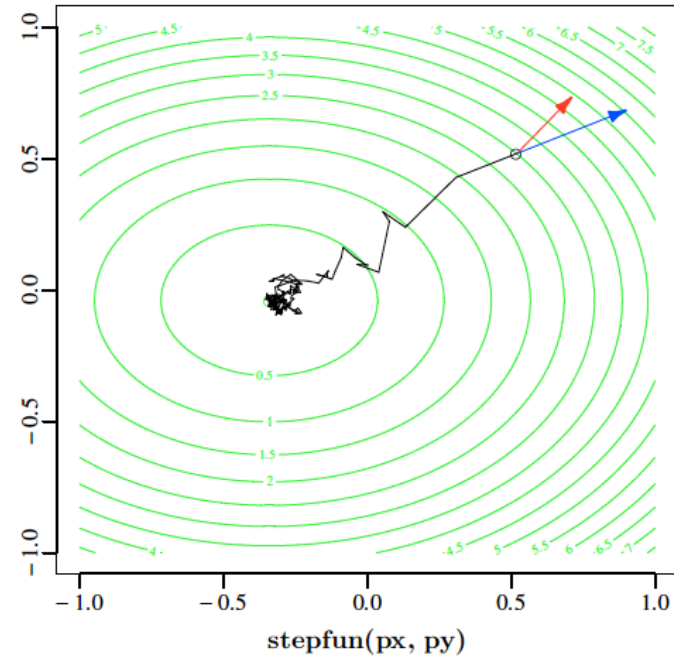


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- ▶ Approximate gradient  $\hat{L}'(\theta_0)$
- ▶ Jump “approximately” downhill
- ▶ Stochastic difference equation

$$\theta_{n+1} = \theta_n - \epsilon_n \hat{L}'(\theta_n)$$

- ▶ Under certain conditions, asymptotically approximates (continuous) gradient descent



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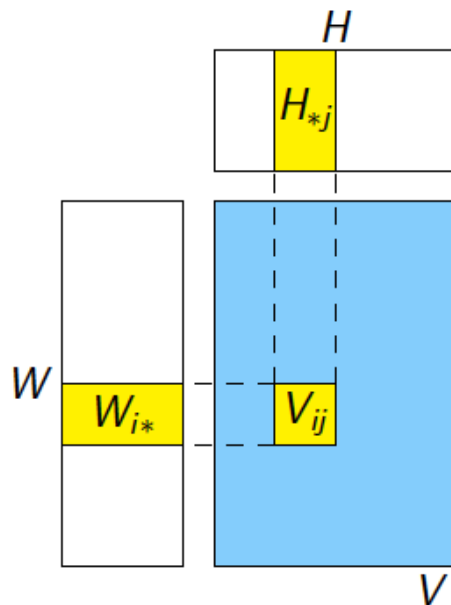
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# Key Claim

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## Checking the claim

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{W}_{i^*}} L(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{H}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{W}_{i^*}} \sum_{(i', j) \in Z} L_{i'j}(\mathbf{W}_{i'^*}, \mathbf{H}_{*j}) = \sum_{j \in Z_{i^*}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{W}_{i^*}} L_{ij}(\mathbf{W}_{i^*}, \mathbf{H}_{*j}),$$

where  $Z_{i^*} = \{j : (i, j) \in Z\}$ .

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Think for SGD for logistic regression

- LR loss = compare  $y$  and  $\hat{y} = \text{dot}(w, x)$
- similar but now update  $w$  (user weights) and  $x$  (movie weight)

# Stochastic Gradient Descent on Netflix Data

