

# Lecture: # 25

\* Symmetric matrices,  
Eigenvalues / Eigen vectors

\* Start with Positive Definite matrices,

$$A = A^T$$

① The eigen values are Real.

② The eigen vectors are Perpendicular.

can be chosen (in case of repeated eigen value)

Usual  
case

$$A = S \Lambda S^{-1}$$

symmetric  
case

$$A = Q \Lambda Q^{-1}$$

Orthonormal  
eigen vectors  
column of  $Q$ .

Note matrix with orthonormal column  $\vec{j}$

$$\text{has } Q^{-1} = Q^T$$

$$A = Q \Lambda Q^T \quad \checkmark \text{ for symmetric matrix}$$

③ Why real eigenvalues?

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

always  $\Rightarrow$

$$A^T x = \bar{\lambda} x$$

transpose

$$\bar{x}^T A x = \bar{x}^T \lambda x = \bar{\lambda} \bar{x}^T x$$

A is symmetric  
then  $A^T = A$



$$(*) (a-ib)(a+ib) = a^2 + b^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$\swarrow$  its conjugate

↳ imaginary part is gone.

### # Good matrices

Real  $n \times n$   
Perpendicular  $n \times n$

$$\rightarrow A = A^T \text{ (if real)}$$

if  $A$  is complex &  $A = \overline{A}^T \leftarrow$  good matrix /  
not just transpose, but conjugate it.

### # $A = A^T$ (Symmetric)

$$A = Q \Lambda Q^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ q_1 & q_2 & & \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1^T \\ -q_2^T \\ \vdots \\ q_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$\swarrow$  ortho eig-vectors       $\swarrow$  e-value

$$= \lambda_1 q_1 q_1^T + \lambda_2 q_2 q_2^T + \dots$$

$\swarrow$  Projection matrix

Note: Every Symm matrix is a combination of mutually or projection matrices. / (Spectral theorem)

# Now, eigen values are real for symm matrix.  
What about the positive & negative e-values?



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Sign of pivots are same as sign of  $\lambda$ 's.

# no of +ve pivots = # positive  $\lambda$ 's

$\Rightarrow$  product of pivot = product of eigen values  
if no row exchange.

## # Positive definite matrix (symmetric)

- fact
- all e-values are positive
  - all the pivots are positive

ex:

product of pivot =  $\det(A)$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{pivots are } (5), ?$$

product =  $\det(A)$

$$15 - 4 = (11)$$

$$\text{so 2nd pivot} = (5/11)$$

$$\text{pivots} = (5), (5/11)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 11 = 0$$

$$\text{E-value :- } \lambda = 4 \pm \sqrt{5}$$

fact

determinant of positive definite matrix  
all sub determinants are positive.



## Problem

Explain why each of the following is true or false.

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- (a) Every +ve definite matrix is invertible.
- (b) The only positive definite projection matrix is  $P=I$

(c)  $D$  is diagonal with +ve entries is +ve definite

(d)  $S$  symmetric with  $\det S > 0$

might not be +ve definite.

(e) if  $A$  is invertible  $\Rightarrow \det A = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \dots \lambda_n$  (E-value)

if  $A$  is +ve definite  $\Rightarrow$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{so } \det A = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \dots \lambda_n > 0 \neq 0$$

Hence  $A$  must be invertible.

(f) if  $P$  is projection  $\Rightarrow$  E-values of  $P$  is either 0 or 1.

• if  $P$  is +ve definite

$$\Rightarrow \text{E-values} > 0;$$

Conclusion

eigen value of  $P$  must all equal 1, which matrix has eigen value 1 & symmetric.  $\hookrightarrow$  is Identity matrix.

if  $P$  diagonalizable

$$P = S I S^{-1} \Rightarrow S S^{-1} = I$$

$$\boxed{P=I}$$



©  $D = \text{diag} (d_1 \ d_2 \ \dots \ d_n)$   
 ↳ items along diagonal

if  $D$  is +ve definite  
 show for any vector  $x$ ,  $x \neq 0$

$$x^T D x > 0$$

$$x^T = (x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n)$$

$$x^T D x = d_1 x_1^2 + d_2 x_2^2 + \dots + d_n x_n^2 > 0$$

④  $S = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$  ~~is~~ -ve;  $\rightarrow$  not positive definite

$$\det S = 6 - 1 = 5$$

$$x^T S x \rightarrow x = (1 \ 0)^T$$

$$x^T S x = -3$$

↳ ~~hence cannot~~

since element is -ve, this shows us that ~~the direction~~ along the direction  $[1, 0]$ , the product  $x^T S x$  is also -ve.  
 Hence, not +ve definite.