
Subject: Re: fast svdc for Singular Value Decomposition?

Posted by on Mon, 03 Dec 2012 13:35:03 GMT

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Den måndagen den 3:e december 2012 kl. 09:41:18 UTC+1 skrev ivitseva:

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Posted by [ivitseva](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2012 17:16:30 GMT

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Posted by [DavidF\[1\]](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2012 17:28:45 GMT
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Subject: Re: fast svdc for Singular Value Decomposition?
Posted by [ivitseva](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2012 18:10:26 GMT
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Hi David,

I did not only look at it but implemented it as well. Then I compared your script with mine on a very small subset, and indeed the leading modes are very similar. However, only the leading modes, i.e. the first dimension, are the same, all the others are different. Your script is great, it is extremely fast, and is very useful if only the first dimension is of interest but I need to extract several dimensions.

I've written Excelsis or whatever the name now to ask for help, they are looking at it now. There must be a fast solution, don't hate me but I've run it in Idrisi that took about a minute. Or, as I wrote, Envi does it as well very fast if your time series is a layersctack of the two input series.

Anyway, thanks for your answer, I hope for a positive feedback from the company.

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Well, it only applies if your matrix is block diagonal. If it's not, then forget it.

So, assuming your matrix A is indeed block diagonal with blocks A1, A2, ... AN along the diagonal. Consider the SVD equation $A = U W V^T$ and write it in block diagonal form. Make U and V block diagonal with blocks the same size as those of A and numbered the same way. Also split the diagonal W matrix the same way. Then you'll notice that due to the off-diagonal zeros the SVD equation holds for each block index separately, i.e., $A_i = U_i W_i V_i^T$. So you can calculate the SVD of the A_i separately and put together the U, W, and V matrices from the results, which is faster than SVD of the entire A in one go due to the non-linearity of the problem.

Note that the singular values in W will not come out sorted in order of significance, so there is one additional step of book keeping where you sort W and reorder the columns of U and V appropriately.

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