

# Linear Algebra Lecture 27

## Positive Definite Matrix (Tests)

Tests for minimum ( $x^T A x > 0$ )

Ellipsoids in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$$

- ①  $\lambda_1 > 0 \quad \lambda_2 > 0$
- ②  $a > 0, \quad ac - b^2 > 0$
- ③ pivots  $a > 0 \quad \frac{ac - b^2}{a} > 0$
- ④  $x^T A x > 0 \quad (*)$

## Examples

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 18 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{pivots: } 2 \quad \text{positive semidefinite}$$
$$\lambda_1 = 0 \quad \lambda_2 = 20$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 20 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + 6x_2 \\ 6x_1 + 20x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

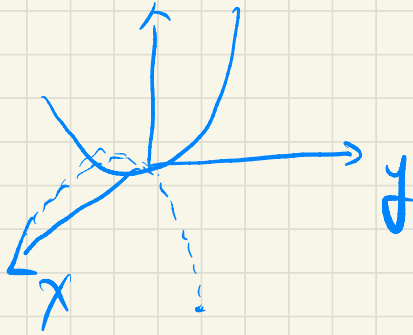
$$= 2x_1^2 + 12x_1x_2 + 20x_2^2 \quad (\text{quadratic form})$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ ax^2 & + & 2bxy & + & cy^2 \end{matrix}$$

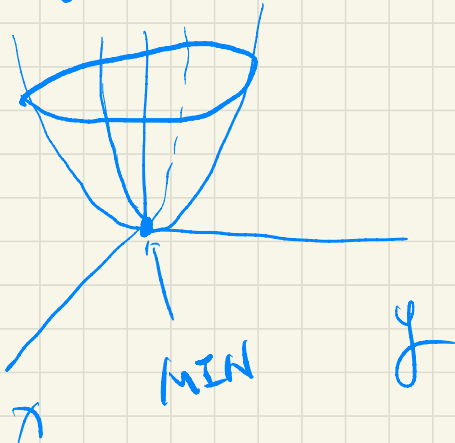
Graphs of  $f(x,y) = x^T A x = ax^2 + 2bxy + y^2$

$$= 2x_1^2 + 12x_1x_2 + 7x_2^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$f(x,y) = 2x^2 + 12x_1x_2 + 20x_2^2$$



1st deriv

$$1st \text{ DERIV} = 0$$

$$\text{Calculus: MIN} \sim \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} > 0$$

MIN  $\sim$  MATRIX of 2nd  
DERIVS is  
POSITIVE

2nd derivs decides the min or max

$$f(x,y) = 2x_1^2 + 12x_1x_2 + 20x_2^2$$

$$= 2(x_1 + 3x_2)^2 + 2x_2^2$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 20 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3x3 example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{det } 2, 3, 4 \\ \text{pivots } 2, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{4}{3} \\ \text{eigenvalues: } 2-\sqrt{2}, 2, 2+\sqrt{2} \end{array}$$

$$x^T A x = 2x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_2x_3 \rightarrow C$$