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# Solutions to Midterm #1

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# Problem 1

**Part a.** The elements that go into our matrix are:

$$\tilde{k}_{ij} = \frac{k_{ij}}{\sqrt{m_i m_j}}$$

This was analyzed with code at the end of the problem to find the natural frequencies, which are:

```
[ 0.29557781  0.71803543  1.14237507  1.35085132  2.42453087]
```

with units of  $s^{-1}$ . The associated eigenvectors are the columns of the below

```
[ [-0.64816503 -0.5476156 -0.36709199  0.23347628 -0.30121678]
  [-0.20881728  0.15616332  0.28313297 -0.63382245 -0.67090475]
  [ 0.57204243  0.03508771 -0.26077684  0.40526135 -0.66279333]
  [-0.43780757  0.61993618  0.30544771  0.56207913 -0.12154181]
  [ 0.13179317 -0.53868187  0.78979512  0.25216704 -0.07132925]]
```

Eigenvectors are properly dimensionless, since they can be scaled by an arbitrary factor.

**Part b.** This is a basis set transformation, which we can do by

$$\underline{\mathbf{q}} = c_1 \underline{\mathbf{v}}_1 + c_2 \underline{\mathbf{v}}_2 + c_3 \underline{\mathbf{v}}_3 + c_4 \underline{\mathbf{v}}_4 + c_5 \underline{\mathbf{v}}_5 = \underline{\mathbf{v}} \underline{\mathbf{c}} \quad (1)$$

where  $\underline{\mathbf{q}}$  is our given vector,  $\underline{\mathbf{v}}$  is a matrix containing the eigenvectors on the columns, and  $\underline{\mathbf{c}}$  is a vector containing our five coefficients. We can use `np.linalg.solve` to find  $\underline{\mathbf{c}}$ .

Different assumptions could reasonably be made on whether the presented numbers contained the displacements directly, or whether the presented numbers already contained the  $\sqrt{m_i}$  correction. Either interpretation is eligible for full credit.

1. *Assuming numbers need mass correction.* Here, we first calculate  $\tilde{\underline{\mathbf{q}}} = \underline{\mathbf{m}} \circ \underline{\mathbf{q}}$ , where  $\circ$  indicates the element-wise product and  $\underline{\mathbf{m}}$  contains the square-roots of the masses, and use this in equation (1). This gives:

```
[ 0.2241178 -1.04391844  0.4175895 -0.12186543 -0.12678062]
```

2. *Assuming numbers contain mass correction.* Here, we just use  $\underline{\mathbf{q}}$  directly in equation (1), giving:

```
[ 0.10134328 -0.39418793  0.1201439 -0.09726451 -0.05523108]
```

**Part c.** Note that our force equation, as given in the problem statement, can be re-expressed as:

$$\underline{\mathbf{F}} = -\underline{\mathbf{k}} \underline{\mathbf{q}}$$

This is simple to solve, and we get:

```
[ [-0.72]
  [-1.  ]
  [-0.44]
  [ 0.47]
  [-2.16]]
```

**Python code.** File attached here. 

```
1  import numpy as np
2
3  masses = [8., 2., 3., 5., 9.]
4
5  ks = np.zeros((len(masses), len(masses)))
6  ks[0, 0] = 8.
7  ks[0, 1] = 3.
8  ks[0, 2] = 7.
9  ks[0, 3] = 1.
10 ks[0, 4] = 0.
11
12 ks[1, 1] = 7.
13 ks[1, 2] = 5.
14 ks[1, 3] = 0.
15 ks[1, 4] = 1.
16
17 ks[2, 2] = 9.
18 ks[2, 3] = 3.
19 ks[2, 4] = 1.
20
21 ks[3, 3] = 5.
22 ks[3, 4] = 3.
23
24 ks[4, 4] = 10.
25
26 # Copy symmetric values:
27 ks = ks + ks.T - np.diag(ks.diagonal())
28 print(ks)
29
30 # Make k-tildes.
31 ktildes = np.zeros((len(masses), len(masses)))
32 for i in range(len(masses)):
33     for j in range(len(masses)):
34         ktildes[i, j] = ks[i, j] / np.sqrt(masses[i] * masses[j])
35
36 print(ktildes)
37 w, v = np.linalg.eigh(ktildes)
38 print(w)
39
40 print('The natural frequencies are:')
41 print(np.sqrt(w))
42 print(v)
43
44 #####
45 # Part b.
46 #####
47 q = np.array([0.1, .05, .01, -.3, .3])
48 # Approach 1.
49 qt = np.sqrt(masses) * q
50 print(np.linalg.solve(v, qt))
51 # Approach 2.
52 print(np.linalg.solve(v, q))
```

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53
54 #####
55 # Part c.
56 #####
57 F = -np.matmul(ks, q)
58 print(F)

```

**Rubric.** Total 15 points.

- Part a. 8 points (pick one from each group separated by carriage return)
  - (+1) natural frequency units 1/s (rad/s OK)
  - (+0) incorrect frequency units
  - (+1) eigenvector units unitless or m, with correct frequency/justification
  - (+0) incorrect eigenvector units
  - (+3) correct five eigenvalues
  - (+2) eigenvalue numbers all correct but wrong signs or squared
  - (+1) one incorrect eigenvalue (not sign error)
  - (+0) more than one incorrect eigenvalue (not sign error)
  - (+3) correct five eigenvectors
  - (+2) eigenvalues do not match eigenvectors but otherwise correct
  - (+2) one incorrect eigenvector or fewer than three small typos across multiple
  - (+1) eigenvector numbers correct but wrongly said they were rows not columns etc.
  - (+1) eigenvectors not normalized but correct
  - (+0) more than one incorrect eigenvector or 3+ typos
- Problem 1b. Max total: 5 points
  - (+5) correct five coefficients
  - (+3) correct numbers but coefficient order does not match basis set order, or all wrong sign
  - (+3) four correct coefficients
  - (+2) incorrect coefficients due to input but correct input type and attempt to solve  $q=vc$  for  $c$
  - (+1) incorrect coefficients and input type but attempt to solve  $q=vc$  for  $c$
  - (+0) incorrect values and/or incorrect procedure
- Problem 1c. Max total: 2 points
  - (+2) correct five forces
  - (+1) correct numbers but sign and/or ordering error
  - (+1) multiple incorrect forces but correct attempt to solve  $F=-kq$
  - (+1) any incorrect input but correct attempt to solve  $F=-kq$
  - (+0) incorrect values and/or incorrect procedure

## Problem 2

**Part a.** The key equation was given in eq (4) of the reference

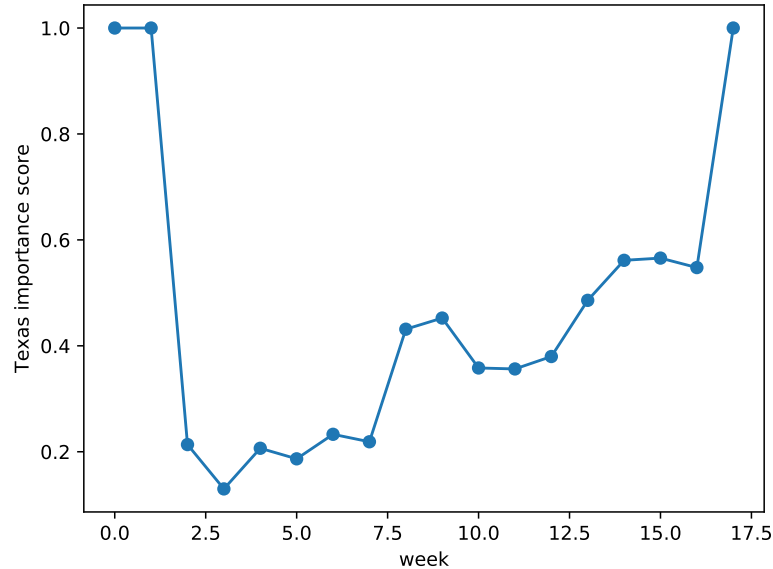
$$\underline{x} = (1 - m)\underline{A}\underline{x} + m\underline{s}$$

We try this on the two examples in the paper, and one extra, with a link deleted. Note when the link is deleted, we need to be a little careful not to divide by zero. For the three values of  $m$ , we get:

```
0.15
[[ 0.41432569  0.41432569  0.09130925  0.04751391  0.03252545]]
0.25
[[ 0.35827687  0.35827687  0.14731658  0.07991615  0.05621352]]
0.35
[[ 0.30981002  0.30981002  0.19089057  0.10957189  0.07991751]]
```

File attached here. 

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 def make_A(n, links):
4     """Make the link matrix."""
5     A = np.zeros((n, n))
6     for link in links:
7         A[link[1], link[0]] += 1.
8     # Make each column sum to one.
9     Asum = A.sum(axis=0)
10    # If any columns have no entries, they should stay zero, not nan.
11    for index, value in enumerate(Asum):
12        if value == 0.:
13            Asum[index] = 1.
14    A = A / Asum
15    return A
16
17 def power_method(m, iterations=10):
18     """Run the power method."""
19     x = np.ones((n, 1)) # Guess of x.
20     for _ in range(10):
21         x = (1. - m) * np.matmul(A, x) + m * s
22         x /= np.linalg.norm(x, ord=1)
23         print(x.T)
24
25 # Figure 2, modified.
26 n = 5 # number of pages
27 links = [[1, 2], [2, 1], [4, 3], [5, 3], [5, 4]]
28 # Bring to python numbering system.
29 for link in links:
30     link[0] -= 1
31     link[1] -= 1
32
33 A = make_A(n, links)
34 s = 1./ n * np.ones((n, 1))
```



**Figure 1:** Texas' importance score by week.

```

35
36 for m in [0.15, 0.25, 0.35]:
37     print(m)
38     power_method(m)

```


**Part b.** The code is not shown, as it is a simplified version of that in part c. The two unique values are (0.235606, 1.).

**Part c.** The top ten teams, according to this ranking scheme, are (with their importance scores shown):

```

1.000 Texas
0.835 LSU
0.823 Virginia Tech
0.815 Michigan
0.757 Florida State
0.700 Georgia
0.695 Penn State
0.653 Miami (Florida)
0.545 Georgia Tech
0.544 Auburn

```

Texas was the top team at the end; their week-by-week score is shown in Figure 1. Code to generate this follows. File attached here. 

```

1  import json
2  import numpy as np
3  from matplotlib import pyplot
4  np.set_printoptions(precision=2)
5
6  def make_A(n, links):
7      """Make the link matrix."""
8      A = np.zeros((n, n))
9      for link in links:
10         A[link[1], link[0]] += 1.
11         # Make each column sum to one.
12         Asum = A.sum(axis=0)
13         # If any columns have no entries, they should stay zero, not nan.
14         for index, value in enumerate(Asum):
15             if value == 0.:
16                 Asum[index] = 1.
17         A = A / Asum
18     return A
19
20 def get_importance_scores(links, n, m=0.15, iterations=1000):
21     A = make_A(n, links)
22     m = 0.15
23     S = 1. / n * np.ones((n, n))
24     M = (1. - m) * A + m * S
25     # Power method.
26     x = np.ones((n, 1)) # Guess of x.
27     for _ in range(iterations):
28         x = np.matmul(M, x)
29         x /= x.max()
30     return x
31
32 def get_links(results):
33     """Creates links list from results list."""
34     links = []
35     for r in results:
36         if r['home_score'] > r['away_score']:
37             links.append([r['away_team'], r['home_team']])
38         else:
39             links.append([r['home_team'], r['away_team']])
40     return links
41
42 def get_results_until_week(week):
43     partial_results = []
44     for result in results:
45         if result['week'] <= week:
46             partial_results.append(result)
47     return partial_results
48
49 results = json.load(open('results.json'))
50 team_names = json.load(open('teams.json'))
51 n = len(team_names)
52
53 partial_results = get_results_until_week(np.inf)
54 links = get_links(partial_results)

```

```

55 x = get_importance_scores(links, n)
56 sorted_indices = np.argsort(x.flatten())
57 sorted_indices = np.flip(sorted_indices, axis=0)
58 for index in sorted_indices[:10]:
59     print('{:.3f} {}'.format(float(x[index]), team_names[index]))
60
61 # Now make a plot of what Texas did throughout the year.
62 # They are team #202.
63 texas_scores = []
64 for week in range(18):
65     partial_results = get_results_until_week(week)
66     links = get_links(partial_results)
67     x = get_importance_scores(links, n)
68     texas_score = x[202]
69     print(texas_score)
70     texas_scores.append(texas_score)
71
72 fig, ax = pyplot.subplots()
73 ax.plot(range(18), texas_scores, 'o-')
74 ax.set_xlabel('week')
75 ax.set_ylabel('Texas importance score')
76 fig.savefig('texas.pdf')

```

**Rubric.** Total 15 points.

- Part a: 4 points
  - 4/4 all three importance scores are correct
  - 3/4 two of three importance scores are correct
  - 2/4 one of three importance scores are correct
  - 1/4 all importance scores are wrong but have right M
  - 1/4 all importance scores are wrong but code provided
  - 0/4 importance scores are wrong and no code provided
- Part b: 2 points
  - 2/2 both importance scores are correct
  - 1/2 importance scores are wrong but code provided
  - 0/2 importance scores are wrong and no code provided
- Part c, top-ten ranking: 3 points
  - 3/3 all top ten rankings and importance scores are correct.
  - 2/3 ranking are wrong but all importance score are correct.
  - 1/3 rankings are correct but importance scores are wrong.
  - 0/3 all rankings and importance score are wrong.
- Part c, plot: 2 points
  - 2/2 The plot is right (Texas, x-axis is week and y-axis is importance score)
  - 2/2 The plot is not right or not normalized, but the importance scores for every week are provided and these scores are right
  - 1/2 The plot is right but the team names are wrong



0/2 The plot is not right or not normalized, and no importance scores for every week provided.

- Part c, code: 4 points

4/4 code makes sense.

3/4 code doesn't make sense..

0/4 no code provided.

## Problem 3

### Part a.

- Node 1,  $x$  direction:

$$0 = -F_A \cos \beta + F_C \cos \gamma$$

- Node 1,  $y$  direction:

$$0 = -F_{\text{load}} - F_A \sin \beta - F_C \sin \gamma$$

- Node 2,  $x$  direction:

$$0 = F_B + H_2 + F_A \cos \beta$$

- Node 2,  $y$  direction:

$$0 = V_2 + F_A \sin \beta$$

- Node 3,  $x$  direction:

$$0 = -F_B - F_C \cos \gamma$$

- Node 3,  $y$  direction:

$$0 = V_3 + F_C \sin \gamma$$

**Part b.** Converting to a linear system,  $\underline{\underline{\mathbf{A}}} \underline{\underline{\mathbf{x}}} = \underline{\underline{\mathbf{b}}}$ , gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\cos \beta & 0 & \cos \gamma & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & -\sin \gamma & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \cos \beta & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \beta & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -\cos \gamma & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sin \gamma & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_A \\ F_B \\ F_C \\ H_2 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ F_{\text{load}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Part c.** Using the script, this gives:

```
[[-500.          ]
 [ 433.01270189]
 [-866.02540378]
 [    0.          ]
 [ 250.          ]
 [ 750.          ]]
```

File attached here. 

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 def get_A(beta, gamma):
4     """Returns the A matrix given angles beta and gamma."""
5     cos = np.cos
6     sin = np.sin
```


```

7     A = [[-cos(beta), 0., cos(gamma), 0., 0., 0.],
8           [-sin(beta), 0., -sin(gamma), 0., 0., 0.],
9           [cos(beta), 1., 0., 1., 0., 0.],
10          [sin(beta), 0., 0., 0., 1., 0.],
11          [0., -1., -cos(gamma), 0., 0., 0.],
12          [0., 0., sin(gamma), 0., 0., 1.]]
13     return np.array(A)
14
15 def get_b(F_load):
16     """Returns the b vector given the load force."""
17     b = [[0., F_load, 0., 0., 0., 0.]]
18     return np.array(b).T
19
20 F_load = 1000. # N
21 alpha = 90. / 180. * np.pi
22 beta = 30. / 180. * np.pi
23 gamma = 60. / 180. * np.pi
24
25 A = get_A(beta, gamma)
26 b = get_b(F_load)
27 x = np.linalg.solve(a=A, b=b)
28 print(x)

```

**Part d.** Given a value of  $\gamma$ , we first need a formula to find  $\beta$ . The constraint is that the height is fixed. If we take the distance between 2 and 3 to be 1 unit, we can work through the trigonometry to find the height at 1 is  $\sqrt{3}/4$ .

Writing a script to solve this, we find the maximum angle is  $65.2^\circ$ .

File attached here. 

```

1  import numpy as np
2  from scipy.optimize import newton
3
4  def get_A(beta, gamma):
5      """Returns the A matrix given angles beta and gamma."""
6      cos = np.cos
7      sin = np.sin
8      A = [[-cos(beta), 0., cos(gamma), 0., 0., 0.],
9            [-sin(beta), 0., -sin(gamma), 0., 0., 0.],
10           [cos(beta), 1., 0., 1., 0., 0.],
11           [sin(beta), 0., 0., 0., 1., 0.],
12           [0., -1., -cos(gamma), 0., 0., 0.],
13           [0., 0., sin(gamma), 0., 0., 1.]]
14     return np.array(A)
15
16 def get_b(F_load):
17     """Returns the b vector given the load force."""
18     b = [[0., F_load, 0., 0., 0., 0.]]
19     return np.array(b).T
20
21 def get_beta(gamma):
22     """Returns the value of angle gamma given a value of beta."""
23     h = np.sqrt(3.) / 4.
24     x = h / np.tan(gamma)

```

```

25     y = 1. - x
26     return np.arctan(h / y)
27
28 def get_V3(gamma):
29     beta = get_beta(gamma)
30     A = get_A(beta, gamma)
31     b = get_b(F_load=1000.)
32     x = np.linalg.solve(a=A, b=b)
33     V3 = x[-1]
34     return V3
35
36 def get_residual(gamma):
37     gamma = float(gamma)
38     V3max = 800.
39     V3 = get_V3(gamma)
40     return V3 - V3max
41
42
43 # Just check that it works for our original system.
44 gamma = 61. * np.pi / 180.
45 V3 = get_V3(gamma)
46 print(V3)
47
48 # Solve it!
49 gamma = newton(func=get_residual, x0=60. * np.pi / 180.)
50 print(gamma * 180 / np.pi)
51 V3 = get_V3(gamma[0])
52 print(V3)

```

## Rubric

- Part a. 4 points.
  - 1 Small sign error(s) or similar. Max 2 deductions if equations otherwise sound.
- Part b. 4 points.
  - 1 Sign error.
  - 1 Missing or wrong term. (Max two deductions of missing/sign/wrong.)
  - 2 b not provided.
  - 1 b = 0 (missing  $F_{\text{load}}$ )
- Part c. 4 points.
  - 1 Sign error. (Not taken twice if already taken in a/b.)
  - 2/4 Right approach, wrong numbers.
  - 1/4 Attempted (incorrect) hand solution; didn't use numerical approach.
- Part d. 8 points.
  - 4/8 Right approach, wrong numbers.
  - 2/8 Poorly documented / hard-to-follow approach with wrong numbers, but using nonlinear solver.
  - 2/8 Only solved for height correctly.
  - 1 Small sign / conversion error.