

- Write down the matrices of the following 3-ary quadratic forms:
  - $x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 3x_3^2 + 2x_1x_2 - 6x_1x_3$ ,
  - $x_1^2 + 2x_3^2 - x_1x_2$ ,
  - $x_2x_3$ ,
  - $(2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3)^2$  and
  - $(\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x})^2$ .
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is not symmetric, what is the matrix of  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$  viewed as a quadratic form?
- Show that  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = 0 \forall \mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x} \forall \mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$ .
- If  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n}(x_1 + \cdots + x_n)$ , find the matrices of the quadratic forms  $n\bar{x}^2$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$ . Verify that they are idempotent and add up to  $\mathbf{I}$ .
- A map  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a *bilinear form* if  $\psi(\alpha \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \psi(\mathbf{x}, \alpha \mathbf{y}) = \alpha \psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ ,  $\psi(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}) = \psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + \psi(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y})$  and  $\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{u}) = \psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + \psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$ .
  - Show that every bilinear form  $\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  can be written as  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}$  for some  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
  - When  $m = n$  show that a bilinear form gives rise to a quadratic form if we put  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ .
  - If  $m = n$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, show that there is a unique bilinear form  $\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  such that  $\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \psi(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$  which gives rise to the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$  as in (b).
- Prepare a table showing the possible types of definiteness (p.d., p.s.d., n.d., n.s.d. and indefinite) of  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$  given those of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ .
- Find the quadratic form to which  $x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - x_3^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_2x_3$  transforms by the change of variables  $y_1 = x_1 - x_3, y_2 = x_2 - x_3, y_3 = x_3$  by actual substitution. Verify that the matrix of the resulting quadratic form is congruent to the matrix of the original quadratic form.
- Prove that congruence is an equivalence relation on the set of all  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices.
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are n.n.d., then show that  $\text{diag}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$  is n.n.d. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is p.d. and  $\mathbf{B}$  is n.d., what can be said about  $\text{diag}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ ?
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an n.n.d. matrix of order  $n$  and  $\mathbf{P}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, show that  $\mathbf{PAP}^T$  is n.n.d. Deduce that  $\mathbf{PP}^T$  is n.n.d. for any matrix  $\mathbf{P}$ .
- Let  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  be n.n.d. Show that  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$  iff  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$ . Deduce that if  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  are symmetric and  $\mathbf{C}^2 + \mathbf{D}^2 = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- Prove that every orthogonal projector is an n.n.d. matrix.
- If  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ , show that  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x}$  have the same signature.
- Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be of full column rank. Show that  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{PAP}^T$  have the same rank and the same signature. What about the number of zero eigenvalues?

4. Prove that a quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$  can be written as the product of two linearly independent linear forms in  $\mathbf{x}$  iff  $\mathbf{A}$  has rank 2 and signature 0.
8. Find the rank and signature of each of the following quadratic forms:
  - (a)  $x_1^2 - 3x_2^2 - 8x_3^2 - x_4^2 + 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1x_3 + 2x_1x_4 - 14x_2x_3 + 10x_2x_4 + 10x_3x_4$
  - (b)  $x_1x_2 + x_3x_4 + \cdots + x_{2k-1}x_{2k}$
  - (c)  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n (x_i - x_j)^2$
11. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is any real symmetric matrix, show that there exists a real number  $\alpha$  such that  $\alpha \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}$  is positive definite.
12. Show that every real symmetric matrix can be written as the difference of two p.d. matrices.
13. Show that the set  $\{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq 1\}$  is bounded iff  $\mathbf{A}$  is p.d.
1. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is n.n.d., show that  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = 0$  iff  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Show also that  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = 0$  iff  $\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{y}$ .
2. Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $n \times n$  p.d. matrix and let  $\mathbf{P}$  be an  $n \times r$  matrix of rank  $r$ . Then show that  $\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}$  is p.d.
3. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an n.n.d. matrix of order  $n$  with rank  $r$  and if  $k \geq r$ , prove that there exists an  $n \times k$  matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  such that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C}^T$ . Note that if  $k = r$ ,  $(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{C}^T)$  is a rank-factorization of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
4. Let  $(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{C}^T)$  be a rank-factorization of an n.n.d. matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  of order  $n$  and let  $\mathbf{C}_L^{-1}$  be a left inverse of  $\mathbf{C}$ .
  - (a) Show that  $([\mathbf{C} : \mathbf{u}], [\mathbf{C} : \mathbf{u}]^T)$  is a rank-factorization of  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T$  if  $\mathbf{u} \notin \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$ .
6. Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an n.n.d. matrix and let  $p$  be a positive integer. Show that there is a unique n.n.d. matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\mathbf{B}^p = \mathbf{A}$ .
7. Show that  $(1 - \rho) \mathbf{I} + \rho \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^T$  is p.d. iff  $-\frac{1}{n-1} < \rho < 1$  where  $n$  is the order of the matrix and  $\mathbf{1}^T = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ .
9. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a p.s.d. matrix of order  $n$ , show that there exists an n.n.d. matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  of order  $n$  such that  $\rho(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \rho(\mathbf{A}) + \rho(\mathbf{B}) = n$ .
10. If  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  are symmetric matrices of the same order, write  $\mathbf{A} \geq \mathbf{B}$  if  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}$  is n.n.d. Then prove the following:
  - (a)  $\mathbf{A} \geq \mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{B} \geq \mathbf{A} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$
  - (b)  $\mathbf{A} \geq \mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{B} \geq \mathbf{C} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \geq \mathbf{C}$
  - (c)  $\mathbf{B}$  n.n.d. and  $\mathbf{A} \geq \mathbf{B} \Rightarrow |\mathbf{A}| \geq |\mathbf{B}|$
  - (d)  $\mathbf{B}$  p.d.,  $\mathbf{A} > \mathbf{B}$  and  $|\mathbf{A}| = |\mathbf{B}| \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$
11. Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be p.d. and  $\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{b}^T & d \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{M}$  is p.d., p.s.d. or indefinite according as  $d - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}$  is positive, zero or negative.

13. Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & D \end{bmatrix}$  be symmetric, where  $A$  is square.

- (a) Prove that  $M$  is p.d. iff  $A$  and  $D - B^T A^{-1} B$  are p.d. Show also that  $M$  is p.d. iff  $D$  and  $A - B D^{-1} B^T$  are p.d.
- (b) Prove that  $M$  is n.n.d. iff  $A$  and  $D - B^T A^{-1} B$  are n.n.d. and  $\mathcal{C}(B) \subseteq \mathcal{C}(A)$ .

(c) If  $M$  is p.d. and  $L$  is the leading principal submatrix of  $M^{-1}$  with the same order as  $A$ , prove that  $L - A^{-1}$  is n.n.d.

(d) If  $M$  is n.n.d., prove that  $|M| \leq |A| \cdot |D|$ . Suppose next  $M$  is p.d. Then prove that  $|M| = |A| \cdot |D|$  iff  $B = 0$ .

14. If  $A$  is p.d., show that  $\begin{bmatrix} A & I \\ I & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$  is p.s.d.

15. (a) Let  $A$  be p.d. Then show that  $A - bb^T$  is p.d. iff  $b^T A^{-1} b < 1$ .

(b) Let  $A$  be n.n.d. Then show that  $A - bb^T$  is n.n.d. iff  $b \in \mathcal{C}(A)$  and  $b^T A^{-1} b \leq 1$ .

\*19. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be n.n.d. Show that the eigenvalues of  $AB$  are non-negative. If  $AB \neq 0$ , show that  $AB$  has a positive eigenvalue.

\*22. If  $A$  and  $B$  are n.n.d. and if  $\rho(A - B) = \rho(A) - \rho(B)$ , show that  $A - B$  is n.n.d.

3. (a) If  $\alpha$  is an eigenvalue of an  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrix  $A$ , show that  $|\alpha| \leq n(\max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|)$ .

4. Show that for any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ ,  $\max\{\|Ax\| : \|x\| = 1\}$  is the square-root of the largest eigenvalue of  $A^T A$ . If  $A$  is a real  $n \times n$  normal matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ , show that  $\max\{\|Ax\| : \|x\| = 1\} = \max_i |\lambda_i|$ .

6. (a) Show that the largest singular value of a square matrix  $A$  is  $\|A\|$  where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the matrix norm induced by the Euclidean norm for vectors.

(b) Deduce that the modulus of any eigenvalue of  $A$  cannot be greater than the largest singular value of  $A$ .

1. Show that the quadratic forms  $x_1^2 - x_2^2$  and  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 2x_1 x_2$  cannot be simultaneously diagonalized by a non-singular transformation.