

Homework 2

1. Verify the four properties on slide 1.44 for the pseudo-inverse defined on slide 1.39.
2. The componentwise product or Hadamard product $C = A \circ B$ of two $n \times n$ matrices A, B is the $n \times n$ matrix C with elements $C_{ij} = A_{ij}B_{ij}$. (In MATLAB: `C = A .* B`.)

- (a) Suppose A is $n \times n$ and d is an n -vector. Verify that

$$A \circ (dd^T) = \mathbf{diag}(d)A\mathbf{diag}(d)$$

where $\mathbf{diag}(d)$ is the diagonal matrix with the vector d on its diagonal. Use this observation to show that if A is positive semidefinite, then the matrix $A \circ (dd^T)$ is positive semidefinite.

- (b) Suppose A and B are positive semidefinite. Show that $A \circ B$ is positive semidefinite. *Hint.* Every positive semidefinite matrix B can be factored as $B = DD^T$; see slide 2.27.
- (c) Suppose A and B are positive definite. Show that $A \circ B$ is positive definite.
- (d) As an application, let

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \cdots + c_dx^d$$

be a polynomial with nonnegative coefficients c_0, \dots, c_d . Suppose X is a positive semidefinite $n \times n$ matrix, and define Y as the $n \times n$ matrix with elements

$$Y_{ij} = f(X_{ij}), \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n.$$

We obtain Y by applying the polynomial f to each element of X . Show that Y is positive semidefinite.

3. Let U be an $n \times m$ matrix with orthonormal columns and $m < n$. Give an eigendecomposition of the following matrices.

$$(a) \quad A = UU^T, \quad (b) \quad A = I - UU^T, \quad (c) \quad A = I - 2UU^T.$$

Recall that UU^Tx is the projection of x on the range of U . The figure shows the geometrical meaning of the three matrices for $n = 2, m = 1$.

