

# 2017 Fall EE203001 Linear Algebra - Homework 6 solution

Due: 2017/12/22

1. (10%) For which  $s$  and  $t$  do  $A$  and  $B$  have all  $\lambda > 0$  (therefore positive definite)?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} s & -4 & -4 \\ -4 & s & -4 \\ -4 & -4 & s \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} t & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & t & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & t \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

$A$  is positive definite when  $s > 8$ ;  $B$  is positive definite when  $t > 5$  by determinants.

2. (10%) Find the eigenvalues and unit eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$ . Keep each  $A\mathbf{v} = \sigma\mathbf{u}$ :

$$\mathbf{Fibonacci\ matrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Construct the singular value decomposition and verify that  $A$  equals  $U\Sigma V^T$ .

**Solution:**

$$A^T A = AA^T \text{ has eigenvalues } \sigma_1^2 = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \sigma_2^2 = \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} = \lambda_1(A), \sigma_2 = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} = \lambda_2(A); \mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1 \text{ and } \mathbf{u}_2 = -\mathbf{v}_2.$$

3. (10%) Write  $A$  in the form  $\lambda_1 x_1 x_1^T + \lambda_2 x_2 x_2^T + \lambda_3 x_3 x_3^T$  of the spectral theorem  $Q\Lambda Q^T$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{keep } \|x_1\| = \|x_2\| = \|x_3\| = 1)$$

**Solution:**

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^3 - 0\lambda^2 + (-9)\lambda - 0 = 0 \rightarrow \lambda = 0, 3, -3$$

$$\text{when } \lambda = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{when } \lambda = 3 \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_2 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{when } \lambda = -3 \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_3 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b mA = 0 \begin{bmatrix} 4/3 & 4/3 & -2/3 \\ 4/3 & 4/3 & -2/3 \\ -2/3 & -2/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 4/3 & -2/3 & 4/3 \\ -2/3 & 1/3 & -2/3 \\ 4/3 & -2/3 & 4/3 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & -2/3 & -2/3 \\ -2/3 & 4/3 & 4/3 \\ -2/3 & 4/3 & 4/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. (10%) Without multiplying  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , find

- (a) (2%) the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (2%) the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (2%) the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (d) (4%) a reason why  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric positive definite.

**Solution:**

(a)  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 1 \cdot 2 = 2$

(b)  $\lambda = 1$  and  $2$

(c)  $x_1 = (1, -1)$ ;  $x_2 = (1, 1)$

(d) the  $\lambda$ 's are positive. So  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite.

5. (10%) Find an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  that diagonalizes this symmetric matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of  $A$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0, 2, 4$$

$$\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 2 \Rightarrow \bar{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 4 \Rightarrow \bar{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the orthogonal matrix  $Q$  that diagonalizes  $A$

$$\bar{E}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{E}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{E}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. (10%) Find the 3 by 3 matrix  $A$  and its pivots, rank, eigenvalues, and determinant:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 4(x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3)^2$$

**Solution:**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -8 & 4 \\ -8 & 16 & -8 \\ 4 & -8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = 1$$

$$\text{pivot} = 4$$

$$\text{eigenvalues} = 0, 0, 24$$

$$\det(A) = 0$$

7. (10%) For which number  $b$  and  $c$  are these matrices positive definite?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ b & 16 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

With the pivots in  $D$  and multiplier in  $L$ , factor each  $A$  into  $LDL^\perp$

**Solution:**

$$1 \times 16 - b^2 > 0, -4 < b < 4$$

$$2 \times c - 6 \times 6 > 0, c > 18$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ b & 16 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 - b^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & c - 18 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

8. (10%) What is the quadratic  $f = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$  for each of these matrices? Complete the square to write  $f$  as a sum of one or two squares  $d_1(\quad)^2 + d_2(\quad)^2$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 6 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 5 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{for matrix } A, f(x, y) = 4x^2 + 12xy + 14y^2 = (2x + 3y)^2 + 5y^2$$

$$\text{for matrix } B, f(x, y) = x^2 + 10xy + 25y^2 = (x + 5y)^2$$

9. (10%) For a nearly symmetric matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10^{-19} \\ 0 & 1 + 10^{-19} \end{bmatrix}$ , find out how far are its eigenvectors (in angle) from orthogonal.

**Solution:**

We can find the eigenvectors to be  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  by observation. The angle between the vectors is  $\cos^{-1}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = 45^\circ$ , which is  $45^\circ$  from orthogonal.

10. (10%) Suppose  $A$  is a real antisymmetric matrix that  $A^T = -A$ , please show:

- (a) (3%)  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = 0$  for every real vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- (b) (4%) The eigenvalues of  $A$  are pure imaginary.
- (c) (3%) The determinant of  $A$  is non-negative.

**Solution:**

- (a)  $\mathbf{x}^T (A\mathbf{x}) = (A\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T A^T \mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = 0$  for every real vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- (b) Let  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + i\mathbf{y}$ , where  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  are real vectors. First we show that  $A\mathbf{z} = \lambda\mathbf{z}$  leads to  $\bar{\mathbf{z}}^T A \mathbf{z} = \lambda \bar{\mathbf{z}}^T \mathbf{z} = \lambda \|\mathbf{z}\|^2$ , resulting in the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  multiplies a real number  $\|\mathbf{z}\|^2$ . Since  $\bar{\mathbf{z}}^T A \mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{x} - i\mathbf{y})^T A(\mathbf{x} + i\mathbf{y})$  with real part  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}^T A \mathbf{y}$ , which was proved to be zero in (a)  $\Rightarrow$  Any eigenvalue  $\lambda$  should be pure imaginary.
- (c) Since all the eigenvalues are pure imaginary,  $\det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n = (ia)(-ia)(ib)(-ib) \dots \geq 0$  where  $a, b, \dots$  are non-negative real numbers.