

By Lagrange Multiplier Method,
(5) $E(f) = f^T C f - \lambda_1 (f^T f - 1) - \lambda_2 (f^T e)$

$$\frac{d E(f)}{d f} = 0 \Rightarrow C f - \lambda_1 f - \lambda_2 e = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^T C f - \lambda_1 e^T f - \lambda_2 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\lambda_1 e^T f - \lambda_1 e^T f - \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow C f = \lambda_1 f \Rightarrow f \text{ is eigenvector of } C \\ \text{with eigenvalue } \lambda_1$$

$$f^T C f = \lambda_1 \text{ \& distinct eigen values}$$

$$\Rightarrow f \text{ corresponds to second highest eigenvalue.}$$