

# Recitation #12

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## Exercise 4, 2018 review

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a symmetric matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ .  
Prove that  $\|Ax\| \leq \max_i |\lambda_i| \|x\|$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Exercise 4, 2018 review

## Exercise 8, 2018 review

Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has rank  $m$ . Prove  $AA^T$  is invertible

## Exercise 8, 2018 review

## Exercise 9, 2018 review

Consider the optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize}_x \|x\|^2 \\ &\text{subject to } Ax = b \end{aligned}$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  are fixed and  $b \in \text{Im}(A)$ .

- a) Prove that any minimizer  $x^*$  must belong to  $\text{Im}(A)$
- b) Give a formula for the minimizer  $x^*$  and show it is unique

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## Exercise 10, 2018 review

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ , we define the block matrix  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (m+k)}$  by

$$C = [A \ B]$$

Either prove the following statement or give a counterexample

$$\text{rank}(C) = \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)$$

## Exercise 10, 2018 review

## Exercise 20, 2018 review

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  have the unusual property that the image space (column space)  $\text{Im}(A)$  is equal to its kernel.

- a) What can we say about  $A^2$ ?
- b) Give an example of such an  $A$

## Exercise 20, 2018 review

## Exercise 25, 2018 review

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and consider its SVD decomposition  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ . Let  $A' = U\Sigma'V^T$  where  $\Sigma'$  is obtained from  $\Sigma$  by replacing every entry by zero except for the entry corresponding to the largest singular value.

- a) Show that  $A'$  is the best rank 1 approximation of  $A$  in the Frobenius norm, meaning that  $A'$  is the solution to 
$$\min_{B: \text{rank}(B)=1} \|B - A\|_F$$
- b) Show that  $A'$  is the best rank 1 approximation of  $A$  in the spectral norm, meaning that  $A'$  is the solution to 
$$\min_{B: \text{rank}(B)=1} \|B - A\|_F$$

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## Exercise 0.9, 2019 review

For each of the following statement, say if they are true or false and justify your answer

- a) If a continuous function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a unique minimizer then  $f$  is convex
- b) If a continuous function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is such that  $f$  is decreasing on  $(-\infty, x_0]$  and increasing on  $(x_0, +\infty]$
- c) A twice differentiable function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  whose derivative  $f'$  is non-decreasing is convex



## Exercise 0.9, 2019 review