

## Required Problems

1. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be complex numbers, and let  $\bar{x}$  denote the complex conjugate of  $x$ .

- (a) Prove that  $(\bar{x})(\bar{y}) = \overline{xy}$ .  
(b) Prove that  $\bar{x} + \bar{y} = \overline{x + y}$ .

*Solution:*

- (a) **Proof:** Let  $x = a + bi$  and  $y = c + di$ , where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\overline{xy} = \overline{(a + bi)(c + di)} = \overline{ac + adi + bci + bdi^2} = \overline{(ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i} = (ac - bd) - (ad + bc)i.$$

Since  $\bar{x} = a - bi$  and  $\bar{y} = c - di$ ,

$$(\bar{x})(\bar{y}) = (a - bi)(c - di) = ac - adi - bci + bdi^2 = (ac - bd) - (ad + bc)i.$$

Thus  $(\bar{x})(\bar{y}) = \overline{xy}$ . ■

- (b) **Proof:** Let  $x = a + bi$  and  $y = c + di$ , where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\overline{x + y} = \overline{(a + bi) + (c + di)} = \overline{(a + c) + (b + d)i} = (a + c) - (b + d)i.$$

Since  $\bar{x} = a - bi$  and  $\bar{y} = c - di$ ,

$$\bar{x} + \bar{y} = (a - bi) + (c - di) = (a + c) - (b + d)i.$$

Thus  $\bar{x} + \bar{y} = \overline{x + y}$ . ■

2. (Strang 6.4.1) Which of these matrices  $ASB$  will be symmetric with eigenvalues 1 and  $-1$ ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$B = A^T$  doesn't do it.  $B = A^{-1}$  doesn't do it.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  will succeed. So  $B$  must be an  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  matrix.

*Solution:* The first  $ASB$  has  $B = A^T$ , and is symmetric, but does not have eigenvalues 1 and  $-1$  (Its eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  from HW 9 Q6: This is the matrix that encodes the Fibonacci recurrence).

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The second  $ASB$  has  $B = A^{-1}$ , and has eigenvalues 1 and  $-1$ , but is not symmetric.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The third  $ASB$  has  $B = A^{-1} = A^T$ , has eigenvalues 1 and  $-1$ , and is symmetric.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$B = A^T$  doesn't do it.  $B = A^{-1}$  doesn't do it.  $B = A^T = A^{-1}$  will succeed. So  $B$  must be an **orthogonal** matrix.

3. (Strang 6.4.13) Write  $S$  and  $B$  in the form  $\lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^T + \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_2^T$  of the Spectral theorem  $Q\Lambda Q^T$ :

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 12 \\ 12 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{keep } \|\mathbf{x}_1\| = \|\mathbf{x}_2\| = 1).$$

*Solution:* We use eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 4$  and eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$  to diagonalize  $S$ :

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus

$$S = \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^T + \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_2^T = 2 \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We use eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 0$  and  $\lambda_2 = 25$  and eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -.8 \\ .6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} .6 \\ .8 \end{bmatrix}$  to diagonalize  $B$ :

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 12 \\ 12 & 16 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -.8 & .6 \\ .6 & .8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -.8 & .6 \\ .6 & .8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus

$$B = \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^T + \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_2^T = 0 \begin{bmatrix} -.8 \\ .6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -.8 & .6 \end{bmatrix} + 25 \begin{bmatrix} .6 \\ .8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} .6 & .8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that  $B$  has rank 1, so one of the terms is 0.

4. (Strang 6.5.7) Test to see if  $A^T A$  is positive definite in each case:  $A$  needs independent columns.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Solution:* If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$ .

As expected, since  $A$  has independent columns,  $A^T A$  is positive definite. For example, its upper left determinants are 1 and 9, both positive.

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

As expected, since  $A$  has independent columns,  $A^T A$  is positive definite. For example, its upper left determinants are 6 and 11, both positive.

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

As expected, since  $A$  has dependent columns,  $A^T A$  is not positive definite—it is only positive semidefinite. For example, it has determinant 0.

5. (Strang 6.5.22) From  $S = Q\Lambda Q^T$  compute the positive definite symmetric square root  $Q\sqrt{\Lambda}Q^T$  of each matrix. Check that this square root gives  $A^T A = S$ :

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 6 \\ 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Solution:* **First matrix:**

We use eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 9$  and eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$  to diagonalize  $S = Q\Lambda Q^T$ :

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , we find the positive definite symmetric square root  $Q\sqrt{\Lambda}Q^T$  of  $S$ .

$$Q\sqrt{\Lambda}Q^T = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

then if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ 3\sqrt{2}/2 & 3\sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $S = A^T A$ .

Another acceptable answer is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since  $A$  is symmetric and  $A^2 = S$ ,  $A^T A = S$ .

**Second matrix:** We use eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 4$  and  $\lambda_2 = 16$  and eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$  to diagonalize  $S = Q\Lambda Q^T$ :

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 6 \\ 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , we find the positive definite symmetric square root  $Q\sqrt{\Lambda}Q^T$  of  $S$ .

$$Q\sqrt{\Lambda}Q^T = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

then if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} \\ 2\sqrt{2} & 2\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $S = A^T A$ .

Another acceptable answer is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since  $A$  is symmetric and  $A^2 = S$ ,  $A^T A = S$ .

6. (Strang 7.2.1) Find the eigenvalues of these matrices. Then find singular values from  $A^T A$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For each  $A$ , construct  $V$  from the eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  and  $U$  from the eigenvectors of  $AA^T$ . Check that  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ .

*Solution:*

**First matrix:** Note that in this example, even though  $A$  is not diagonalizable, it has a singular value decomposition.

Both eigenvalues of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are 0 (Note the characteristic polynomial is  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2$ ). But there is only one independent eigenvector,  $(1, 0)$ . The eigenvalue 0 has algebraic multiplicity 2 and geometric multiplicity 1, and  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

Since

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix},$$

$A^T A$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 16$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0$ , with eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (0, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 0)$ . (Note that since  $A$  does not have independent columns,  $A^T A$  is positive semidefinite, but not positive definite.)

Similarly,

$$A A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

so  $A A^T$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 16$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0$  (same as  $A^T A$ ), with eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2 = (0, 1)$ .

Thus letting  $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1} = \sqrt{16} = 4$  and  $\sigma_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2} = \sqrt{0} = 0$ , we obtain the singular value decomposition of  $A$ :

$$A = U \Sigma V^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Second matrix:** In this example,  $A$  has a diagonalization and an SVD, but since  $A$  is not symmetric, they are different.

The eigenvalues of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are 2 and -2 (Note the characteristic polynomial is  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - 4$ ), with eigenvectors  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(2, 1)$  and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(-2, 1)$ . (Since  $A$  has a basis of eigenvectors, it can be diagonalized as  $A = X \Lambda X^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{5} \\ 1/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5}/4 & -\sqrt{5}/2 \\ \sqrt{5}/4 & \sqrt{5}/2 \end{bmatrix}.)$$

Since

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix},$$

$A^T A$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 16$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$ , with eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (0, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 0)$ . (Note that since  $A$  has independent columns,  $A^T A$  is positive definite.)

Similarly,

$$A A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

so  $A A^T$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 16$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$  (same as  $A^T A$ ), with eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2 = (0, 1)$ .

Thus letting  $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1} = \sqrt{16} = 4$  and  $\sigma_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2} = \sqrt{1} = 1$ , we obtain the singular value decomposition of  $A$ :

$$A = U \Sigma V^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that the SVD  $A = U \Sigma V^T$  is different from the diagonalization  $A = X \Lambda X^{-1}$ .

7. (Strang 7.2.4) Compute  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$  and their eigenvalues and unit eigenvectors for  $V$  and  $U$ .

**Rectangular matrix**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Check  $AV = U\Sigma$  (this decides  $\pm$  signs in  $U$ ).  $\Sigma$  has the same shape as  $A$ :  $2 \times 3$ .

*Solution:*

Since

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$A^T A$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 3$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 1$ , and  $\lambda_3 = 0$  with eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1, 2, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1, 0, 1)$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1, -1, 1)$ . (Note that since  $A$  has dependent columns,  $A^T A$  is positive semidefinite, but not positive definite.)

Similarly,

$$AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

so  $AA^T$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 3$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$  (same as  $A^T A$ ), with eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1, 1)$ .

Thus letting  $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1} = \sqrt{3}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2} = \sqrt{1} = 1$ , we obtain the singular value decomposition  $AV = U\Sigma$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 2/\sqrt{6} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

8. (Strang 7.2.5)

- (a) The row space of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is 1-dimensional. Find  $\mathbf{v}_1$  in the row space and  $\mathbf{u}_1$  in the column space. What is  $\sigma_1$ ? Why is there no  $\sigma_2$ ?
- (b) Choose  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  in  $V$  and  $U$ . Then  $A = U\Sigma V^T = \mathbf{u}_1\sigma_1\mathbf{v}_1^T$  (one term only).

*Solution:*

- (a) If  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(1, 3)$ , then  $\mathbf{v}_1$  is a unit vector in the row space and  $\mathbf{u}_1$  is a unit vector in the column space of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

The singular values of  $A$  are the square roots of the eigenvalues of  $A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 10 \\ 10 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Since  $A^T A$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 20$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0$ , there is only one positive singular value,  $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{10}$ . There is no  $\sigma_2$  because  $A$  has dependent columns, so  $A^T A$  is positive semidefinite, but not positive definite, and has an eigenvalue of 0.

- (b) We can choose unit vectors  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1, 1)$  orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(-3, 1)$  orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}_1$ . Note that  $\{\mathbf{v}_2\}$  is a basis for the null space of  $A$ , and  $\{\mathbf{u}_2\}$  is a basis for the left null space of  $A$  (each is 1-dimensional). Then

$$\begin{aligned} A &= U\Sigma V^T \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{10} & -3/\sqrt{10} \\ 3/\sqrt{10} & 1/\sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{20} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \sqrt{20} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{10} \\ 3/\sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} -3/\sqrt{10} \\ 1/\sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T. \end{aligned}$$

## Optional Problems

9. Let  $p$  be a polynomial with real coefficients. Prove that  $p(\bar{x}) = 0$  if and only if  $p(x) = 0$ . Conclude that every real polynomial with odd degree has at least one real root.
10. Prove that every entry on the diagonal of a positive definite matrix must be positive.