

# Challenge Problem 1

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## 1 CHALLENGE QUESTION 1

Show that the matrix  $(t\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{nn}^T)$  in the given document is a rank 1 matrix for a parabola.

## 2 SOLUTION

Let

$$\mathbf{V} = (t\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{nn}^T) \quad (2.0.1)$$

where,

$$t = \frac{\|\mathbf{n}\|^2}{e^2} \quad (2.0.2)$$

Let rank of matrix be represented by  $\rho$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** A matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is orthogonally diagonalizable if and only if  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric.

*Proof.* Let us assume that  $\mathbf{A}$  is orthogonally diagonalizable such that

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \quad (2.0.4)$$

Now,

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1} \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^T \quad (2.0.6)$$

Now,

$$\mathbf{A}^T = (\mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^T)^T \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^T = (\mathbf{P}^T)^T \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{P}^T \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^T \quad (2.0.9)$$

$\therefore$  From (2.0.6) and (2.0.9),

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T \quad (2.0.10)$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{A}$  is orthogonally diagonalizable only when  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a  $m \times n$  diagonalizable matrix. Then,

$$\rho(\mathbf{A}) = \rho(\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}) = \rho(\mathbf{D}) \quad (2.0.11)$$

*Proof.* Here,  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  are similar matrices such that

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} \quad (2.0.12)$$

Now,

$$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D} = (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^{-1})\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} \quad (2.0.13)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B}\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} \quad (2.0.14)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B}\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} \quad (2.0.15)$$

So,

$$\rho(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}) = \rho(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}) \quad (2.0.16)$$

Since  $\mathbf{B}$  is an invertible matrix and hence a full rank matrix.

So,

$$\rho(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}) = \rho(\mathbf{A}) \quad (2.0.17)$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}) = \rho(\mathbf{D}) \quad (2.0.18)$$

$\therefore$  Using (2.0.16), (2.0.17) and (2.0.18),

$$\rho(\mathbf{A}) = \rho(\mathbf{D}) \quad (2.0.19)$$

$\square$

**Definition 1.** Rank of a diagonal matrix is equal to the number of its non-zero eigen values.

Let trace of matrix be represented by  $tr$

Now,

$$tr(\mathbf{V}) = tr(t\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{nn}^T) \quad (2.0.20)$$

$$\Rightarrow tr(\mathbf{V}) = tr(t\mathbf{I}) - tr(\mathbf{nn}^T) \quad (2.0.21)$$

$$\Rightarrow tr(\mathbf{V}) = 2t - \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \quad (2.0.22)$$

$$\Rightarrow tr(\mathbf{V}) = \frac{\|\mathbf{n}\|^2(2 - e^2)}{e^2} \quad (2.0.23)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Eigen values of a 2x2 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  are :*

$$\lambda = \frac{\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \pm \sqrt{\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 - 4|\mathbf{A}|}}{2} \quad (2.0.24)$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ .

Then, characteristic polynomial  $p(\lambda)$  is

$$p(\lambda) = |\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| \quad (2.0.25)$$

$$= (a - \lambda)(d - \lambda) - bc \quad (2.0.26)$$

$$= \lambda^2 - (a + d)\lambda + ad - bc \quad (2.0.27)$$

$$= \lambda^2 - \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\lambda + |\mathbf{V}| \quad (2.0.28)$$

So, eigen values which are roots of  $p(\lambda)$  are

$$\lambda = \frac{\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \pm \sqrt{\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 - 4|\mathbf{A}|}}{2} \quad (2.0.29)$$

□

∴ Using (2.0.23), for a parabola where  $e=1$ ,

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{V}) = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \quad (2.0.30)$$

∴ Using lemma 2.2, eigen values are:

$$\lambda_1 = 0 \quad (2.0.31)$$

$$\lambda_2 = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \quad (2.0.32)$$

Now,

$$\mathbf{V}^T = (\|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{nn}^T)^T \quad (2.0.33)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{V}^T = (\|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \mathbf{I})^T - (\mathbf{nn}^T)^T \quad (2.0.34)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{V}^T = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 (\mathbf{I}^T) - ((\mathbf{n}^T)^T \mathbf{n}^T) \quad (2.0.35)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{V}^T = (\|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{nn}^T) \quad (2.0.36)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{V}^T = \mathbf{V} \quad (2.0.37)$$

So, using (2.0.37),  $\mathbf{V}$  is a symmetric matrix .

∴ Using (2.0.37) and theorem 2.1,  $\mathbf{V}$  is a diagonalizable matrix such that

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D} \quad (2.0.38)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.39)$$

∴ Using def.1, lemma 2.1 and (2.0.39).

$$\rho(\mathbf{V}) = \rho(\mathbf{D}) = 1 \quad (2.0.40)$$