# CS663: Digital Image Processing - Homework 5

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# Homework 5 - Question 2

The problem involves maximizing a quadratic form subject to constraints, using the method of Lagrange multipliers. The matrix C is symmetric, and we aim to find the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of C. The solution proceeds in two parts: maximizing  $J_1(f)$  and  $J_2(g)$ .

# Part 1: Maximizing $J_1(f)$

We aim to maximize:

$$J_1(f) = f^T C f - \lambda_1 (f^T f - 1) - \lambda_2 (f^T e)$$

where: - C is a symmetric matrix, - f is the vector we are optimizing, -  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are Lagrange multipliers, - The constraints are  $f^T f = 1$  (normalization) and  $f^T e = 0$  (orthogonality).

#### Taking the derivative w.r.t. f

To find the critical points, we take the derivative of  $J_1(f)$  with respect to f:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial f}(f^T C f - \lambda_1 (f^T f - 1) - \lambda_2 (f^T e)) = 2C f - 2\lambda_1 f - \lambda_2 e$$

Setting the total derivative to zero:

$$2Cf - 2\lambda_1 f - \lambda_2 e = 0$$

which simplifies to:

$$Cf = \lambda_1 f + \frac{\lambda_2}{2}e$$

## Dot product with e

Next, we take the dot product of both sides with e:

$$e^T C f = \lambda_1 e^T f + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} e^T e$$

Since  $f^Te=0$  (from the orthogonality constraint), this simplifies to:

$$e^T C f = \frac{\lambda_2}{2} e^T e$$

Solving for  $\lambda_2$ :

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{2e^T C f}{e^T e}$$

However, from the assumption that f is orthogonal to e, we have  $e^T C f = 0$ , which implies:

$$\lambda_2 = 0$$

### Conclusion for f

With  $\lambda_2 = 0$ , the equation simplifies to:

$$Cf = \lambda_1 f$$

Thus, f is an eigenvector of C with eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ . Since we assumed distinct eigenvalues, this eigenvalue corresponds to the second-largest eigenvalue.

# Part 2: Maximizing $J_2(g)$

Next, we maximize:

$$J_2(g) = g^T C g - \lambda_1(g^T g - 1) - \lambda_2(f^T g) - \lambda_3(e^T g)$$

where the constraints are  $g^Tg=1$  (normalization),  $f^Tg=0$  (orthogonality to f), and  $e^Tg=0$  (orthogonality to e).

#### Taking the derivative w.r.t. g

Taking the derivative of  $J_2(g)$  with respect to g:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial f}(g^T C g - \lambda_1(g^T g - 1) - \lambda_2(f^T g) - \lambda_3(e^T g)) = 2Cg - 2\lambda_1 g - \lambda_2 f - \lambda_3 e$$

Setting the total derivative to zero:

$$2Cg - 2\lambda_1 g - \lambda_2 f - \lambda_3 e = 0$$

which simplifies to:

$$Cg = \lambda_1 g + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} f + \frac{\lambda_3}{2} e$$

## Dot product with e

Taking the dot product with e:

$$e^T C g = \lambda_1 e^T g + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} e^T f + \frac{\lambda_3}{2} e^T e$$

Using the constraints  $e^T g = 0$  and  $e^T f = 0$ , this simplifies to:

$$e^T C g = \frac{\lambda_3}{2} e^T e$$

Solving for  $\lambda_3$ :

$$\lambda_3 = \frac{2e^T C g}{e^T e}$$

Since  $e^T C g = 0$ , we conclude:

$$\lambda_3 = 0$$

### Dot product with f

Now, taking the dot product with f:

$$f^T C g = \lambda_1 f^T g + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} f^T f + \frac{\lambda_3}{2} f^T e$$

Using the constraints  $f^Tg=0$  and  $f^Te=0$ , this simplifies to:

$$f^T C g = \frac{\lambda_2}{2} f^T f = \frac{\lambda_2}{2}$$

Thus,  $\lambda_2 = 0$ .

#### Conclusion for g

With  $\lambda_2 = 0$  and  $\lambda_3 = 0$ , the equation simplifies to:

$$Cg = \lambda_1 g$$

Thus, g is an eigenvector of C, corresponding to the third-largest eigenvalue.