

1 Schur Decomposition

If matrix n by n matrix with complex entries, then

$$A = QUQ^{-1}$$

where Q is unitary matrix and U is upper triangle matrix

$$\text{If } A^*A = AA^*$$

$$\text{Then } A = P^*\Delta P$$

Proof

A is normal matrix

$$\Rightarrow A = P^*\Delta P \quad (1)$$

Δ is upper triangle matrix (**Schur decomposition**)

P is unitary matrix

$$\text{First we need to show if } A \text{ is normal then } \Delta \text{ is normal} \quad (2)$$

$$A = P^*\Delta P$$

$$\Rightarrow A^* = (P^*\Delta P)^*$$

$$\Rightarrow A^* = P^*(P^*\Delta)^*$$

$$\Rightarrow A^* = P^*(\Delta^*P) \quad (3)$$

from (2) and (3)

$$\Rightarrow AA^* = (P^*\Delta P)(P^*\Delta^*P)$$

$$\Rightarrow AA^* = P^*\Delta(PP^*)\Delta^*P$$

P is unitary matrix

$$\Rightarrow P^* = P^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow AA^* = P^*\Delta\Delta^*P \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^*A = P^*\Delta^*PP^*\Delta P$$

$$\Rightarrow A^*A = P^*\Delta^*\Delta P \quad (5)$$

From (4) and (5)

$$\Rightarrow AA^* - A^*A = P^*\Delta\Delta^*P - P^*\Delta^*\Delta P$$

$$\Rightarrow AA^* - A^*A = P^*(\Delta\Delta^* - \Delta^*\Delta)P = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta\Delta^* - \Delta^*\Delta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta\Delta^* = \Delta^*\Delta \quad (6)$$

$\Rightarrow \Delta$ is normal matrix

From (6)

$$\Rightarrow \vec{e}_i^* \Delta \Delta^* \vec{e}_i = \vec{e}_i^* \Delta^* \Delta \vec{e}_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \langle \Delta^* \vec{e}_i, \Delta^* \vec{e}_i \rangle = \langle \Delta \vec{e}_i, \Delta \vec{e}_i \rangle \\
&\Rightarrow \|\Delta^* \vec{e}_i\|^2 = \|\Delta \vec{e}_i\|^2 \\
&\Rightarrow \|\Delta^* \vec{e}_i\| = \|\Delta \vec{e}_i\|
\end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow The length of i th column and i th row in Δ are same (7)

Δ is upper triangle matrix

Let i to be the first row with nonzero off-diagonal element

$$A_{n,n} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{2,2} & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{i,i} & * & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \vdots & \vdots & a_{n,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

If Δ is not diagonal matrix, then the i th column is $|a_{i,i}| \neq |a_{i,i}| + |*|$

This contradicts our previous (7), therefore Δ must be diagonal matrix

Therefore $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{A}^*\mathbf{A} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}^*\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{P} \quad \square$