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## Linear Algebra

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## 1. Orthogonal Complements

**Theorem(Theorem for null space and range of  $T^*$ ).** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then

- (i)  $NT^* = (RT)^\perp$ .
- (ii)  $RT^* = (NT)^\perp$ .

**Proof:**

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## 2. Singular value decomposition

For a linear map  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , we could decompose it as we have for self-adjoint operator or normal operator.

Recall the important Riesz representation theorem in inner product space.

**Theorem(Riesz representation theorem).** Assume  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $\varphi$  is a linear functional on  $V$ , then there exists a unique vector  $v \in V$  such that

$$\varphi(u) = \langle v, u \rangle, \quad \forall u \in V. \tag{1}$$



**Proof:**

In functional analysis, we have actually a similar result for infinite-dimensional spaces.

The following lemma of  $T^*T$  is necessary.

**Theorem(Lemma: Properties of  $T^*T$ ).** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .

(i)  $T^*T$  is a self-adjoint operator on  $V$ . We could also check  $T^*$  is a self-adjoint operator on  $W$ .

(ii)  $NT^*T = NT$ .

(iii)  $RT^*T = RT^*$ .

(iv) dimension.  $\text{Dim } RT = \text{Dim } RT^* = \text{Dim } RT^*T$ .

**Proof:** (i) by definition.

$$\langle T^*Tv, w \rangle = \langle Tv, Tw \rangle = \langle v, T^*Tw \rangle \Rightarrow T^*T = (T^*T)^*. \quad (2)$$

(ii)  $NT \subset NT^*T$  is apparent. Assume  $v \in NT^*T$ ,  $T^*Tv = 0$ , so  $\langle v, T^*Tv \rangle = 0$ , so  $\langle Tv, Tv \rangle = |Tv|^2 = 0$ , which means  $Tv = 0$ .

(iii)  $RT^*T \subset RT^*$  is apparent. For another direction, we use (ii)  $RT^*T = (NT^*T)^\perp = (NT)^\perp = RT^*$ .



(iv) Use fundamental theorem of linear maps.

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**Definition(Definition of singular value).** Assume a linear operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , the singular values of  $T$  are defined as the nonnegative square roots of the eigenvalues of  $T^*T$ , listed in decreasing order.

**Theorem((SVD) Singular value decomposition).** Assume a linear operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , with its positive singular values  $s_1, \dots, s_r$ . Then there exists orthonormal lists  $e_1, \dots, e_r \subset V$ ,  $f_1, \dots, f_r \subset W$ , such that

$$Tv = \sum_{k=1}^r s_k \langle v, e_k \rangle f_k. \quad (3)$$

**Proof:** Here we denote that  $V$  and  $W$  is finite-dimensional. And the proof is constructive. This method also gives info about the eigenvectors construction.

Let  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  to be the singular value of  $T$  ( $\text{Dim } V = n$ ), where  $s_{\{r+1\}}, \dots, s_n$  are zero singular values.

- Apply spectral theorem to  $T^*T$  and there exists orthonormal basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n \subset V$ , such that

$$T^*Te_k = s_k^2 e_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, n. \quad (4)$$

- Define  $f_k = \frac{T e_k}{s_k}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, r$ .



this is actually orthonormal basis in  $W$ . This is also inspired by  $T = W\Sigma V^T$ , so  $TV = W\Sigma$ , so  $TV\Sigma^{-1} = W$ , which shows a relationship of basis from  $V$  to  $W$  space.

- Prove the proposition by expressing  $v$  in the constructed orthonormal basis

$$\begin{aligned}
 Tv &= T\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \langle v, e_k \rangle e_k\right) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^n \langle v, e_k \rangle Te_k \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^r \langle v, e_k \rangle s_k f_k
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

for  $k \geq r$ ,  $Te_k = 0$  because  $T^*Te_k = 0 \cdot e_k$  and Property of self-adjoint  $T^*T$  (ii).

We could also check that the matrix with respect to basis  $\{e_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq r}$  and  $\{f_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq r}$  which should be extended.

Note we have  $\{e_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq n}$ , and from the above proof we have  $Te_k = s_k f_k$  for  $k \leq r$  and 0 for  $k > r$ . We shall extend  $\{f_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq r}$  to  $\{f_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq m}$  ( $\text{Dim } W = m$ ) by utilizing  $NT^*$ . This is because we want to solve  $R(T)^\perp$ , which equals  $NT^*$  by Theorem for null space and range of  $T^*$ . (Readers should double check the dimension of  $NT^*$ , which is  $m - r$ , for  $\text{Dim } RT = r$ .)





**Theorem(Matrix version of SVD, a compact SVD form).** Assume  $A$  is an  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix of rank  $r \geq 1$ . Then there exists an  $m$ -by- $r$  matrix  $W$  with orthogonal columns, an  $r$ -by- $r$  diagonal matrix  $\Sigma$  with positive numbers on the diagonal, and an  $n$ -by- $r$  matrix  $V$  with orthonormal columns such that

$$A = W\Sigma V^*. \quad (6)$$

**Proof:** Let  $T : \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$  whose matrix with respect to the standard basis equals  $A$ . From the above proof of the SVD theorem, we have  $\text{Dim } RT = r$  and

$$Tv = \sum_{k=1}^r s_k \langle v, e_k \rangle f_k. \quad (7)$$

we make use of the above structure. Let

$W$  to be the  $m$ -by- $r$  matrix whose columns are  $f_1, \dots, f_r$ ,

$\Sigma$  to be the  $r$ -by- $r$  diagonal matrix  $\Sigma$  with entries  $s_1, \dots, s_r$ ,

$V$  to be the  $n$ -by- $r$  matrix whose columns are  $e_1, \dots, e_r$ .

Choose  $u_k$ , a standard base of  $\mathbb{F}^m$ , then apply this matrix

$$(AV - W\Sigma)u_k = Ae_k - Ws_k u_k = s_k f_k - s_k f_k = 0. \quad (8)$$

so  $AV = W\Sigma$ , multiply both sides by  $V^*$  and we have  $A = W\Sigma V^*$ . But we have to be careful.



Here actually  $VV^* = I$  does not hold absolutely. We have to argue as follows. If  $k \leq r$ ,  $V^*e_k = u_k$ , so  $VV^*e_k = e_k$ . Thus  $AVV^*v = Av$  for all  $v \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_m)$ . For  $v \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_m)^\perp$ , we have  $Av = 0$  and  $V^*v = 0$ , so we also have  $AVV^*v = Av = 0$ .

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**Proof: Another version.**

Denote  $S = \text{diag}(s_1, \dots, s_r)$ ,  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$ ,  $V_1 = (e_1, \dots, e_r)$ ,  $V_2 = (e_{\{r+1\}}, \dots, e_n)$  where the orthonormal basis in  $V_2$  is with respect to eigenvalue 0. Notice

$$\begin{aligned} A^*AV_1 &= S^2V_1 = V_1S^2 \\ V_1^*A^*AV_1 &= S^2 \\ \Rightarrow S^{-1}V_1^*A^*AV_1S^{-1} &= I_r. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

define  $W_1 = AV_1S^{-1}$ , we have  $W_1^*W_1 = I_r$ . As for  $V_2$ , we have  $A^*AV_2 = V_20^2 = 0$ , So  $V_2^*A^*AV_2 = 0$ ,  $AV_2 = 0$ .

Choose  $W_2$  to be an orthogonal complement of  $W_1$ , which is actually calculated from  $NA^*$ ,  $A^*W_2 = 0$ . So let  $W = (W_1, W_2)$ , we have



$$\begin{aligned}
 W^T A V &= \begin{pmatrix} W_1^T A V_1 & W_1^T A V_2 \\ W_2^T A V_1 & W_2^T A V_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} W_1^T A V_1 & 0 \\ W_2^T A V_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{by } A V_2 = 0 \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} W_1^T W_1 S & 0 \\ W_2^T W_1 S & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

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### 3. Principle Component Analysis

We first talk about total PCA.

**Definition(Principle Component Analysis).** Assume  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are random vectors. A linear map  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  defined by

$$Y = TX, \quad y_i = \alpha_i^T X, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \tag{11}$$



where  $T$  has an orthonormal matrix  $A = (\alpha_i)^T$  with respect to standard basis,  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\alpha_i^T \alpha_j = \delta_{ij}$ . We could show that there exists  $\alpha_1$  such that after transformation,  $y_1$  has the maximum variance, which is called a principle component.

Firstly, let us recall that  $\mu = (\mathbb{E}x_1, \dots, \mathbb{E}x_n)^T$  is the mean vector, and corresponding covariance matrix  $\Sigma = (\text{cov}(x_i, x_j))_{ij} = \mathbb{E}(X - \mu)(X - \mu)^T = \mathbb{E}XX^T - \mu\mu^T$ .

After transformation, we have the following property by linearity of ME.

**Theorem(Property of ME after Transformation).** (i)  $\mu_y = A\mu$ , that is,  $\mathbb{E}y_i = \alpha_i^T \mu$ .

(ii)  $\Sigma_y = A^T \Sigma A$ , that is,  $\sigma_{ij} = \text{cov}(x_i, x_j) = \alpha_i^T \Sigma \alpha_j$ .

**Proof:** We prove for (ii). By definition



$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{ij} &= \mathbb{E}(y_i - \alpha_i^T \boldsymbol{\mu})(y_j - \alpha_j^T \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \\
 &= \mathbb{E}(\alpha_i^T X - \alpha_i^T \boldsymbol{\mu})(\alpha_j^T X - \alpha_j^T \boldsymbol{\mu}) \\
 &= \mathbb{E}\alpha_i^T(X - \boldsymbol{\mu})\alpha_j^T(X - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \\
 &= \mathbb{E}\alpha_i^T(X - \boldsymbol{\mu})(X - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T\alpha_j \quad \text{by symmetry of inner product} \\
 &= \alpha_i^T \mathbb{E}[(X - \boldsymbol{\mu})(X - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T] \alpha_j \\
 &= \alpha_i^T \Sigma \alpha_j.
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

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From the above property, we could explain: we ask the matrix to be orthonormal because we want the covariance matrix of Y to be diagonal, i.e.  $y_i$  and  $y_j$  are mutually irrelevant unless  $i = j$ .

**Theorem(Theorem for principle component analysis).** The maximum of variance of  $y_1$  is reached when  $\alpha_1$  is the eigenvector of the maximum eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$  of matrix  $\Sigma$ , and satisfies  $\text{Var}(y_1) = \lambda_1$ .

**Proof:** To maximize  $\text{Var}(y_1)$ , is equivalently to maximize  $\alpha_1^T \Sigma \alpha_1$  for all possible  $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Take derivative (gradient for  $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ) of the corresponding Lagrangian function with condition  $\alpha_1^T \alpha_1 = 1$  and we have  $2\Sigma \alpha_1 - 2l(\alpha_1) = \theta$ . So to reach the maximum,  $l$  is an eigenvalue of  $\Sigma$ , and at this time the goal function equals



$$\alpha_1^T \Sigma \alpha_1 = \alpha_1^T l \alpha_1 = l \alpha_1^T \alpha_1 = l. \quad (13)$$

To reach the maximum, let  $l$  to be the maximum eigenvalue of  $\Sigma$ , denoted by  $\lambda_1$ , and choose a eigenvector  $\alpha_1$  correspondingly. ■

If we want to get  $k$  principle components, which are mutually irrelevant, i.e.  $\text{cov}(y_i, y_j) = 0$  unless  $i = j$ , we could have the following conclusion.

**Theorem(Theorem for  $k$  principle components analysis).** The  $k$  principle components of  $X$  is determined by a transformation  $T$  defined by

$$y_i = \alpha_i^T X, \quad i = 1, \dots, k, \quad (14)$$

where  $\alpha_i (i = 1, \dots, k)$  is the eigenvector with respect to the maximum  $k$  eigenvalues of  $\Sigma$ .

**Proof:** We only prove for  $k = 2$ , the other situation could be deduced by induction.

We aim to find a vector  $\alpha_2$ , such that we maximize  $\alpha_2^T \Sigma \alpha_2$ , with a condition  $\alpha_2^T \alpha_2 = 1, \langle \alpha_2, \alpha_1 \rangle = 0$ . Take a gradient we have

$$2\Sigma \alpha_2 - 2l_1 \alpha_2 - l_2 \alpha_1 = \theta. \quad (15)$$

apply inner product with  $\alpha_1$ , we have



$$2\lambda_1 \alpha_2^T \alpha_1 - l_2 = 0, \quad \Sigma \text{ is self-adjoint} \quad (16)$$

so  $l_2 = 0$ . Then by the same logic of Theorem for principle component analysis, we also have  $\lambda_2$  to be the second largest eigenvalue of  $\Sigma$ . Apparently  $l_2 \neq \lambda_1$  otherwise  $\langle \alpha_2, \alpha_1 \rangle \neq 0$ .

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After transformation to  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have an amazing result of total variance of  $Y$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{ii}. \quad (17)$$

which is given by taking the trace of

$$\text{tr}(\Sigma_y) = \text{tr}(A^T \Sigma A) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha_i^T \Sigma \alpha_i) = (\lambda_i) \quad (18)$$

and making use of  $\Sigma = A^T \Sigma_y A = A \Sigma_y A^T$ .

After choosing  $n$  principle components, we also want to find some relationship between  $y_i$  and  $x_j$ .



**Definition(Factor of Loading).** The factor of loading for  $y_i$  with respect to  $x_j$  is defined by

$$\rho(y_i, x_j) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_i} \alpha_{ji}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{jj}}}. \quad (19)$$

where  $\alpha_{ji}$  is the  $j$ -th component of vector  $\alpha_i$ . We have to compute this element-wisely.

**Proof:** Just by definition.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho(y_i, x_j) &= \frac{\text{cov}(y_i, x_j)}{\sqrt{\lambda_i \sigma_{jj}}} \\
 &= \frac{\text{cov}(\alpha_i^T X, e_j^T X)}{\sqrt{\lambda_i \sigma_{jj}}} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha_i^T \text{cov}(X, X) e_j}{\sqrt{\lambda_i \sigma_{jj}}} \\
 &= \frac{e_j^T \Sigma \alpha_i}{\sqrt{\lambda_i \sigma_{jj}}} \\
 &= \frac{\lambda_i e_j^T \alpha_i}{\sqrt{\lambda_i \sigma_{jj}}} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_i} \alpha_{ji}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{jj}}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

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**Theorem(Properties of factor of loading).** (i) Sum over original variable.



$$\sum_{j=1}^n \sigma_{jj} \rho^2(y_i, x_j) = \lambda_i. \quad (21)$$

(ii) Sum over all principle components

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \rho^2(y_i, x_j) = 1. \quad (22)$$

**Proof:** We give proof for (ii) using outer product formula.

Since  $\Sigma = A\Sigma_y A^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \alpha_i \alpha_i^T$ , so

$$\sigma_{jj} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \alpha_{ji}^2. \quad (23)$$

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### 3.1. Normalized version

Usually different random variables have distinct values. We have to normalize them if we want to analyse them together.



$$x_i^* = \frac{x_i - \mathbb{E}x_i}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(x_i)}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (24)$$

So all the content above would be the same except the following changes.

**Theorem(Changes applied to normalized random vectors).** (i)  $\mu^* = \theta$  and  $\Sigma^* = R$ , where  $R$  is the correlation coefficient matrix with  $r_{jj} = \sigma_{ii} = 1$ .

(ii) sum over variance after transformation.  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^* = n$ .

(iii) load of factors.  $\rho(y_i, x_j) = \sqrt{\lambda_i^*} \alpha_{ji}$ .

### 3.2. Truncated principle components

In practice, we usually do not choose  $n$  principle components but rather  $k \ll n$  to achieve compression of data.

How to choose these  $k$  components? we based on the following criterion.

**Definition(Contribution to variance).** the contribution to total variance of principle component  $y_i$  is defined by



$$\eta_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k} \quad (25)$$

usually we need to let  $\sum_{i=1}^k \eta_i$  to be larger than 70%.

### 3.3. Sampled PCA

In actual experiments, we have to observe independently  $m$  times. We have to replace mean and covariance matrix with their empirical versions. Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  are  $m$  mutually independent random vectors (samples in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ), then the unbiased estimates of mean and variance are

$$\mu \approx \bar{X} = \sum_{k=1}^m X_k, \quad \sigma_{jj} = \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^m (X_k - \bar{X})^2. \quad (26)$$

So we have its empirical covariance matrix  $S = \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^m (X_k - \bar{X})(X_k - \bar{X})^T$ . Tackle this matrix with the same method we used in PCA, then we are done.



For actual calculation, we usually let  $X_k = \frac{X_k - \bar{X}}{\sqrt{s_{kk}}}$  for each  $k = 1, \dots, m$ , and solve singular values of  $X' = (X_1, \dots, X_m)_{n \times m}$  as  $s_1 > \dots > s_n$ , then  $\lambda_i = s_i^2$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . And  $V = A$  and  $Y = V^T X$ . If we choose  $k$  principle components, then choose  $k$  columns of  $V$  as eigenvectors.



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## 1. Bilinear forms

**Definition(Definition of bilinear form).** A **bilinear form** on  $V$  is a function  $\beta : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ , such that

$$v \mapsto \beta(v, u), \quad v \mapsto \beta(u, v) \tag{27}$$

are both linear functionals on  $V$  for each  $u \in V$ .

**Example.** (i)  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ , inner product on  $V$ , i.e.  $(u, v) \mapsto \langle u, v \rangle$  is a bilinear form.

Note that for  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ , a bilinear form differs from inner product in that inner product requires symmetry ( $\beta(u, v) = \beta(v, u)$ ) and positive definiteness ( $\beta(v, v) > 0$  for all  $v \in V - \{\theta\}$ ), whereas these properties are not required for a bilinear form.

**Example.** Show that a bilinear form  $\beta$  on  $V$ , is also a linear map on  $V \times V$ , then  $\beta = \theta$ .

For simplicity, we denote the set of all the bilinear forms on  $V$  by  $V^{(2)}$ .

**Definition(Matrix form for a bilinear form).**

**Theorem(composition of a bilinear form and an operator).** Suppose  $\beta$  is a bilinear form on  $V$  and  $T$  is a linear operator on  $V$ . Define two supplementary bilinear forms



$$\alpha(u, v) = \langle u, Tv \rangle, \quad \rho(u, v) = \langle Tu, v \rangle. \quad (28)$$

Let  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  be a basis of  $V$ , then

$$\mathcal{M}(\alpha) = \mathcal{M}(\beta)\mathcal{M}(T), \quad \mathcal{M}(\rho) = \mathcal{M}(T)^t\mathcal{M}(\beta). \quad (29)$$

**Theorem(change-of-basis formula).**

## 2. Symmetric bilinear form

**Definition(Definition of Symmetric bilinear form).** A bilinear form  $\rho \in V^{(2)}$  is called symmetric if

$$\rho(u, w) = \rho(w, u) \quad (30)$$

for all  $u, w \in V$ . The set of symmetric bilinear form on  $V$  is denoted by  $V_{\text{sym}}^{(2)}$ .

**Example.** (i) Suppose  $V$  is a real inner product space, then

$$\rho(u, w) = \langle u, Tw \rangle \quad (31)$$

is symmetric bilinear form iff  $T$  is self-adjoint.

**Definition(Alternating bilinear form(交错双线性型)).** A bilinear form  $\alpha$  on  $V$  is call alternating, if



$$\alpha(v, v) = 0, \quad \forall v \in V. \quad (32)$$

The set of all alternating bilinear form is denoted by  $V_{\text{alt}}^{(2)}$ .

**Example.** (i) Suppose  $n \geq 3$  and then  $\alpha : \mathbb{F}^n \times \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  defined by

$$\alpha((x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n)) = x_1y_2 - x_2y_1 + x_1y_3 - y_1x_3 \quad (33)$$

is alternating.

**Theorem(Characterization of alternating bilinear form).** A bilinear form  $\alpha$  on  $V$  is alternating, iff

$$\alpha(u, w) = -\alpha(w, u), \quad \forall u, w \in V. \quad (34)$$

**Proof:**

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Now the following theorem describes the composition of  $V^{(2)}$ .

**Theorem(Theorem).** The set  $V_{\text{sym}}^{(2)}$  and  $V_{\text{alt}}^{(2)}$  are subsets of  $V^{(2)}$ . Furthermore,

$$V^{(2)} = V_{\text{alt}}^{(2)} \oplus V_{\text{sym}}^{(2)}. \quad (35)$$

**Proof:**

- Show that  $V_{\text{sym}}^{(2)}$  and  $V_{\text{alt}}^{(2)}$  are subsets of  $V^{(2)}$  by definition.
- Show that  $V^{(2)} = V_{\text{sym}}^{(2)} + V_{\text{alt}}^{(2)}$ . Suppose  $\beta \in V^{(2)}$ , then define  $\rho, \alpha \in V^{(2)}$  by

$$\rho(u, w) = \frac{1}{2}(\beta(u, w) + \beta(w, u)), \quad \alpha(u, w) = \frac{1}{2}(\beta(u, w) - \beta(w, u)) \quad (36)$$

so  $\rho \in V_{\text{sym}}^{(2)}$  and  $\alpha \in V_{\text{alt}}^{(2)}$ , and  $\beta = \rho + \alpha$ .

- Show that  $V_{\text{sym}}^{(2)} \cap V_{\text{alt}}^{(2)} = \{0\}$ . That is, let  $\beta \in V_{\text{sym}}^{(2)} \cap V_{\text{alt}}^{(2)}$ , then

$$\beta(u, w) = \beta(w, u) = -\beta(u, w) \Rightarrow \beta(u, w) = 0, \quad \forall u, w \in V. \quad (37)$$

So  $\beta = 0$ .

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**3. Quadratic form**

**Definition(Quadratic form induced by bilinear form).** Suppose  $\beta$  is a bilinear form on  $V$ , define a function  $q_\beta : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  by  $q_\beta(v) = \beta(v, v)$ .

A function  $q : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  is called a **quadratic form** on  $V$  if there exists a bilinear form  $\beta$  such that  $q = q_\beta$ .



**Example.** Quadratic form.

(i) For  $\beta((x_1, x_2, x_3), (x_1, x_2, x_3)) = x_1y_1 - 4x_1y_2 + 8x_1y_3 - 3x_3y_3$ ,  $q_\beta$  is given by

$$q_\beta((x_1, x_2, x_3)) = x_1^2 - 4x_1x_2 + 8x_1x_3 - 3x_3^2. \quad (38)$$

**Theorem(Quadratic form on  $\mathbb{F}^n$ ).** Suppose  $n$  is an positive integer and  $q$  is a function from  $\mathbb{F}^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}$ . Then  $q$  is a quadratic form on  $V$  iff there exist numbers  $A_{j,k}$  for  $j, k = 1, \dots, n$  such that

$$q(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{j,k} x_j x_k, \quad \forall (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n. \quad (39)$$

**Proof:**

- Necessary. By definition.
- Sufficient. Given a quadratic form, define a corresponding bilinear form.

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**Theorem(characterization of quadratic forms).** Suppose  $q : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  is a function. TFAE.

- (i)  $q$  is a quadratic form.



(ii) There exists a **unique** symmetric bilinear form  $\rho$  on  $V$  such that  $q = q_\rho$ .

(iii)  $q(\lambda v) = \lambda^2 q(v)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  and all  $v \in V$ . Furthermore, the function

$$(u, w) \mapsto q(u + w) - q(u) - q(w) \quad (40)$$

is a symmetric bilinear form on  $V$ .

(iv)  $q(2v) = 4q(v)$  for all  $v \in V$ . Furthermore, the function

$$(u, w) \mapsto q(u + w) - q(u) - q(w) \quad (41)$$

is a symmetric bilinear form on  $V$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). By decomposition of  $V^{(2)}$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). By utilizing the bilinear form.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) is apparent.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Just define

$$\rho(u, w) = \frac{q(u + w) - q(u) - q(w)}{2} \quad (42)$$

which is a symmetric bilinear form. Then the corresponding  $q_\rho$  satisfies



$$q_\rho(v) = \rho(v, v) = \frac{q(v + v) - q(v) - q(v)}{2} = q(v). \quad (43)$$

which means  $q$  is a quadratic form.

■

**Theorem(diagonalization of quadratic form).** Suppose  $q$  is a quadratic form on  $V$ .

(i) There exists a basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  of  $V$  and  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{F}$  such that

$$q(x_1e_1 + \dots + x_ne_n) = \lambda_1x_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_nx_n^2, \quad \forall x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{F}^n. \quad (44)$$

(ii) If  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$  and  $V$  is an inner product space, then the basis in (a) can be chosen to be an orthogonal basis of  $V$ .



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