

# Solution to Assignment 0

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## Part I

**Problem 1.** Skipped.

**Problem 2.**

a)  $N(A^T A) = N(A)$

**Prove:** We want to prove two matrices have the same nullspace is equivalent to prove the following two equations have same solution set:

$$A^T A x = 0, A x = 0$$

One side:  $A x = 0 \Rightarrow A^T A x = 0 \Rightarrow N(A) \subset N(A^T A)$

The other side:  $A^T A x = 0 \Rightarrow x^T A^T A x = 0 \Rightarrow \|A x\|_2^2 = 0 \Rightarrow A x = 0 \Rightarrow N(A^T A) \subset N(A)$

Thus, we proved they have the same nullspace.

b)  $C(A^T A) = C(A^T)$

**Prove:** Suppose  $y \in C(A^T A)$ , then  $\exists x$  s.t.  $y = A^T A x = A^T (A x)$ , this implies that  $y \in C(A^T) \Rightarrow C(A^T A) \subset C(A^T)$ .

From (a), we know  $n - r(A^T A) = n - r(A) \Rightarrow r(A^T A) = r(A) = r(A^T)$ , thus the two column spaces have the same dimension. We have  $C(A^T A) = C(A^T)$ .

c)  $r(A) = r(A^T A) = r(A A^T)$

**Prove:** From (b) we know  $r(A A^T) = r(A) = r(A^T) = r(A^T A)$ .

**Problem 3.**  $A$  is SPD

a)  $A$  is non-singular.

**Prove:** If  $A$  is singular,  $\exists x \neq 0$  s.t.  $A x = 0 \Rightarrow x^T A x = 0$ , contradicting to positive definite.

b) All eigenvalues of  $A$  are positive.

**Prove:**  $A x = \lambda x \Rightarrow x^T A x = \lambda \|x\|_2^2 > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda > 0$ .

c)  $\exists$  full column rank matrix  $R$  s.t.  $A = R^T R$

**Prove:**  $A$  is real symmetric, it has an eigenvalue decomposition:  $A = U D U^T$ , from (b) we know that all entries of  $D$  are positive, then we can define  $\sqrt{D} = \text{diag}(\sqrt{\lambda_i})_{i=1}^n$ . Then we have

$$A = U \sqrt{D} \sqrt{D} U^T = (\sqrt{D} U^T)^T (\sqrt{D} U^T) = R^T R$$

**Problem 4.**

**Prove:**  $A$  is symmetric, then we have  $A = U D U^T = \sum_i \lambda_i u_i u_i^T$ , where  $U = [u_1, \dots, u_n]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x^T A x &= x^T \sum_i \lambda_i u_i u_i^T x \\ &= \sum_i \lambda_i x^T u_i u_i^T x \\ &\leq \sum_i \lambda_{\max} x^T u_i u_i^T x \\ &= \lambda_{\max} x^T \left( \sum_i u_i u_i^T \right) x \\ &= \lambda_{\max} x^T U U^T x \\ &= \lambda_{\max} x^T x \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have  $\frac{x^T A x}{x^T x} \leq \lambda_{\max}$ , when  $x$  is the eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_{\max}$ , the inequality attains equal. Thus we have

$$\lambda_{\max} = \sup_x \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x} = \sup_{\|x\|_2=1} x^T A x$$

## Part II

### Problem 5.

a) #nonzero eigenvalues of  $A^T A = r(A)$

**Prove:** Suppose  $A^T A = V D V^T$ , since  $V$  is invertible,  $r(A^T A) = r(D) = \# \text{nonzero eigenvalues}$ , and we know that  $r(A) = r(A^T A)$ , so #nonzero eigenvalues of  $A^T A = r(A)$ .

b)  $A^T A$  and  $A A^T$  share the same nonzero eigenvalues.

**Prove:** From (a), we know that  $A^T A$  and  $A A^T$  have the same number of nonzero eigenvalues, we just need to show each eigenvalue of  $A^T A$  is also an eigenvalue of  $A A^T$ .

Suppose  $A^T A x = \lambda x$ , then  $A A^T (A x) = \lambda (A x)$ ,  $\lambda$  is also an eigenvalue of  $A A^T$  with eigenvector  $A x$ .

The spectrum of  $A^T A = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r, 0_{r+1}, \dots, 0_n\}$

The spectrum of  $A A^T = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r, 0_{r+1}, \dots, 0_m\}$

Since  $A^T A$  is semi-positive definite, there is no negative eigenvalues. Thus we can write  $\lambda_i = \sigma_i^2$ .

c) Suppose  $A^T A v_i = \sigma_i^2 v_i$ ,  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$ , let  $u_i = \frac{A v_i}{\sigma_i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, r$ .

$$A A^T u_i = A A^T A v_i \frac{1}{\sigma_i} = \sigma_i A v_i = \sigma_i^2 u_i$$

Thus,  $u_i$  is eigenvector of  $A A^T$  corresponding to eigenvalue  $\sigma_i^2$ . We call  $v_i, u_i$  as singular vectors.

Up to now, we have an orthonormal set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$  in the rowspace of  $A$ , orthonormal set  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$  in the column space of  $A$ . We need extend the set to a basis.

Let  $v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n$  be the last  $n - r$  eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  corresponding to eigenvalue 0,  $u_{r+1}, \dots, u_m$  be the last  $m - r$  eigenvectors of  $A A^T$  corresponding to eigenvalue 0.

### d) Algorithm:

$\lambda, V = \text{eigen}(A^T A); \lambda, U = \text{eigen}(A A^T); r = \text{rank}(A)$

for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ :

$$\sigma_i = \text{sqrt}(\lambda_i), u_i = \frac{A v_i}{\sigma_i}$$

if  $m > n$ :

$$\Sigma = [\text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n), 0_{m-n}]^T$$

else:

$$\Sigma = [\text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m), 0_{n-m}]^T$$

### Problem 6.

a)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left( \frac{1}{2} \|X\beta - y\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\beta\|_2^2 \right) &= X^T (X\beta - y) + \lambda \beta \\ &= (X^T X + \lambda I) \beta - X^T y \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial \text{tr}(AX)}{\partial X} \right)_{i,j} &= \frac{\partial \text{tr}(AX)}{\partial x_{ij}} \\ &= \frac{\partial \sum_k \sum_i a_{ik} x_{ki}}{\partial x_{ij}} \\ &= a_{ji} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \text{tr}(AX)}{\partial X} &= A^T \end{aligned}$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \text{tr}(AXB)}{\partial X} &= \frac{\partial \text{tr}(BAX)}{\partial X} \\ &= A^T B^T\end{aligned}$$

d)

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial \text{tr}(AX^{-1}B)}{\partial X}\right)_{i,j} &= \frac{\partial \text{tr}(AX^{-1}B)}{\partial x_{ij}} \\ &= \frac{\partial \text{tr}(BAX^{-1})}{\partial x_{ij}} \\ &= \text{tr}\left(BA \frac{\partial X^{-1}}{\partial x_{ij}}\right) \\ &= \text{tr}(BA(-X^{-1}e_i e_j^T X^{-1})) \\ &= -\text{tr}(e_j^T X^{-1} B A X^{-1} e_i) \\ &= -e_j^T X^{-1} B A X^{-1} e_i \\ &= -(X^{-1} B A X^{-1})_{ji} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \text{tr}(AX^{-1}B)}{\partial X} &= -(X^{-1} B A X^{-1})^T\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 7.**

$$\begin{aligned}l(\mu, \Sigma | D) &= \ln\left(\prod_{i=1}^n p(X_i)\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \ln\left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu)\right)\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(\Sigma)) - \frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) \\ &= \Sigma^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) - n \Sigma^{-1} \mu \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\mu}^{(\text{MLE})} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial l}{\partial \Sigma} &= \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} (\log(\det(\Sigma))) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \{(x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu)\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \{\text{tr}(x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu)\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} (\Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}) \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\Sigma}^{(\text{MLE})} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) (x_i - \mu)^T\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 8.**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\|x\|_2^2) &= \mathbb{E}(x^T x) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(\text{tr}(x^T x)) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(\text{tr}(x x^T)) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbb{E}(x x^T)) \\ &= \text{tr}(\text{Var}(x) + \mathbb{E}(x) \mathbb{E}(x)^T) \\ &= \text{tr}(\Sigma) + \|\mathbb{E}(x)\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$