

99.0 Review / practice questions

Disclaimer: this set of summary remarks and questions is far from being comprehensive!

The goal is to highlight some of the main take-aways, while also reiterating some subtle points.

Ch01: Matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

shapes / transpose / symmetry / multiplication / orthogonality / determinant / eigenvalues / trace

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1. If u_1, \dots, u_N are **orthogonal** vectors in \mathbb{F}^N , then $U = [u_1 \ \dots \ u_N]$ is an **orthogonal matrix**. (?)
- A: True B: False

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2. If q_1, \dots, q_N are **orthogonal** vectors in \mathbb{F}^N , then there exist nonzero scalars $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $Q = [\alpha_1 q_1 \ \dots \ \alpha_N q_N]$ is an **orthogonal matrix**. (?)
- A: True B: False

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z' nonzero

True: $\alpha_n = \frac{1}{\|q_n\|}$

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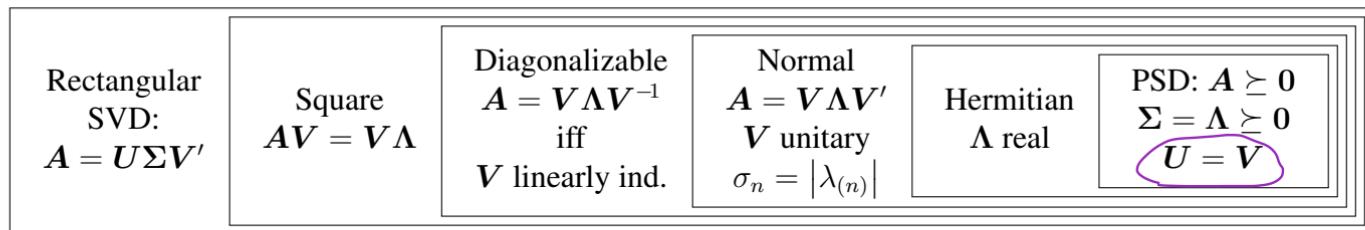
$$q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ch02: Matrix decompositions

Venn diagram of matrices and decompositions

Letting $|\lambda_{(n)}|$ denote the n th largest magnitude eigenvalue of a square matrix, we have the following Venn diagram to summarize the decompositions discussed so far.



For another Venn diagram, see [this online “matrix world” figure](#) from Gilbert Strang’s book “Linear algebra for everyone.”

3. If A is positive semidefinite in $\mathbb{F}^{N \times N}$ with rank r , then there exists a set of orthonormal vectors $\{z_1, \dots, z_r\}$ in \mathbb{F}^N such that $A = \sum_{k=1}^r \sigma_k z_k z_k'$ is a **compact SVD** of A .

A: True

B: False

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$$A = \sqrt{\Sigma} V'$$

4. If a companion matrix has repeated eigenvalues, then it is not diagonalizable.

A: True

B: False

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5. If a square matrix has repeated eigenvalues, then it is not diagonalizable.

A: True

B: False

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If A has distinct eigenvalues, then A is diagonalizable,

6. If matrix B has orthonormal columns, then its singular values are all unity.

A: True

$$B' B = I$$

B: False

$$B' B = I \quad B = U \Sigma V'$$

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$$B = \begin{matrix} B \\ \vdots \\ B \end{matrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\left[B \right]_{n \times n} \left[\begin{matrix} I \\ \vdots \\ I \end{matrix} \right] = I'$$

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7. If $B \in \mathbb{F}^{M \times K}$ and $C \in \mathbb{F}^{K \times N}$ each have orthonormal columns then $A = BC$ has orthonormal columns.

A: True

$$A' A = (B C)' (B C) = C' B' B C = I$$

B: False

gen. of
HW

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$$A' A = (B C)' (B C) = C' \underbrace{B' B}_{I} C = C' C = I \quad \checkmark \quad U_1, U_2, \dots, U_N$$

8. If tall matrix X has singular values that are all unity, then $X \in \mathbb{F}^{M \times N}$ has orthonormal columns.

A: True

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B: False

$$X = U \Sigma V' \quad X' X = V \Sigma' U' = I$$

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$$X = U_N \Sigma V' \quad X' X = (U_N V')' (U_N V') = V \underbrace{U_N' U_N}_{I} V' = V V' = I$$

$$U' U = V V' = I$$

$$U_r' U_r = I_r$$

$$U_r U_r' \neq I$$

Ch03: Subspaces

$$\text{rank}(A) \leq \min(m, n) = n$$

span / linear dependence / basis / dimension / direct sum / orthogonal complement / range / nullspace / rank / four fundamental spaces / orthogonal bases / projection

9. If A is a $M \times N$ matrix with $M > N$, then $\dim(\mathcal{R}(A)) = N$.
 A: True B: False C: $\text{rank}(A) \leq \min(M, N) = N$
 $A = 0$??

10. If S is a subspace with basis vectors $\{b_1, \dots, b_K\}$ then $\dim(S) = K$ (?)
 A: True B: False C: $\dim(S) \leq N$ ✓ D: $\dim(S) = N$?
 If $S = \text{span}(\{v_1, \dots, v_N\})$ False

11. If S is a **subspace** with **basis** $\{b_1, \dots, b_K\}$ and we define $B = [b_1 \ \dots \ b_K]$, then P_S is (?)
 A: BB' B: $B'B$ C: B^+B D: BB^+ E: None of these. ??

If B has orthonormal columns

$$\text{then } P_{R(B)} = BB'$$

$$P_S(\gamma) = B_{\perp} \left(\underset{x}{\arg \min} \|Bx - \gamma\| \right) = B B^T \gamma$$

$$P_S^\perp = I - BB'$$

12.

If \mathcal{S} is a subspace with **orthogonal basis** $\{b_1, \dots, b_K\}$ then $P_{\mathcal{S}}^\perp = I - BB'$. (?)

A: True

B: False

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\curvearrowleft orthonormal
 $B^+ = B'$

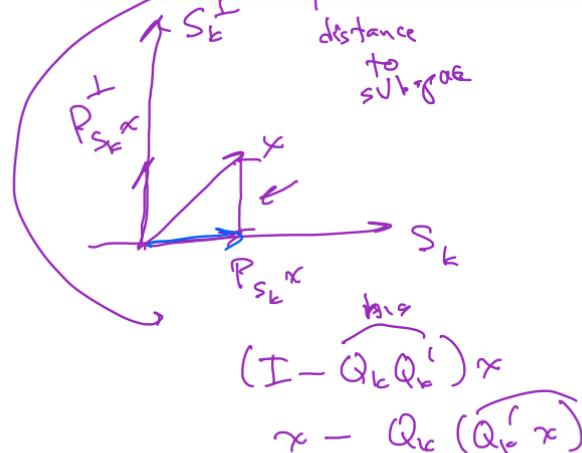
$$b_1 = \mathbf{1}_N \quad S = \text{span}(b_1) \quad P_S^\perp = I - \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}'$$

$$= I - \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{1}\|^2} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}' = I - \left(\frac{\mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}'}{\sqrt{N}}\right) \left(\frac{\mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}'}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

13.

If $\{S_1, \dots, S_K\}$ are K subspaces, then an appropriate nearest-subspace classifier of x is:

- A: $\arg \min_k \|P_{S_k}^\perp x\|$ B: $\arg \min_k \|P_{S_k} x\|$ C: $\arg \max_k \|P_{S_k}^\perp x\|$ D: $\arg \max_k \|P_{S_k} x\|$ E: None of these ??



$$x = P_S^\perp x + \underline{P_S x}$$

$$\|x\|^2 = \|P_{S_k}^\perp x\|^2 + \|P_{S_k} x\|^2$$

\uparrow min \uparrow max

$$\|x\|_p = \left(\sum_i |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right\|_p = \left(\sum_i |x_i|^p + \sum_j |y_j|^p \right)^{1/p} = \left(\|x\|_p^p + \|y\|_p^p \right)^{1/p}$$

Ch04: Linear least-squares

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right\|_\infty = \max(\|x\|_\infty, \|y\|_\infty)$$

pseudo-inverse / Tikhonov regularization / truncated SVD / frames / projection / orthogonal projection

all!

14. If $A \in \mathbb{F}^{M \times N}$ has compact SVD $U_r \Sigma_r V_r'$, then a solution to the **LS problem** $\arg \min_x \|Ax - y\|_2$

is $x_* = V_r \Sigma_r^{-1} U_r' y + (I - V_r V_r') z$ for any vector $z \in \mathbb{F}^N$. (?)

A: True

 $A^+ = \underbrace{V_r \Sigma_r^{-1} U_r'}_{P_{N(A)}^*}$

B: False

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15. A solution to $\arg \min_x \|Ax - y\|_2^2 + \|Bx - z\|_2^2$ is: $= \underset{x}{\underset{\text{arg min}}{\text{arg min}}} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} x - \begin{bmatrix} y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2$

A: $A^+ y + B^+ z$ B: $(A + B)^+(y + z)$ C: $[A, B]^+ [y, z]$ D: $\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix}^+ \begin{bmatrix} y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ E: None of these.

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$$O = \nabla \cdots = 2(A'(Ax-y) + B'(Bx-z))$$

16. If $\Phi \in \mathbb{F}^{N \times M}$ is a **tight frame** and U is a $M \times M$ unitary matrix, then $B = \Phi U$ is a frame. (?)

A: True

$$\Phi \Phi^T = \alpha I$$

B: False

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$$BB' = (\Phi U)(\Phi U)' = \Phi \Phi' = \alpha I \Rightarrow \text{tight frame}$$

$$\boxed{BB' = (\Phi U)(\Phi U)' = \alpha I}$$

$$BB' = (\Phi U)(\Phi U)' = \alpha I$$

17.

$0_{N \times N}$, I_N and $(1_N 1'_N)/N$ are **orthogonal projection matrices** on \mathbb{F}^N . (?)

A: T,T,T

B: T,T,F

C: T,F,F

D: F,T,T

E: F,F,F

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$$P P = P$$

$$\frac{x x'}{\|x\|^2} = P_{\text{Span}(x)}$$

$$\frac{I I'}{N} \cdot \frac{I I'}{N} = \frac{I I'}{N}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}'$$

18. If P is an **orthogonal projection matrix**, then $\overbrace{P = P^+}$.

A: True

taking only

B: False

Q

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- $\bullet P = \underbrace{Q Q'}$ $\downarrow r \neq 0$ $= \underbrace{Q I Q'}$ compact SVD $\Rightarrow P^+ = Q I^{-1} Q' = P$
- $\bullet P = O = O^+$

19. A converse: If $A = A^+ \succeq 0$, then A is an **orthogonal projection matrix**.

A: True

span Hermitian

B: False

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- $\bullet A = O = A^+$

- $- A \neq O \quad A = U_r \Sigma_r U_r' = A^+ = U_r \Sigma_r^{-1} U_r'$

$$A = U_r \Sigma_r$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{U_r'}_{U_r} \underbrace{\Sigma_r}_{\Sigma_r^{-1}} \underbrace{U_r'}_{U_r} = \underbrace{U_r'}_{U_r} \underbrace{\Sigma_r^{-1}}_{\Sigma_r} \underbrace{U_r'}_{U_r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma_r = \Sigma_r^{-1} \quad \Rightarrow \Sigma_r = I$$

$$\Rightarrow A = U_r U_r' \quad \checkmark$$

If $P = O$

$$PP = P = P^+$$

If $P \neq O$

$$P = Q Q'$$

20. If $A = A^+$ is a Hermitian matrix, then A is an **orthogonal projection matrix**.

A: True

B: False

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = A^+ \neq Q Q'$$

$$u = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}{\sqrt{3}} \quad P_S = uu'$$

$$P_S \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = uu' \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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21. Let $S = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 = x_2\}$. Determine $\underbrace{1' P_S \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}$.

A: 0

B: 1

C: 2

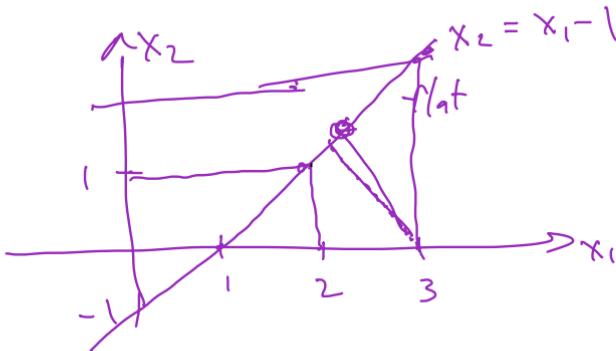
D: 3

E: 4

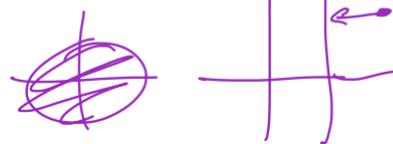
$\text{Span}(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix})$

$$P_S = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}'}{2}$$

$$\boxed{P_S \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{4} = 2 \cdot 1 = 2}$$



$$S = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 = x_2 + 1\}$$



$$P_S \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

not $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

22.

Let $\mathcal{S} = \{A \in \mathbb{F}^{N \times N} : A = A'\}$ (Hermitian matrices). Then \mathcal{S} is a (convex set, subspace)?

A: (F,F)

B: (F,T)

C: (T,F)

D: (T,T)

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3i \\ -3i & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = A'$$

$$B = iA \leftarrow \text{not Hermitian}$$

$$B' = -iA' = -iA \neq B$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$



23. Let $\mathcal{S} = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N} : A = A'\}$. Determine $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}}(B)$.

A: B B: B' C: $2B$ D: $2B'$ E: $(B + B')/2$

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$$\underset{A \in \mathcal{S}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|A - B\|_F \quad \text{by } b_{ij}$$

24. If U and Q are $N \times N$ unitary matrices and $A = [\gamma U \quad \delta Q]$ with α, β not both zero, then A is a

A: Parseval tight frame

B: tight frame with frame bound $\gamma + \delta$ C: tight frame with frame bound $\gamma^2 + \delta^2$ D: tight frame with frame bound $\sqrt{\gamma^2 + \delta^2}$

E: None of these

TF with bound $|\gamma|^2 + |\delta|^2$

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$$AA' = [\gamma U \quad \delta Q] \begin{bmatrix} \gamma^* U' \\ \delta^* Q' \end{bmatrix} = |\gamma|^2 I + |\delta|^2 I = (|\gamma|^2 + |\delta|^2) I$$

$$(\gamma A)' = \gamma^* A'$$

$$(2+3i)^* = (2-3i)$$

$$(2+3im)^*$$

$$A = 30, B = 60 \quad C, \text{ sat.} \quad D \approx 1000$$

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Ch05: Norms

vector norms / inner products / Cauchy-Schwarz inequality / matrix norms / induced norms / unitary invariance / norm equivalence / spectral radius / orthogonal Procrustes problem / Stiefel manifold

25. If W is a (**positive semidefinite**, **positive definite**) matrix, then $\|x\|_W \triangleq \sqrt{x'Wx}$ is a norm. (?)
- A: (F,F) B: (F,T) C: (T,F) D: (T,T) ??

?? $W=0 \quad \|x\|_W=0 \quad \text{even for } x \neq 0$

26. If B and A are $M \times N$ then $\text{Tr}((B - UV'A)(B - UV'A)')$
- $\min_{Q: Q'Q = I_M} \|B - QA\|_F^2 = \|A\|_F^2 + \|B\|_F^2 - 2\|BA'\|_*$.
- ?? $\stackrel{Q=UV'}{\Rightarrow} = \text{Tr}(BB')$

- ?? A: True B: False ??

$\text{arg min}_Q \|B - UV'A\|_F^2 = \text{Tr}((B - UV'A)(B - UV'A)')$

$= \text{Tr}(BB') + \text{Tr}(AA') - \text{Tr}(BA'VU) - \text{Tr}(UV'AB') \Rightarrow -2\text{Tr}(\Sigma) = \|BA'\|_*$

$$\text{© J. Fessler, December 2, 2021, 11:43 (class version)} \quad \|X\|_{S,4}^4 = \sum_{k=1}^{r=1} \sigma_k^4 \quad \|X - Y\|_{S,4}^4 = (\sum_k \sigma_k)^4 + \beta^4 \|Y\|^4$$

Ch06: Low-rank approximation

Frobenius norm / generalizations to UI norms / proximal operators / hard thresholding / soft thresholding / choosing β or rank / OptShrink / Subspace learning

27. Determine $\hat{X} = \arg \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}} \|X - Y\|_{S,4}^4 + \beta \operatorname{rank}(X)$ and consider the units of β and \hat{w}_k .

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$$\hat{X} = \sum_{k=1}^r \hat{w}_k u_k v_k'$$

$$Y = U_r \sum_r V_r' \quad \begin{matrix} \text{VI} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{units of Volts} \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{w}_k = \underset{s \geq 0}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad [s - \sigma_k]^4 + \beta \frac{1}{s} \quad \begin{matrix} \sigma_k^4 \geq \beta \\ \{s \neq 0\} \end{matrix}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \sigma_k, & \sigma_k^4 > \beta \\ 0, & \sigma_k^4 \leq \beta \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_k \geq \beta^{1/4} \quad \begin{matrix} \sqrt{\sigma_k} \\ \sqrt{\beta}^{1/4} \end{matrix}$$

28.

Determine $\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}} \frac{1}{4} \underbrace{\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\|_{S,\beta}^4}_{\text{units}} + \beta \underbrace{\|\mathbf{X}\|_*}_{\text{Volts}}$. Think about units again.

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$$\hat{w}_k = \underset{s \geq 0}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{\frac{1}{4}(s - \sigma_k)^4 + \beta s}{\text{Volts}}$$

$$(s - \sigma_k)^3 + \beta \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$\hat{w}_k = \begin{cases} \sigma_k - \beta^{1/3}, & \sigma_k \geq \beta^{1/3} \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases} = \max(\sigma_k - \beta^{1/3}, 0) \quad \text{Volts}$$

$$-(\sigma_k - s)^3 + \beta = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= (\sigma_k - s)^3 \\ \beta^{1/3} &= \sigma_k - s \\ s &= \sigma_k - \beta^{1/3} \end{aligned}$$

29.

The ϵ -rank of a matrix is defined as follows for $0 < \epsilon < 1$ [1]:

$$\operatorname{rank}_\epsilon(\mathbf{X}) = \arg \min_{k \geq 0} \{k : \underbrace{\sigma_{k+1}(\mathbf{X}) \leq \epsilon \|\mathbf{X}\|_2}_{\sigma_i(\mathbf{X})}\}.$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}_{\text{true}} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

For a $M \times N$ matrix \mathbf{A} with rank r and some given ϵ , let $K = \operatorname{rank}_\epsilon(\mathbf{A})$ and define $\hat{\mathbf{A}}_K$ to be the usual rank-at-most- K approximation to \mathbf{A} . Give an upper bound for $\|\hat{\mathbf{A}}_K - \mathbf{A}\|_\text{F}$.

A: ϵ B: ϵr C: ϵK D: $\epsilon(r - k)$

E: None of these

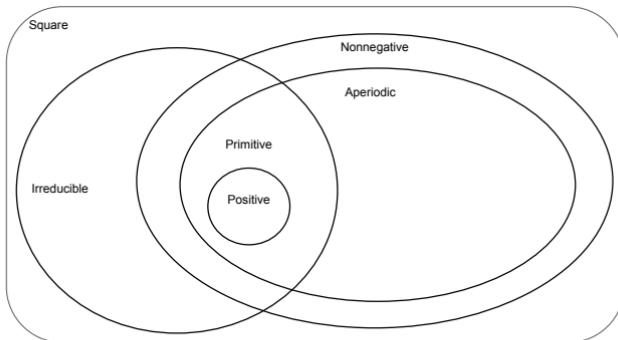
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$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\mathbf{A}}_K - \mathbf{A}\|_\text{F} &= \sqrt{\sum_{k=k+1}^r \sigma_k^2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\sum_{k=k+1}^r (\epsilon \sigma_k)^2} \\ &= \epsilon \sigma_1 \sqrt{r - k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\|\hat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{Y}\|?$$

Ch07: Special matrices

companion / Vandermonde / circulant / power iteration / primitive / irreducible / Markov chains / PageRank



30. If C is a **Hermitian circulant** matrix, then the vector x with elements $x_n = \cos(2\pi kn/N)$ is an **eigenvector** of C for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

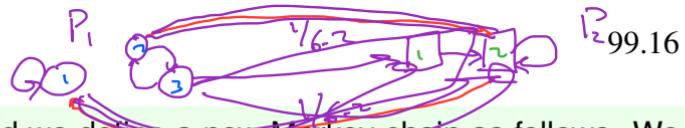
A: True

B: False

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31. We have two Markov chains (with M, N states) and we define a new Markov chain as follows. We flip a coin and start in one of the two chains; at each time we roll a die and if we get a 5 we jump to a random state in the other chain, otherwise we follow the transition probability for the current chain.

This new Markov chain (has a unique equilibrium distribution, to which the power iteration for its transition matrix always converges). (?)

A: (F,F)

B: (F,T)

C: (T,F)

D: (T,T)

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$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{6}P_1 & \frac{1}{6}M\mathbf{1}_M\mathbf{1}_N^T \\ \frac{1}{6}N\mathbf{1}_N\mathbf{1}_M^T & \frac{1}{6}P_2 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow Q^2 \text{ is positive}$$

32. The **nuclear norm** of the $N \times N$ **circulant matrix** C whose first column is $(0, 0, \dots, 1)$ is

A: 1

B: N C: N^2 D: $N^2/2$

E: None of these

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$$C_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{permutation matrix}$$

$$\text{DFT} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = e^{-\frac{2\pi i k}{N}} \begin{pmatrix} N-1 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C'C = I$$

$$\sigma_k^2(C) = \text{eig}_{(k)}(C'C) \quad \sigma_k = 1$$

$$\text{eigs of } C \quad k=0, \dots, N-1 \quad \sigma_k = |e^{i \cdot k}| = 1 \quad \text{normal}$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right| \leq \psi(x) = \begin{cases} x & |x| \leq \delta \\ \frac{\delta^2 - x^2}{2} & x > \delta \\ -\frac{\delta^2 - x^2}{2} & x < -\delta \end{cases}$$

2: $\frac{\|f(x) - f(z)\|}{\|x - z\|} \leq L$

Ch08: Optimization

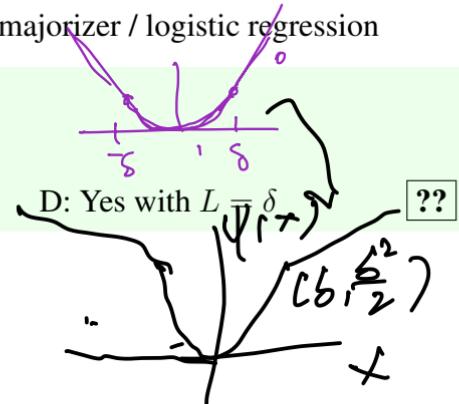
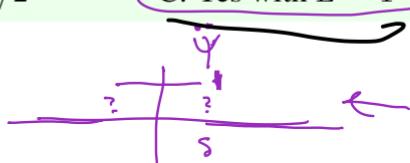
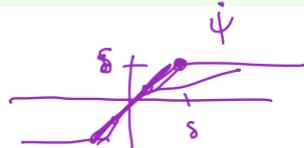
GD / preconditioning / step size / Lipschitz continuity / GP / convexity / majorizer / logistic regression

33.

The Huber potential function is $\psi(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x^2, & |x| \leq \delta \\ \delta|x| - \frac{1}{2}\delta^2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Is the derivative of ψ Lipschitz continuous?

A: No

B: Yes with $L = 1/2$ C: Yes with $L = 1$ D: Yes with $L = \frac{\delta}{2}$??

34.

A Lipschitz constant for the gradient of $f(x) \triangleq \mathbf{1}_M' \psi(\mathbf{A}x)$, where \mathbf{A} is $M \times N$ and ψ is the Huber function above, is:

A: $\|\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A}\|_2$ B: $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2$ C: $M \|\mathbf{A}\|_2$ D: $N \|\mathbf{A}\|_2$

E: None of these

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$$\nabla f(x) = \mathbf{A}' \dot{\psi}(\mathbf{A}x)$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = \mathbf{A}' D(x) \mathbf{A}$$

$$\preceq \mathbf{A}' \mathbf{I} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}' \mathbf{A}$$

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$$D(x) = \text{Diag}(\ddot{\psi}([\mathbf{A}x]_i)) \preceq \mathbf{I}$$

$$L \leq \|\mathbf{A}' \mathbf{A}\|_2 =$$

$$D(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{I} - D \succeq 0$$

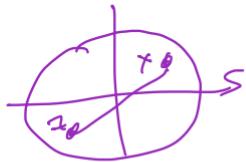
35. $C = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N : \|x\|_2 \leq 5\}$ is convex (?)

A: True

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B: False

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$$\|x\| \leq 5 \quad \|z\| \leq 5$$

$$y = \alpha x + (1-\alpha) z \stackrel{\text{convex combo}}{\in} C \quad \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

$$\|y\| = \|\alpha x + (1-\alpha) z\|_2 \leq \|\alpha x\| + \|(1-\alpha) z\|_2$$

$$\|x\|_2 \leq 5 \quad \|z\|_2 \leq 5$$

$$\leq \alpha \|x\| + (1-\alpha) \|z\|$$

$$\leq \alpha 5 + (1-\alpha) 5 = 5 \checkmark$$

$$\alpha x + (1-\alpha) z$$

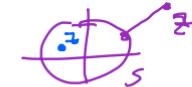
$$\|\alpha x + (1-\alpha) z\|_2 \leq \|\alpha x\|_2 + \|(1-\alpha) z\|_2$$

$$\leq \alpha \|x\|_2 + (1-\alpha) \|z\|_2$$

$$\leq 5\alpha + (1-\alpha) \cdot 5$$

$$\leq 5$$

 \therefore



36. Which of these is the **projection** of a nonzero point $z \in \mathbb{R}^N$ onto $\mathcal{C} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N : \|x\|_2 \leq 5\}$?

- A: $\min(1, 5/\text{norm}(z)) * z$
 B: $\max(1, 5/\text{norm}(z)) * z$
 C: $(5/\text{norm}(z)) * z$
 D: $\text{min.}(\text{abs.}(z), 5) .* \text{sign}(z)$

E: None of these

??

$$\textcircled{A} \quad \sigma = \frac{2}{\sigma_1(A) + \sigma_2(A)} z \quad \text{proof?}$$

37. When solving a LS problem via **gradient descent**, where A is unitary, what is the optimal **step size**?

A: 1/4

B: 1/2

C: 1

D: 2

E: None of these

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$$\alpha_k = \frac{2}{\sigma_1^2(A) + \sigma_N^2(A)} = \frac{2}{1+1} = 1$$

$$\hat{x} = A^T y = A' y$$

$$x_k = x_0 - \alpha A'(A x_0 - y) = x_0 - \alpha x_0 +$$

38. Suppose A is a wide matrix and consider the regularized LS cost function $f(x) \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - y\|_2^2 + \beta \|Ux\|_2^2$ where $\beta > 0$ and U is a unitary matrix. Then f is a **strictly convex** function. (?)

A: True

B: False

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$$\nabla^2 f(x) = A'A + \beta^2 U'U = \underbrace{A'A}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{2\beta I}_{> 0} > 0$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|Ax - y\|_2^2}_{\text{convex}} + \underbrace{\beta \|Ux\|_2^2}_{\text{T strictly convex}} \Rightarrow \text{strictly convex}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha A'y \\ &= A'y \\ & \text{if } \alpha = 1 \end{aligned}$$