

3.1 I. A symmetric matrix  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  is positive semidefinite  $\Rightarrow \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, x^T K x \geq 0$

By properties of symmetric matrix, we have

$K = Q A Q^T$  ( $Q$  is orthogonal matrix,  $A$  is diagonal matrix with entries to be eigenvalues of  $K$ )

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, x^T K x = x^T Q A Q^T x \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{Let } P = x^T Q, \text{ then } \textcircled{1} = P A P^T = P \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_d \end{bmatrix} P^T = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i p_i^2 \dots \textcircled{2}$$

And from the definition of positive semidefinite, we have  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ , and

we also know  $p_i^2 \geq 0$ , then we know  $\textcircled{2} \geq 0 \Rightarrow x^T K x \geq 0$ , proof done

II.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, x^T K x \geq 0 \Rightarrow$  A symmetric matrix  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  is positive semidefinite

Above is equal to prove its contrapositive, which is

$\forall$  symmetric matrix  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  is not positive semidefinite  $\Rightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{R}^d, x^T K x < 0$

then we have  $\lambda < 0$  such that  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \lambda x = K x \ (x \neq \vec{0}) \dots \textcircled{3}$

$$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow x^T \lambda x = x^T K x \Rightarrow \lambda (x^T x) = x^T K x$$

Since  $\lambda < 0, x^T x > 0$ , then we have  $x^T K x = \lambda (x^T x) < 0$

Contrapositive is true, then II. is true, proof done.