

Q3. Consider a matrix A of size $m \times n$, $m \leq n$. Define $P = A^T A$ and $Q = AA^T$. (Note: all matrices, vectors and scalars involved in this question are real-valued).

- (a) Prove that for any vector y with appropriate number of elements, we have $y^T P y \geq 0$. Similarly show that $z^T Q z \geq 0$ for a vector z with appropriate number of elements. Why are the eigenvalues of P and Q non-negative?

Sol: We have, $y^T P y = y^T (A^T A) y = (y^T A^T) (A y) = (A y)^T (A y) = \|A y\|_2^2 \geq 0$ ----- (1)
 $[\because (AB)^T = B^T A^T]$

Also, $z^T Q z = z^T (A A^T) z = (z^T A) (A^T z) = (A^T z)^T (A^T z) = \|A^T z\|_2^2 \geq 0$

Now, Let λ be the eigen value of P , with eigen vector $x \Rightarrow P x = \lambda x$

Multiplying both the sides by x^T , we have $x^T P x = x^T \lambda x = \lambda x^T x = \lambda \|x\|_2^2$

From (1), we have, $x^T P x \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda \|x\|_2^2 \geq 0, \Rightarrow \lambda \geq 0$

Similarly, let z be an eigen vector of Q with eigen value ω .

$\Rightarrow Q z = \omega z \Rightarrow z^T Q z = \omega \|z\|_2^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \omega \geq 0$. Hence, the eigen values of P and Q are non-negative. P and Q are positive semi-definite matrices.

- (b) If u is an eigenvector of P with eigenvalue λ , show that Au is an eigenvector of Q with eigenvalue λ . If v is an eigenvector of Q with eigenvalue μ , show that $A^T v$ is an eigenvector of P with eigenvalue μ . What will be the number of elements in u and v ?

Sol: We have, $P u = \lambda u \Rightarrow (A^T A) u = \lambda u$

Now, $Q(Au) = (A A^T)(Au) = A(A^T A u) = A(\lambda u) = \lambda (Au)$ [$\because \lambda$ is a scalar]. $\Rightarrow Q(Au) = \lambda (Au)$. Hence, Au is an eigen vector of Q with eigen value of Q with eigen value λ

Also, v is an eigen vector of Q with eigen value μ . $\Rightarrow Q v = \mu v \Rightarrow (A A^T) v = \mu v$

Now, $P(A^T v) = (A^T A)(A^T v) = A^T (A A^T v) = A^T \mu v \Rightarrow P(A^T v) = \mu(A^T v)$

Thus $A^T v$ is an eigen vector of P with eigen value μ .

- (c) If v_i is an eigenvector of Q and we define $u_i \triangleq A^T v_i / \|A^T v_i\|_2$. Then prove that there will exist some real, non-negative γ_i such that $Au_i = \gamma_i v_i$

Sol: We have, $Au_i = A(A^T v_i / \|A^T v_i\|_2) = (A A^T v_i) / \|A^T v_i\|_2 = Q v_i / \|A^T v_i\|_2 = \mu_i v_i / \|A^T v_i\|_2$.

Let $y_i = (\mu_i / \|A^T v_i\|_2)$, -----(2)

$\Rightarrow y_i \geq 0$ [From (a) and (b), and $\|a\|_2 \geq 0$]. Hence, \exists a real non-negative y_i such that **$Au_i = y_i v_i$**

(d) It can be shown that $u_i^T u_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$ and likewise $v_i^T v_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$ for correspondingly distinct eigenvalues¹. Now, define $U = [v_1 | v_2 | v_3 | \dots | v_m]$ and $V = [u_1 | u_2 | u_3 | \dots | u_m]$. Now show that $A = U \Gamma V^T$ where Γ is a diagonal matrix containing the non-negative values $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_m$. With this, you have just established the existence of the singular value decomposition of any matrix A . This is a key result in linear algebra and it is widely used in image processing, computer vision, computer graphics, statistics, machine learning, numerical analysis, natural language processing and data mining.

Sol: We have, $u_i^T u_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$.

For $i = j$, $u_i^T u_i = (A^T v_i)^T (A^T v_i) / \|A^T v_i\|_2^2 = 1$ [$\because u^T u = \|u\|_2^2$].

Now, $Au_i = y_i v_i$ (from (c), and y_i is non-negative).

Note that P is $n \times n$ matrix with at least $n-m$ linearly independent eigenvectors corresponding to zero eigenvalues. Let those eigenvectors be u_i , $i=m+1, m+2, \dots, n$. Let $V' = [u_1 | u_2 | u_3 | \dots | u_m | u_{m+1} | \dots | u_n]$, where V' is a square, orthogonal ($n \times n$) matrix. (Columns of V' are all the eigenvectors of P , and since P is real symmetric, V' is orthogonal).

$$\text{Also, } U \Gamma V^T = \sum_{i=1}^m (\gamma_i v_i u_i^T) = \sum_{i=1}^m (A u_i u_i^T) = A^* \sum_{i=1}^n (u_i u_i^T) = A V' V'^T \quad [\because \sum_{i=m+1}^n$$

$(A u_i) = 0]$

Hence, $U \Gamma V^T = A V' V'^T = A$