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1. (a) Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a matrix with singular value decomposition  $A = UDV^T$ . Show that the eigen values of the symmetric matrix  $A^T A$  are the squared diagonal elements of  $D$ . What are the corresponding eigenvectors?
  - (b) Let  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be an orthogonal matrix, i.e.,  $U^T U = I$ , where  $I$  is the unit matrix. Deduce that also  $U^T$  must be orthogonal, i.e.,  $U U^T = I$ .
  - (c) Starting from the fact that vector norm is invariant under orthogonal matrix transformations, show that  $\|U^T A V\| = \|A\|$  for all  $A$  and orthogonal  $U$  and  $V$  such that the matrix product makes sense.
2. An orthogonal projection  $P : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow H$  to a subspace  $H \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined as a matrix  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with the following properties:
    - $P^2 = P$ ,
    - $(I - P)x \perp Px$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Given an arbitrary matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , express the orthogonal projections  $P_1 : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow N(A)$  and  $P_2 : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow R(A)$  in terms of the singular value decomposition of  $A$ . Verify also the identity  $R(A)^\perp = N(A^T)$  with the singular value decomposition.

3. Design a  $2 \times 2$  matrix that maps the unit circle to an ellipse whose longer semiaxis has length 2 and points to direction  $(x, y) = (1, 2)$  and the shorter semiaxis is of length  $1/2$ . How many degrees of freedom do you have, i.e., characterize the degree of non-uniqueness of such matrices.
4. Consider the matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,

$$A = I - 2\widehat{u}\widehat{u}^T,$$

where  $\widehat{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is an arbitrary unit vector, i.e.,  $\|\widehat{u}\| = 1$ . Show that  $A$  is unitary. Find the eigenvalues and (real) eigenvectors of  $A$ . Give a geometric interpretation of  $A$ .

Given a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x \neq 0$ , set  $u = x - \|x\|e_1$ , where  $e_1 = [1 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0]^T$ , and  $\widehat{u} = u/\|u\|$ . Compute  $Ax$  and interpret geometrically the result.