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Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2007 14:35:11 GMT

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Posted by [Wox](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2007 15:25:31 GMT

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<hradilv@yahoo.com> wrote:

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It doesn't return the rank. It returns three arrays. Not sure what they represent, but I'll check whether I can derive some conclusions from them.

Subject: Re: Matrix rank

Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2007 15:41:01 GMT

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Posted by [Wox](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2007 15:44:32 GMT

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2007 15:57:28 GMT

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Wox writes:

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That's why, even when I feel like I am the only one
in the world who is struggling to understand something,
I still post. If my e-mail is correct, it's not just
a twin brother, but a whole family of fertility treatments
gone very, very wrong.

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2007 16:28:11 GMT

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Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2007 17:17:21 GMT
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Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2007 17:19:05 GMT
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yes i 100% agree with you!!!!

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Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2007 17:26:55 GMT

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Well...

2-norm would be the maximum Singular Value: $\max(w)$

trace norm would be the sum of the SVs: $\text{total}(w)$

Frobenius norm would be the sqrt of the sum of the squares of the SVs:

$\sqrt{\text{total}(w*w)}$

I think... see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singular_value_decomposition

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Since this is all in floating-point, it's appropriate to use a tolerance

instead of comparing exactly with 0. See, for example, the algorithm

used in the MATLAB rank function, which uses a tolerance based on the

size of the matrix and the maximum singular value. It's described here:

<http://www.mathworks.com/access/helpdesk/help/techdoc/ref/rank.html>

I assume this is straightforward to express in IDL.

Steve Eddins

<http://blogs.mathworks.com/steve/>
