

LEC27 Positive Definite Matrices and Minima

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① Test Positive definite $x^T A x > 0$

② tests for Minimum

start with 2 by 2 $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$ symmetric

① $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0$?

② $a > 0, ac - b^2 > 0$?

③ pivots $a > 0, \frac{ac - b^2}{a} > 0$ ↙ elimination

★ ④ $x^T A x > 0$

Examples

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

what number make positive?

③ pivot: need ≥ 19

if = 18, pos semidefinite (半正定), $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 20$

↑ $\lambda_1 = 0$, pivots: 2, singular, only 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 18 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \quad X$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 18 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$X^T \quad A \quad X$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + 6x_2 \\ 6x_1 + 18x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 2x_1^2 + 12x_1x_2 + 18x_2^2$$

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 $ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$

(二次方程)

quadratic form

it's not linear any more

is $ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 > 0$?

$2x^2 + 12x_1x_2 + 18x_2^2 > 0$?

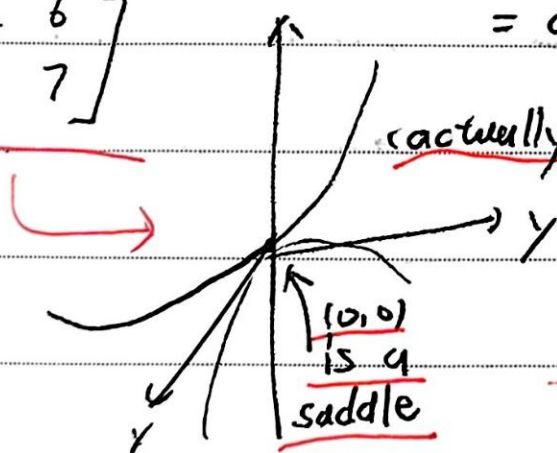
Graphs of $f(x,y) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$

if $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

$= ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$

critical point

actually, the perfect directions are the eigenvectors



$2x^2 + 12xy + 7y^2 = z$

there's a saddle point

so $2x^2 + 12xy + 7y^2$ can be < 0

why:

$\begin{cases} f_x = 4x + 12y = 0 \\ f_y = 12x + 14y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$ critical point (0,0)

$f_x = 4, f_y = 14, f_{xy} = 12 \Rightarrow$

$f_{xx} = 4, f_{yy} = 14, f_{xy} = 12 \Rightarrow AC - B^2 = 56 - 144 < 0$

$A \quad C \quad B$

so the critical point is a saddle point



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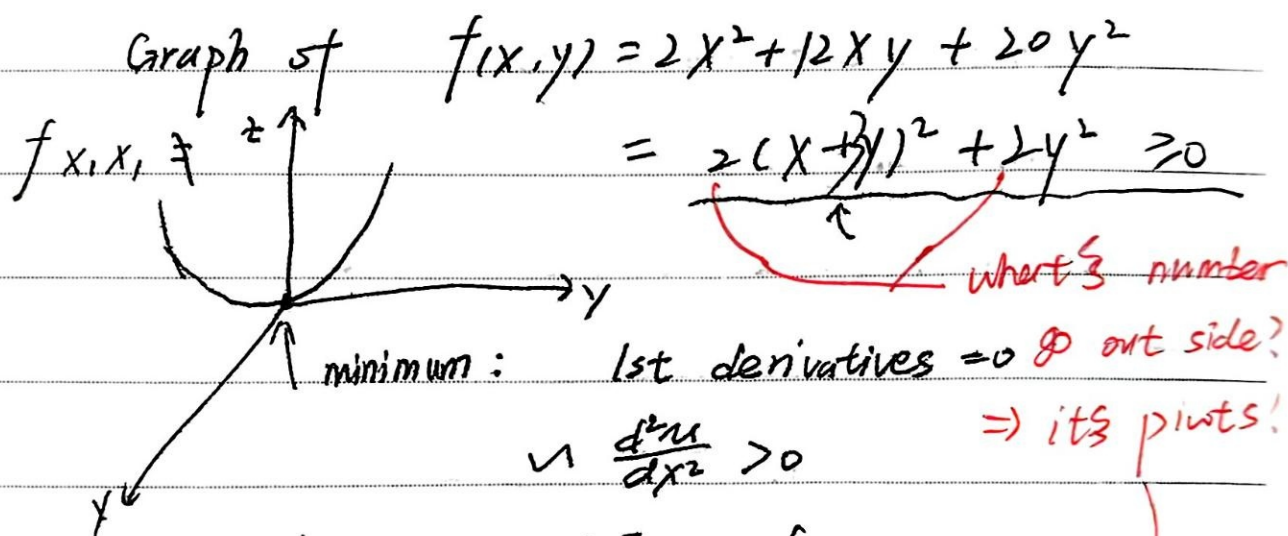
Let's back to 2D

$$X^T A X$$

$$\begin{matrix} & A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 20 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} [x_1 \ x_2] \\ X^T \end{matrix} & & \begin{matrix} X \\ \end{matrix} \end{matrix} = [x_1 \ x_2] \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + 6x_2 \\ 6x_1 + 20x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 2x_1^2 + 12x_1x_2 + 20x_2^2 > 0?$$

$$\Rightarrow X^T A X > 0 \text{ except at } x=0$$



in 1D.06 MIN $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

when Matrix of 2nd Derivatives is positive definite

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 20 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{elimination}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U$$



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what's the matrix of 2nd derivatives?

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{symmetric}$$

the second derivatives

$$\Rightarrow f_{xx} \cdot f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 \Rightarrow AC - B^2$$

$\Delta f = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} AC - B^2 > 0 \\ A > 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{min}$$

$AC < 0 \Rightarrow \text{saddle}$

$AC < 0 \Rightarrow \text{maximum}$

3x3 example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

① det 2, 3, 4

② pivots 2, $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{4}{3}$

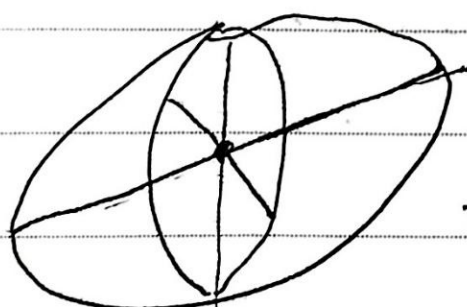
③ eigenvalues: $2-\sqrt{2}$, 2, $2+\sqrt{2}$

trace = 6

$$x^T A x = 2x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_2x_3 > 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

suppose cut through at height 1 $\leftarrow = 1$



$$A = Q \Lambda Q^T$$

diagonalization for symmetric Matrix

three eigenvalues all different