

Risk and Portfolio Management with Econometrics, Courant Institute, Spring 2009

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Assignment 5, due February 25

Corrections: (none yet)

1. Verify the formula (7) in the proof of the Lemma.
2. Verify the second step in the proof of the SVD, that $u_3 = Av_3$ is orthogonal to u_1 and u_2 . Note that one of these verifications is a consequence of the lemma.
3. Suppose A is an $n \times m$ matrix with $m \leq n$. Show that

$$\sigma_m = \min_{\|y\|=1} \|Ay\| .$$

Hint: Try using:

$$\|Ay\|^2 = (Ay)^t (Ay) = y^t (A^t A) y .$$

4. Show that $\|X - X_k\|_F^2 = \sum_{j=k+1}^m \sigma_j^2$. That is, the error in the optimal rank k approximation is the sum of the neglected singular values (principal components).
5. Show that the Tychanoff regularization formula is the solution to the *penalized* least squares minimization problem

$$\min_b \left(\|Y - Xb\|^2 + \epsilon^2 \|b\|^2 \right) .$$

Here, ϵ is the *penalty* parameter that penalizes very large regression coefficients.