MAS374 Optimization Theory

Homework #8

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Problem 1 (Exercise 11.1 in [1]).

(1) Let
$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q}) := \{(1 - \theta)\mathbf{p} + \theta\mathbf{q} : \theta \in [0, 1]\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \text{ for } \mathbf{p} \neq \mathbf{q} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n.$$
 Then,

$$\mathcal{D}\left(\mathbf{p};\mathbf{q}\right) := \left(\text{the minimum distance from the origin } \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ to the line segment } \mathcal{L}\left(\mathbf{p};\mathbf{q}\right)\right)$$
$$= \min\left\{\|\lambda\mathbf{p} + (1-\lambda)\mathbf{q}\|_2 : \lambda \in [0,1]\right\}.$$

Thus, it holds for every $R \geq \mathbb{R}_+$ that

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q}) \ge R \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \|\lambda \mathbf{p} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{q}\|_{2} \ge R, \ \forall \lambda \in [0, 1]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \|\lambda \mathbf{p} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2} \ge R^{2}, \ \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } \lambda (1 - \lambda) \le 0,$$

$$(1.1)$$

which precisely yields the desired result.

(2) From (1.1), it immediately follows that

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q}) \ge R \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \{\lambda \in \mathbb{R} : \lambda (\lambda - 1) \le 0\} \subseteq \left\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R} : R^2 - \|\lambda \mathbf{p} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{q}\|_2^2 \le 0\right\}. \tag{1.2}$$

At this point, we define two quadratic functions $f_0(\cdot): \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ and $f_1(\cdot): \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f_0(\lambda) := R^2 - \|\lambda \mathbf{p} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{q}\|_2^2 = F_0 \lambda^2 + 2g_0 \lambda + h_0;$$

$$f_1(\lambda) := \lambda (\lambda - 1) = F_1 \lambda^2 + 2g_1 \lambda + h_1,$$

where $F_0 := -\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2$, $g_0 := \mathbf{q}^\top (\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p})$, $h_0 := R^2 - \mathbf{q}^\top \mathbf{q}$, and $F_1 := 1$, $g_1 := -\frac{1}{2}$, $h_1 := 0$. Since the inequality $f_1(\lambda) \leq 0$ is strictly feasible, i.e., $f_1(\tilde{\lambda}) < 0$ for some $\tilde{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}$, the lossless S-procedure is valid for two quadratic functions $f_0(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ and $f_1(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$: for every $R \in \mathbb{R}_+$,

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q}) \geq R \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \{\lambda \in \mathbb{R} : \lambda (\lambda - 1) \leq 0\} \subseteq \left\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R} : R^{2} - \|\lambda \mathbf{p} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2} \leq 0\right\}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} -\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2} & \mathbf{q}^{\top} (\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}) \\ \mathbf{q}^{\top} (\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}) & R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \end{bmatrix} \leq \tau \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for some } \tau \in \mathbb{R}_{+}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \tau + \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2} & \mathbf{q}^{\top} (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) - \frac{\tau}{2} \\ \mathbf{q}^{\top} (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) - \frac{\tau}{2} & \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} - R^{2} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{S}_{+}^{2} \text{ for some } \tau \in \mathbb{R}_{+},$$

$$(1.3)$$

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where \mathcal{S}^d_+ denotes the convex cone consists of $d \times d$ real, symmetric, positive semi-definite matrices, and this completes the proof of the part (2).

(3) From (1.3), it's clear that

$$[0, \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q})] = \underbrace{\left\{ R \in \mathbb{R}_{+} : \begin{bmatrix} \tau + \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2} & \mathbf{q}^{\top}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) - \frac{\tau}{2} \\ \mathbf{q}^{\top}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) - \frac{\tau}{2} & \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} - R^{2} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{S}_{+}^{2} \text{ for some } \tau \in \mathbb{R}_{+} \right\}}_{=: \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{+}}.$$
 (1.4)

If $R \in \Omega$, then

$$\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} - R^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \begin{bmatrix} \tau + \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2 & \mathbf{q}^{\top} (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) - \frac{\tau}{2} \\ \mathbf{q}^{\top} (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) - \frac{\tau}{2} & \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} - R^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \ge 0,$$

thereby $R \leq (\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q})^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Thus, we have $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q}) \leq (\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q})^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

Case #1. $\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} \geq \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q}$: It's clear that $(\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q})^{\frac{1}{2}} \in \Omega$, since

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau + \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2 & \mathbf{q}^\top (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) - \frac{\tau}{2} \\ \mathbf{q}^\top (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) - \frac{\tau}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{S}_+^2 \quad \text{for } \tau = 2\mathbf{q}^\top (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

This implies $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q}) \geq (\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q})^{\frac{1}{2}}$, thereby we have

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q}) = \left(\mathbf{q}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{q}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}},\tag{1.5}$$

provided that $\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} \geq \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q}$.

Case #2. $\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} \ge \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p}$: Since $\underbrace{\left(\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q}\right)}_{\le 0} + \left(\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q}\right) = \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2} > 0$, we find that

$$\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p} \le \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} < \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q}. \tag{1.6}$$

If $(\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q})^{\frac{1}{2}} \in \Omega$, then

$$\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} \tau + \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2} & \mathbf{q}^{\top} (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) - \frac{\tau}{2} \\ \mathbf{q}^{\top} (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) - \frac{\tau}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = -\left\{ \mathbf{q}^{\top} (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) - \frac{\tau}{2} \right\}^{2} \ge 0$$
 (1.7)

for some $\tau \in \mathbb{R}_+$. However, the inequality (1.6) cannot hold since the inequality (1.5) implies $2\mathbf{q}^{\top}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) < 0$, contradiction! Thus, $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q}) < (\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} - R^2 > 0$ for every $R \in \Omega = [0, \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q})]$. Due to the

Schur's complement rule, one can obtain by doing some straightforward algebra that

$$\Omega = \left\{ R \in \mathbb{R}_{+} : \tau + \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2} - \frac{\left\{ \mathbf{q}^{\top} \left(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \right\}^{2}}{\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} - R^{2}} \ge 0 \text{ for some } \tau \in \mathbb{R}_{+} \right\} \\
= \left\{ R \in \mathbb{R}_{+} : \left\{ \tau - 2 \left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} - R^{2} \right) \right\} - 4 \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right) \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right) \le 0 \text{ for some } \tau \in \mathbb{R}_{+} \right\} \\
= \left\{ R \in \mathbb{R}_{+} : \min \left\{ \left\{ t - 2 \left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} - R^{2} \right) \right\} - 4 \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right) \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right) : t \in \mathbb{R}_{+} \right\} \le 0 \right\} \\
\stackrel{\text{(a)}}{=} \left\{ R \in \left[0, \left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] : \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right) \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right) \ge 0 \right\} \\
\downarrow \left\{ R \in \left(\left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, +\infty \right) : \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{2} - \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right) \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right) \le 0 \right\} \\
\stackrel{\text{(b)}}{=} \left[0, \left(\mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \cup \underbrace{\left\{ R \in \left(\left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, +\infty \right) : R^{2} \le \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} - \frac{\left\{ \mathbf{q}^{\top} \left(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q} \right) \right\}^{2}}{\left\| \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q} \right\|_{2}^{2}} \right\}} \\
\stackrel{\text{(c)}}{=} \left[0, \left(\mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right],
\end{cases}$$

where the steps (a)–(c) holds due to the following reasons:

(a) It's straightforward that

$$\min \left\{ \left\{ t - 2 \left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} - R^{2} \right) \right\} - 4 \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right) \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right) : t \in \mathbb{R}_{+} \right\}$$

$$= \begin{cases} -4 \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right) \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right) & \text{if } \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} - R^{2} \ge 0; \\ 4 \left[\left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{2} - \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right) \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right) \right] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$(1.9)$$

(b) We have from the relation (1.6) that

$$\left\{ R \in \left[0, \left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] : \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right) \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right) \ge 0 \right\} = \left\{ R \in \left[0, \left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] : R^{2} \le \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \text{ or } R^{2} \ge \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right\} \\
= \left[0, \left(\mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right].$$

(c) It suffices to prove that $\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{p} \geq \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} - \frac{\left\{\mathbf{q}^{\top}(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q})\right\}^{2}}{\|\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2}}$:

$$\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{p} - \left[\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} - \frac{\left\{\mathbf{q}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\right)\right\}^{2}}{\left\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\right\|_{2}^{2}}\right] = \frac{\left(\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q}\right)\left(\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q}\right)}{\left\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\right\|_{2}^{2}} \stackrel{(d)}{\geq} 0,$$

where the step (d) follows from (1.6).

From (1.8), we may conclude that

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q}) = \left(\mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \tag{1.10}$$

when $\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} \geq \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p}$.

Case #3. $\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} < \min \{\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q}\}$: Since $\mathbf{q}^{\top}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} < 0$, one can see that $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q}) < (\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} - R^2 > 0$ for every $R \in \Omega = [0, \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q})]$ due to the same reason as in Case #2. Applying

the Schur's complement rule, we arrive at

$$\Omega = \left\{ R \in \mathbb{R}_{+} : \tau + \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2} - \frac{\left\{ \mathbf{q}^{\top} \left(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \right\}^{2}}{\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} - R^{2}} \ge 0 \text{ for some } \tau \in \mathbb{R}_{+} \right\} \\
= \left\{ R \in \mathbb{R}_{+} : \left\{ \tau - 2 \left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} - R^{2} \right) \right\} - 4 \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right) \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right) \le 0 \text{ for some } \tau \in \mathbb{R}_{+} \right\} \\
= \left\{ R \in \mathbb{R}_{+} : \min \left\{ \left\{ t - 2 \left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} - R^{2} \right) \right\} - 4 \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right) \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right) : t \in \mathbb{R}_{+} \right\} \le 0 \right\} \\
\stackrel{\text{(e)}}{=} \left\{ R \in \left[0, \left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] : \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right) \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right) \ge 0 \right\} \\
\cup \left\{ R \in \left(\left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, + \infty \right) : \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{2} - \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right) \left(R^{2} - \mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} \right) \le 0 \right\} \\
\stackrel{\text{(f)}}{=} \left[0, \left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \cup \left(\left(\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \left[\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} - \frac{\left\{ \mathbf{q}^{\top} \left(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q} \right) \right\}^{2}}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \\
= \left[0, \left[\mathbf{q}^{\top} \mathbf{q} - \frac{\left\{ \mathbf{q}^{\top} \left(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q} \right) \right\}^{2}}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right],$$

where the step (e) makes use of the fact (1.9), and the step (f) follows from $\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} < \min\left\{\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q}\right\}$, which implies $\mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{p} < \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} - \frac{\left\{\mathbf{q}^{\top}(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q})\right\}^{2}}{\|\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2}}$. Hence, we obtain

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{q})^{2} = \mathbf{q}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{q} - \frac{\left\{\mathbf{q}^{\mathsf{T}} \left(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\right)\right\}^{2}}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_{2}^{2}},$$
(1.12)

provided that $\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} < \min \{\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q}\}.$

By taking three pieces (1.5), (1.10), and (1.12) collectively, we finally get

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{D}\left(\mathbf{p};\mathbf{q}\right)^2 &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} & \text{if } \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} \geq \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q}; \\ \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p} & \text{if } \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} \geq \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p}; \\ \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} - \frac{\left\{\mathbf{q}^{\top}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})\right\}^2}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2} & \text{if } \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} < \min\left\{\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q}\right\}, \\ \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} & \text{if } \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} > \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q}; \\ \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p} & \text{if } \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} > \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p}; \\ \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q} - \frac{\left\{\mathbf{q}^{\top}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})\right\}^2}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2} & \text{if } \mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{q} \leq \min\left\{\mathbf{p}^{\top}\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}^{\top}\mathbf{q}\right\}, \end{cases} \end{split}$$

and this result coincides with the result in Exercise 9.3 in [1] as desired.

Problem 2 (Exercise 11.7 in [1]).

(1) We first prove the "only if" direction. Assume that $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{S}^n$ satisfies $f_k(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i(\mathbf{X}) \leq t$. Here, \mathcal{S}^n denotes the \mathbb{R} -vector space of all $n \times n$ real symmetric matrices. Let $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{U}^{\top}$ be the spectral decomposition of $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{S}^n$, where $\mathbf{U} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{O}(n)$ and $\mathbf{\Sigma} := \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1(\mathbf{X}), \lambda_2(\mathbf{X}), \cdots, \lambda_n(\mathbf{X})) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ together with

$$\lambda_1(\mathbf{X}) \geq \lambda_2(\mathbf{X}) \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_n(\mathbf{X}).$$

Now, let $s := \lambda_k(\mathbf{X}) \in \mathbb{R}$ and

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{U} \mathsf{diag}\left(d_1, d_2, \cdots, d_n\right) \mathbf{U}^{\top} = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^{\top} \in \mathcal{S}^n,$$

where

$$d_i := \begin{cases} \lambda_i(\mathbf{X}) - \lambda_k(\mathbf{X}) & \text{if } 1 \le i \le k; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since d_i are all non-negative, we have

$$\mathbf{v}^{\top} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} d_i \left(\mathbf{u}_i^{\top} \mathbf{v} \right)^2 \ge 0, \ \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

which implies that $\mathbf{Z} \succeq \mathbf{O}_{n \times n}$. Next, we claim that $t - ks - \mathsf{Trace}(\mathbf{Z}) \geq 0$. This can be justified as follows:

$$\begin{split} t - ks - \mathsf{Trace}(\mathbf{Z}) &= t - k\lambda_k(\mathbf{X}) - \sum_{i=1}^k \left\{ \lambda_i(\mathbf{X}) - \lambda_k(\mathbf{X}) \right\} \\ &= t - \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i(\mathbf{X}) \\ &= t - f_k(\mathbf{X}) \geq 0. \end{split}$$

Finally, it remains to show that $\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{X} + s\mathbf{I}_n \succeq \mathbf{O}_{n \times n}$. We first observe that

$$\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{X} + s\mathbf{I}_{n} = \mathbf{U}\operatorname{diag}\left(d_{1} - \lambda_{1}(\mathbf{X}) + s, d_{2} - \lambda_{2}(\mathbf{X}) + s, \cdots, d_{n} - \lambda_{n}(\mathbf{X}) + s\right)\mathbf{U}^{\top}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\{d_{i} - \lambda_{i}(\mathbf{X}) + s\right\}\mathbf{u}_{i}\mathbf{u}_{i}^{\top}.$$
(2.1)

Since

$$d_i - \lambda_i(\mathbf{X}) + s = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 1 \le i \le k; \\ \lambda_k(\mathbf{X}) - \lambda_i(\mathbf{X}) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

 $d_i - \lambda_i + s \ge 0$ for every $i \in [n]$. So for every $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have from (2.1) that

$$\mathbf{v}^{\top} (\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{X} + s \mathbf{I}_n) \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (d_i - \lambda_i + s) (\mathbf{u}_i^{\top} \mathbf{v})^2 \ge 0, \ \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

thereby $\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{X} + s\mathbf{I}_n \succeq \mathbf{O}_{n \times n}$ as desired.

It's time to prove the "if" part. We know that

$$\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{X} + s\mathbf{I}_n) + (\mathbf{X} - s\mathbf{I}_n)$$

and $\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{X} + s\mathbf{I}_n \succeq \mathbf{O}_{n \times n}$. By applying inequality (4.6) in [1] (which is an immediate consequence of *Corollary* 4.2 in [1]), we obtain

$$\lambda_i(\mathbf{Z}) > \lambda_i(\mathbf{X} - s\mathbf{I}_n) = \lambda_i(\mathbf{X}) - s, \ \forall i \in [n].$$
 (2.2)

Thus, we arrive at

$$f_k(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i(\mathbf{X})$$

$$\stackrel{\text{(a)}}{\leq} \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i(\mathbf{Z}) + ks$$

$$\stackrel{\text{(b)}}{\leq} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(\mathbf{Z}) + ks$$

$$= \mathsf{Trace}(\mathbf{Z}) + ks$$

$$\leq t,$$

where the step (a) follows from the inequality (2.2), and the step (b) holds since $\mathbf{Z} \geq \mathbf{O}_{n \times n}$, which implies that $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{Z}) \geq 0$. This completes the proof of part (1) of Problem 2.

(2) We claim that $f_k(\cdot): \mathcal{S}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ is a convex function. To begin with, it's evident that $\mathsf{dom}(f_k) = \mathcal{S}^n$ is convex in \mathcal{S}^n . We claim that the epigraph of the function $f_k(\cdot): \mathcal{S}^n \to \mathbb{R}$,

$$\mathsf{epi}\left(f_{k}\right) := \left\{ (\mathbf{X}, t) \in \mathcal{S}^{n} \times \mathbb{R} : f_{k}(\mathbf{X}) \leq t \right\},$$

is a convex subset of the \mathbb{R} -vector space $\mathcal{S}^n \times \mathbb{R}$. To this end, we choose any $(\mathbf{X}_0, t_0), (\mathbf{X}_1, t_1) \in \operatorname{epi}(f_k)$. Due to the "only if" part of (1), there exist $\mathbf{Z}_0, \mathbf{Z}_1 \in \mathcal{S}^n$ and $s_0, s_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$t_i - ks_i - \mathsf{Trace}(\mathbf{Z}_i) \ge 0; \quad \mathbf{Z}_i \succeq \mathbf{O}_{n \times n}; \quad \mathbf{Z}_i - \mathbf{X}_i + s_i \mathbf{I}_n \succeq \mathbf{O}_{n \times n}, \ \forall i \in \{0, 1\}.$$
 (2.3)

So it follows from the fact (2.3) that for every $\theta \in [0, 1]$,

$$\begin{split} \left\{ \left(1 - \theta \right) t_0 + \theta t_1 \right\} - k \left\{ \left(1 - \theta \right) s_0 + \theta s_1 \right\} - \mathsf{Trace} \left\{ \left(1 - \theta \right) \mathbf{Z}_0 + \theta \mathbf{Z}_1 \right\} \geq 0; \\ \left(1 - \theta \right) \mathbf{Z}_0 + \theta \mathbf{Z}_1 \succeq \mathbf{O}_{n \times n}; \\ \left\{ \left(1 - \theta \right) \mathbf{Z}_0 + \theta \mathbf{Z}_1 \right\} - \left\{ \left(1 - \theta \right) \mathbf{X}_0 + \theta \mathbf{X}_1 \right\} + \left\{ \left(1 - \theta \right) s_0 + \theta s_1 \right\} \mathbf{I}_n \succeq \mathbf{O}_{n \times n}. \end{split}$$

Hence, we have $f_k\{(1-\theta)\mathbf{X}_0 + \theta\mathbf{X}_1\} \leq (1-\theta)t_0 + \theta t_1$, which implies

$$\left(\left(1-\theta\right)\mathbf{X}_{0}+\theta\mathbf{X}_{1},\left(1-\theta\right)t_{0}+\theta t_{1}\right)=\left(1-\theta\right)\left(\mathbf{X}_{0},t_{0}\right)+\theta\left(\mathbf{X}_{1},t_{1}\right)\in\operatorname{epi}\left(f_{k}\right)$$

for every $\theta \in [0,1]$, by the "if" part of (1). Hence, the epigraph of the function $f_k(\cdot): \mathcal{S}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ is a convex subset of the \mathbb{R} -vector space $\mathcal{S}^n \times \mathbb{R}$. As a result, this leads us to the convexity of the function $f_k(\cdot): \mathcal{S}^n \to \mathbb{R}$.

However, the function $f_k(\cdot): \mathcal{S}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ is NOT a norm on \mathcal{S}^n since it can attain negative real-values. For instance, it's straightforward to see that $-\mathbf{I}_n \in \mathcal{S}^n$ and

$$f_k\left(-\mathbf{I}_n\right) = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i\left(-\mathbf{I}_n\right) = -k < 0.$$

(3) For every $k \in [\min\{m,n\}]$, we define a function $\varphi_k(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$ by

$$\varphi_k(\mathbf{X}) := \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i(\mathbf{X}),$$

where $\sigma_i(\mathbf{X})$ denotes the *i*-th largest singular value of $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ for $i \in [\min\{m, n\}]$. Also, we define a map $\Phi(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathcal{S}^{m+n}$ by

$$\Phi(\mathbf{X}) := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{O}_{m \times m} & \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{X}^\top & \mathbf{O}_{n \times n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

It's clear that $\Phi(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathcal{S}^{m+n}$ is an \mathbb{R} -linear map. At this point, we would like to prove the following crucial result:

Lemma 1. For every $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, the eigenvalues of $\Phi(\mathbf{X}) \in \mathcal{S}^{m+n}$ are given by

$$\sigma_1(\mathbf{X}) \ge \sigma_2(\mathbf{X}) \ge \dots \ge \sigma_r(\mathbf{X}) > \underbrace{0 = 0 = \dots = 0}_{(m+n-2r) \text{ zeroes}} > -\sigma_r(\mathbf{X}) \ge \dots \ge -\sigma_2(\mathbf{X}) \ge -\sigma_1(\mathbf{X}),$$
 (2.4)

where $r := \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{X}) \le \min\{m, n\}.$

Proof of Lemma 1. To begin with, let $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}\mathbf{V}^{\top}$ be a singular value decomposition of $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, where $\mathbf{U} \in \mathcal{O}(m), \, \mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{O}(n), \, \text{and} \, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} := \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} & \mathbf{O}_{r \times (n-r)} \\ \mathbf{O}_{(m-r) \times r} & \mathbf{O}_{(m-r) \times (n-r)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} := \operatorname{diag}\left(\sigma_1(\mathbf{X}), \sigma_2(\mathbf{X}), \cdots, \sigma_r(\mathbf{X})\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}.$ Then it holds that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U} & \mathbf{O}_{m \times n} \\ \mathbf{O}_{n \times m} & \mathbf{V} \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \Phi(\mathbf{X}) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U} & \mathbf{O}_{m \times n} \\ \mathbf{O}_{n \times m} & \mathbf{V} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}^{\top} & \mathbf{O}_{m \times n} \\ \mathbf{O}_{n \times m} & \mathbf{V}^{\top} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{O}_{m \times m} & \mathbf{U} \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}} \mathbf{V}^{\top} \\ \mathbf{V} \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}^{\top} \mathbf{U}^{\top} & \mathbf{O}_{n \times n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U} & \mathbf{O}_{m \times n} \\ \mathbf{O}_{n \times m} & \mathbf{V} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{O}_{m \times m} & \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}^{\top} & \mathbf{O}_{n \times n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sigma_{i}(\mathbf{X}) \left\{ \mathbf{e}_{i}^{(m+n)} \left(\mathbf{e}_{m+i}^{(m+n)} \right)^{\top} + \mathbf{e}_{m+i}^{(m+n)} \left(\mathbf{e}_{i}^{(m+n)} \right)^{\top} \right\},$$

$$(2.5)$$

where $\mathbf{e}_{j}^{(m+n)} \in \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$ denotes the j-th unit vector in \mathbb{R}^{m+n} for each $j \in [m+n]$. Set $\mathbf{Q} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U} & \mathbf{O}_{m \times n} \\ \mathbf{O}_{n \times m} & \mathbf{V} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{O}(m+n)$. Then from the equation (2.5), one can obtain the following observations:

$$\left(\mathbf{Q}^{\top}\Phi(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Q}\right)\mathbf{e}_{i}^{(m+n)} = \begin{cases} \sigma_{i}(\mathbf{X}) \cdot \mathbf{e}_{m+i}^{(m+n)} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq r; \\ \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{m+n} & \text{if } r+1 \leq i \leq m, \end{cases}$$
(2.6)

and

$$\left(\mathbf{Q}^{\top}\Phi(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Q}\right)\mathbf{e}_{m+j}^{(m+n)} = \begin{cases} \sigma_i(\mathbf{X}) \cdot \mathbf{e}_j^{(m+n)} & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq r; \\ \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{m+n} & \text{if } r+1 \leq j \leq n. \end{cases}$$
(2.7)

From the observations (2.6) and (2.7), one can see that

$$\left(\mathbf{Q}^{\top}\Phi(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Q}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\mathbf{e}_{i}^{(m+n)} + \mathbf{e}_{m+i}^{(m+n)}\right) = \sigma_{i}(\mathbf{X}) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\mathbf{e}_{i}^{(m+n)} + \mathbf{e}_{m+i}^{(m+n)}\right), \ \forall i \in [r],$$
(2.8)

and

$$\left(\mathbf{Q}^{\top}\Phi(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Q}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\mathbf{e}_{j}^{(m+n)} - \mathbf{e}_{m+j}^{(m+n)}\right) = -\sigma_{j}(\mathbf{X}) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\mathbf{e}_{j}^{(m+n)} - \mathbf{e}_{m+j}^{(m+n)}\right), \ \forall j \in [r].$$
 (2.9)

By taking four pieces (2.6)–(2.9) collectively, we may conclude that

$$\mathcal{B} := \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\mathbf{e}_{i}^{(m+n)} + \mathbf{e}_{m+i}^{(m+n)} \right) : i \in [r] \right\} \cup \left\{ \mathbf{e}_{i}^{(m+n)} : i \in [r+1;m] \right\}$$

$$\cup \left\{ \mathbf{e}_{m+j}^{(m+n)} : j \in [r+1;n] \right\} \cup \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\mathbf{e}_{j}^{(m+n)} - \mathbf{e}_{m+j}^{(m+n)} \right) : j \in [r] \right\}$$

forms an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^{m+n} consisting of eigenvectors of the matrix $\mathbf{Q}^{\top}\Phi(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Q} \in \mathcal{S}^{m+n}$, where

$$[a;b] := \{a, a+1, \cdots, b-1, b\}, \ \forall a \le b \text{ in } \mathbb{Z},$$

with the corresponding eigenvalues given in (2.4). So, the eigenvalues of $\Phi(\mathbf{X}) \in \mathcal{S}^{m+n}$ are given as (2.4) as we claimed.

By Lemma 1, we have for every $k \in [\min\{m, n\}]$,

$$\varphi_k(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \left(\Phi(\mathbf{X}) \right) = f_k \left(\Phi(\mathbf{X}) \right), \ \forall \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}.$$
 (2.10)

From the fact (2.10), one can easily derive the following conclusions, which are also generalized versions of the results in part (1) and (2):

(i) For every $k \in [\min\{m, n\}]$, one has

$$\begin{split} \left\{ \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} : \varphi_k(\mathbf{X}) \leq t \right\} & \stackrel{\text{(c)}}{=} \; \left\{ \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} : f_k\left(\Phi(\mathbf{X})\right) \leq t \right\} \\ & \stackrel{\text{(d)}}{=} \; \left\{ \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} : \exists \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} \in \mathcal{S}^{m+n} \; \& \; s \in \mathbb{R} \; \text{such that} \; t - ks - \mathsf{Trace}\left(\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}\right) \geq 0; \\ & \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} \succeq \mathbf{O}_{(m+n) \times (m+n)}; \; \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} - \Phi(\mathbf{X}) + s \mathbf{I}_{m+n} \succeq \mathbf{O}_{(m+n) \times (m+n)} \right\}, \end{split}$$

where the step (c) holds due to the equation (2.10), and the step (d) follows by applying the part (1) for $\Phi(\mathbf{X}) \in \mathcal{S}^{m+n}$;

(ii) The function $\varphi_k(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$ is a convex function. To this end, we first take a closer inspection on the epigraph epi (φ_k) of the function $\varphi_k(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{epi}\left(\varphi_{k}\right) &= \left\{ (\mathbf{X},t) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R} : \varphi_{k}(\mathbf{X}) \leq t \right\} \\ &= \left\{ (\mathbf{X},t) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R} : f_{k}\left(\Phi(\mathbf{X})\right) \leq t \right\} \\ &= \left\{ (\mathbf{X},t) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R} : \left(\Phi(\mathbf{X}),t\right) \in \operatorname{epi}\left(f_{k}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

We know from the part (2) that the epigraph $\operatorname{epi}(f_k)$ of the function $f_k(\cdot): \mathcal{S}^{m+n} \to \mathbb{R}$ is a convex subset of $\mathcal{S}^{m+n} \times \mathbb{R}$ due to the convexity of $f_k(\cdot): \mathcal{S}^{m+n} \to \mathbb{R}$. As $\Phi(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathcal{S}^{m+n}$ is an \mathbb{R} -linear map, it's clear that the map

$$(\mathbf{X},t) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R} \mapsto (\Phi(\mathbf{X}),t) \in \mathcal{S}^{m+n} \times \mathbb{R}$$
 (2.12)

is also an \mathbb{R} -linear map. So from (2.11), it follows that $\operatorname{epi}(\varphi_k)$ is a convex subset of $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}$ since it is an inverse image of the convex subset $\operatorname{epi}(f_k)$ of $\mathcal{S}^{m+n} \times \mathbb{R}$ under the \mathbb{R} -linear map (2.12). Hence, the function $\varphi_k(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$ is a convex function;

- (iii) Finally, unlike the case of the function $f_k(\cdot)$, the function $\varphi_k(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$ is not only just a convex function, but also a norm on $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$:
 - Positive definiteness of the map $\varphi_k(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$: It's evident that if $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{O}_{m \times n}$, then $\varphi_k(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ for every $k \in [\min\{m,n\}]$. Conversely, assume that $\varphi_k(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ for $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Then we have $\sigma_1(\mathbf{X}) = 0$, which clearly implies that $\sigma_i(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ for all $i \in [\min\{m,n\}]$. Thus, we have $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{O}_{m \times n}$ by considering its singular value decomposition. This establishes the positive definiteness of the map $\varphi_k(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$;
 - Absolute homogeneity of the map $\varphi_k(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$: Let $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{V}^{\top}$ be a singular value decomposition of $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, where $\mathbf{U} \in \mathcal{O}(m)$, $\mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{O}(n)$, and $\tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Sigma} & \mathbf{O}_{r \times (n-r)} \\ \mathbf{O}_{(m-r) \times r} & \mathbf{O}_{(m-r) \times (n-r)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\mathbf{\Sigma} := \operatorname{diag}(\sigma_1(\mathbf{X}), \sigma_2(\mathbf{X}), \cdots, \sigma_r(\mathbf{X})) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$. Then for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha \mathbf{X} = (\operatorname{sign}(\alpha)\mathbf{U}) \left(|\alpha| \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}} \right) \mathbf{V}^{\top}$ is a singular value decomposition of $\alpha \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, where

$$\operatorname{sign}(\alpha) := \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \alpha > 0; \\ 0 & \text{if } \alpha = 0; \\ -1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus, we obtain $\sigma_i(\alpha \mathbf{X}) = |\alpha| \cdot \sigma_i(\mathbf{X})$ for all $i \in [\min\{m, n\}]$. Hence, it holds that for every $k \in [\min\{m, n\}]$,

$$\varphi_k(\alpha \mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i(\alpha \mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^k |\alpha| \cdot \sigma_i(\mathbf{X}) = |\alpha| \, \varphi_k(\mathbf{X})$$
(2.13)

for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. This establishes the absolute homogeneity of $\varphi_k(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$;

• Sub-additivity of the map $\varphi_k(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$: Choose any matrices $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Then we obtain

$$arphi_k\left(\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{Y}
ight) \stackrel{ ext{(e)}}{=} 2arphi_k\left(rac{\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{Y}}{2}
ight) \stackrel{ ext{(f)}}{\leq} 2 \cdot rac{arphi_k(\mathbf{X})+arphi_k(\mathbf{Y})}{2} = arphi_k(\mathbf{X})+arphi_k(\mathbf{Y}),$$

where the step (e) follows from the absolute homogeneity (2.13) of the map $\varphi_k(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$, and the step (f) makes use of the convexity of the function $\varphi_k(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$ (which was argued in (ii)). Hence, the map $\varphi_k(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$ is sub-additive.

Thanks to the above observations, one can conclude that the function $\varphi_k(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}_+$ is a norm on $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, while we have shown that the function $f_k(\cdot): \mathcal{S}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ cannot be a norm on \mathcal{S}^n .

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