

Math 725 – Advanced Linear Algebra  
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All about Matrices/Transformations

Important terms:

- (1) minimum polynomial: The polynomial,  $p$ , with lowest degree such that  $p(T) = 0, \forall x \in F$ .
  - i) The roots of the minimum polynomial are eigenvalues.
  - ii) If the roots have singular multiplicity, then the matrix is diagonalizable.
- (2) characteristic polynomial
  - $\det(xI - T)$  forms a polynomial.
  - i) the characteristic polynomial is divided by the minimum polynomial.
  - ii) the characteristic polynomial and the minimum polynomial have the same roots, i.e, the same eigenvalues
  - iii) if all of the factors of the characteristic polynomial are simple (i.e., have degree one) then it is the minimum polynomial.
- (3) triangularizable: a matrix that has zeros below the diagonal. All matrices over the complex numbers are triangularizable.
- (4) diagonalizable: a matrix that has zeros everywhere except the diagonal.
- (5) **Inner Product Space** defines an inner product. The primary ability of the Inner Product is define orthogonality, orthonormal basis and norm. An inner product  $\langle \rangle$  has the following properties.
  - i)  $\langle u + v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle$
  - ii)  $\langle cv, w \rangle = c \langle v, w \rangle$  and  $\langle v, dw \rangle = \bar{d} \langle v, w \rangle$
  - iii)  $\langle w, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, w \rangle}$
  - iv)  $\langle v, v \rangle > 0$  and  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$  if  $v = 0$
- (6) norm: is a function  $\| \cdot \| : F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the following properties:
  - i)  $\| \cdot \| \geq 0$ .
  - ii)  $\| cv \| = |c| \| v \|$ .
  - iii)  $\| v + w \| \leq \| v \| + \| w \|$  (triangular inequality).
- (7) orthogonal:  $u, v$  are orthogonal is  $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$  and  $u \neq 0$  and  $v \neq 0$ .  
if  $Q$  is an *orthogonal matrix* if  $QQ^T = I$ .
- (8) orthonormal.  $u, v$  are said to be orthonormal if they both have length one.  
Every finite dimensional inner product space has an orthonormal basis. Every linear operator  $T$  has an upper triangular matrix  $[T]_B^B$  w.r.t. an orthonormal basis.
- (9) orthogonal compliment. Given any set  $S \subseteq V$  then  $S^\perp = \{v \in V : \langle v, w \rangle = 0, \forall w \in S\}$   
Any subspace  $W \subseteq V$ , then  $V = W \oplus W^\perp$ .
- (10) adjoint:  $T^* \in \mathcal{L}(W, V) \rightarrow \langle Tv, w \rangle_W = \langle v, T^*w \rangle_V$   
Properties (analogous to complex arithmetic):
  - i) Additive:  $(S + T)^* = S^* + T^*, \forall S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .
  - ii) Scalar Multiplication:  $(\lambda T)^* = \bar{\lambda} T^*, \forall T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W) \text{ \& } \lambda \in F$
  - iii) Multiplication anti-commutative:  $(S \circ T)^* = T^* \circ S^*, \forall T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V) \text{ \& } S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$
  - iv) Inverse:  $(T^*)^* = T, \forall T \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$
  - v) If  $T = U_1 + iU_2$  then
    - a)  $U_1 = \frac{1}{2}(T + T^*), U_1^* = U_1$
    - b)  $U_2 = \frac{1}{2i}(T - T^*), U_2^* = U_2$

c) Note:  $U_1, U_2$  "look" like real numbers.

Matrices:

Given orthonormal bases  $B, B'$  on  $V, W$ , respectively. then  $[T]_{B'}^B = A, [T^*]_B^{B'} = A^* \implies A^* = \overline{A^T}$ , i.e, if  $W = V$  then  $T$  is an operator and  $A$  is Hermitian/Symmetric.

- (11) self-adjoint:  $T = T^*$
- a) All  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  for eigenvalues of  $T$ .
  - b)  $\langle Tv, v \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$  even if  $V$  is complex.
  - c) if  $\langle Tv, v \rangle = 0, \forall v \in V$  then  $T = 0$ .
- (12) normal: If  $TT^* = T^*T$  then  $T$  is said to be normal. Self-adjoint implies Normal but not visa versa.
- a) If  $Tv = \lambda v$  then  $T^*v = \bar{\lambda}v$ .
  - b)  $T$  normal  $\iff$  diagonalizable w.r.t. orthonormal basis.
  - c)  $[T]_B^B$  is hermitian, i.e,  $A = [T]_B^B = \overline{A^T} = A^*$
  - d)  $\exists Q \rightarrow QQ^* = I$  and  $A = Q^* \Lambda Q$  where  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix consisting of eigenvalues and  $Q$  is a matrix consisting of orthonormal column eigenvectors (i.e., unitary).
  - e) iff  $\|Tv\| = \|T^*v\|, \forall v \in V$ .
  - f) eigenvectors from different eigenvalues are orthogonal to each other.
- (13) unitary: a matrix made up of orthonormal column vectors.
- the conjugate transpose is the inverse
  - determinant is one
- (14) (semi-)positive definite when  $\langle Tv, v \rangle > 0, \forall v \neq 0$  semi- implies  $\langle Tv, v \rangle \geq 0, \forall v \neq 0$ . The following are equivalent
- i)  $T$  is (semi-)positive definite.
  - ii) eigenvalues of  $T$  are (semi-)positive.
  - iii)  $\exists R \in \mathcal{L}(V) \implies T = RR^*$ .
- (15) Theorem: Let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a polynomial in  $\mathbb{R}$  coefficients with degree  $2d$  and  $X^T$  be the set of possible terms whose exponents that added up to less than or equal to  $2d$ . Then  $f$  is a Sum of Squares if and only if there exists a positive semi-definite matrix  $A$  such that  $f = X^T A X$ .

This is useful in positive-definite multi-variable polynomials. These all have even valued degrees (hence the  $2d$  term), then bodes the question are they the sum of squares polynomials (i.e., equal to  $\sum p_i^2$  where  $p_i$  are multivariable polynomials).

- (16) Definition: The **Singular Value Decomposition**,  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r$  of  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  are the positive square roots of eigenvalues  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$  where  $\lambda_i \neq 0$  of the matrix  $K = A^T A$  (which is positive definite, hence all  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ ).
- (17) Single Value Decomposition Theorem:  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  of rank  $r$  can be factored as  $A = P \Sigma Q^T$  where
- $P \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times r}(\mathbb{R})$  with ornormal columns (i.e,  $P^T P = I_r$ ).
  - $\Sigma$  is a diagonal matrix made up of  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r$ .
  - $Q^T \in \mathcal{M}_{r \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  orthonormal rows ( $Q^T Q = I_r$ ).

- (18) Pseudo-Inverse (not square):  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(F)$  and  $A = U \Sigma V^T$  then  $A^+ \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(F)$  and

$$A^+ = V \Sigma^{-1} U^T$$

if  $A$  is square then

$$A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$$

(19) Definition: Given  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  then we define the **norm** of  $A$  as

$$\|A\| := \max_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|$$

Remark: if  $A$  has an SVD of  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$  then  $\|A\| = \sigma_1$ .

(20) Echart-Minsky-Young: Let  $A = \sum_{j=1}^r \sigma_j u_j v_j^T$  (the Single Value Decomposition of  $A$  as the sum of rank 1 matrices). For each  $1 \leq p \leq r$  let  $A_p = \sum_{j=1}^p \sigma_j u_j v_j^T$  (a rank  $p$  matrix). Then,

$$\|A - A_p\| = \min_{B \in F^{n \times n}} \|A - B\| \text{ where } \text{rank}(B) \leq p$$

hence  $A_p$  is the *closest* rank  $p$  matrix to  $A$ .

Important theorems:

- Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

Most notably that  $\mathbb{C}$  is algebraically closed (i.e., all polynomials have a zero).