

## Assignment 4 Question 3: CS 663, Digital Image Processing

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Consider a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  of size  $m \times n$ . Define  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$ .

1. Prove that for any vector  $\mathbf{y}$  with appropriate number of elements, we have  $\mathbf{y}^t \mathbf{P} \mathbf{y} \geq 0$ . Similarly show that  $\mathbf{z}^t \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{z} \geq 0$  for a vector  $\mathbf{z}$  with appropriate number of elements. Why are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  non-negative?

$\mathbf{A}$  is of size  $m \times n$  and  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$

$\therefore \mathbf{P}$  is of size  $n \times n$

Let  $\mathbf{y}$  be any vector of size  $n \times 1$ ,

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{y}^t \mathbf{P} \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{y}^t \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y} \\ &= (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{y})^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y} \\ &= \sum (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{y})_i^2 \\ &\geq 0\end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$

$\therefore \mathbf{Q}$  is of size  $m \times m$

Let  $\mathbf{z}$  be any vector of size  $m \times 1$ ,

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{z}^t \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{z} &= \mathbf{z}^t \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{z} \\ &= (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{z})^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{z} \\ &= \sum (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{z})_i^2 \\ &\geq 0\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\lambda$  be any eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{P}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} &= \lambda\mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{y}^t\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} &= \lambda\mathbf{y}^t\mathbf{y} \\ \therefore \lambda\mathbf{y}^t\mathbf{y} &\geq 0 \text{ (from previous results)} \\ \text{But, } \mathbf{y}^t\mathbf{y} &\geq 0 \text{ (length of } \mathbf{y}) \\ \therefore \lambda &\geq 0\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, let  $\lambda$  be any eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{P}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{y} &= \lambda\mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{y}^t\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{y} &= \lambda\mathbf{y}^t\mathbf{y} \\ \therefore \lambda\mathbf{y}^t\mathbf{y} &\geq 0 \text{ (from previous results)} \\ \text{But, } \mathbf{y}^t\mathbf{y} &\geq 0 \text{ (length of } \mathbf{y}) \\ \therefore \lambda &\geq 0\end{aligned}$$

2. If  $\mathbf{u}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{P}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , show that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{Q}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . If  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{Q}$  with eigenvalue  $\mu$ , show that  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{P}$  with eigenvalue  $\mu$ . What will be the number of elements in  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ ?

Let  $\mathbf{u}$  be a eigenvector of  $\mathbf{P}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u} &= \lambda\mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u} &= \lambda\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} &= \lambda\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} &= \lambda\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{Q}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

Similarly,

Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be a eigenvector of  $\mathbf{Q}$  with eigenvalue  $\mu$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{v} &= \mu\mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{v} &= \mu\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{v} &= \mu\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{v} &= \mu\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{v}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{P}$  with eigenvalue  $\mu$ .

$\mathbf{P}$  is of size  $n \times n$

$\therefore \mathbf{u}$  has  $n$  elements.

While,  $\mathbf{Q}$  is of size  $m \times m$

$\therefore \mathbf{v}$  has  $m$  elements.

3. If  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{Q}$  and we define  $\mathbf{u}_i = \frac{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_i}{\|\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_i\|}$ . Then prove that there will exist some real, non-negative  $\gamma_i$  such that  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_i = \gamma_i \mathbf{v}_i$ .  
 $\mathbf{v}_i$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{Q}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .  
Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{v}_i &= \lambda \mathbf{v}_i \\ \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_i &= \lambda \mathbf{v}_i \\ \mathbf{A} \frac{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_i}{\|\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_i\|} &= \frac{\lambda}{\|\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_i\|} \mathbf{v}_i \\ \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_i &= \gamma_i \mathbf{v}_i \\ \text{where, } \gamma_i &= \frac{\lambda}{\|\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_i\|} \end{aligned}$$

4. It can be shown that  $\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and likewise  $\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  for correspondingly distinct eigenvalues.<sup>1</sup>. Now, define  $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1 | \mathbf{u}_2 | \mathbf{u}_3 | \dots | \mathbf{u}_n]$  and  $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1 | \mathbf{v}_2 | \mathbf{v}_3 | \dots | \mathbf{v}_m]$ . Now show that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Gamma} \mathbf{V}^T$  where  $\mathbf{\Gamma}$  is a diagonal matrix containing the non-negative values  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n$ . With this, you have just established the existence of the singular value decomposition of any matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . This is a key result in linear algebra and it is widely used in image processing, computer vision, computer graphics, statistics, machine learning, numerical analysis, natural language processing and data mining. [5 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 20 points]

Let,

$\mathbf{v}_i$  be an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

From, result of part (b) and (c),  $\mathbf{u}_i = \frac{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_i}{\sigma_i}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{P}$

where,  $\sigma_i = \|\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_i\|$

Consider,

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<sup>1</sup>This follows because  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are symmetric matrices. Consider  $\mathbf{P} \mathbf{u}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{P} \mathbf{u}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_2$ . Then  $\mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{u}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_1$ . But  $\mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{u}_1$  also equal to  $(\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{u}_2)^T \mathbf{u}_1 = (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{u}_2)^T \mathbf{u}_1 = (\lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_2)^T \mathbf{u}_1 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_1$ . Hence  $\lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_1$ . Since  $\lambda_2 \neq \lambda_1$ , we must have  $\mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_1 = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_j &= \frac{(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_i)^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_j}{\sigma_i} \\
&= \frac{\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_j}{\sigma_i} \\
&= \frac{\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{v}_j}{\sigma_i} \\
&= \frac{\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{v}_j}{\sigma_i} \\
&= \frac{\mu_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j}{\sigma_i}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $\gamma_i$  for  $i = j$   
Now, define  $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{v}_1 | \mathbf{v}_2 | \mathbf{v}_3 | \dots | \mathbf{v}_m]$  and  $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{u}_1 | \mathbf{u}_2 | \mathbf{u}_3 | \dots | \mathbf{u}_n]$   
Therefore,

$$\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{U} = \Sigma$$

where  $\Sigma$  is a  $n \times m$  matrix with  $\Sigma_{ii} = \gamma_i$  and  $\Sigma_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$   
Taking transpose,

$$\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V} = \Sigma^T$$

Since,  $\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and likewise  $\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ ,  
 $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are orthonormal. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{U} \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{V}^T &= \mathbf{U} \Sigma^T \mathbf{V}^T \\
\mathbf{A} &= \mathbf{U} \Sigma^T \mathbf{V}^T \\
\mathbf{A} &= \mathbf{U} \Gamma \mathbf{V}^T
\end{aligned}$$