

EE5120 Linear Algebra: Tutorial 8, July-Dec 2017-18

Covers sec 6.1,6.2 (exclude law of inertia and generalized eigenvalue problem),6.3 of GS

1. Compute the SVD of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

Let SVD of A be $U\Lambda V^T$. We now need to find U, Λ and V . Note that $AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

and $A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Eigenvalues of AA^T are $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2 \Rightarrow$ the singular

values are $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \sqrt{2}$. Orthonormal eigenvectors for AA^T can be given by $\mathbf{u}_1 = [1\ 0]^T$ and $\mathbf{u}_2 = [0\ 1]^T$. Thus, $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Two orthonormal eigenvectors for $A^T A$ can be found immediately as $\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[1\ 0\ 1\ 0]^T$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[0\ 1\ 0\ 1]^T$. We need to find two more vectors \mathbf{v}_3 and \mathbf{v}_4 orthogonal to $\{\mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^2$ such that $\{\mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^4$ will form orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^4 . Then, $\mathbf{v}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[1\ 0\ -1\ 0]^T$ and $\mathbf{v}_4 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[0\ 1\ 0\ -1]^T$. Thus,

$$V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. (a) Prove that a symmetric matrix A is positive definite if and only if there exists a matrix B with independent columns such that $A = B^T B$.
 (b) If A is written as its eigenvalue decomposition, what will B be ?

Hint: Substitute A in $x^T A x$ and solve.

Solution: Part (a): For positive definiteness, $x^T A x > 0$ should satisfy for all nonzero vectors x . Using $A = B^T B$, we get $x^T A x = x^T B^T B x = (Bx)^T (Bx) = \|Bx\|^2$. This squared length is positive (unless $x = 0$), because B has independent columns. (If x is nonzero then Bx is nonzero). Thus $B^T B$ is positive definite.

Part (b): Eigenvalue decomposition of A is $A = Q\Lambda Q^T = (Q\sqrt{\Lambda})(\sqrt{\Lambda}Q^T)$, so $B = \sqrt{\Lambda}Q^T$

3. Suppose A is a 2 by 2 symmetric matrix with unit eigenvectors u_1 and u_2 . If its eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 3$ and $\lambda_2 = -2$, what are U, Σ and V^T ?

Hint: Use property of symmetric matrices to find singular values.

Solution: Since $A = A^T$, $A^T A = A^2 = V\Sigma U^T U \Sigma V^T = V\Sigma^2 V^T = (V\Sigma V^T)^2$. Thus, $A = U\Sigma V^T = V\Sigma V^T$. This implies that matrices U and V will satisfy $U = V$ and the columns of U (or V) will consist u_1 and u_2 . Since, singular values are always non-negative, we have $\sigma_1 = \lambda_1 = 3$ and $\sigma_2 = -\lambda_2 = 2$. So, $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

4. For what range of a and b are the matrices \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} positive definite

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & a & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & b & 8 \\ 4 & 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hint: Use definitions.

Solution: \mathbf{A} is Positive Definite when $a > 2$, whereas \mathbf{B} is never Positive Definite

5. Let \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} be real square symmetric Positive semi-definite matrices. Is $\mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{BA}$ positive semi-definite always

Hint: Counter examples?

Solution: consider following PSD matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

for $\mathbf{x} = (0, 1)^t$, $\mathbf{x}^t(\mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{BA})\mathbf{x} = -6 < 0$

6. Give a quick reason why each of these statements is true:

- Every positive definite matrix is invertible.
- The only positive definite projection matrix is $P = I$.
- A diagonal matrix with positive diagonal entries is positive definite.
- A symmetric matrix with a positive determinant might not be positive definite

Solution:

- The determinant is positive (not zero) as all eigenvalues are positive.
- All projection matrices except I are singular (non-invertible).
- The diagonal entries of a diagonal matrix are its eigenvalues.
- $A = -I$ has determinant equal to 1 when n is even, but it is not a positive-definite matrix.

7. Suppose $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$ and $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ are orthonormal bases for R_n . Construct the matrix A that transforms each \mathbf{v}_j into \mathbf{u}_j to give $A\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1, \dots, A\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{u}_n$.

Hint: Write the equations in matrix form to find expression for A .

Solution: Let U be the matrix whose columns are $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$ and let V be the matrix whose columns are $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$. Then, the condition $A\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1, \dots, A\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{u}_n$ can be written as

$$AV = U.$$

Hence

$$A = UV^{-1} = UV^T.$$

Now, A is an orthogonal matrix because

$$A^T A = (UV^T)^T UV^T = V(U^T U)V^T = VV^T = I.$$

Note also that $A = UIV^T$ is the SVD for A , where the singular value matrix $\Sigma = I$.

8. Let A be an $n \times n$ hermitian matrix with n distinct eigenvalues. Prove that for any n length vector \mathbf{x} , $\lambda_{\min} \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \leq \mathbf{x}^H A \mathbf{x} \leq \lambda_{\max} \|\mathbf{x}\|^2$, where $\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = \mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{x}$, λ_{\min} and λ_{\max} are the minimum and maximum eigenvalues of A .

Hint: Use eigen decomposition of A and its properties (refer to Q3 of prev. tutorial).

Solution:

Since A is a hermitian matrix with all its eigenvalues to be distinct, the eigenvalue decomposition of A can be written as, $A = U\Lambda U^H$, where U is the eigenvector matrix which is unitary and Λ is a diagonal matrix containing eigenvalues of A as its diagonal entries (refer to Q3 of prev. tutorial). Let $\mathbf{y} = U^H \mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{y}(k)$ denote k^{th} element of \mathbf{y} . Then, we have the following:

$$\mathbf{x}^H A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^H U \Lambda U^H \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}^H \Lambda \mathbf{y} = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k |\mathbf{y}(k)|^2,$$

where λ_k is the k^{th} diagonal entry in Λ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k |\mathbf{y}(k)|^2 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_{\max} |\mathbf{y}(k)|^2 = \lambda_{\max} \sum_{k=1}^n |\mathbf{y}(k)|^2 \\ &= \lambda_{\max} \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 = \lambda_{\max} \|U^H \mathbf{x}\|^2 = \lambda_{\max} \|\mathbf{x}\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can get, $\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k |\mathbf{y}(k)|^2 \geq \lambda_{\min} \|\mathbf{x}\|^2$. Hence, proved the result.

9. The graph of $F_1(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ is a bowl opening upward. The graph of $F_2(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$ is a saddle. The graph of $F_3(x, y) = -x^2 - y^2$ is a bowl opening downward. What is a test on $F(x, y)$ for having maxima, minima or saddle point at $(0, 0)$?

Hint: Use second derivative matrix of the function.

Solution: First derivatives of the function $F(x,y)$ should be zero at $(0,0)$. It is satisfied for all the three functions at $(0,0)$. So, all are having a stationary point at $(0,0)$.

Second derivative matrices for $x^2 + y^2$, $x^2 - y^2$, and $-x^2 - y^2$ are given below:

$$F_1(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, F_2(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } F_3(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

At minima, the second derivative matrix will have all positive eigenvalues (positive definite matrix). So, $F_1(x,y)$ is having a minima.

At saddle, the second derivative matrix will have at least one positive and one negative eigenvalue. So, $F_2(x,y)$ is a saddle.

At maxima, the second derivative matrix will have all negative eigenvalues (negative definite matrix). So, $F_3(x,y)$ is having a maxima.

10. (a) If A changes to $4A$, what is the change in the SVD?
 (b) What is the SVD for A^T and for A^{-1} ?
 (c) Why doesn't the SVD for $A + I$ just use $\Sigma + I$?

Hint: Calculate SVD of $(A+I)$ in terms of SVD of A .

Solution: Let $A = U\Sigma V^T$

(a) $4A = 4(U\Sigma V^T) = U(4\Sigma)V^T$.

(b) $A^T = (U\Sigma V^T)^T = V^T \Sigma^T U^T = V \Sigma^T U^T$.

$A^{-1} = (U\Sigma V^T)^{-1} = V^T \Sigma^{-1} U^{-1} = V \Sigma^{-1} U^T$.

Where Σ^{-1} is a Diagonal matrix of size Σ^T and Diagonal elements as $1/\sigma_{ii}$.

If a singular value is zero, then we need to fix the corresponding singular value of A^{-1} to zero. But, We will have only a pseudo-inverse.

For non-square matrices will have leftside and rightside inverse.

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} (A + I)(A + I)^T &= AA^T + AI^T + IA^T + II^T \\ &= U\Sigma\Sigma^T U^T + U\Sigma V^T I^T + I(V\Sigma^T U^T) + U I I^T U^T \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

If $A + I = U(\Sigma + I)V^T$, where A and I are of size $M \times N$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (A + I)(A + I)^T &= U(\Sigma + I)(\Sigma + I)^T U^T \\ &= U\Sigma\Sigma^T U^T + U\Sigma I^T U^T + U I \Sigma^T U^T + U I I^T U^T \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

\Rightarrow Eq (1) \neq (2).

Even if A is square, Eq(1) \neq Eq(2) as $U \neq V$.