

Linear Algebra

Problem Set 10

Spring 2016

Due Tuesday, 7 June 2016 at 12:00 PM in EE105. This problem set covers Lecture 39-42. Free feel to work with others, but the final write-up should be entirely based on your own understanding. Be sure to print your name and student ID on your homework.

1. (15pts) Let the linear transformation T from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^3 be the reflection about the line spanned by

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Find an orthonormal eigenbasis β for T . Note that the basis β consists of orthonormal eigenvectors of T .
- Find the matrix representation of T with respect to the basis β .
- Find the matrix representation of T with respect to the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

2. (10pts) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find an orthogonal matrix Q and a diagonal

matrix D such that $Q^{-1}AQ = D$.

3. (10pts) Show that any symmetric positive definite matrix A can be written as $A = BB^T$, where B is a matrix with orthogonal columns. *Hint:* There is an orthogonal matrix Q such that $Q^{-1}AQ = D$ is a diagonal matrix with positive diagonal entries. Write D as the square of a diagonal matrix.
4. (20pts) True or false, with a reason or counterexample if false.
- If A is a real symmetric matrix, then $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^2)$.
 - A matrix with real eigenvalues and orthogonal eigenvectors is symmetric.
 - If $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$ is positive definite, then a must be positive.
 - If A is an orthogonal matrix, then there must exist a symmetric invertible matrix S such that $S^{-1}AS$ is diagonal.
 - If A is symmetric and similar to B , then B is symmetric.
 - If A is any real matrix, then $A^T A$ is diagonalizable.
 - All symmetric positive definite matrices are invertible.
 - The inverse of a symmetric positive definite matrix is positive definite.

- (i) The sum of two symmetric positive definite matrices is positive definite.
- (j) The only symmetric positive definite projection matrix is $P = I$.
5. (20pts) Suppose A is real antisymmetric, i.e., $A^T = -A$.
- (a) Is A^2 antisymmetric as well? Or is A^2 symmetric? What can you say about the eigenvalues of A^2 ?
- (b) Show that $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = 0$ for every real vector \mathbf{x} .
- (c) Show that the eigenvalues of A are pure imaginary (including zero).
- (d) Show that the determinant of A is positive or zero.
6. (10pts) For what numbers c and d will A and B have positive eigenvalues? Test the 3 determinants:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & b & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & b \end{bmatrix}.$$

7. (15pts) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.
- (a) Find the singular values of A .
- (b) Find orthonormal vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ in \mathbb{R}^3 such that $A\mathbf{v}_1, A\mathbf{v}_2, A\mathbf{v}_3$ are orthogonal.
- (c) Find a unit vector \mathbf{x} so that $\|A\mathbf{x}\|$ is maximized. What is the maximum value?