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Worksheet n° 1 : Matrix Numerical Analysis

Exercise 1 :

Let q be the quadratic form defined on the vector space $E = \mathbb{R}^3$ for every element x of E with $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$, on the canonical basis (e_1, e_2, e_3) by

$$q(x) = 4x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 4x_1x_3 + 2x_2x_3.$$

1. Write the matrix A associated with q .
2. Decompose the quadratic form into a sum of linearly independent squares, using the Gauss method.
3. Find a basis of E and write the matrix B of q on this basis.
4. What is the rank of q ?
5. Give the definition of the S.D.P matrix.
6. Without calculating the determinant of A , is A S.D.P or not?
7. Let $C \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ be symmetric, positive definite. Show that the eigenvalues of C are real and positive.

Exercise 2 :

Let q be the quadratic form on the vector space $E = \mathbb{R}^4$ defined by

$$q(x) = x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 4x_3^2 + \alpha x_4^2 + 2\beta x_1x_2,$$

where $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$, α and β are real numbers.

1. Write the polar form of q .
2. Determine the matrix q .
3. Decompose q into a sum of linearly independent squares.
4. Find an orthogonal basis.
5. Calculate the signature of q according to α and β .
6. Deduce the rank of q .

Exercise 3 :

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2}i & 0 \\ -\sqrt{2}i & 1 & -\sqrt{2}i \\ 0 & \sqrt{2}i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Show that A is Hermitian.
2. What can be said about the eigenvalues of A ?
3. Determine the eigenvalues λ_i , $i = 1 \dots 3$ of A .
4. Determine the eigenvectors x_i , $i = 1 \dots 3$ of A corresponding to λ_i , $i = 1 \dots 3$.
5. Show that the eigenvectors x_i , $i = 1 \dots 3$ are orthogonal.
6. Determine an orthonormal basis.
7. Determine the transition matrix P .
8. Show that the matrix P is unitary.

9. In the new basis $B = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ of \mathbb{C} , determine the matrix D .
10. Verify that $A = PDP^{-1}$.
11. Determine the Hermitian form f on \mathbb{C}^3 represented by the matrix A in the canonical basis.
12. Show that f is non-degenerate.
13. Determine the quadratic form φ of f . What can be deduced?
14. Determine the Hermitian form g represented by the matrix D and the quadratic form q . What can be deduced?

Exercise 4 :

- If the matrix A is Hermitian, show that the eigenvectors associated with different eigenvalues are orthogonal.
- If the matrix A is normal and λ is an eigenvalue of A associated with the eigenvector x , show that x is an eigenvector of \overline{A}^t associated with the eigenvalue $\overline{\lambda}$ of \overline{A}^t ?

Exercise 5 :

1. Give the definition of an independent matrix.
2. Give the definition of a nilpotent matrix of index p .
3. If A is a nilpotent matrix of index 2, show that $A(I + A)^n = A, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$?