

Assignment1 Problem1–3

Problem 1:

We need to prove that $\{M_i\}$ satisfies the four properties of a group :

The closure, the associativity, the existence of an identity element, and the existence of an inverse element for each group element.

The closure:

$$\forall M_a = \begin{bmatrix} R_a & \mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \{M_i\}, M_b = \begin{bmatrix} R_b & \mathbf{t}_b \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \{M_i\}, M_a \cdot M_b = \begin{bmatrix} R_a R_b & R_a \mathbf{t}_b + \mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

1. Prove $\det(R_a R_b) = 1$:

Known from the determinant of the upper triangle matrix,

$$\det(M_a) = \det(R_a) = 1, \det(M_b) = \det(R_b) = 1,$$

$$\therefore \det(M_a \cdot M_b) = \det(R_a R_b) = \det(R_a) \det(R_b) = 1.$$

2. Prove $R_a R_b$ is orthonormal :

R_a is an orthonormal matrix and R_b is also an orthonormal matrix,

$$\therefore (R_a R_b)^T (R_a R_b) = R_b^T R_a^T R_a R_b = R_b^T I R_b = I. \text{ Clearly } R_a R_b \text{ is also an orthonormal matrix.}$$

3. Prove $R_a \mathbf{t}_b + \mathbf{t}_a \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$:

$$\therefore R_a \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}, \mathbf{t}_b \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}, \therefore R_a \mathbf{t}_b \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}. \text{ Clearly } R_a \mathbf{t}_b + \mathbf{t}_a \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}.$$

In summary, $M_a \cdot M_b \in \{M_i\}$, satisfied Closure.

The associativity:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall M_a = \begin{bmatrix} R_a & \mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \{M_i\}, M_b = \begin{bmatrix} R_b & \mathbf{t}_b \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \{M_i\}, M_c = \begin{bmatrix} R_c & \mathbf{t}_c \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \{M_i\} \\ (M_a \cdot M_b) \cdot M_c = \begin{bmatrix} R_a R_b & R_a \mathbf{t}_b + \mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} R_c & \mathbf{t}_c \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_a R_b R_c & R_a R_b \mathbf{t}_c + R_a \mathbf{t}_b + \mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \\ M_a \cdot (M_b \cdot M_c) = \begin{bmatrix} R_a & \mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} R_b R_c & R_b \mathbf{t}_c + \mathbf{t}_b \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_a R_b R_c & R_a R_b \mathbf{t}_c + R_a \mathbf{t}_b + \mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(M_a \cdot M_b) \cdot M_c = M_a \cdot (M_b \cdot M_c)$, satisfied Associativity.

The existence of an identity element:

$$\text{Let } E = \begin{bmatrix} I_3 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and clearly } E \in \{M_i\}.$$

$$M_a \cdot E = \begin{bmatrix} R_a & \mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_3 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_a & \mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = M_a;$$

$$E \cdot M_a = \begin{bmatrix} I_3 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_a & \mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_a & \mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = M_a.$$

$\therefore M_a \cdot E = E \cdot M_a = M_a$, E is identity element, satisfied The existence of an identity element.

The existence of an inverse element for each group element:

$$\forall M_a = \begin{bmatrix} R_a & \mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \{M_i\}, \text{ we can find } M_a^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R_a^{-1} & -R_a^{-1}\mathbf{t}_a \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}, M_a \cdot M_a^{-1} = E.$$

Now we should prove that $M_a^{-1} \in \{M_i\}$:

1. Prove $\det(M_a^{-1}) = 1$:

Known from the determinant of the upper triangle matrix,

$$\det(M_a^{-1}) = \det(R_a^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(R_a)} = 1.$$

2. Prove R_a^{-1} is orthonormal:

$$R_a^{-1}(R_a^{-1})^T = R_a^{-1}(R_a^T)^{-1} = (R_a^T R_a)^{-1} = I, \text{ so } R_a^{-1} \text{ is orthonormal.}$$

3. Prove $-R_a^{-1}\mathbf{t}_a \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$:

$$\because R_a \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}, \therefore -R_a^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}, \mathbf{t}_a \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1} \therefore -R_a^{-1}\mathbf{t}_a \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}.$$

Therefore, satisfied The existence of an inverse element for each group element.

In conclusion, the set $\{M_i\}$ forms a group.

Problem 2:

a) To prove that M is positive semi-definite, equivalent to prove that all its eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 satisfy: $\lambda_1 \geq 0$ and $\lambda_2 \geq 0$.

$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = \det(M) = \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x)^2 \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_y)^2 - (\sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x I_y))^2;$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \text{trace}(M) = \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x)^2 + \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_y)^2.$$

Obviously, $\sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x)^2 \geq 0$, $\sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_y)^2 \geq 0$, so $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \geq 0$.

By the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality:

$$\sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x)^2 \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_y)^2 \geq (\sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x I_y))^2, \text{ so } \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \geq 0.$$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \geq 0 \\ \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \geq 0 \end{cases} \implies \lambda_1 \geq 0, \lambda_2 \geq 0.$$

So M is positive semi-definite.

b) We know that for a formulation $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey + f = 0$,

if $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac < 0$, it represents an ellipse.

Let $a = \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x)^2, b = \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x I_y), c = \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_y)^2$, so $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{bmatrix}$.

$$[x, y] M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = [x, y] \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = [ax + cy, cx + by] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = ax^2 + 2cxy + by^2 = 1.$$

$$\Delta = (2c)^2 - 4ab = 4c^2 - 4ab = 4(c^2 - ab).$$

$\therefore M$ is usually positive definite, $\therefore \det(M) = ab - c^2 > 0, c^2 - ab < 0$.

$\therefore \Delta < 0$, $[x, y] M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ represents an ellipse.

c) We can diagonalize symmetric matrices :

$$M = P^{-1} \Lambda P = P^T \Lambda P, \quad \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \\ & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P \text{ is an orthogonal matrix.}$$

$$\text{So } [x, y] M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} - 1 = [x, y] P^T \Lambda P \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} - 1 = [x', y'] \Lambda \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} - 1 = \lambda_1 x'^2 + \lambda_2 y'^2 - 1.$$

$P \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ means to do a rotation transformation for the point (x, y) on the ellipse.

$$\lambda_1 x'^2 + \lambda_2 y'^2 - 1 = \frac{x'^2}{\frac{1}{\lambda_1}} + \frac{y'^2}{\frac{1}{\lambda_2}} - 1, \text{ and } \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0, \therefore \frac{1}{\lambda_1} < \frac{1}{\lambda_2}.$$

\therefore The length of its semi-major axis is $(\frac{1}{\lambda_2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$, while the length of its semi-minor axis is $(\frac{1}{\lambda_1})^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

Problem 3:

$$\therefore A^T A x = 0 \iff x^T A^T A x = 0 \iff (A x)^T A x = 0 \iff A x = 0$$

\therefore The solutions of $A x = 0$ are also the solutions of $A^T A x = 0$.

$$\therefore \dim \ker(A) = \dim \ker(A^T A)$$

\therefore The size of A is $m \times n$, \therefore The size of $A^T A$ is $n \times n$.

We know that for a matrix B of size $m \times n$, $\dim \ker(B) = n - \text{rank}(B)$.

$$\text{So } \text{rank}(A) = n - \dim \ker(A) = n, \text{rank}(A^T A) = n - \dim \ker(A^T A),$$

$$\text{and } \dim \ker(A) = \dim \ker(A^T A), \therefore \text{rank}(A^T A) = n.$$

$$\text{Thus, } \therefore \text{rank}(A^T A) = n, \det(A^T A) \neq 0,$$

\therefore It can prove that $A^T A$ is non-singular (or in other words, it is invertible).