

APPLIED LINEAR ALGEBRA HOMEWORK 3

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1. WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT

Exercise 1.1. Let $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ be a given symmetric matrix, and let

$$R_A(x) = \frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle}{\langle x, x \rangle}, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

denote the Rayleigh quotient.

(a) Show that the gradient ∇R_A is given by

$$\nabla R_A = \frac{2}{\langle x, x \rangle} Ax - \frac{2\langle x, Ax \rangle}{\langle x, x \rangle^2} x$$

for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

(b) Conclude that if $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is an eigenvector of A corresponding to an eigenvalue $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$(\nabla R_A)(v) = 0.$$

Proof.

(a): We simply calculate the gradient. Since we are eventually taking the partial derivative on a quotient, we will use the quotient rule somewhere. For that reason we first compute some handy results:

$$u := \langle x, Ax \rangle = \left\langle x, \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i a_{1i} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i a_{ni} \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ji} x_i x_j,$$
$$l := \langle x, x \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2.$$

And for the partial derivative with respect to x_k for the upper and lower parts are:

$$u_k := \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \langle x, Ax \rangle = 2a_{kk}x_k + \sum_{i \neq k} a_{ki}x_i + \sum_{j \neq k} a_{jk}x_j = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ki}x_i$$

where the last equality is due to the fact that A is symmetric. Similarly we have:

$$l_k := \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \langle x, x \rangle = 2x_k$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} R_A(x) &= \frac{u_k l - l_k u}{l^2} \\
 &= \frac{(2 \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ki} x_i) \langle x, x \rangle - 2x_k \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ji} x_i x_j}{\langle x, x \rangle^2} \\
 &= \frac{2}{\langle x, x \rangle} (Ax)_k - \frac{2\langle x, Ax \rangle}{\langle x, x \rangle^2} x_k
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we compute:

$$\nabla R_A(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} R_A(x) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} R_A(x) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{\langle x, x \rangle} (Ax) - \frac{2\langle x, Ax \rangle}{\langle x, x \rangle^2} x$$

simply by plugging in.

(b): Let's just plug in and check:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla R_A)(v) &= \frac{2}{\langle v, v \rangle} (Av) - \frac{2\langle v, Av \rangle}{\langle v, v \rangle^2} v \\
 &= \frac{2}{\langle v, v \rangle} (\lambda v) - \frac{2\langle v, \lambda v \rangle}{\langle v, v \rangle^2} v \\
 &= \frac{2\lambda}{\langle v, v \rangle} v - \frac{2\lambda \langle v, v \rangle}{\langle v, v \rangle^2} v = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 1.2.

- (a) Fix $n \geq 2$. $B \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ be a given matrix of rank $r \geq 1$, and suppose that $B = V\tilde{\Sigma}U^T$ is a SVD factorization for B with $U, V \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ being two orthogonal matrices. Let μ_1, \dots, μ_r denote the non-zero singular values of B . Show that

$$B = \sum_{i=1}^r \mu_i v_i u_i^T.$$

- (b) Download the image <http://sipi.usc.edu/database/download.php?vol=misc&img=5.1.12> from the USCI SIPI database [1]. Use the command

```
image=im2double(imread('5.1.12.tiff'))
```

in Matlab or Octave to load this image file. The image data is contained in pixel values in the 256×256 matrix image. Display the image using the command

```
imshow(image)
```

Run the command

```
[v,sigma,u]=svd(image)
```

to compute the SVD factorization of the matrix image. Compute a “low rank approximation” by taking the first 50 terms in the expansion you derived in (a) as follows:

```
simple=zeros(256,256)
for i=1:50
    simple=simple+sigma(i,i)*v(:,i)*u(:,i)';
end
```

Display the image “simple” by running the command

```
imshow(simple)
```

What is the rank of the matrix simple? How many numerical values must you store to re-construct simple, compared to the $65536 = 256^2$ pixel values in the data image? Try varying the rank of the approximation by changing the number “50” in the for loop above. Write a paragraph summarizing your computations and observations.

Optional: Compute the matrix norm $\| \text{image} - \text{simple} \|_2$ for varying values n , and draw a plot indicating how the error changes as n increases.

Proof.

(a):

On the one hand, we have

$$B = V\tilde{\Sigma}U^T = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \mu_n \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \tilde{u}_1 & \dots & \tilde{u}_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\mu_k = 0$ if $k > r$ and $\tilde{u}_i = (u_{i1}, \dots, u_{in})$ is the rows of U . Writing things out explicitly we get:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & \dots & v_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_{n1} & \dots & v_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 u_{11} & \mu_1 u_{21} & \dots & \mu_1 u_{n1} \\ \mu_2 u_{12} & \mu_2 u_{22} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ \mu_n u_{1n} & \dots & & \mu_n u_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & \dots & b_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$b_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n \mu_k u_{ik} v_{jk} = \sum_{k=1}^r \mu_k u_{ik} v_{jk} =: \sum_{k=1}^r c_{ijk}.$$

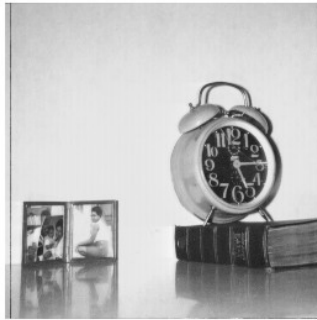
On the other hand,

$$\mu_k v_k u_k^T = \mu_k \begin{pmatrix} v_{1k} \\ \vdots \\ v_{nk} \end{pmatrix} \cdot (u_{k1} \quad \dots \quad u_{kn}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11k} & \dots & c_{1nk} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n1k} & \dots & c_{nnk} \end{pmatrix}$$

which means

$$\sum_{k=1}^r \mu_k v_k u_k^T = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^r c_{11k} & \dots & \sum_{k=1}^r c_{1nk} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^r c_{n1k} & \dots & \sum_{k=1}^r c_{nnk} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & \dots & b_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = B$$

(b): The original picture and the compiled one are below:



Original Picture

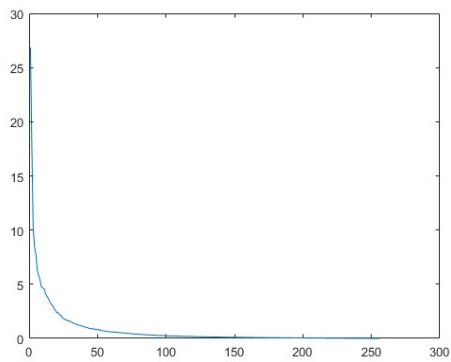


Compiled Picture for $n = 50$

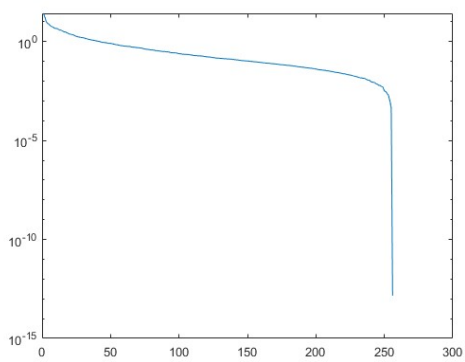
Since we only need to store the first 50 columns of both V and U , and the first 50 singular values. This yields $2 * 256 * 50 + 50 = 25650$ numerical values to store.

What I did with the little experiment is that I tried with the powers of 2 rank. At around rank 32 the picture is still barely visible, and at around rank 8 the shape of things (clock, book, picture) are distinguishable, at lower lever the picture starts to lose cognitive value.

The plot of norm verses rank is below:



Original plot



Semilogy plot

Where the semilogy plot behaves linearly (except at the end) says it decays exponentially.

□

Exercise 1.3.

(a) (2.25) Plot the image of the unit circle of \mathbb{R}^2 by the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1.25 & 0.75 \\ 0.75 & -1.25 \end{pmatrix}$$

to reproduce Figure 2.2. Use the Matlab function `svd`.

(b) (2.26) For different choices of m and n , compare the singular values of a matrix

$A = \text{rand}(m,n)$ and the eigenvalues of the block matrix $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^t & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Justify.

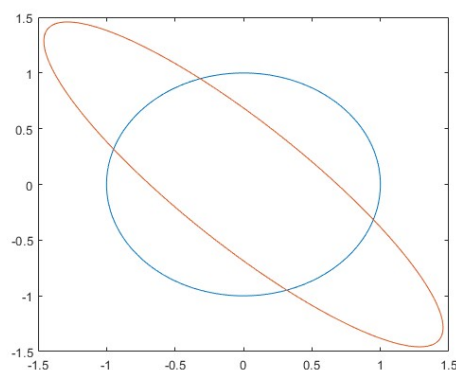
Proof.

(a): I used the `svd` function to compute `svd`, and plotted the modified ellipsoid. It is indeed the same as Figure 2.2. Codes and figure are attached.

```

1  clear all;
2  r=1;
3  theta = 0:pi/100:2*pi;
4  xunit = r * cos(theta);
5  yunit = r * sin(theta);
6  vc = [xunit,yunit];
7  plot(xunit, yunit);
8  hold all
9  A = [-1.25,0.75;0.75,-1.25];
10 [v,sigma,u]=svd(A);
11 xell = sigma(1,1)*r*cos(theta);
12 yell = sigma(2,2)*r*sin(theta);
13 ell = [xell;yell];
14 ell2 = v*ell;
15 plot(ell2(1,:), ell2(2,:))

```



(b): What I did is that I first tried with $m = n = 10$ and checked that the eigenvalues are a list of all the singular values and their negation, with extra 0 to fill the necessary terms.

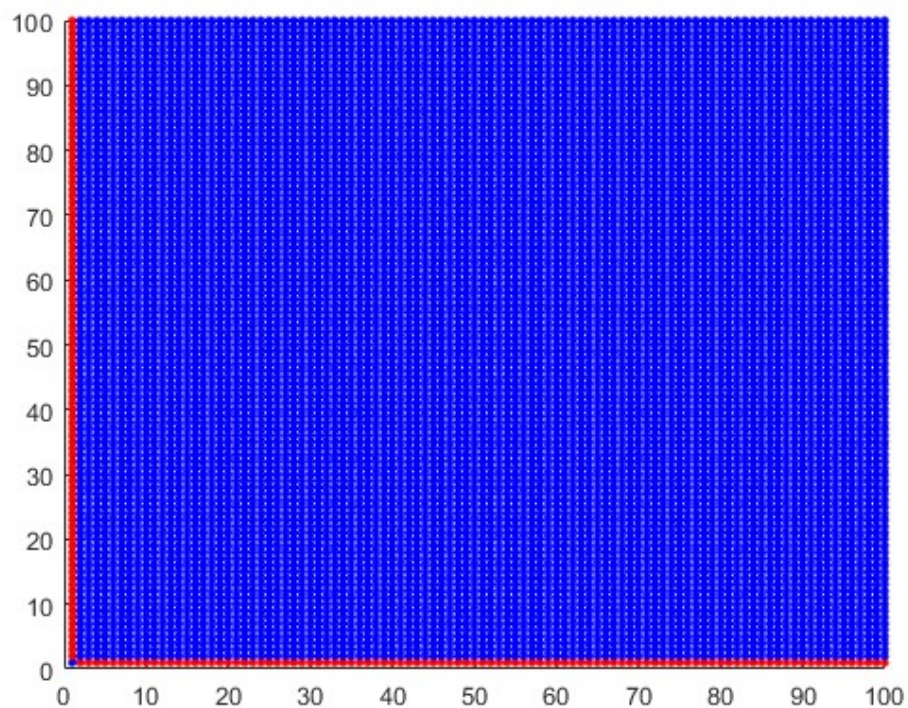
So what I did was to order the eigenvalues in a descending order and cut it off at the length of the list of singular values of A . Ideally, the cut eigenvalue list of B will be the same of the

singular value of A list. So I computed the norms of the difference between two lists, and if it is larger than the tolerance 10^{-7} , it is marked red, otherwise blue. Below is the code and the result.

```

1  tol = 0.0000001;
2  for m = 1:100
3      for n = 1:100
4          A = rand(m,n);
5          [v,sigma,u]=svd(A);
6          S = diag(sigma);
7          B = [zeros(m,m),A;A.',zeros(n,n)];
8          E = sort(eig(B),'descend');
9          N = norm(S-E(1:length(S)));
10         if N < tol
11             plot(m,n,'.', 'Color', 'b', 'MarkerSize', 10);
12             hold all
13         else
14             plot(m,n,'.', 'Color', 'r', 'MarkerSize', 10);
15             hold all
16         end
17     end
18 end
19 shg
20

```



Error occurs when only one of m or n is one, but that really is because the way I get the diagonal list (with diag) returns (in this case) not a list but the whole matrix with only the first term as non-zero. And that term is really the same with the first of the eigenvalue list.

So our conclusion from coding is clear: The eigenvalues of B are the singular values of A and their negatives. Let's prove it:

We denote u_i and v_i as the i th column of U and V in the SVD of A . Then, Au_i is the i th column of $AU = V\tilde{\Sigma}U^*U = V\tilde{\Sigma}$, which is $\lambda_i v_i$. Similarly, $A^T v_i = \lambda_i u_i$.

Now, let $s_i^\pm = \begin{pmatrix} v_i \\ \pm u_i \end{pmatrix}$, then

$$Bs_i^\pm = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_i \\ \pm u_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \pm Au_i \\ A^T v_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \pm \lambda_i v_i \\ \lambda_i u_i \end{pmatrix} = \pm \lambda_i s_i^\pm.$$

So we have already find all eigenvalues of B . And that they are length 2 eigenvectors that are orthogonal to each other is just due to U and V are orthogonal matrices.

So our former numerical observation is indeed correct.

□

Exercise 1.4. Fix $n \geq 1$ and suppose that $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ satisfies $\|Ax\|_2 = \|x\|_2$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Show that A is a unitary matrix.

Proof.

Since A is a real valued matrix, it is unitary if it is orthogonal, which is what we'll prove.

To prove orthogonal, we only need to prove that each column of A has norm 1 and each two columns are orthogonal (sometimes called orthonormal).

Let a_i denote the i -th column of A , then

$$\|a_i\|_2 = \|Ae_i\|_2 = \|e_i\|_2 = 1$$

so every column has norm 1.

Now we prove that each two column vectors of A are orthogonal. But since we are doing things with the Euclidean norm, two vectors are orthogonal corresponds exactly to the fact that the angle they form is 90-degrees (which is invariant under shifting). This is shown in undergraduate linear algebra class and to see why we can just use formula $\cos \theta = \frac{u \cdot v}{|u| \cdot |v|}$.

To show this, we note that for each $1 \leq i, j \leq n, i \neq j$, we have $\|a_i\|_2 = \|a_j\|_2 = 1$ due to reasons above and that

$$\|a_i + a_j\|_2 = \|A(e_i + e_j)\|_2 = \|e_i + e_j\|_2 = \sqrt{2}.$$

Now, we denote the origin by point O , denote the endpoint for vector a_i by point B and the endpoint for vector $a_i + a_j$ by C . By the above discussion, $|OB| = 1$, $|OC| = 1$, and $|BC| = |a_i + a_j - a_i| = |a_j| = 1$, where $|\cdot|$ denotes the length of a line section if the input is a line section.

But we know that there is a unique plane P in which OBC as points lies in. Further, the angle between OB and BC is the same as the angle of the two line segments in P . But then the angle $\theta \in [0, \pi)$ between OB and BC is $\frac{\pi}{2}$ since

$$\cos \theta = \frac{|OB|^2 + |BC|^2 - |OC|^2}{2|OB||BC|} = 0$$

by the law of cosines in a triangle.

Therefore a_i and a_j are orthogonal (in the Euclidean sense, but that is the same as in the $\|\cdot\|_2$ sense), so we are done. But to be explicit the proof is:

$$\langle a_j, a_i \rangle = \frac{\langle a_j, a_i \rangle}{|a_j| \cdot |a_i|} = \cos \theta = 0.$$

And hence A is orthogonal. □

Exercise 1.5. (Comparing vector p -norms) Fix $n \geq 1$ and let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be given.

(1) Show that $\|x\|_2^2 \leq \|x\|_1 \|x\|_\infty$.

(2) Show that for all $p \geq 1$ and $s \geq 0$, we have

$$\|x\|_{p+s} \leq \|x\|_p.$$

(3) Fix $n \geq 1$ and let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be given. Show that $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|x\|_p = \|x\|_\infty$.

Proof.

(a):

$$\|x\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(|x_i| \cdot \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j| \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \cdot \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j| = \|x\|_1 \|x\|_\infty.$$

(b): Let $\tilde{x}_i = \frac{|x_i|}{\|x\|_p}$, then we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{x}_i^p = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|x_i|^p}{\|x\|_p^p} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p}{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p} = 1$$

and since each $\tilde{x}_i \geq 0$, $\tilde{x}_i^p \leq 1$ and $\tilde{x}_i \leq 1$, which means $0 \leq \tilde{x}_i^{p+s} \leq \tilde{x}_i^p \leq 1$, and thus

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{x}_i^{p+s} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{x}_i^p = 1.$$

On the other hand,

$$\frac{\|x\|_{p+s}}{\|x\|_p} = \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^{p+s}}{\|x\|_p^{p+s}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p+s}} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{x}_i^{p+s} \right)^{\frac{1}{p+s}} \leq 1$$

so

$$\|x\|_{p+s} \leq \|x\|_p.$$

(c): Let $|x_m| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$, then we can prove for both directions:

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|x\|_p = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \geq \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (|x_m|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} = |x_m| = \|x\|_\infty.$$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|x\|_p = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (n|x_m|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} n^{1/p} |x_m| = \|x\|_\infty.$$

And so we are done. □

Exercise 1.6. Fix $p \geq 1$, and we choose p' such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ (and $p' = \infty$ if $p = 1$). The exponent p' is often called the conjugate exponent to p . For $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, let $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$ denote the usual Euclidean inner product. Hölder's inequality on \mathbb{R}^n states that for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\langle x, y \rangle \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_{p'}$ (you don't have to show this – we'll post a quick proof to Canvas in the coming days). In this exercise, we'll show that

$$\|x\|_p = \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \neq 0} \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|_{p'}}$$

(1) Explain why Hölder's inequality implies that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\|x\|_p \geq \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \neq 0} \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|_{p'}}.$$

(2) Show that the opposite inequality holds, i.e. that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\|x\|_p \leq \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \neq 0} \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|_{p'}}.$$

Proof.

(a): $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, Hölder's inequality says $\langle x, y \rangle \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_{p'}$, which implies

$$\|x\|_p \geq \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|_{p'}}.$$

Since the above holds for all y we have

$$\|x\|_p \geq \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \neq 0} \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|_{p'}}.$$

(b): If we just plug in the equality condition for Hölder's inequality, we should be done. And indeed:

Let y be chosen such that $|y_i| = c|x_i|^{p-1}$. Here we only take $c = 1$ and choose individual y_i such that it has the same sign as x_i , which means

$$y_i \cdot x_i = \text{sign}(x_i)|x_i|^{p-1} \cdot \text{sign}(x_i)|x_i| = |x_i|^p$$

where this can be done since $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$.

Now we just plug in and check that the result holds. In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_p \|y\|_{p'} &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i| \cdot |x_i| = \langle x, y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

which means that for some y ,

$$||x||_p = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{||y||_{p'}}$$

which implies

$$||x||_p \leq \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \neq 0} \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{||y||_{p'}}.$$

□