

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

Let \mathbf{u} be a eigenvector of \mathbf{P} with eigenvalue λ , 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 λ .

Similarly,

Let \mathbf{v} be a eigenvector of \mathbf{Q} with eigenvalue μ , 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 μ .

\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 γ_i such that $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_i = \gamma_i \mathbf{v}_i$.
 \mathbf{v}_i is an eigenvector of \mathbf{Q} with eigenvalue λ .
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.¹. 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,

¹This 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 γ_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 Σ 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,

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