

# Linear Algebra Assignment 10

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## Exercise 1:

Prove the properties (i)-(v) mentioned in lecture 10.2

A real  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is *symmetric positive definite*, for short SPD, iff it is symmetric and if

$$x^T A x > 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ with } x \neq 0$$

The following facts about a symmetric positive definite matrix  $A$  are easily established:

(1) The matrix  $A$  is invertible

**Proof:**

By the rank-nullity theorem,  $\text{rank}(A) + \dim(\text{null}(A)) = n$

$$x \in \text{null}(A), \quad Ax = 0$$

$$x^T A x = 0, \text{ and by definition of SPD matrix, if } x \neq 0, x^T A x > 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0$$

$$\dim(\text{null}(A)) = 0$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = n, \text{ thus invertible}$$

□

(2) We have  $a_{ii} > 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Proof:**

$$e_{ii}^T A e_{ii} > 0 \text{ for all } i \in 1, \dots, n$$

$$e_{ii}^T A e_{ii} = a_{ii} > 0$$

□

(3) For every  $n \times n$  real invertible matrix  $Z$ , the matrix  $Z^T A Z$  is real symmetric positive definite iff  $A$  is real symmetric positive definite.

**Proof:**

Let  $A$  be a SPD

$$x^T (Z^T A Z) x = (x^T Z^T) A (Zx) = (Zx)^T A (Zx)$$

$$= y^T A y > 0 \quad (y = Zx)$$

$\therefore Z^T A Z$  is a SPD matrix.

□

(4) The set of  $n \times n$  real symmetric positive definite matrices is convex. This means that if  $A$  and  $B$  are two  $n \times n$  SPD matrices, then for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ , the matrix  $(1 - \lambda)A + \lambda B$  is also SPD.

**Proof:**

a) Symmetric

$$(1 - \lambda)A^T + \lambda B^T = (1 - \lambda)A + \lambda B$$

b) Positive definite

$$x^T((1 - \lambda)A + \lambda B)x = (1 - \lambda)x^T A x + \lambda x^T B x > 0 \quad (0 \leq \lambda \leq 1)$$

$(1 - \lambda)A + \lambda B$  is SPD.

□

(5) The set of  $n \times n$  real symmetric positive definite matrices is a cone. This means that if  $A$  is SPD and if  $\lambda > 0$  is any real, then  $\lambda A$  is SPD.

**Proof:**

a) Symmetric

$$(\lambda A)^T = \lambda A^T = \lambda A$$

b) Positive definite

$$x^T(\lambda A)x = \lambda x^T A x > 0 \quad (\lambda > 0)$$

$\therefore \lambda A$  is SPD.

□

## Exercise 2 (Problem 8.4):

Solve the system using LU-factorization.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 8 & 7 & 9 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 9 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 8 & 7 & 9 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 9 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 & 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \\
&x_4 = 3, x_3 = -1, x_2 = -5, x_1 = 3.5 \\
&x = \begin{pmatrix} 3.5 \\ -5 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 3 (Problem 8.13):**

(1) Find a lower triangular matrix  $E$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
&E \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(2) What is the effect of the product (on the left ) with

$$E_{4,3;-1}E_{3,2;-1}E_{4,3;-1}E_{2,1;-1}E_{3,2;-1}E_{4,3;-1}$$

$$E_{i,j,\beta} = I + \beta e_{i,j}$$

on the matrix

$$Pa_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$E_{i,j;-1}$  represent changing row  $i \Rightarrow$  row  $i$  - row  $j$

Applying this from the right side to left,

$$Pa_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(3) Find the inverse of the matrix  $Pa_3$

$$(Pa_3)^{-1} = E_{4,3;-1}E_{3,2;-1}E_{4,3;-1}E_{2,1;-1}E_{3,2;-1}E_{4,3;-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
& \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
& \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
& \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
& (Pa_3)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

(4) Consider the  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  Pascal matrix  $Pa_n$  whose  $i$ th row is given by the binomial coefficient

$$\binom{i-1}{j-1},$$

with  $1 \leq i \leq n+1, 1 \leq j \leq n+1$  and with the usual convention that

$$\binom{0}{0} = 1, \binom{i}{j} = 0 \text{ if } j > i$$

$$Pa_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find  $n$  elementary matrices  $E_{i_l, j_k; \beta_k}$  such that

$$E_{i_{n-1}, j_{n-1}; \beta_n} \cdots E_{i_1, j_1; \beta_1} Pa_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & Pa_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{2,1;-1} \cdots E_{n,n-1;-1},$$

$$i_k = n - k + 1, j_k = n - k$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_k &= -1 \quad (\forall k = 1, \dots, n-1) \\
\binom{n}{k} - \binom{n-1}{k} &= \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k} - \binom{n-1}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1} \\
(E_{2,1;-1} \cdots E_{n,n-1;-1} P a_n)_{i,j} &= \binom{i-1}{j-1} - \binom{i-2}{j-1} = \binom{i-2}{j-2} \\
\therefore E_{2,1;-1} \cdots E_{n,n-1;-1} P a_n &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & P a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Use the above to prove that the inverse of  $P a_n$  is the lower triangular matrix whose  $i$ th row is given by the signed binomial coefficients

$$(-1)^{i+j-2} \binom{i-1}{j-1} = (-1)^{i+j} \binom{i-1}{j-1}$$

For example,

$$P a_4^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 6 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$