

# MTH442 Assignment 3

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## Q1:

Claim: If  $\gamma(0) > 0$   $\gamma(h) \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\Gamma_T$  is positive definite.

Proof by contradiction:

1. assume  $\Gamma_T$  is singular. from class notes condition for that is like if  $\Gamma_T$  was singular for some  $T$

$$\implies \exists u \neq 0 \text{ (non zero vector) such that } \Gamma_T u = 0. \quad (i)$$

2. condition: from given cond<sup>n</sup> in question  $\gamma(0) > 0$ :

$$\Gamma_1 = (\gamma(0))$$

as  $\gamma(0) > 0 \implies \Gamma_1$  is nonsingular.

3. existence of non singular matrices: so from point 2,  $\exists s \geq 1$  where  $\Gamma_s$  is nonsingular. take sequence:

$$\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots$$

and let  $\Gamma_{s+1}$  is first singular matrix in this sequence.

4. linear Combination: let  $z_1, z_2, \dots$  be vector representing the components in space where cov. matrixes  $\Gamma$  are defined. vectors form a sequence, now as  $\Gamma_{s+1}$  is singular (from point 3) so we can write  $z_{s+1}$  as linear combination:

$$z_{s+1} = c'z, \quad c = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_s)',$$

here  $c$  is the vector of coefficients  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_s$  and  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_s)'$ .

5. using stationarity condition from notes: it says that covariance between any two points depends only on time difference so using condition and point 4

$$z_{s+h+1} = c'z_h \quad \forall h \geq 1. \quad (ii)$$

here  $z_h = (z_h, \dots, z_{r+h-1})'$

so, for  $T \geq s+1$ , linear combination condition holds, and we can write  $z_T$  as:

$$z_T = c'_T z. \quad (iii)$$

here  $c_T = (c_{T1}, c_{T2}, \dots, c_{Ts})'$  and  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_s)'$ .

6. Variance of  $z_T$ : The variance  $\gamma(0)$  can be expressed as:

$$\gamma(0) = \text{var}(z_T) = c'_T \Gamma_s c_T = c'_T P E P' c_T,$$

$c_T$  is a column vector of order  $s$

$$P P' = I_s \text{ (identity matrix of order } s)$$

and

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & e_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & e_s \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{diagonal matrix of order } s \text{ with positive eigenvalues})$$

with  $0 < e_1 \leq e_2 \leq \dots \leq e_s$  as eigenvalues of  $\Gamma_s$ .

7. bound on coefficients: using eigen value condition from pt. 6 and  $\gamma(0) = c'_T P E P' c_T$ :

as  $0 < e_1 \leq e_2 \leq \dots \leq e_s$ ,  $e_1$  is smallest, so:  $c'_T P E P' c_T \geq e_1 c'_T P P' c_T$

$$\implies \gamma(0) = c'_T P E P' c_T \geq e_1 c'_T P P' c_T = e_1 c'_T I c_T = e_1 c'_T c_T = e_1 \sum_{i=1}^s c_{Ti}^2.$$

$$\implies \gamma(0) \geq e_1 \sum_{i=1}^s (c_{Ti})^2, \implies \text{coefficients } c_{Ti} \text{ are bounded in } T \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, s.$$

8. Contradiction:

$$\text{as } \gamma(0) = \text{cov}(z_T, z_T) = \text{cov}(z_T, c'_T z), \implies \text{cov}(z_T, c'_T z) \leq \sum_{i=1}^s |c_{Ti}| |\gamma(T-i)|.$$

$$\text{so: } \implies 0 < \gamma(0) \leq \sum_{i=1}^s |c_{Ti}| |\gamma(T-i)|.$$

using this inequality and from point 7 coeff.  $c_{Ti}$  are bounded: as all terms  $\gamma(T-i) \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\implies \gamma(h) \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow \infty$ . This contradicts our assumption  $\gamma(0) > 0$ .

so,  $\Gamma_T$  is not singular,  $\implies \Gamma_T$  (positive definite).