

Quadratic Forms and Extrema of Functions of Many Variables
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Part 10

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Quadratic form $\xrightarrow{\text{scalar}}$ $Q = \langle \underline{x} | \underline{M} \underline{x} \rangle$
 $\xrightarrow{\text{real lin. operator}}$

In a given basis, $Q(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}^T \underline{M} \underline{x}$
 \hookrightarrow real matrix

$$\underline{M} = \underline{A} + \underline{B}$$

\downarrow real matrix
 \swarrow Symm \searrow anti-Symm.

$$\underline{A} = \frac{\underline{M} + \underline{M}^T}{2}; \quad \underline{B} = \frac{\underline{M} - \underline{M}^T}{2}$$

$$Q = \underline{x}^T \underline{M} \underline{x} = \underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{x}^T \underline{B} \underline{x}$$

$Q = Q^T$ Because Q is scalar

$$Q^T = (\underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x})^T + (\underline{x}^T \underline{B} \underline{x})^T$$

$$= \underline{x}^T \underline{A}^T \underline{x} + \underline{x}^T \underline{B}^T \underline{x}$$

$$Q^T = \underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} - \underline{x}^T \underline{B} \underline{x}$$

$$Q = \underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{x}^T \underline{B} \underline{x}$$

$$(\underline{A}\underline{B}\underline{C})^T = \underline{C}^T \underline{B}^T \underline{A}^T$$

antisymm.
 $\boxed{\underline{x}^T \underline{B} \underline{x} = 0}$

$$Q = \underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x}$$

\hookrightarrow Symm.

$$Q = (x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 3 & -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 3x_3^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 6x_1x_3 - 6x_2x_3$$

$$Q = \langle x | A x \rangle = \underline{x}^T \cdot \underline{A} \cdot \underline{x}$$

$$\underline{S}^{-1} = \underline{S}^T \quad (\text{orthogonal})$$

Transform: $\underline{x} = \underline{S} \cdot \underline{x}' \quad \underline{x}' = \underline{S}^{-1} \cdot \underline{x}$

$$\underline{x}' = \underline{S}^T \cdot \underline{x}$$

$$Q = (\underline{S} \cdot \underline{x}')^T \cdot \underline{A} \cdot (\underline{S} \cdot \underline{x}') \\ = (\underline{x}')^T \cdot \underline{S}^T \cdot \underline{A} \cdot \underline{S} \cdot \underline{x}'$$

$$Q = (\underline{x}')^T \cdot \underline{S}^T \cdot \underline{A} \cdot \underline{S} \cdot \underline{x}'$$

$$Q = (\underline{x}')^T \cdot \underline{A}' \cdot \underline{x}' = \underline{x}'^T \cdot \underline{A} \cdot \underline{x}$$

eig vecs
 $\underline{A} \underline{e}_i = \lambda_i \underline{e}_i$

If we choose \underline{S} s.t. $(\underline{e}_1 \ \underline{e}_2 \ \dots \ \underline{e}_N) \rightarrow$ then $\underline{A}' \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \lambda_N \end{pmatrix}$

$$Q = (\underline{x}')^T \cdot \underline{A}' \cdot \underline{x}' \\ = (x'_1 \ x'_2 \ \dots \ x'_N) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & \lambda_N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ \vdots \\ x'_N \end{pmatrix} \\ = \lambda_1 x_1'^2 + \lambda_2 x_2'^2 + \dots + \lambda_N x_N'^2$$

No cross term ~~$x'_1 x'_2$~~

Extrema of fun. of many variables.

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right) = 0 \quad i=1 \dots N \rightarrow \underline{x}_0$$

$$\Delta f = f(\underline{x}) - f(\underline{x}_0) \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_i^N \sum_j^N \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right)_0}_{\underline{M}} \Delta x_i \Delta x_j$$

max, min or saddle.

eigenvalues

Hessian Matrix.

$$\Delta f \approx \frac{1}{2} \Delta \underline{x}^T \cdot \underline{M} \cdot \Delta \underline{x}$$

eig val. for \underline{M}

$$\underline{M} \underline{e}_i = \lambda_i \underline{e}_i$$

\underline{M} is real, Symm.

N real eig val. orthog. eig. vec

$$\Delta \underline{x} = \sum a_i \underline{e}_i$$

$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \underline{x}^T \cdot \underline{M} \cdot \Delta \underline{x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \Delta \underline{x}^T \sum a_i \underline{M} \cdot \underline{e}_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \Delta \underline{x}^T \sum a_i \lambda_i \underline{e}_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_j a_j \underline{e}_j^T \sum a_i \lambda_i \underline{e}_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \sum_i a_i a_j \lambda_i \underbrace{(\underline{e}_j^T \underline{e}_i)}_{\delta_{ij}}$$

$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i a_i^2 \lambda_i$$



For min: $\Delta f > 0 \rightarrow \lambda_i > 0$

For Max: $\Delta f < 0 \rightarrow \lambda_i < 0$

Saddle point \rightarrow Some λ_i 's +ve λ_i 's -ve