

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS

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Assignment 2  
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*Submit your answers - along with this sheet to blackboard. The due date is 2pm 18/10/2024.*  
You may find some of these problems challenging. Attendance at weekly tutorials is assumed.

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Each question marked out of 3.

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**Question 1.**

- (a) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Prove that the determinant of  $A$  is the product of its eigenvalues.

**Solution:** We know that

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

The characteristic polynomial of the matrix  $A$  is given by:

$$p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$$

Using the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra, this polynomial can be factored as:

$$p(\lambda) = (-1)^n(\lambda_1 - \lambda)(\lambda_2 - \lambda) \dots (\lambda_n - \lambda)$$

With  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $p(0) = \det(A)$ , thus:

$$p(0) = (-1)^n \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n$$

Therefore:

$$\det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n$$

Therefore, the determinant of  $A$  is the product of its eigenvalues

- (b) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrix. Show that the trace of  $A$  is the sum of its eigenvalues.

**Solution:** The trace of a matrix is defined as the sum of its diagonal elements.

From theorem 69, we know that if  $S$  is an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix, then it is diagonalisable by an orthogonal matrix  $Q$ :

$$S = Q\Lambda Q^T$$

where  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix of eigenvalues.

Thus, for the matrix  $S$ , we have:

$$\text{Tr}(S) = \sum_{i=1}^n S_{ii}$$

Since  $\Lambda$  contains the eigenvalues of  $S$  on its diagonal, we know that:

$$\text{Tr}(S) = \text{Tr}(\Lambda)$$

Therefore:

$$\text{Tr}(S) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$$

Thus, it's shown that the trace of  $S$  is the sum of its eigenvalues.

**Question 2.** Let  $W \subseteq V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace of a vector space  $V$ .

a) Show that  $W^\perp$ , the orthogonal complement of  $W$ , is a subspace of  $V$ .

**Solution:**  $W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $V$  if the three conditions for a subspace hold:

1. Additive Identity: The zero vector is orthogonal to all vectors in  $V$ , including those in  $W$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{0} \in W^\perp$ .

2. Closure under addition: Let  $v_1, v_2 \in W^\perp$ . Then for every  $w \in W$ :

$$v_1 \cdot w = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad v_2 \cdot w = 0.$$

Hence,

$$(v_1 + v_2) \cdot w = v_1 \cdot w + v_2 \cdot w = 0 + 0 = 0.$$

Therefore,  $v_1 + v_2 \in W^\perp$ .

3. Closure under scalar multiplication: Let  $v \in W^\perp$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then for all  $w \in W$ :

$$(\alpha v) \cdot w = \alpha(v \cdot w) = \alpha \cdot 0 = 0.$$

Hence,  $\alpha v \in W^\perp$ .

Therefore,  $W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

b) Prove that  $W \cap W^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

**Solution:** Let  $v \in W \cap W^\perp$ .

Therefore,  $v \in W$  and  $v \in W^\perp$ .

As  $v \in W^\perp$ , therefore it must be orthogonal to every vector in  $W$ , including itself ( $v$ ):

$$v \cdot v = 0.$$

But  $v \cdot v = 0$  only works if  $v$  is the zero vector:  $v = \mathbf{0}$ . Therefore,  $W \cap W^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

c) Show that any vector  $v \in V$  can be written as  $v = w + u$ , where  $w \in W$  and  $u \in W^\perp$ .

Let  $\{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m\}$  be an orthonormal basis for the subspace  $W$ .

**Solution:** Given the vector:  $v - \sum_{i=1}^m (v \cdot q_i) q_i$ , which we can call  $u$ , we can rewrite  $v$  in the form  $v = w + u$ :

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^m (v \cdot q_i) q_i + \left( v - \sum_{i=1}^m (v \cdot q_i) q_i \right).$$

Where  $w = \sum_{i=1}^m (v \cdot q_i) q_i$ .

As we can see,  $u = v - w$ , therefore:

$$u \cdot q_i = \left( v - \sum_{j=1}^m (v \cdot q_j) q_j \right) \cdot q_i = v \cdot q_i - (v \cdot q_i) = 0.$$

Therefore,  $u \in W^\perp$ . Hence, we have shown that any vector  $v \in V$  can be written as the sum of a vector  $w \in W$  and a vector  $u \in W^\perp$ .

d) Prove that  $(W^\perp)^\perp = W$ .

**Solution:** Let  $u \in W^\perp$ , so  $u \cdot w = 0$  for all  $w \in W$ .

Let  $v \in (W^\perp)^\perp$ , which means  $v \cdot u = 0$  for all  $u \in W^\perp$ . Need to show that  $v \in W$ .

Since  $v \in (W^\perp)^\perp$ , it is orthogonal to all vectors in  $W^\perp$ . By the orthogonal decomposition theorem,  $V = W \oplus W^\perp$ , and thus  $v \in W$ .

Therefore,  $(W^\perp)^\perp \subseteq W$  and also  $W \subseteq (W^\perp)^\perp$ . Therefore:

$$W = (W^\perp)^\perp.$$

e) Show that  $\text{NS}(A) = (\text{R}(A^T))^\perp$

**Solution:** The row space of  $A^T$ ,  $\text{R}(A^T)$ , is the subspace spanned by the rows of  $A^T$ :

$$\text{R}(A^T) = \text{span}(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m),$$

where  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m$  are the rows of  $A^T$ .

The null space of  $A$ , denoted  $\text{NS}(A)$ , is the set of vectors  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that:

$$Ax = 0.$$

If  $x \in \text{NS}(A)$ , then  $Ax = 0$ . This implies:

$$r_1 \cdot x = 0, r_2 \cdot x = 0, \dots, r_m \cdot x = 0.$$

Since the dot product of  $x$  with each row of  $A^T$  is zero,  $x$  is orthogonal to every row of  $A^T$ .

Therefore,  $x \in (\text{R}(A^T))^\perp$ .

Since every vector in the null space of  $A$  is orthogonal to the row space of  $A^T$ :

$$\text{NS}(A) \subseteq (\text{R}(A^T))^\perp.$$

By the rank-nullity theorem, the dimensions of these spaces are the same, so we conclude:

$$\text{NS}(A) = (\text{R}(A^T))^\perp.$$

**Question 3.** Let  $A$  be a (not necessarily square or full rank) matrix.

a) Prove that  $R(A^T) = R(A^T A)$ .

**Solution:** Need to show that  $R(A^T A) \subseteq R(A^T)$ .

Let  $v \in R(A^T A)$ . By definition, there exists some vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that:

$$v = A^T A x.$$

Since  $v = A^T(Ax)$ , it is a linear combination of the columns of  $A^T$ . But the span of the columns of  $A^T$  is precisely the row space of  $A^T$ . Therefore,  $v \in R(A^T)$ , which shows that:

$$R(A^T A) \subseteq R(A^T).$$

Also need to show that  $R(A^T) \subseteq R(A^T A)$ .

Let  $v \in R(A^T)$ , so there exists a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that:

$$v = A^T x.$$

Now, multiply both sides of the equation by  $A$  on the left:

$$Av = A(A^T x) = AA^T x.$$

Since  $AA^T x$  is a linear combination of the rows of  $A^T A$ , it follows that  $v \in R(A^T A)$ .

Therefore, we have shown that  $R(A^T) = R(A^T A)$ .

b) Explain why the normal equations  $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$  always have a solution.

**Solution:** From part (a),  $R(A^T) = R(A^T A)$ .

We know from q2 that  $A^T A$  is symmetric, and a symmetric matrix  $S$  is positive semi-definite if for any vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$x^T S x \geq 0.$$

Checking this for  $A^T A$ :

$$x^T (A^T A) x = (Ax)^T (Ax) = \|Ax\|^2.$$

Since  $\|Ax\|^2 \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we know  $A^T A$  is positive semi-definite.

From q2, we also know that:

$$NS(A^T A) = NS(A).$$

This means that any vector  $b$  in the column space of  $A$  will lead to a valid least-squares solution for  $\hat{x}$ .

Thus there will always be a solution to  $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$  as we know that  $A^T A$  is positive semi-definite and symmetric.

c) Show that if  $NS(A) = \{0\}$ , the solution to the normal equations is unique.

**Solution:** If  $NS(A) = \{0\}$ , then  $A$  is full rank, and the matrix  $A^T A$  is invertible. Therefore there is a unique solution to the equation:

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$$

We can find this by multiplying each side on the left by the inverse of  $A^T A$ .

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$$

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b.$$

Since  $A^T A$  is invertible, the solution is unique.

**Question 4.**

- a) Let  $y(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \\ y_3(t) \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\dot{y} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 \\ \dot{y}_3 \end{pmatrix}$ , and let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix. Suppose that  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  are eigenvalues of  $A$ , with corresponding real eigenvectors  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ . Show that the general solution to the coupled differential equation  $\dot{y} = Ay$  is

$$y(t) = c_1 x_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 x_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + c_3 x_3 e^{\lambda_3 t},$$

where  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  are constants.

**Solution:**  $A$  can be diagonalised as:

$$A = X\Lambda X^{-1}$$

where  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{pmatrix}$  is the matrix of eigenvectors, and  $\Lambda$  is the diagonal matrix of eigenvalues.

$\dot{y} = Ay$  can then be written as:

$$\dot{y} = X\Lambda X^{-1}y.$$

If we let  $z(t) = X^{-1}y(t)$ , then we can then decouple the system:

$$\dot{z} = \Lambda z \implies \dot{z}_1 = \lambda_1 z_1$$

Integrating both sides, we get:

$$z_1(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t}, \quad z_2(t) = c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}, \quad z_3(t) = c_3 e^{\lambda_3 t}.$$

Rearranging  $z(t) = X^{-1}y(t)$ , we get:

$$y(t) = Xz(t) = X \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \\ c_3 e^{\lambda_3 t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Expanding this gives:

$$y(t) = c_1 x_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 x_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + c_3 x_3 e^{\lambda_3 t},$$

which is the solution.

b) Find the general solution to the system of coupled differential equations:

$$\dot{y}_1 = y_1, \quad \dot{y}_2 = y_1 + 2y_2, \quad \dot{y}_3 = \alpha y_1 - y_3.$$

**Solution:**

Using Julia to answer this question:

```
using SymPy

# Define time variable and parameter
t = symbols("t")
a = symbols("a")

# Define the functions y1(t), y2(t), y3(t)
y1 = SymFunction("y1")(t)
y2 = SymFunction("y2")(t)
y3 = SymFunction("y3")(t)

# Solve for y1 first
eq1 = Eq(diff(y1, t), y1) # dy1/dt = y1
sol1 = dsolve(eq1) # Solve for y1
println(sol1)

# Substitute the solution for y1 into the equation for y2
y1_sol = rhs(sol1)
eq2 = Eq(diff(y2, t), y1_sol + 2*y2) # dy2/dt = y1 + 2y2
sol2 = dsolve(eq2) # Solve for y2
println(sol2)

# Substitute the solution for y1 into the equation for y3
eq3 = Eq(diff(y3, t), a*y1_sol - y3) # dy3/dt = a*y1 - y3
sol3 = dsolve(eq3) # Solve for y3
println(sol3)
```

The output is:

```
Eq(y1(t), C1*exp(t))
Eq(y2(t), (-C1 + C2*exp(t))*exp(t))
Eq(y3(t), C1*a*exp(t)/2 + C2*exp(-t))
```

This output can be written more legibly as:

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(t) &= c_1 e^t \\ y_2(t) &= (-c_1 + c_2 e^t) e^t = -c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{2t} = c_2 e^{2t} - c_1 e^t \\ y_3(t) &= \frac{c_1 \alpha}{2} e^t + c_2 e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 5.** Take a “Selfie” of yourself and transform it into a  $300 \times 200$  monochrome matrix with elements in the range  $[0, 1]$ .

a) Plot your selfie using `heatmap()`.

**Solution:** Using Julia:

```
using Images, LinearAlgebra, Plots

# Load the image
img = load("black_and_white_selfie.jpg")

# Convert the image to grayscale
gray_img = red.(img) * 1.0 + green.(img) * 1.0 + blue.(img) * 1.0

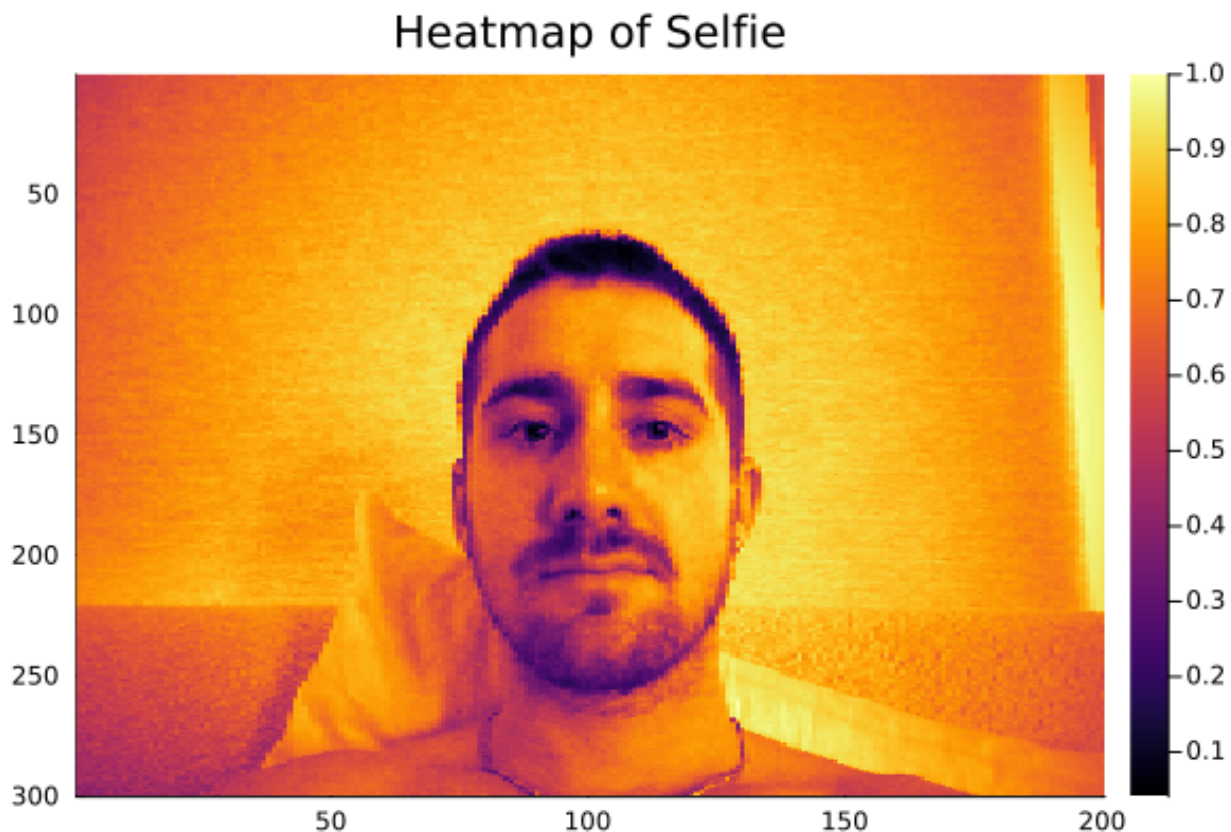
# Resize the grayscale image to 300x200
resized_img = imresize(gray_img, (300, 200))

# Convert the resized image to a matrix and normalize to [0, 1]
A = float64.(resized_img)
A = A / maximum(A) # Normalize to the range [0, 1]

# Check the size of the resized matrix (should now be 300x200)
println(size(A))

# Plot the resized grayscale image as a heatmap
heatmap(A, yflip=true, title="Heatmap of Selfie")
```

The result is a grayscale heatmap of the selfie:





- b) Present low-rank, SVD-based approximations of your selfie, including ranks: 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 40, 80, 160, and 200 (full rank).

**Solution:** Using Julia and continuing on from the previous code (same variables are initiated):

```
# Perform SVD on the resized grayscale image matrix
U, E, V = svd(A)

# Low-rank approximation function
function low_rank_approximation(U, E, V, r)
    U_r = U[:, 1:r] # Take the first r columns of U
    E_r = Diagonal(E[1:r]) # Take the first r singular values
    V_r = V[:, 1:r] # Take the first r columns of V
    return U_r * E_r * V_r' # Compute the low-rank approximation
end

# Show heatmaps for different ranks
for r in [1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 40, 80, 160, 200]
    A_approx = low_rank_approximation(U, E, V, r)
    heatmap(A_approx, yflip=true, title="Rank-$(r) Approximation")
    savefig("rank-$(r)_approximation.png") # Save the low-rank heatmap
end
```

Images:

