

the QF is negative semi-definite if  $(-1)^n D_n \geq 0$  and at least one term is zero.

- In all the other cases it is Indefinite.

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Q Reduce the quadratic form  $Q = 3x_1^2 + 5x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_2x_3 + 2x_3x_1$  to a diagonal canonical form and find its nature, rank, index and signature.

Soln

$$3x_1^2 + 5x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_2x_3 + 2x_3x_1$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{char eq. } |A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 11\lambda^2 + 36\lambda - 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2, 3, 6 \rightarrow \text{eigen values}$$

$$\text{Ev for } \lambda = 2 \Rightarrow [A - \lambda I]x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1}{-2} = \frac{-x_2}{0} = \frac{x_3}{2} \therefore \text{eigen vector } x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = 3 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1}{-1} = \frac{-x_2}{1} = \frac{x_3}{-1} \therefore \text{ev } x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = 6 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\rightarrow$  by using cross multiplication -

$$\frac{x_1}{-2} = \frac{-x_2}{-4} = \frac{-x_3}{-2} \therefore x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$x = x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 3, \lambda_3 = 6$$

→ To find canonical form → first normalise

$$\bar{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}, \bar{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}, \bar{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} \\ -2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

Normalised eigen vector matrix  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{3} & -2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}$

$$X = PY$$

$$Q = X^T A X = (PY)^T A [PY]$$

$$= Y^T (P^T A P) Y$$

$$P^T A P = [P^T] [A] [P]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Y^T (P^T A P) Y \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = 2y_1^2 + 3y_2^2 + 6y_3^2 \Rightarrow \text{canonical form.}$$

$$= \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \lambda_3 y_3^2$$

$$\text{Rank} = 3 = n$$

$$\text{Index} = 3 = p$$

$$\text{Signature} = 2p - n$$

$$= 6 - 3 = 3$$

$$D_1 = 2$$

$$D_2 = 6$$

$$D_3 = 36$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad B \neq 0$$

∴ positive definite

$$Q \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$$

{Row-reduction}

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & -6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ no of non zero rows  $2 = \text{rank}$