## More Results from Courant-Fischer (cont'd)

Let 
$$\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{S}^{n}$$
,  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$ 

• (Interlacing)  $\lambda_{k+1}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \lambda_{k}(\mathbf{A} \pm \mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^{T}) \leq \lambda_{k-1}(\mathbf{A})$  for proper  $k$ 

$$\lambda_{k} \left( \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^{T} \right) = \min_{\substack{\mathbf{S} \subseteq \{\mathbb{R}^{n} \\ \mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n} \\ \mathbf{X} \cap \mathbf{S} = \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}}} \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}$$

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## More Results from Courant-Fischer (cont'd)

Let  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 

• If  $rank(B) \le r$ , then  $\lambda_{k+r}(A) \le \lambda_k(A+B) \le \lambda_{k-r}(A)$  for proper k

• (Weyl)  $\lambda_{j+k-1}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \le \lambda_j(\mathbf{A}) + \lambda_k(\mathbf{B})$  for proper j, k

• For any semi-orthogonal  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ ,  $\lambda_{k+n-r}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \lambda_k(\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{U}) \leq \lambda_k(\mathbf{A})$  for proper k

## Extend Variational Characterization to Sum of Eigenvalues

#### Theorem

For any  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ .

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$$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$$
, 
$$\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i = \max_{\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r} \\ \|\mathbf{u}_i\|_2 = 1 \ \forall i, \ \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_j = 0 \ \forall i \neq j} \sum_{i=1}^r \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_i = \max_{\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r} \\ \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{U})$$

$$\Upsilon = \{1, \dots, r\}$$

• This can be proved using  $\lambda_k(\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{U}) \leq \lambda_k(\mathbf{A})$ , but we may try another way of proof to get better understanding of trace, which uses the fact that

$$\max_{\substack{\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r} \\ \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{U}) = \max_{\substack{\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r} \\ \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{U}^T \Lambda \mathbf{U})$$

### Other Extensions

(Von Neumann) For any  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ ,

$$\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i}(\mathbf{A}) \lambda_{i}(\mathbf{B})$$

(Lidskii) For any  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{S}^n$  and any  $1 \le i_1 \le i_2 \le \cdots \le i_k \le n$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_{i_j}(\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B}) \leq \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_{i_j}(\mathbf{A}) + \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_{i_j}(\mathbf{B})$$

# Matrix Computations Chapter 5: Positive Semidefinite Matrices Section 5.1 Properties of Positive Semidefinite Matrices

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## Quadratic Form

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ . For  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the matrix product

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$$

is called a quadratic form

#### Facts:

- $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_i x_j$
- It suffices to consider symmetric **A** because for general  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T) \right] \mathbf{x}$$

• Complex case: The quadratic form is defined as  $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ , where  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ 

• For 
$$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{H}^n$$
,  $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$  is real for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ 

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### Positive Semidefinite Matrices

#### A matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ is said to be

- positive semidefinite (PSD) if  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \ge 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- positive definite (PD) if  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$
- negative semidefinite (NSD) if -A is PSD
- negative definite (ND) if -A is PD
- indefinite if **A** is neither PSD nor NSD

#### **Notation:**

- A ≻ 0 means that A is PSD
- $A \succ 0$  means that A is PD
- $\mathbf{A} \leq \mathbf{0}$  means that  $\mathbf{A}$  is NSD
- $A \prec 0$  means that A is ND
- $A \not\succeq 0$  or  $A \not\preceq 0$  means that A is indefinite



## Example: Covariance Matrices

- Let  $\mathbf{y}_0, \mathbf{y}_1, \dots \mathbf{y}_{T-1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be multi-dimensional data samples
  - Examples: patches in image processing, multi-channel signals in signal processing, history of returns of assets in finance, etc.<sup>1</sup>
- Sample mean:  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_y = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \mathbf{y}_t$
- Sample covariance:  $\hat{\mathbf{C}}_y = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} (\mathbf{y}_t \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_y) (\mathbf{y}_t \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_y)^T$
- A sample covariance is PSD:  $\mathbf{x}^T \hat{\mathbf{C}}_y \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} |(\mathbf{y}_t \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_y)^T \mathbf{x}|^2 \ge 0$
- The (statistical) covariance of  $\mathbf{y}_t$  is also PSD
  - To put into context, assume that  $\mathbf{y}_t$  is a wide-sense stationary random process
  - The covariance, defined as  $\mathbf{C}_y = \mathrm{E}[(\mathbf{y}_t \boldsymbol{\mu}_y)(\mathbf{y}_t \boldsymbol{\mu}_y)^T]$  where  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_y = \mathrm{E}[\mathbf{y}_t]$ , can be shown to be PSD



## Example: Hessian

- Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  be a twice continuously differentiable function
- The Hessian (matrix) of f, denoted by  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{S}^n$ , is a matrix whose (i,j)th entry is given by

$$\left[\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})\right]_{i,j} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$$

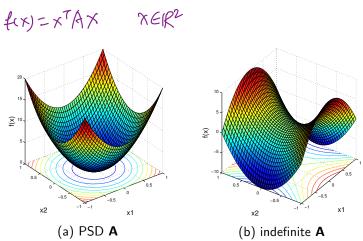
- Fact: f is convex if and only if  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) \succeq \mathbf{0}$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$  in the problem domain
- Example: The Hessian of the quadratic function

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{x} + c$$

is given by  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{R}$ 

f is convex if and only if  $\mathbf{R} \succeq \mathbf{0}$ 

## Illustration of Quadratic Functions



## PSD Matrices and Eigenvalues

#### **Theorem**

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n$ . Then,

- $\mathbf{A} \succeq \mathbf{0} \iff \lambda_i \geq 0 \ \forall i = 1, \dots, n$
- $\mathbf{A} \succ \mathbf{0} \iff \lambda_i > 0 \ \forall i = 1, \dots, n$

**Proof**: Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} \Lambda \mathbf{V}^T$  be the eigendecomposition of  $\mathbf{A}$  (always exists for  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ )  $\not\succeq$ 

$$\mathbf{A} \succeq \mathbf{0} \iff \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \widehat{\Lambda} \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{x} \ge 0, \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\iff \mathbf{z}^T \Lambda \mathbf{z} \ge 0, \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}^T) = \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\iff \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i |z_i|^2 \ge 0, \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\iff \lambda_i > 0 \text{ for all } i$$

The PD case can be proved in the same way

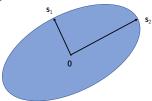


## Example: Ellipsoid

• An ellipsoid of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  centered at the origin is defined as

$$\mathcal{E} = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} \le 1 \},\$$

for some PD  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ 



• Let  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{V} \Lambda \mathbf{V}^T$  be the eigendecomposition ( $\mathbf{V}$  orthogonal). Then, each semi-axis of the ellipsoid is given by

$$\mathbf{s}_i = \lambda_i^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{v}_i$$

- The orthonormal eigenvectors determine the directions of the semi-axes
- The eigenvalues determine the lengths of the semi-axes



## Example: Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

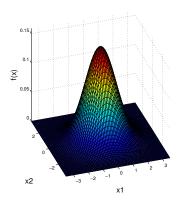
• Probability density function for a Gaussian-distributed vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} (\det(\Sigma))^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right)$$

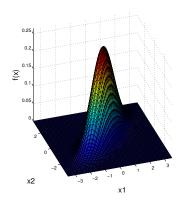
where  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$  are the mean and covariance of  $\mathbf{x}$ , respectively

- Σ is PD
- Σ determines how x is spread

## Example: Multivariate Gaussian Distribution (cont'd)



(a) 
$$\mu = \mathbf{0}$$
,  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 



(b) 
$$\mu = \mathbf{0}, \ \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.8 \\ 0.8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## PSD Matrices and Square Root

#### **Theorem**

A matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$  is PSD if and only if it can be factored as

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}$$

for some  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and for some positive integer m.

#### Proof:

- Sufficiency ( $\iff$ ):  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B} \Longrightarrow \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{B} \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \ge 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$
- Necessity ( $\Longrightarrow$ ): Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\Lambda\mathbf{V}^T$  $\mathbf{A} \succeq \mathbf{0} \Longrightarrow \mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{V}\Lambda^{1/2})(\Lambda^{1/2}\mathbf{V}^T), \text{ where } \Lambda^{1/2} = \mathrm{Diag}(\lambda_1^{1/2}, \dots, \lambda_n^{1/2})$ where  $\Lambda^{1/2}\mathbf{V}^T$  is real because  $\Lambda$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are real

## PSD Matrices and Square Root (cont'd)

- Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} \Lambda \mathbf{V}^T$  be the eigendecomposition of  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$
- The factorization  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}$  has non-unique factor  $\mathbf{B}$ 
  - For any orthogonal  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{U} \Lambda^{1/2} \mathbf{V}^T$  is a factor for  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}$
- Denote

$$\mathbf{A}^{1/2} = \mathbf{V} \Lambda^{1/2} \mathbf{V}^{7}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{1/2} = \mathbf{V} \Lambda^{1/2} \mathbf{V}^T$$

- $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{1/2}$  is a factor for  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}$
- A<sup>1/2</sup> is also a symmetric factor
- $A^{1/2}$  is the unique PSD factor for  $A = B^T B$
- A<sup>1/2</sup> is called the PSD square root of A
  - In general, a matrix  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is said to be a square root of another matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  if  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^2$



## Properties of PSD Matrices

It is straightforward to see from the definition that

- $\mathbf{A} \succeq \mathbf{0} \Longrightarrow a_{ii} \geq 0$  for all i
- $\mathbf{A} \succ \mathbf{0} \Longrightarrow a_{ii} > 0$  for all i

A straightforward extension: Partition A as

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{12} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \qquad A_{11} , A_{22} \qquad \text{Square}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \succeq \mathbf{0} \Longrightarrow \mathbf{A}_{11} \succeq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{A}_{22} \succeq \mathbf{0}$$
  
 $\mathbf{A} \succ \mathbf{0} \Longrightarrow \mathbf{A}_{11} \succ \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{A}_{22} \succ \mathbf{0}$ 

#### Further extension:

- Given  $I = \{i_1, \ldots, i_m\} \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$ , m < n, let  $\mathbf{A}_I$  be the submatrix obtained by keeping only the rows and columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  indicated by I, i.e.,  $[\mathbf{A}_I]_{jk} = a_{i_j,i_k}$  for all  $j,k \in \{1,\ldots,m\}$ . We call  $\mathbf{A}_I$  a principal submatrix of  $\mathbf{A}$
- If A is PSD (resp. PD), then any principal submatrix of A is PSD (resp. PD)



## Properties of PSD Matrices (cont'd)

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , and  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}$ . The following properties hold:

1. 
$$A \succeq 0 \Longrightarrow C \succeq 0$$
 For any  $\pi \in \mathbb{R}^{m}$ ,  $\pi^{T} \subset \pi = \chi^{T} \not \in \mathbb{R}^{T} A \not \in \mathbb{R}^{m}$ 

2. With A > 0. =(BX) TA (BX) >0

$$C \succ 0 \iff B$$
 has full column rank

of B tinearly independent if and whife X = 0

## Properties for Symmetric Factorization

Property: Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$  and  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$ . Suppose **B** has full row rank. Then,

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{AB}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$$

#### Proof:

• Observe that dim  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{B}) = \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{B}) = k$ , which implies  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{B}) = \mathbb{R}^k$ 

• 
$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{AB}) = \{\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Az} \mid \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{B})\} = \{\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Az} \mid \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^k\} = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$$
  
•  $\{y = \mathbf{A} \not \models \pi \mid \chi \in \mathcal{R}^n\}$   
• Corollary: Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be a PSD matrix. Suppose  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{BB}^T$  for some

full-column rank **B**. Then,  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{R}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{B})$ 

Property: Suppose **B**, **C**  $\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$  have full column rank. Then,

$$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^T = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^T \iff \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{Q} \text{ for some orthogonal } \mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$$

The proof needs pseudo inverse (later)



# Matrix Computations Chapter 5: Positive Semidefinite Matrices Section 5.2 Examples of Applications

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## Application: Spectral Analysis via Subspace

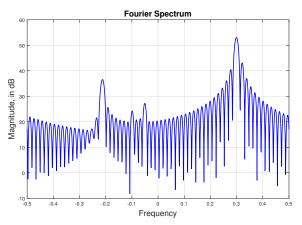
Consider the complex harmonic time-series

$$y_t = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i e^{j2\pi f_i t} + w_t, \quad t = 0, 1, ..., T-1$$

where  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$  is the amplitude-phase coefficient of the *i*th sinusoid;  $f_i \in \left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$  is the frequency of the *i*th sinusoid;  $w_t$  is noise; T is the observation time length

- **Aim**: Estimate the frequencies  $f_1, \ldots, f_k$  from  $\{y_t\}_{t=0}^{T-1}$ 
  - Can be done by applying the Fourier transform
  - The spectral resolution of Fourier-based methods is often limited by T
- Our interest: study a subspace approach which can enable "super-resolution" <sup>1</sup>

## Illustration



An illustration of the Fourier spectrum. T = 64, k = 5,  $\{f_1, \dots, f_k\} = \{-0.213, -0.1, -0.05, 0.3, 0.315\}$ 

## Spectral Analysis: Formulation

Let  $z_i = e^{\mathbf{j} 2\pi f_i}$ . Given a positive integer d, let

$$\mathbf{y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} y_t \\ y_{t+1} \\ \vdots \\ y_{t+d-1} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \begin{bmatrix} z_i^t \\ z_i^{t+1} \\ \vdots \\ z_i^{t+d-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_t \\ w_{t+1} \\ \vdots \\ w_{t+d-1} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ z_i \\ \vdots \\ z_i^{d-1} \end{bmatrix} z_i^t + \begin{bmatrix} w_t \\ w_{t+1} \\ \vdots \\ w_{t+d-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\mathbf{Y} = [\mathbf{y}_0, \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{T_d-1}]$  where  $T_d = T - d + 1$ . We can write

$$Y = ADS + W,$$

where  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_k]$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = \mathrm{Diag}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$ ,  $\mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{w}_0, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{T_d-1}]$ ,

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & z_1 & z_1^2 & \dots & z_1^{T_d-1} \\ 1 & z_2 & z_2^2 & \dots & z_2^{T_d-1} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 1 & z_k & z_k^2 & \dots & z_k^{T_d-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Spectral Analysis: Formulation (cont'd)

Let  $\mathbf{R}_y = \frac{1}{T_d} \sum_{t=0}^{T_d-1} \mathbf{y}_t \mathbf{y}_t^H = \frac{1}{T_d} \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{Y}^H$  be the correlation matrix of  $\mathbf{y}_t$ 

$$\mathbf{R}_{y} = \mathbf{A} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{T_{d}} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{S}^{H} \mathbf{D}^{H}\right)}_{=\mathbf{\Phi}} \mathbf{A}^{H} + \frac{1}{T_{d}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{W}^{H} + \frac{1}{T_{d}} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{S}^{H} \mathbf{D}^{H} \mathbf{A}^{H} + \frac{1}{T_{d}} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{W}^{H}$$

(This requires knowledge of random processes) Assume that  $w_t$  is a temporally white circular Gaussian process with mean zero and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then, as  $T_d \to \infty$ ,

$$\frac{1}{T_d} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{W}^H \to \mathbf{0}, \qquad \frac{1}{T_d} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{W}^H \to \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$$

Therefore, we can approximate  $\mathbf{R}_{\nu}$  by

$$\mathbf{R}_{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{A}^{H} + \sigma^{2}\mathbf{I}$$

# Spectral Analysis: Formulation (cont'd)

**Model**: The correlation matrix  $\mathbf{R}_y = \frac{1}{T_d} \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{Y}^H$  is modeled as

$$\mathbf{R}_{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{A}^{H} + \sigma^{2}\mathbf{I}$$

where  $\sigma^2 > 0$  is the noise power;  $\Phi = \frac{1}{T_d} \mathbf{DSS}^H \mathbf{D}^H$ ;  $\mathbf{D} = \mathrm{Diag}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$ 

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ z_1 & z_2 & & z_k \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ z_1^{d-1} & z_2^{d-1} & \dots & z_k^{d-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{d \times k}, \ \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & z_1 & z_1^2 & \dots & z_1^{T_d-1} \\ 1 & z_2 & z_2^2 & \dots & z_2^{T_d-1} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ 1 & z_k & z_k^2 & \dots & z_k^{T_d-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{k \times T_d},$$

with  $z_i = e^{\mathbf{j} 2\pi f_i}$ 

**Observation**: **A** and  $S^H$  are both Vandemonde

## Spectral Analysis: Subspace Properties

#### **Assumptions**:

- 1.  $\alpha_i \neq 0$  for all i
- 2.  $f_i \neq f_i$  for all  $i \neq j$
- 3. d > k
- 4.  $T_d \ge k$

#### Consequences:

- A has full column rank, S has full row rank
- $\Phi$  is positive definite (and thus nonsingular)
  - Proof:  $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{D}^H \mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{D}^H \mathbf{x}\|_2^2$ , and  $\mathbf{S}^H \mathbf{D}^H \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Longleftrightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  because  $\mathbf{S}^H$  has full column rank and  $\mathbf{D}$  has full rank
- $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{A}^H) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$ 
  - Proof:  $\mathbf{A}^H$  has full row rank  $\Longrightarrow$  rank( $\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{A}^H$ ) = rank( $\mathbf{\Phi}$ ). Since  $\mathbf{\Phi}$  is PD (and thus full rank),  $\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{A}^H$  has full row rank. Then use the property on the last page of Section 5.1
- $\operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{A}^H) = \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = k$ , and  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{A}^H$  has k nonzero eigenvalues