

Q5)

Constraints given:

 f is perpendicular to e

$(f^t e = 0 = e^t f)$

 f is a unit vector

$(f^t f = 1)$

$e^t C e = \lambda_1$

We need to maximise $f^t C f$
 given $f^t f = 1$ and $f^t e = 0$, using Lagrange multipliers

$$J(f) = f^t C f - \lambda (f^t f - 1) - \delta (f^t e)$$

Take derivative of $J(f)$ wrt f^t and equating it to zero

$$2Cf - 2\lambda f - \delta e = 0$$

(Multiplying both sides by e^t)

$$2e^t C f - 2\lambda e^t f - \delta e^t e = 0$$

Since $Ce = \lambda_1 e \Rightarrow e^t C^t = \lambda_1 e^t$ (transpose)

C is covariance matrix \Rightarrow it is symmetric since

covariance of x_i and x_j is same as covariance of x_j and x_i .

Thus, $e^t C = e^t C^t = \lambda_1 e^t$

$$\Rightarrow e^t C f = \lambda_1 e^t f = 0 \quad (\text{as } e^t f = 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = 0 \text{ as } e^t C f = 0, \text{ so}$$

$$Cf - \lambda f = 0 \Rightarrow f^t C f = \lambda$$

In order to maximise $f^t C f$, λ must be maximised. Since $\text{rank}(C) > 2$ and e is the

eigenvector corresponding to λ_1 , hence the next largest value of λ can be λ_2 (2nd largest eigenvalue).

Thus f is the eigenvector corresponding to λ_2 .