



# An Approximate Singular Value Decomposition of Large Matrices in Julia

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# Motivation behind an Approximate SVD

- ▶ The singular value decomposition (SVD) is a widely used algorithm:
  - ▶ Data compression: allows for compact representation of matrices
  - ▶ Data assimilation: determine fastest growing perturbations
- ▶ Does not scale well:  $O(n^3)$  for a square matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$$

- ▶ Approximate algorithm based on Friedland et al., (2009)

$$\mathbf{B} \approx \mathbf{A}_k = \mathbf{U}_k \mathbf{\Sigma}_k \mathbf{V}_k^T$$

- ▶ Two attractive features:
  - ▶ Better scaling:  $O(kn^2)$  for a square matrix
  - ▶ Small memory footprint

# Description of the Algorithm

## Pseudocode

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1 C      = rand_cols(A,k)
2 X      = run_orth(C)
3 (Bx,By) = compute_B(X,A,k)
4 N      = compute_norm(Bx,By,k)
5 while iter == true
6   C     = rand_cols(A, l)
7   X     = run_orth(hcat(X,C))
8   G     = compute_G(X,A,k+l)
9   (O,λ) = eig_G(G,k,l)
10  (U,S)  = svd_G(X,O,λ)
11  (Bx,By) = compute_B(U,A,k)
12  N      = compute_norm(Bx,By,k)
13 end
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## Explanation

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1 Randomly draw “k” columns from “A”
2 Obtain an orthonormal set from the columns
3 Construct the “B” matrix using the  $\perp$  set
4 Compute the norm of “B”
5 Begin iterating
6 Randomly draw “l” more columns
7 Obtain a new  $\perp$  set
8 Construct the “G” matrix using the  $\perp$  set
9 Compute the eigenvectors/values of “G”
10 Compute the SVD of “G”
11 Compute the “B” using the SVD of “G”
12 Compute the norm of “B”
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- ▶ Iteratively sample **A** and obtain orthonormal sets
  - ▶ Uses QR factorization to obtain orthonormal set



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- ▶ Apply orthonormal sets to the **A** matrix
  - ▶ Main bottleneck:  $O(kmn)$  complexity



# Implementation and Validation of the Algorithm

- ▶ Takes either `AbstractMatrices` or `DArrays`
  - ▶ Algorithm proceeds differently depending on the array type

- ▶ Compactly store matrices as,

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1^T + \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{y}_2^T + \dots + \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{y}_k^T$$

- ▶  $k$  pairs of  $[m \times 1]$ ,  $[n \times 1]$  vectors instead of an  $[m \times n]$  matrix
  - ▶  $k(m+n)$  elements instead of  $mn$  elements

- ▶ Never actually construct the full  $\mathbf{B}$



# Implementation and Validation of the Algorithm

- ▶ **Two validation cases:** “rand(N<sub>x</sub>, N<sub>y</sub>)” & “randn(N<sub>x</sub>, N<sub>y</sub>)”

- ▶ True error: 
$$\epsilon_T = \frac{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_F}$$

- ▶ Approximation error: 
$$\epsilon_A = \frac{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_F}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_F}$$

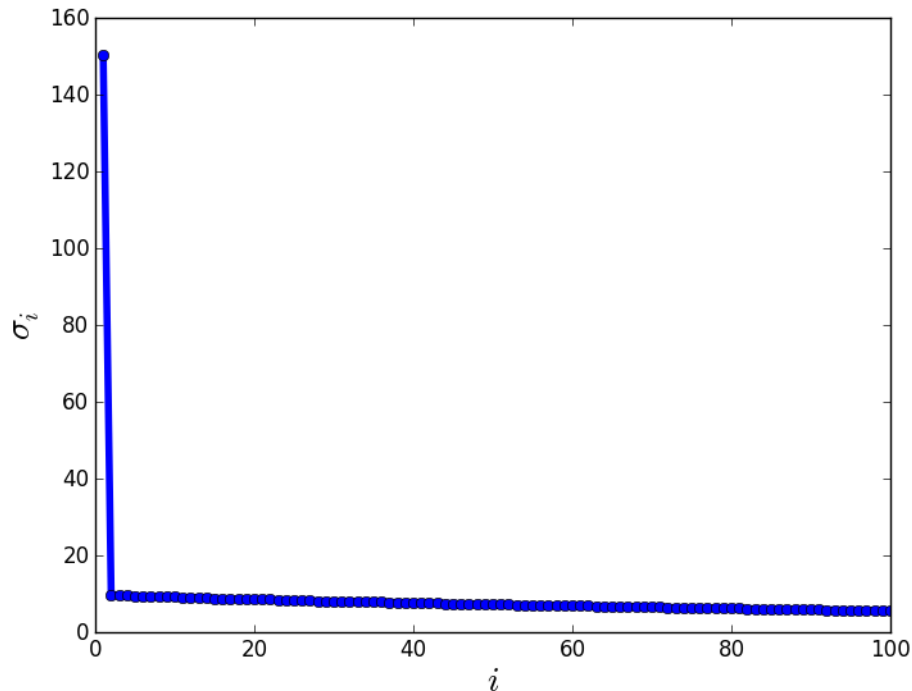
- ▶ Error added from approximation: 
$$\epsilon = \left| \frac{\epsilon_T - \epsilon_A}{\epsilon_T} \right| \times 100$$



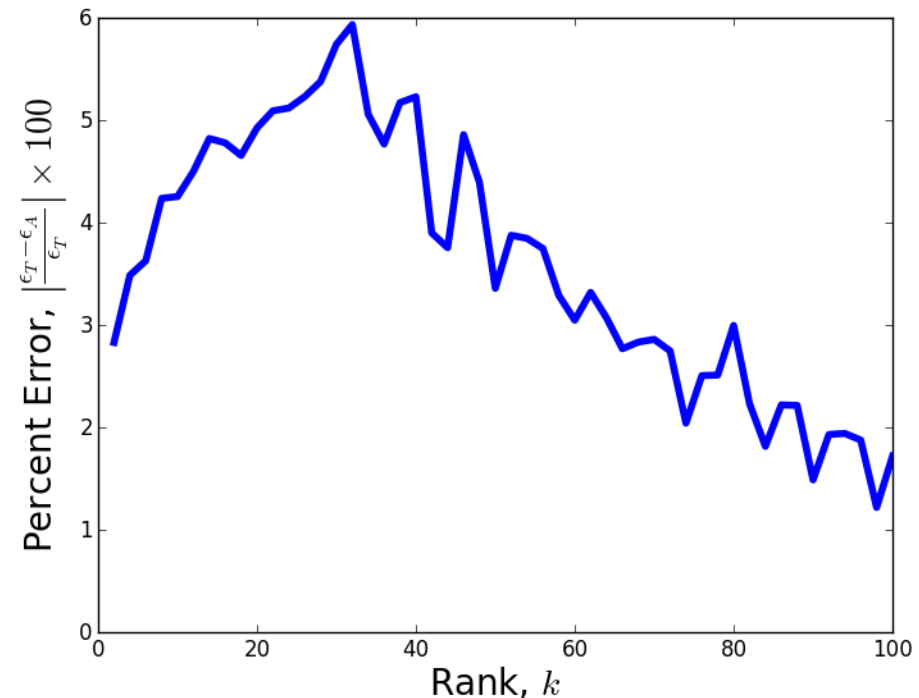
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- ▶ “rand( $N_x, N_y$ )” case
  - ▶ Sharp dropoff in the eigenvalue spectrum
  - ▶  $N_x, N_y = 300$

## Singular Values



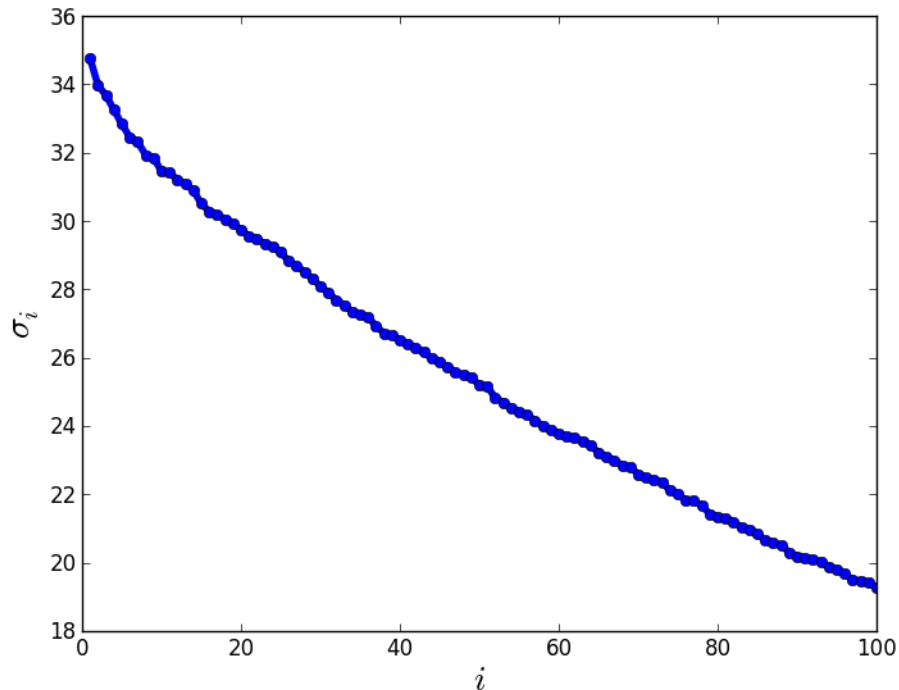
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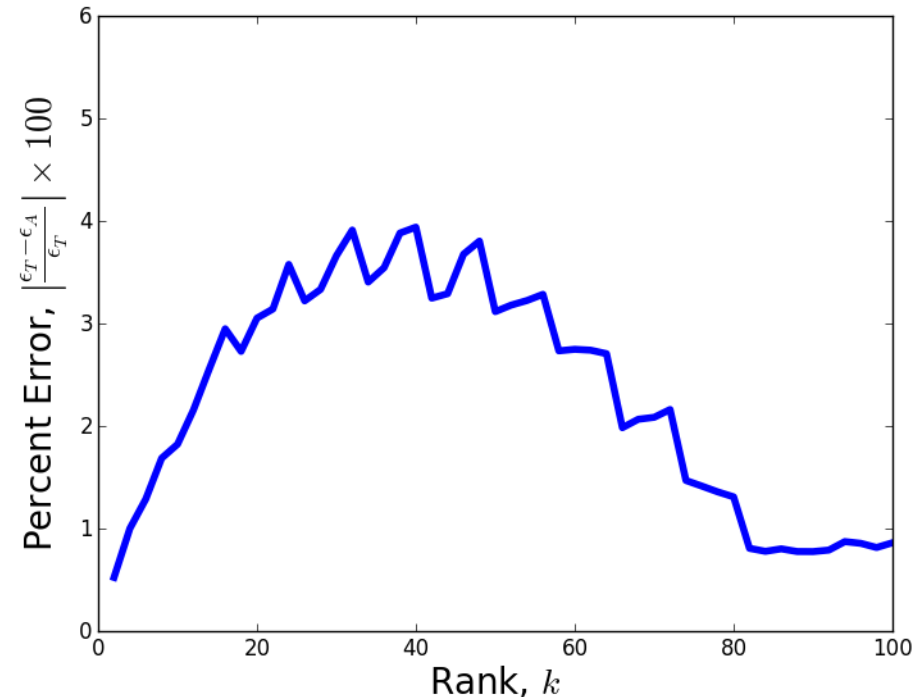
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- ▶ “randn ( $N_x, N_y$ ) ” case
  - ▶ Smooth dropoff in the eigenvalue spectrum
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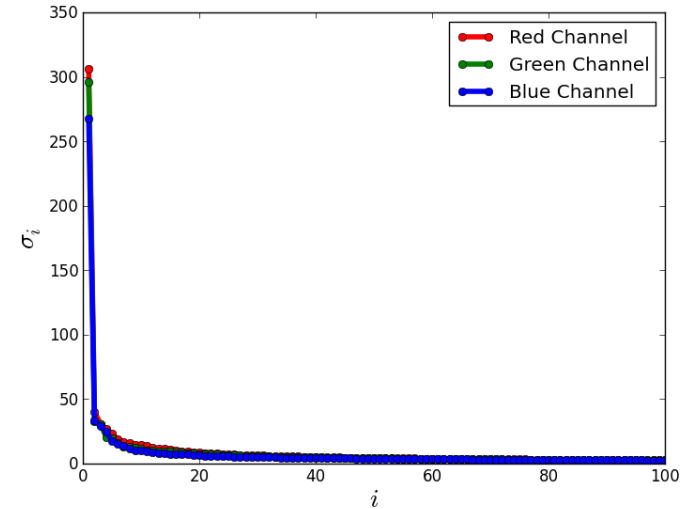
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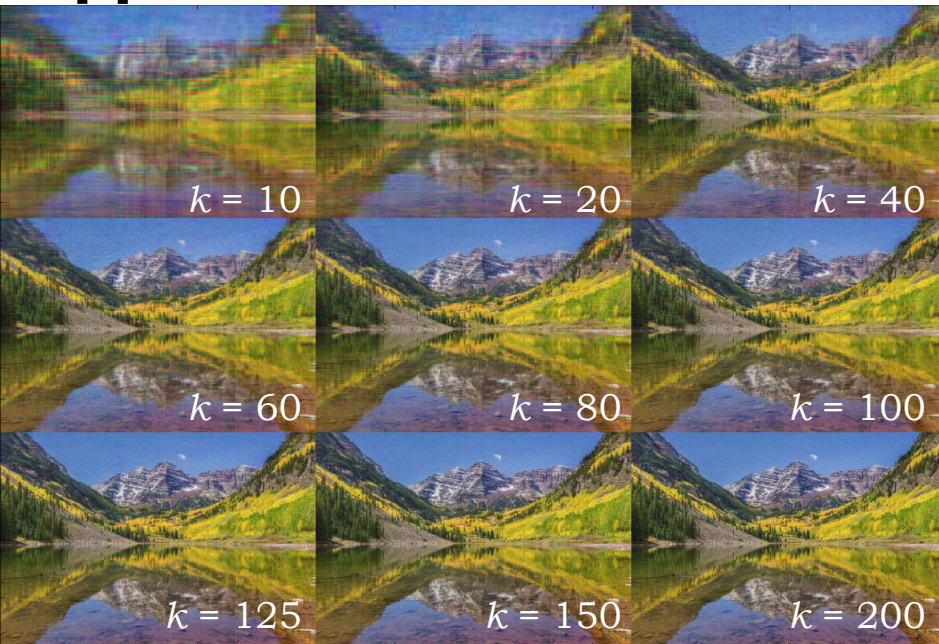


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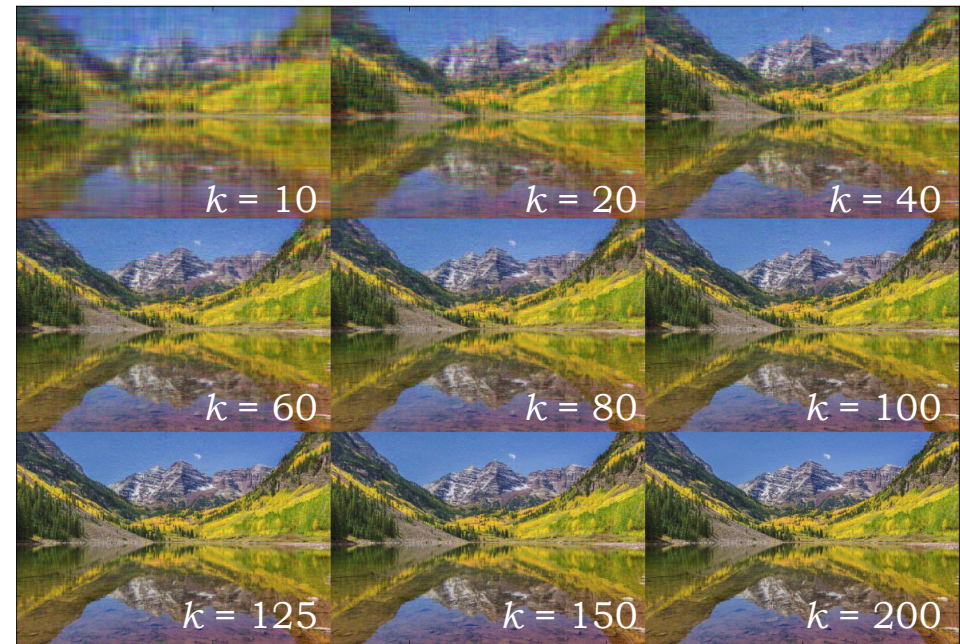
- ▶ Testing with a real image
- ▶ Fairly sharp eigenvalue dropoff
  - ▶ Original image is [800×542]



## Approximated



## True



# Profiling the Code

- ▶ Developed a code profiler
- ▶ Allowed me to quickly determine bottlenecks
  - ▶ Helped me choose the norm
- ▶ Helped me choose default parameters

```
julia> svd_approx(rand(10000,10000))
ITER 0: rand_cols      - 43.20%
ITER 0: run_orth       -  2.44%
ITER 0: compute_B     - 48.75%
ITER 0: compute_norm  -  5.61%
ITER 0:      1.65529299 seconds

ITER 1: rand_cols      -  3.82%
ITER 1: run_orth       -  2.32%
ITER 1: compute_G     - 44.73%
ITER 1: eig_G         -  2.10%
ITER 1: svd_G         -  0.33%
ITER 1: compute_B     - 43.40%
ITER 1: compute_norm  -  3.29%
ITER 1:      3.21842003 seconds
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Exited at iter  8 in 64.67 seconds
```



# Optimizations

- ▶ Direct calls to the BLAS/LAPACK
  - ▶ QR factorization (**DGEQRF** + **DORGQR**)
  - ▶ Matrix-Vector multiplication (**DGEMV**)
- ▶ Parallel matrix multiplication
  - ▶ Need to perform  $k$  matrix-vector multiplications at every iteration:

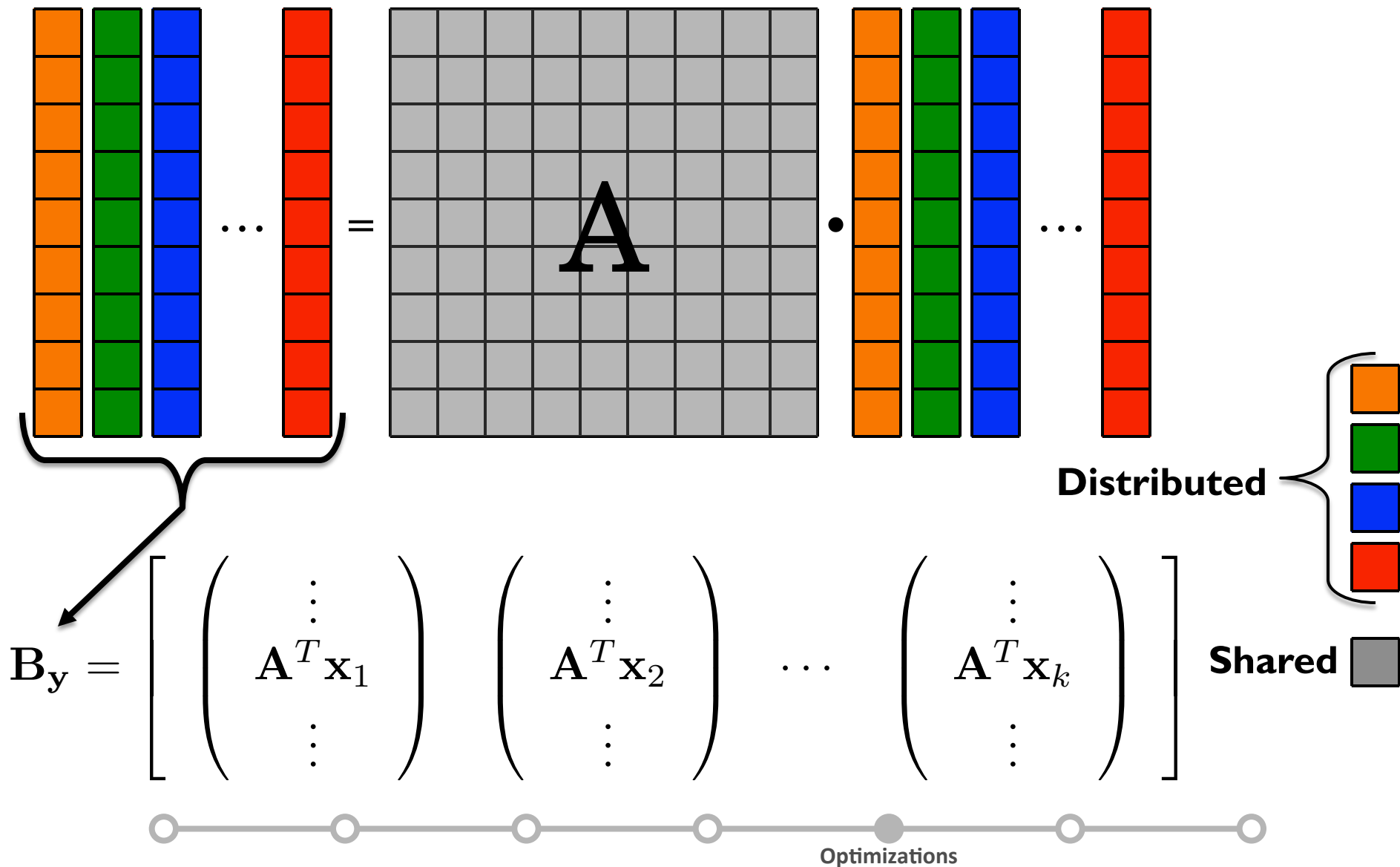
$$\mathbf{B} = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{x}_i \left( \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x}_i \right)^T$$

- ▶ Can do them in simultaneously in parallel or can break them into smaller matrix-vector multiplications



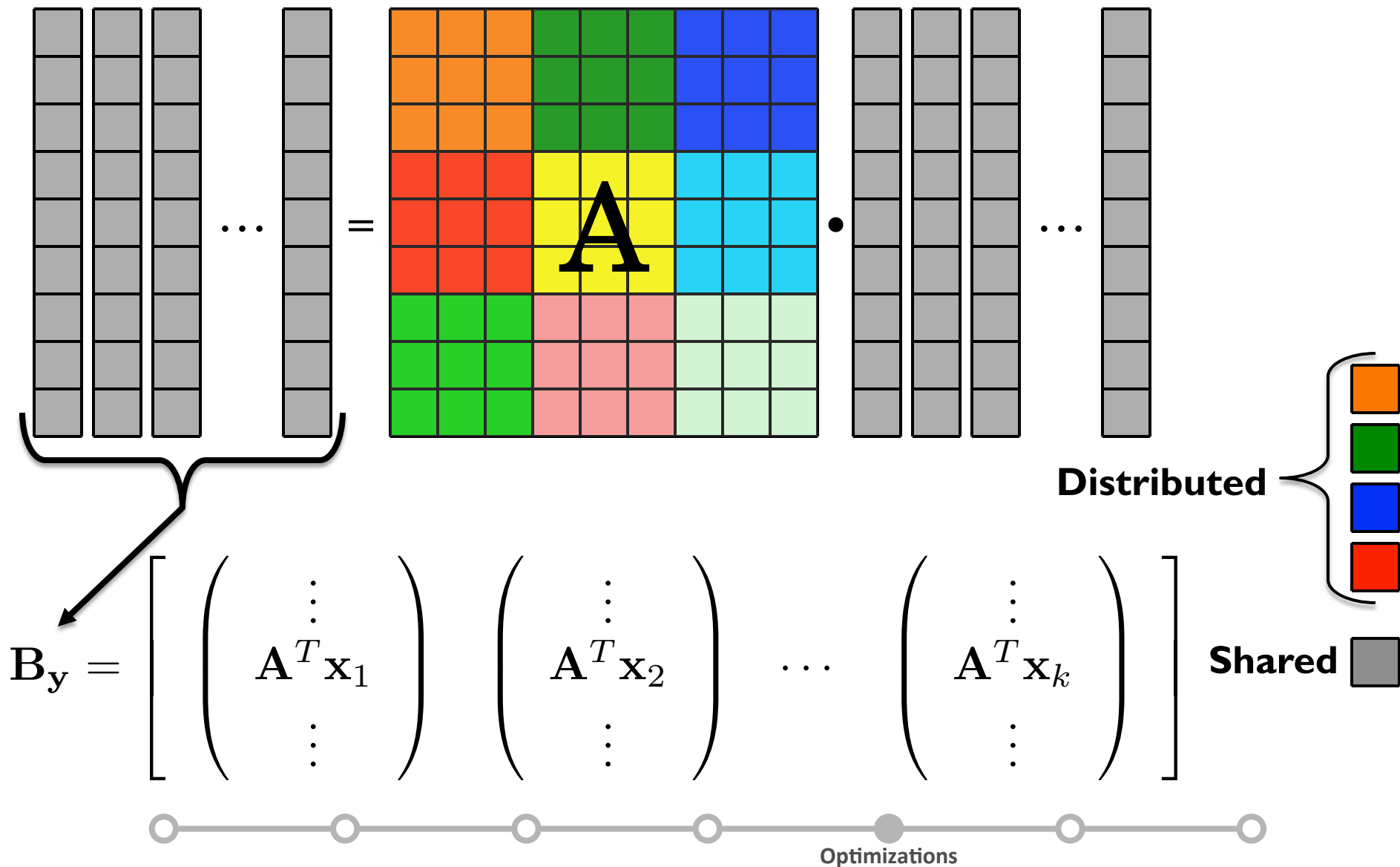
# Optimizations: A Tale of Two DGEMVs

**Shared Memory:**  $k$  large DGEMVs in parallel on  $p$  processors



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**Distributed Memory:**  $\mathbf{A}$  broken into  $p$  parts,  $k$  serial DGEMVs



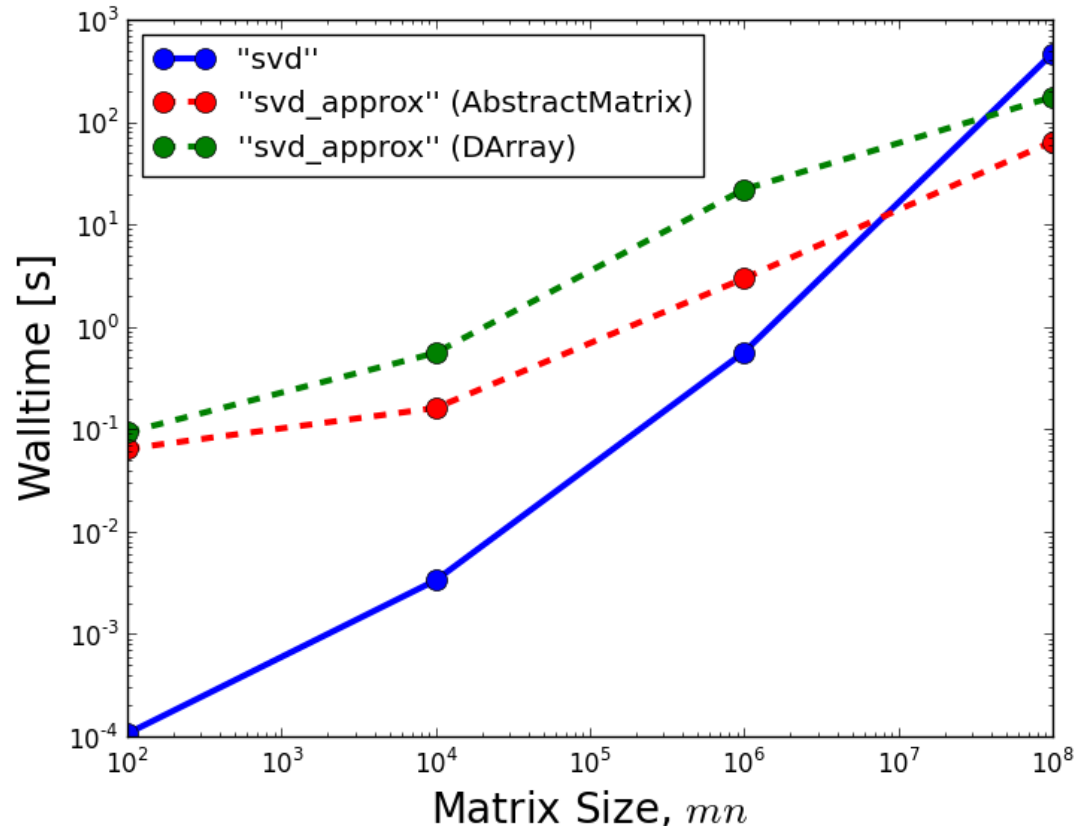
# Speedup: Matrix Size

- ▶ Tested the approximate SVD against the built in serial SVD (“ $(U, S, V) = \text{svd}(A)$ ”)
  - ▶ “ $\text{svd}(A)$ ” should scale as  $O(mn^2)$
  - ▶ “ $\text{svd\_approx}(A)$ ” should scale as  $O(kmn)$

- ▶ Approximate SVD does exhibit better scaling

- ▶  $\text{svd\_approx}$  @  $10^8$ : 64s
- ▶  $\text{svd}$  @  $10^8$ : 468s

- ▶ Only use approximate SVD for large matrices



# Summary

- ▶ Implemented an approximate SVD in Julia
  - ▶ Code is currently available on github at:  
“<https://github.com/alexjturner/SVDapprox>”
  - ▶ Scales as  $O(kmn)$  instead of  $O(mn^2)$  for standard SVD
- ▶ Currently works with both AbstractMatrices and DArrays
  - ▶ Different algorithm based on the user input
- ▶ Excellent speedup for large matrices ( $> 10^8$  elements)