

1. • Show that  $x(t)$  satisfies  $\|A^{-1}x(t)\|^2 = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\|A^{-1}x(t)\|^2 &= \|A^{-1}Au(t)\|^2 \\ &= \|u(t)\|^2 \\ &= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2 \\ &= \cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t) \\ &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

- Show that the equation above may be written as  $x \cdot Mx = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}x \cdot Mx &= x^T Mx \\ &= x^T (A^{-1})^T A^{-1}x \\ &= (A^{-1}x)^T A^{-1}x \\ &= A^{-1}x \cdot A^{-1}x \\ &= \|A^{-1}x\|^2 \\ &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

- Show that  $M$  is symmetric.

$$\begin{aligned}M^T &= ((A^{-1})^T A^{-1})^T \\ &= (A^{-1})^T ((A^{-1})^T)^T \\ &= (A^{-1})^T A^{-1} \\ &= M\end{aligned}$$

- Suppose  $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{bmatrix}$ . We must show that  $x \cdot Mx$  can be written as  $ax^2 + by^2 + 2cxy$ .

$$\begin{aligned}1 &= x \cdot Mx \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ax + cy \\ cx + by \end{bmatrix} \\ &= ax^2 + by^2 + 2cxy.\end{aligned}$$

2. • Show that both  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are positive. Since  $x \cdot Mx = \|A^{-1}x\|^2$ , then all outputs of  $x \cdot Mx$  are strictly positive. Suppose  $x = u_1$ , then  $u_1 \cdot Mu_1 = u_1 \cdot \lambda_1 u_1 = \lambda_1 \|u_1\|^2 = \lambda_1 > 0$ . A similar proof exists for  $u_2$ . Therefore the eigenvalues are strictly positive.
- Suppose  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ . We must show that  $\|x(t)\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}}$ . Let  $U$  be the matrix where  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are columns. Since  $u_1, u_2$  are orthonormal, then  $U$  is an orthogonal

matrix. Therefore  $U^{-1} = U^T$ . Let  $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1(t) \\ q_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = U^T x$ . Therefore we may rewrite  $x \cdot Mx$  as follows:

$$1 = x \cdot Mx = q \cdot Dq = \lambda_1 q_1^2(t) + \lambda_2 q_2^2(t).$$

This equation defines an ellipse parameterized by  $q_1(t) = \pm \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \cos(t)$ ,  $q_2(t) = \pm \frac{1}{\lambda_2} \sin(t)$ . Since  $q = V^T x$ , then we may explicitly solve for  $x$  via  $x = Vq = \pm(\frac{1}{\lambda_1} \cos(t)u_1 + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} \sin(t)u_2)$ . Therefore if  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ , then  $\|x\| = \sqrt{\frac{\cos^2(t)}{\lambda_1} + \frac{\sin^2(t)}{\lambda_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\cos^2(t)}{\lambda_1} + \frac{\sin^2(t)}{\lambda_1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}}$ .

- Consider the case where  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2$ . Note that  $\|x\|^2 = \frac{\cos^2(t)}{\lambda_1} + \frac{\sin^2(t)}{\lambda_2} = u \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\lambda_2} \end{bmatrix} u$ , let the matrix in the quadratic function above be denoted  $S^2$ . By lemma 19 in the previous Carlen multivariable textbook,  $\|x\|^2$  on the unit circle is maximized and minimized by the eigenvalues of  $S^2$ . For the matrix  $S^2$  the eigenvalues are obviously  $\frac{1}{\lambda_1}, \frac{1}{\lambda_2}$ . Since  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2$ , then  $\frac{1}{\lambda_1} < \frac{1}{\lambda_2}$ , therefore making  $\frac{1}{\lambda_2}$  the maximum of  $\|x\|^2$ , and therefore forcing  $\frac{1}{\lambda_1}$  to be the minimum. Since  $\sqrt{\cdot}$  is a monotonically increasing function on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ , then  $\|x\|$  has a maximum of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}}$  and a minimum of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}}$ . We must show that  $\|x\|$  is maximal if and only if  $x(t) = \pm \frac{1}{\lambda_2} u_2$ .
  - Suppose  $x(t) = \pm \frac{1}{\lambda_2} u_2$ . We must show that  $\|x(t)\|$  is maximal.

$$\|x(t)\| = \sqrt{\frac{\cos^2(t)}{\lambda_1} + \frac{\sin^2(t)}{\lambda_2}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{\cos^2(t)}{\lambda_2} + \frac{\sin^2(t)}{\lambda_2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}} = \left\| \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}} u_2 \right\|$$

- Suppose  $\|x(t)\|$  is maximal. We must show that  $x(t) = \pm \frac{1}{\lambda_2} u_2$ . Since  $x^2$  is strictly increasing on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  then  $\|x(t)\|^2$  is maximal. This is equivalent to  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\lambda_2} \end{bmatrix}$

3. Let

$$v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} A^{-1} u_1, v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}} A^{-1} u_2.$$

- Show that  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . By definition of orthonormal basis we must show that  $v_1 \cdot v_2 = 0, v_1 \cdot v_1 = v_2 \cdot v_2 = 1$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} v_1 \cdot v_2 &= v_1^T v_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} (A^{-1} u_1)^T \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}} A^{-1} u_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}} u_1^T (A^{-1})^T A^{-1} u_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}} \lambda_2 u_1^T u_2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$$v_1 \cdot v_1 =$$