

CH 7 Symmetric Matrices and Quadratic Forms

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0.1 Diagonalization of Symmetric Matrices

Symmetric MX: a MX that $A^T = A$ (is square) maybe: row $i = \text{col } i$?

0.1.1 Orthogonal Evec Symmetry Theorem

if A is symmetric, then any two Evec from different ES are orthogonal.

0.1.2 Orthogonally Diagonalizable Theorem

a $n \times n$ is orthogonally diagonalizable if there are an orthogonal P ($P^{-1} = P^T$) and D such that:

$$A = PDP^T = PDP^{-1}$$

Theorem: $n \times n$ A is orthogonally diagonalizable IFF A is a symmetric matrix.

0.1.3 Spectral Theorem

set of Evec of A is sometimes called the spectreum of A .

Theorem: a $n \times n$ symmetric A has:

- A has n real Evec, counting multiplicities.
- \dim of ES for each EV λ equals the multiplicity of λ as a root of the chara equation.
- ES are mutually orthogonal: Evec corresponding to different EV are orthogonal.
- A is orthogonally diagonalizable.

0.1.4 Spectral Decomposition

$$A = \cdots + \lambda_n \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{u}_n^T$$

because it breaks up A into pieces determined by the spectrum of A.

$\mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{u}_j^T$ is a projection matrix:

for each \mathbf{x} , the vector $(\mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{u}_j^T) \mathbf{x}$ is the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{x} onto subS spanned by \mathbf{u}_j

0.2 Quadratic Forms

a quadratic form on \mathbb{R}^n is a fcn Q defined on \mathbb{R}^n whose value at \mathbf{x} is \mathbb{R} can be computed by $Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ where A is nxn symmetric.

That A is the MX of the quadratic form.

quadratic forms are easier when no cross-product terms (when MX of quadratic form is diagonal)

cross-product term can be eliminated with change of variables

0.2.1 Change of Variable in a Quadratic Form

if \mathbf{x} is a variable vec in \mathbb{R}^n , then change of variable is an equation of the form:

$$\mathbf{x} = P \mathbf{y} \text{ or } \mathbf{y} = P^{-1} \mathbf{x}$$

CHANGE OF VARIABLES (not change of coordinates)

*read 404 and check Theorem 2

SEE FIG1

0.2.2 The Principal Axes Theorem

A is nxn symmetric, then there is an orthogonal change of variable $\mathbf{x} = P \mathbf{y}$ that transforms the quadratic form $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ into a quadratic form $\mathbf{y}^T D \mathbf{y}$ with no cross-product term ($x_1 x_2$)

col of P in the theorem are the principle axes of $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$.

\mathbf{y} is the coordinate vec of \mathbf{x} relative to the orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^n given by these principle axes

0.2.3 Geometry of Principle Axes

if $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = c$ where A is an invertible 2x2 symm, then it is either an ellipse, hyperbola, intersecting lines, a point, or no points.

If A is a DMX, then graph is in standard position.

nonDMX is rotated out of standard position.

The principle axes (determined by Evec of A) means finding a new coord system wrt which the graph is in standard position.

SEE EX5

0.2.4 Classifying Quadratic Forms

quadratic form Q is:

- a. positive definite if $Q(\mathbf{x}) > 0$ for all $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$
- b. negative definite if $Q(\mathbf{x}) < 0$ for all $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$
- c. indefinite if $Q(\mathbf{x})$ assumes both positive and negative vals

Q is positive semidefinite if ≥ 0

Q is negative semidefinite if ≤ 0

0.2.5 QF and EV Theorem

let A be nxn symm. then QF $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ is:

- a. +def IFF EV of A are all positive
- b. -def IFF EV of A are all negative
- c. indefinite IFF A has both positive and negative EV

see diagram

0.2.6 QF MX

positive definite MX is a SMX for which the QF is +def

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0.3 Constrained Optimization

the requirement that \mathbf{x} is a unit vector:

mag = 1, mag squared = 1, $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$

See EX1 for min/max of Q

0.3.1 Optimization for SMX Theorem

let A be SMX, m is min, M is max EV of A .

value of $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ is M when \mathbf{x} is a unit Evec \mathbf{u} corresponding to M .

the value of $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ is m when \mathbf{x} is a unit Evec corresponding to m .

0.3.2 Maximum for SMX Theorem(SEE NEXT THEOREM)

$\mathbf{a}, \lambda, \mathbf{u}$ as in previous thm, max val of $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ is subject to:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1, \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_1 = 0$$

is the second greatest EV λ_2 , and this max is attained when \mathbf{x} is an Evec \mathbf{u}_2 corresponding to λ_2

0.3.3 General Maximum for SMX Theorem

let A be symm nxn w/ orthogonal diagonalization $A = P D P^{-1}$ where the entries on the diag of D are arranged so that each EV is less than the previous entry, where col of P are corresponding unit Evec \mathbf{u} . Then for $k = 2, \dots, n$, the maximum value of $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ subject to:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1, \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_1 = 0, \dots, \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_{k-1} = 0$$

is the EV λ_k and this max is at $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u}_k$

0.4 APPLICATIONS to Image Processing and Stats

later in STATS and round2