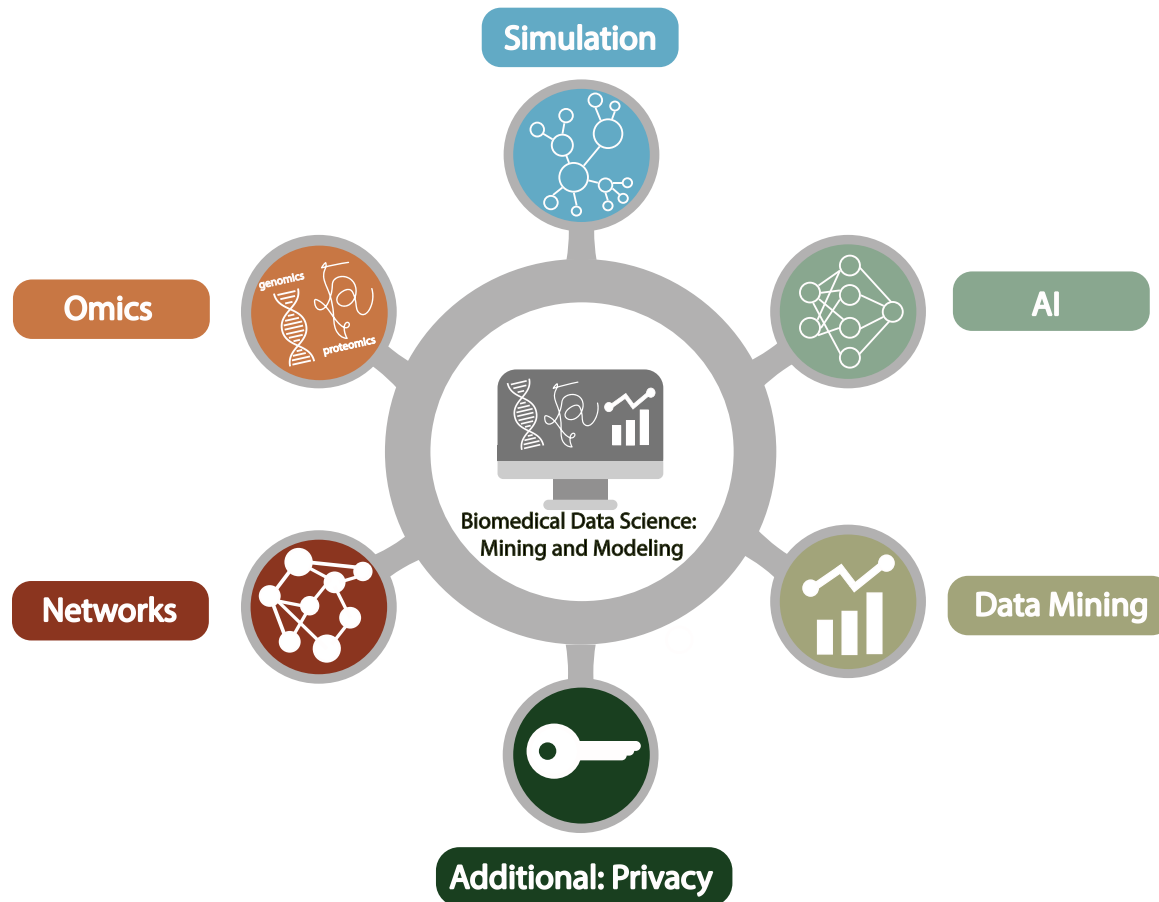


# Biomedical Data Science (GersteinLab.org/courses/452)

## Unsupervised Datamining – SVD (25m9c)



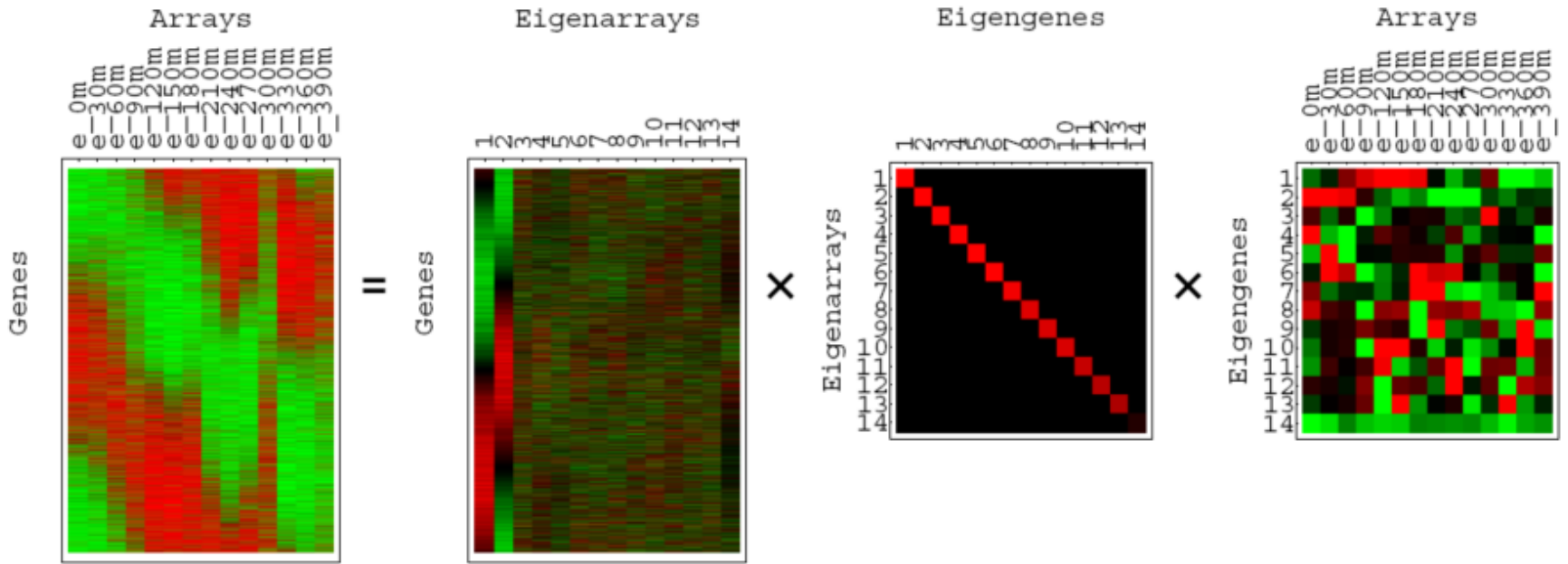
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# Unsupervised Mining

## SVD

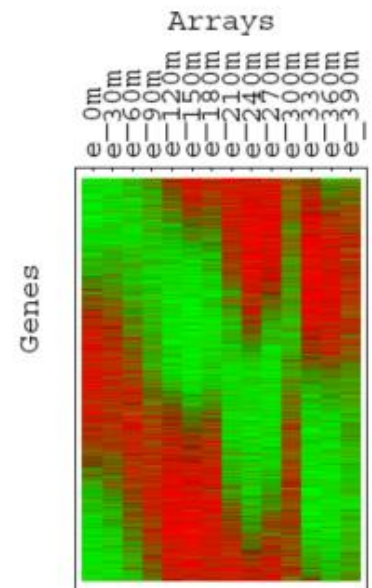
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Brandon Xia with images from  
Alter et al. papers

# SVD for microarray data (Alter et al, PNAS 2000)



$$A = USV^T$$

- A is any rectangular matrix ( $m \geq n$ )
- Row space: vector subspace generated by the row vectors of A
- Column space: vector subspace generated by the column vectors of A
  - The dimension of the row & column space is the rank of the matrix A:  $r (\leq n)$
- A is a linear transformation that maps vector  $x$  in row space into vector  $Ax$  in column space

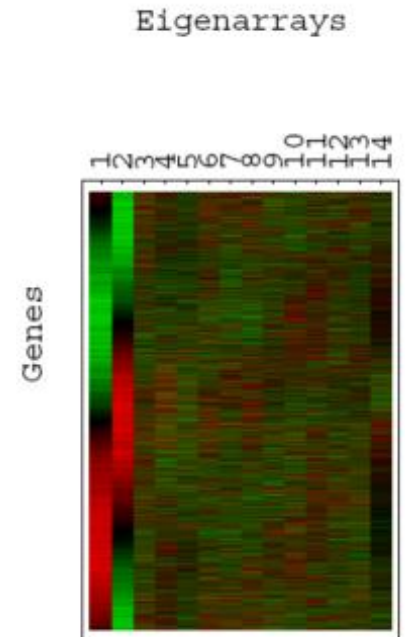


$$A = USV^T$$

- U is an “orthogonal” matrix ( $m \geq n$ )
- Column vectors of U form an orthonormal basis for the **column space** of A:  $U^T U = I$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$  in U are eigenvectors of  $AA^T$ 
  - $AA^T = USV^T VSU^T = US^2 U^T$
  - “Left singular vectors”

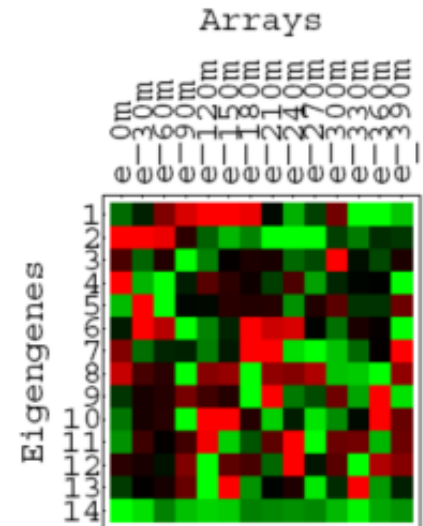


$$A = USV^T$$

- $V$  is an orthogonal matrix (n by n)
- Column vectors of  $V$  form an orthonormal basis for the **row space** of  $A$ :  $V^T V = V V^T = I$

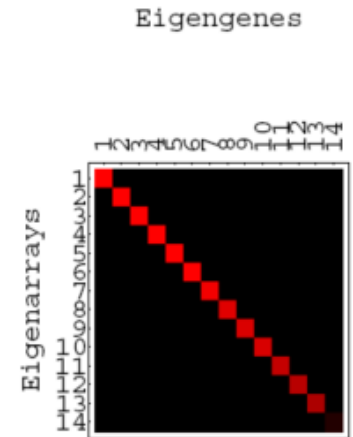
$$V = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  in  $V$  are eigenvectors of  $A^T A$ 
  - $A^T A = V S U^T U S V^T = V S^2 V^T$
  - “Right singular vectors”



$$A = USV^T$$

- S is a diagonal matrix (n by n) of non-negative singular values
- Typically sorted from largest to smallest
- Singular values are the non-negative square root of corresponding eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$



$$AV = US$$

- Means each  $Av_i = s_i u_i$
- Remember  $A$  is a linear map from row space to column space
- Here,  $A$  maps an orthonormal basis  $\{v_i\}$  in row space into an orthonormal basis  $\{u_i\}$  in column space
- Each component of  $u_i$  is the projection of a row of the data matrix  $A$  onto the vector  $v_i$



# SVD as sum of rank-1 matrices

- $A = USV^T$
- $A = s_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + s_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T + \dots + s_n \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{v}_n^T$
- $s_1 \geq s_2 \geq \dots \geq s_n \geq 0$

an outer product  
( $uv^T$ ) giving a  
matrix rather than  
the scalar of the  
inner product

- What is the rank- $r$  matrix  $\hat{A}$  that best approximates  $A$  ?

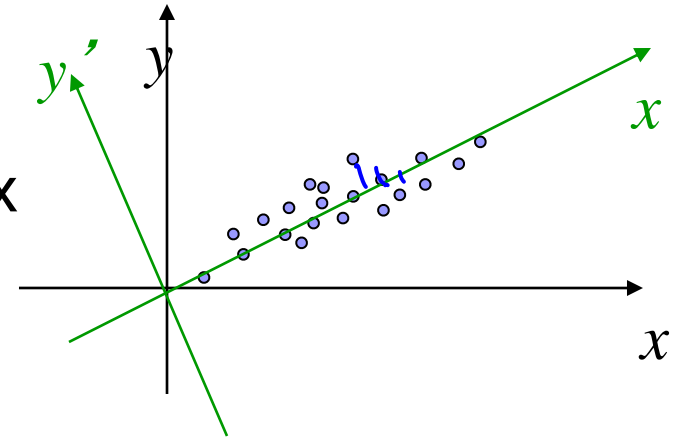
– Minimize 
$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n (\hat{A}_{ij} - A_{ij})^2$$

LSQ approx. If  $r=1$ ,  
this amounts to a  
line fit.

- $\hat{A} = s_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + s_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T + \dots + s_r \mathbf{u}_r \mathbf{v}_r^T$
- Very useful for matrix approximation

# Geometry of SVD in row space

- A as a collection of m row vectors (points) in the row space of A
- $s_1\mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{v}_1^T + s_2\mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{v}_2^T$  is the best rank-2 matrix approximation for A
- Geometrically:  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are the directions of the best approximating rank-2 subspace that goes through origin
- $s_1\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $s_2\mathbf{u}_2$  gives coordinates for row vectors in rank-2 subspace
- $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  gives coordinates for row space basis vectors in rank-2 subspace



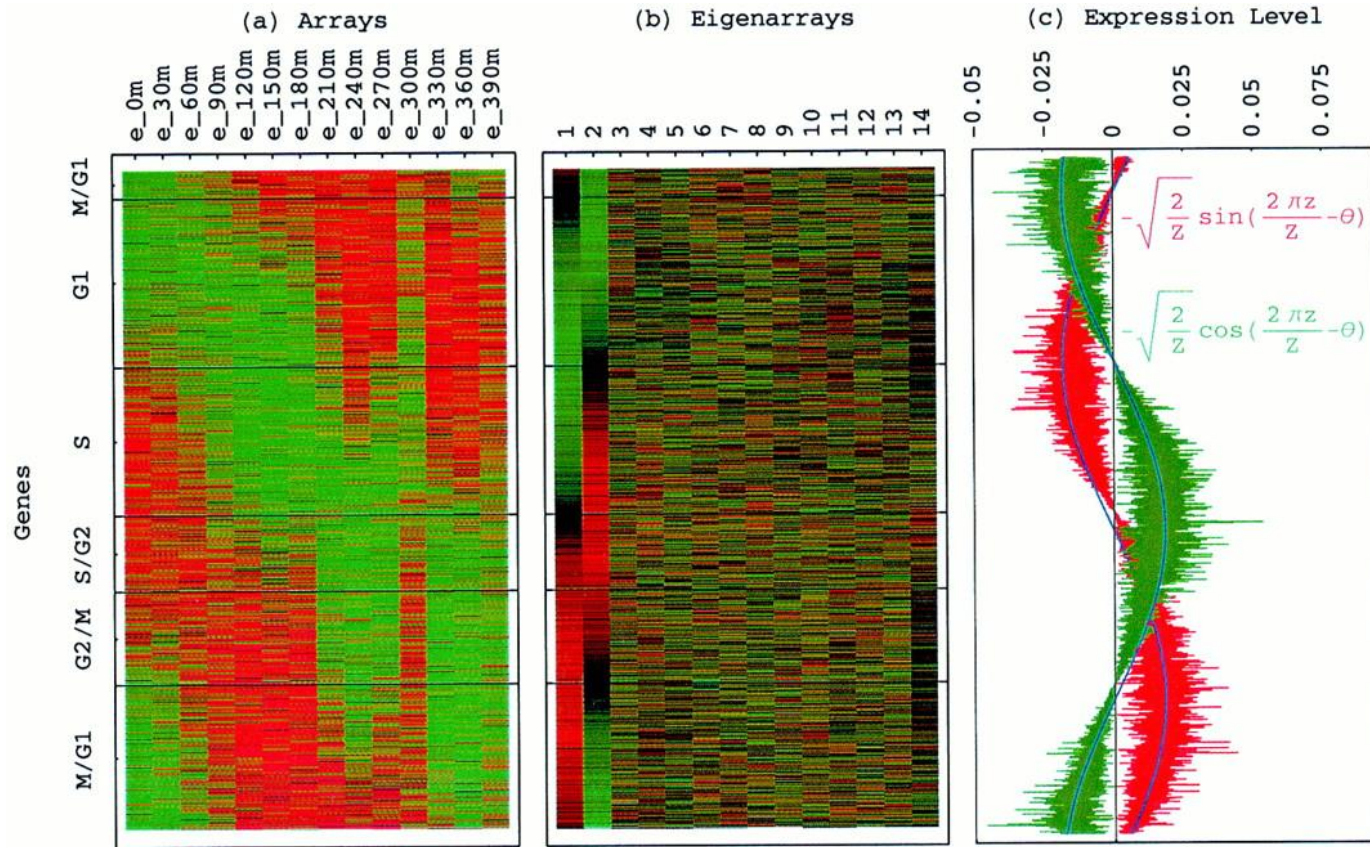
$$A \mathbf{v}_i = s_i \mathbf{u}_i$$

$$I \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{v}_i$$

# Unsupervised Mining

Intuition on interpretation of SVD  
in terms of genes and conditions

# Genes sorted by correlation with top 2 eigengenes



Alter, Orly et al. (2000) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 97, 10101-10106

Fig. 3. Genes sorted by relative correlation with  $|\gamma_1\rangle_N$  and  $|\gamma_2\rangle_N$  of normalized elutriation. (a) Normalized elutriation expression of the sorted 5,981 genes in the 14 arrays, showing traveling wave of expression. (b) Eigenarrays expression; the expression of  $|\alpha_1\rangle_N$  and  $|\alpha_2\rangle_N$ , the eigenarrays corresponding to  $|\gamma_1\rangle_N$  and  $|\gamma_2\rangle_N$ , displays the sorting. (c) Expression levels of  $|\alpha_1\rangle_N$  (red) and  $|\alpha_2\rangle_N$  (green) fit normalized sine and cosine functions of period  $Z \equiv N - 1 = 5,980$  and phase  $\theta \approx 2\pi/13$  (blue), respectively.

# Normalized elutriation expression in the subspace associated with the cell cycle

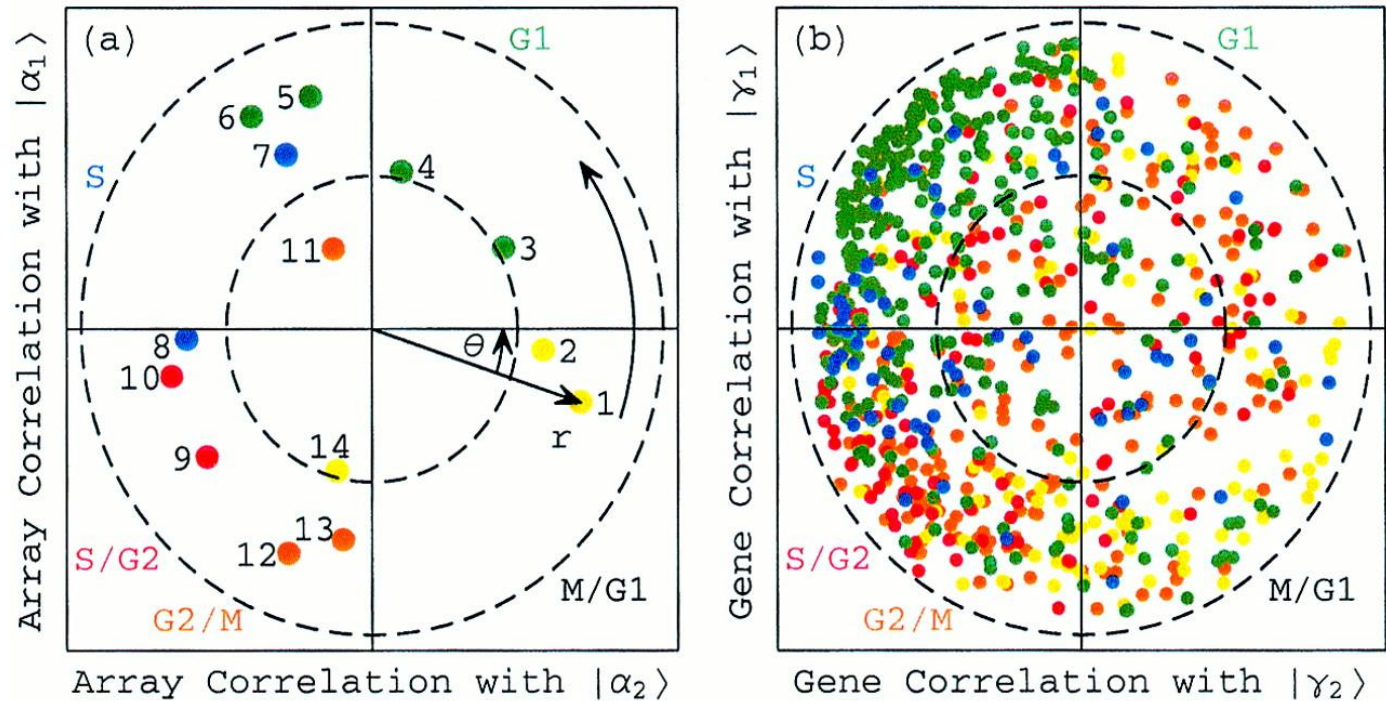


Fig. 2. Normalized elutriation expression in the subspace associated with the cell cycle. (a) Array correlation with  $|\alpha_1\rangle_N$  along the y-axis vs. that with  $|\alpha_2\rangle_N$  along the x-axis, color-coded according to the classification of the arrays into the five cell cycle stages, M/G<sub>1</sub> (yellow), G<sub>1</sub> (green), S (blue), S/G<sub>2</sub> (red), and G<sub>2</sub>/M (orange). The dashed unit and half-unit circles outline 100% and 25% of overall normalized array expression in the  $|\alpha_1\rangle_N$  and  $|\alpha_2\rangle_N$  subspace. (b) Correlation of each gene with  $|\gamma_1\rangle_N$  vs. that with  $|\gamma_2\rangle_N$ , for 784 cell cycle regulated genes, color-coded according to the classification by Spellman et al. (3).

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