

## Homework 11

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Please follow the instructions for the “extended glossary” on separate paper (L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X it if you can!) Hand in your final draft, including full explanations and write your glossary in complete, mathematically and grammatically correct sentences. Your answers will be assessed for style and accuracy.

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## Extended Glossary

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## Exercises.

1. Find a singular value decomposition for the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We first realize

$$\text{rank}(A) = 3.$$

Next, compute  $A^T A$

$$\begin{aligned} A^T A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and realize

$$\text{rank}(A^T A) = 3.$$

Next, compute the eigenvalues for  $A^T A$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

Computing the matrix multiplication yields the following system of equations:

$$3a + 3d = \lambda a,$$

$$2b = \lambda b,$$

$$4c = \lambda c,$$

$$3a + 3d = \lambda d.$$

Immediately we see that  $\lambda = 2$  and  $\lambda = 4$  are eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  from equations (2) and (3). Adding equation (1) to (4) yields

$$6(a + d) = \lambda(a + d)$$

giving  $\lambda = 6$  as an eigenvalue.

Subtracting (1) from (4) yields

$$0 = \lambda(d - a)$$

giving  $\lambda = 0$  as an eigenvalue.

To recap, our distinct eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  are

$$\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 4, \lambda_3 = 6, \lambda_4 = 0.$$

The eigenvectors are found via finding the eigenspace of each corresponding eigenvalue.

$$E(\lambda = 2, A^T A) = \ker(A^T A - 2I) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$E(\lambda = 4, A^T A) = \ker(A^T A - 4I) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$E(\lambda = 6, A^T A) = \ker(A^T A - 6I) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$E(\lambda = 0, A^T A) = \ker(A^T A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Taking the nonzero vectors in each eigenspace and dividing each element by the norm of the vector it's in gives the orthonormal list

$$(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

Since we have an orthonormal list of length 4, this list is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Let

$$V = (\vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{v}_2 \quad \vec{v}_3 \quad \vec{v}_4) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Taking the 3 nonzero distinct eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  we compute the corresponding singular values.

$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\sigma_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\sigma_3 = \sqrt{\lambda_3} = \sqrt{6}$$

This gives

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{6} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For the nonzero eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  we compute  $U$  using the corresponding eigenvectors.

$$\vec{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma_1} A \vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_2} A \vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u}_3 = \frac{1}{\sigma_3} A \vec{v}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

The list  $(\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3)$  is an orthonormal list of length three and is thus an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Letting

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u}_1 & \vec{u}_2 & \vec{u}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & -1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

we see that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A\vec{v}_1 & A\vec{v}_2 & A\vec{v}_3 & A\vec{v}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \vec{u}_1 & \sigma_2 \vec{u}_2 & \sigma_3 \vec{u}_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that

$$AV = U\Sigma$$

yielding

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

Since  $V$  is an orthogonal matrix,  $V^{-1} = V^T$  and we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} A = U\Sigma V^T &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & -1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{6} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

2. Show that if  $A = U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^T$ , and  $A = U_2 \Sigma_2 V_2^T$  are two singular value decompositions of  $A$ , then  $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$ , that is, the singular values of  $A$  are uniquely determined by any SVD of  $A$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix. We have

$$A = U_2 \Sigma_2 V_2^T = U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^T$$

and

$$A^T A = V_2 \Sigma_2^T U_2^T U_2 \Sigma_2 V_2^T = V_1 \Sigma_1^T U_1^T U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^T.$$

Since  $U$  is an orthogonal  $m \times m$  matrix,  $U^T U = I_{m \times m}$ . We can therefore simplify the above to

$$A^T A = V_2 \Sigma_2^T \Sigma_1 V_2^T = V_1 \Sigma_1^T \Sigma_1 V_1^T.$$

But  $\Sigma$  is exactly the diagonal matrix with the entries being the square root of the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  in decreasing order. Thus  $\Sigma^T \Sigma$  is the diagonal matrix with entries of eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  in decreasing order. Since the eigenvalues of a square matrix  $A$  are unique, it must be that  $\Sigma_2^T \Sigma_2 = \Sigma_1^T \Sigma_1$ .  $\square$

3. Prove that if  $A$  is positive definite, then

(a) the singular values of  $A$  are the same as the (nonzero) eigenvalues of  $A$ .

**Proposition 1.** If  $A$  is positive definite,  $A^T A$  is positive definite.

*Proof.* Taking  $(A\vec{v})^T(A\vec{v})$  for  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$  gives

$$(A\vec{v})^T(A\vec{v}) = \|A\vec{v}\|^2 = \vec{v}^T A^T A \vec{v} \geq 0$$

Since  $A$  is positive definite it is a full rank matrix, and therefore  $A^T A$  is a full rank matrix giving  $A^T A$  is invertible and therefore zero is not an eigenvalue allowing us to strengthen the above inequality to

$$\|A\vec{v}\|^2 = \vec{v}^T A^T A \vec{v} > 0.$$

□

Now we begin the proof.

*Proof.* Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Matrix  $A$  being positive definite means

$$\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle = \vec{v}^T A \vec{w}$$

is an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , as well as that  $A$  is real and symmetric. It also gives us the fact that  $A$  is a full rank matrix. That is,  $A$  has no zero eigenvalues.

The singular values of  $A$  are the square root of the nonzero eigenvalues of  $A^T A$ . The  $n$  nonzero eigenvalues of  $A$  are

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$$

for  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Applying  $A^T$  to both sides gives

$$A^T A \vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}$$

$$A^T A \vec{v} = \lambda A^T \lambda \vec{v}$$

$$A^T A \vec{v} = \lambda \lambda A \vec{v}$$

$$A^T A \vec{v} = \lambda^2 \vec{v}.$$

That is, the nonzero eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  are the square of the eigenvalues of  $A$ . Thus singular values of  $A$  are the square root of these squared lambdas, i.e.

$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1^2} \geq \sigma_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2^2} \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r = \sqrt{\lambda_n^2},$$

giving that the singular values of  $A$  are the same as the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

□

(b) if  $A = U\Sigma V^T$  is a singular value decomposition of  $A$ , then  $U = V$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is positive definite and that  $A$  has singular value decomposition  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ .

As shown in part (a),

$$\Sigma_{n \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Right multiplying both sides of the SVD by  $V$  gives

$$AV = U\Sigma$$

since  $V$  is an orthogonal matrix in the decomposition. Consider, for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , the vector by vector multiplication. This yields

$$A\vec{v}_i = \vec{u}_i\lambda_i.$$

But since  $\vec{v}_i$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  (proved in part A), this becomes

$$A\vec{v}_i = \vec{u}_i\lambda_i = \vec{v}_i\lambda_i$$

giving  $U = V$ .

□

A real symmetric matrix is **positive definite** if for all  $\vec{x} \neq 0$ ,  $\vec{x}^T A \vec{x} > 0$

4. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a rank one matrix.

(a) Show that there exists unit vectors  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and a number  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $A = \alpha \vec{x} \vec{y}^T$ .

*Proof.*  $A$  being a rank 1 matrix means every single column of  $A$  is linearly dependent. That is,  $A$  can be written as an  $m \times 1$  column vector multiplied by a  $1 \times n$  vector of scalars. For  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$   $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$A = \vec{v} \vec{u}^T$$

where  $\vec{v}$  is the first column of  $A$  and  $\vec{u}$  consists of entries  $u_i$  - the scalars needed to multiply  $\vec{v}$  to get column  $i$  of  $A$ .

Normalizing things yields

$$A = \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{u}\| \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} \frac{\vec{u}^T}{\|\vec{u}\|}.$$

Letting  $\vec{x} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$ ,  $\vec{y}^T = \frac{\vec{u}^T}{\|\vec{u}\|}$  and  $\alpha = \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{u}\|$  completes the proof.

□

- (b) Find a compact singular value decomposition for  $A$ .

This is actually the same result as in part (a), but with some things to be noted.

Know  $A$  is of the form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \vec{v}_1 & \dots & u_n \vec{v}_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\vec{v}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then

$$A = \vec{v}_1 \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}^T = \vec{v}_1 \vec{u}^T.$$

The singular value is a  $1 \times 1$  matrix needed to "undo" the normalization of  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$ . Thus

$$A = \|u\| \|v\| \frac{\vec{v}}{\|v\|} \frac{u^T}{\|u\|} = \alpha \vec{x} \vec{y}^T$$

is a singular value decomposition for  $A$ .

- (c) If  $A = \alpha \vec{x} \vec{y}^T$  as in (a), find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A^T A$ .

Since  $A$  is a rank 1 matrix,  $A^T A$  is a rank 1 matrix. Thus

$$\dim \ker(A^T A) = n - 1$$

giving that  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue. The eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$  are contained in the kernel of  $A$  giving there are  $n - 1$  linearly independent eigenvectors in the kernel.

The only nonzero eigenvalue arises from squaring the singular value in the singular value decomposition of  $A$ . That is,

$$\lambda = \|\vec{u}\|^2 \|\vec{v}\|^2$$

is the eigenvalue of  $A$  ( $\vec{v}, \vec{u}$  as in (a)).

The eigenvector corresponding to this eigenvalue is the  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$A^T A \vec{v} = \alpha^2 \vec{v}.$$

5. If  $Q$  is an orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrix, find a singular value decomposition for  $Q$ .

If  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix then

$$Q^T Q = I_{n \times n}.$$

The  $n \times n$  identity has eigenvalue 1 with multiplicity  $n$ . That is,

$$\Sigma = I_{n \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

An orthogonal basis of eigenvectors of  $Q^T Q$  is the standard basis,  $(\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n)$ . That is

$$V = V^T = I_{n \times n}.$$

Thus

$$Q = U\Sigma V^T = UI_{n \times n}I_{n \times n} = U.$$

That is, for  $Q$  and orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrix,  $Q$  is its own singular value decomposition.

6. Recall that the Frobenius norm of a matrix  $A \in V = \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is

$$\|A\| = \sqrt{\langle A, A \rangle} = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} A_{i,j}^2}$$

where

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \sum_{i,j} A_{i,j} B_{i,j}$$

This is sometimes written as  $\|A\|_F$ .

We also assume that  $A = \sigma_1 \vec{u}_1 \vec{v}_1^T + \dots + \sigma_r \vec{u}_r \vec{v}_r^T$  arises from a compact singular value decomposition of  $A$ .

For  $k \leq r$ , let

$$A_k := A = \sigma_1 \vec{u}_1 \vec{v}_1^T + \dots + \sigma_k \vec{u}_k \vec{v}_k^T.$$

- (a) Show that for  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{trace}(A^T B) = \text{trace}(B A^T).$$

*Recall that the  $\text{tr}(C)$  of a square matrix  $C$  is the sum of its diagonal entries. Also note the key property that  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$  whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are well defined.*

*Proof.* For  $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$ ,

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \sum_{i,j} A_{i,j} B_{i,j}$$

$A^T B$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix where the  $j^{\text{th}}$  diagonal entry is

$$\sum_{i=1}^m A_{j,i}^T B_{i,j}.$$

Summing over the  $n$  diagonals gives

$$\text{trace}(A^T B) = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m A_{i,j} B_{i,j}.$$

Similarly,  $B A^T$  is the  $m \times m$  matrix where the  $i^{\text{th}}$  diagonal entry is

$$\sum_{j=1}^n B_{i,j} A_{j,i}^T$$



giving

$$\text{trace}(BA^T) = \sum_{j=1}^n B_{i,j}A_{i,j}.$$

Summing over the  $m$  diagonals gives

$$\text{trace}(BA^T) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n B_{i,j}A_{i,j}$$

as desired. □

(b) Show that the matrices

$$M_i = \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T$$

are orthonormal, and consequently

$$\|A\|^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2$$

*A fact used in this proof is that the squared norm of an orthonormal linear combination is the sum of squares of the coefficients. That is, if  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is an orthonormal list of vectors in a finite inner product space  $V$  over  $\mathbb{F}$ ,*

$$\|a_1 \vec{e}_1 + \dots + a_n \vec{e}_n\|^2 = |a_1|^2 + \dots + |a_n|^2$$

for all  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}$ .

*Proof.* Consider  $1 \leq i \leq r$ . To show that  $M_i$  are orthonormal we need to show that

$$\langle M_i, M_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}.$$

Consider first  $i = j$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle M_i, M_i \rangle &= \langle \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T, \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T \rangle = \text{trace}(\vec{v}_i \vec{u}_i^T \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T) \\ &= \text{trace}(\vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i^T) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Next, consider  $i \neq j$ , then

$$\langle M_i, M_j \rangle = \langle \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T, \vec{u}_j \vec{v}_j^T \rangle = \text{trace}(\vec{v}_i \vec{u}_i^T \vec{u}_j \vec{v}_j^T) = 0$$

as desired.

Now we know that  $(M_1, \dots, M_r)$  is an orthonormal list and so using the fact above

$$\langle A, A \rangle = \|A\|^2 = \|\sigma_1 M_1 + \dots + \sigma_r M_r\|^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2$$

as desired. □

(c) Find  $\|A - A_k\|$ . First note

$$A - A_k = \sigma_{k+1}M_{k+1} + \dots + \sigma_r M_r$$

so that

$$\|A - A_k\| = \sqrt{\sigma_{k+1}^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}.$$

(d) Show that if  $Q$  is an orthogonal  $m \times m$  matrix, then

$$\|QA\| = \|A\|.$$

What is  $\|A\| = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} U & \Sigma & V^T \end{bmatrix} \right\|$  for a singular value decomposition of  $A$ ?

*Proof.* If  $Q$  is an orthogonal  $m \times m$  matrix, and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  then

$$\|QA\|^2 = \langle QA, QA \rangle = \text{trace}(A^T Q^T QA) = \text{trace}(A^T I_{m \times m} A) = \|A\|^2$$

so that

$$\|QA\|^2 = \|A\|^2 \implies \|QA\| = \|A\|.$$

For  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ ,

$$\|A\| = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} U & \Sigma & V^T \end{bmatrix} \right\|$$

so that

$$\|A\|^2 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} U & \Sigma & V^T \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2$$

giving

$$\langle A, A \rangle = \text{trace}(V\Sigma^T \Sigma V^T) = \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_r$$

where the  $\lambda_i$  are the nonzero eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  ordered so that  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r$ . Thus,

$$\|A\| = \sqrt{\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_r}$$

□

## Part 2

1. Prove that if  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , then  $A$  and  $A^T$  are similar. (Hint: use Jordan canonical form!).

*This was done in a roundabout fashion, but uses a lot of course material to do so I left it as is.*

*Proof.* First we show that  $A$  and  $A^T$  have the same eigenvalues (without using similarity). Suppose that  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is an eigenvector corresponding to eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$ . Let  $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then by definition of adjoint have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle A\vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle &= \langle \vec{v}, A^* \vec{w} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, \lambda \vec{w} \rangle = \langle \lambda \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle \\ &\implies \langle \vec{v}, \lambda \vec{w} - A^* \vec{w} \rangle = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\vec{v} \neq 0$  it must be that

$$\lambda \vec{w} - A^* \vec{w} = \vec{0} \implies A^* \vec{w} = \lambda \vec{w}$$

giving  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^*$ . Not shown is that the eigenspace dimension of each eigenvalue remains the same as a result of the rank-nullity theorem.

Next, suppose the general case where  $A$  has  $m \leq n$  distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ . Then  $A$  is similar to a direct sum of Jordan blocks:

$$A \sim J(\lambda_1, \underline{k}^{(1)}) \oplus \dots \oplus J(\lambda_m, \underline{k}^{(m)})$$

where  $\underline{k}^{(i)}$  is the partition consisting of  $\dim(E_{\lambda_i})$  parts.

As proved above,  $A^T$  has the same eigenvalues as  $A$ , and the dimension of the eigenspace of each eigenvalue remains the same. Thus, similarly,

$$A^T \sim J(\lambda_1, \underline{k}^{(1)}) \oplus \dots \oplus J(\lambda_m, \underline{k}^{(m)})$$

where  $\underline{k}^{(i)}$  is the partition consisting of  $\dim(E_{\lambda_i})$  parts.

Since similarity is an equivalence relation, it follows that  $A \sim A^T$ . □

2. Let

$$N = J(0; k_1, \dots, k_r) = J(0, k_1) \oplus \dots \oplus J(0, k_r),$$

where  $k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_r > 0$  and  $J(\lambda, p)$  is the Jordan block with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of size  $p \times p$ .

*The fact  $N$  is a nilpotent matrix may be used without proof.*

*Recall that a nilpotent matrix is said to be **of index**  $m$  if  $N^m = 0$  but  $N^{m+1} \neq 0$ .*

Find, in terms of the partition  $(k_1, \dots, k_r)$ , the following:

- (a)  $\dim \ker(N)$ ,  $\text{rank}(N)$ .

$$\dim \ker(N) = \dim \ker(J(0, k_1) + \dots + J(0, k_r)) = \sum_{i=1}^r \dim \ker(0, k_i).$$

That is, the dimension of the kernel of  $N$  is the sum of the dimension of the kernel of each Jordan block.

By rank-nullity, it follows that

$$\text{rank}(N) = (k_1 + \dots + k_r) - \sum_{i=1}^r \dim \ker J(0, k_i)$$

- (b) the index of the nilpotent matrix  $N$ .

The index of  $N$  is either the  $\text{rank}(N)$  or the  $\text{rank}(N) + 1$ , where the  $\text{rank}(N)$  is as defined above.

- (c) the geometric and algebraic multiplicity of  $\lambda$  for  $A$  if  $A = \lambda I + N$ .

Suppose that  $n = k_1 + \dots + k_r$ .

The algebraic multiplicity is the dimension of the generalized eigenspace of  $\lambda$ , and the geometric multiplicity is the dimension of the eigenspace of  $\lambda$ . They are as follows:

$$\dim G_\lambda(A) = \dim \ker((A - \lambda I)^n) = \sum_{i=1}^r k_i = n$$

$$\dim E_\lambda(A) = \dim \ker(A - \lambda I) = \dim \ker(N) = \sum_{i=1}^r \dim \ker(J(0, k_i))$$

- (d)  $\dim \ker(N^2)$ ,  $\dim \ker(N^3)$ . What about  $\dim \ker(N^m)$  in general.

$$\dim \ker(N^2) = k_2 + \dim \ker N = k_1 + k_1$$

$$\dim \ker(N^3) = k_3 + \dim \ker N^2 = k_3 + k_2 + k_1$$

$$\dim \ker(N^m) = k_m + \dim \ker N^{m-1}$$

- (e) Does knowing  $\dim \ker(N^m)$  for all  $m$  determine  $(k_1, \dots, k_r)$ ? Either prove this or give a counter example.

*Proof.* Suppose that we know  $\dim \ker(N^m)$  for all  $m$ . Also suppose that  $N$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix.

The rank of  $N$  is

$$\nabla_1 = n - \dim \ker(N)$$

giving that the Jordan Canonical Form of  $N$  has  $\nabla_1$  ones.

Assume there are  $r$  blocks, and let the  $i^{\text{th}}$  block be denoted by  $k_i$ . Then  $k_1 + \dots + k_r = n$  in a way such that  $k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_r > 0$ .

Assume there are  $j$  blocks. We can rewrite the rank in terms of these blocks as

$$\nabla_1 - j = (k_1 - 1) + \dots + (k_r - 1) \implies j = \dim \ker N.$$

So the partition will consist of  $j$  blocks.

The first block will have dimension

$$k_1 = \dim \ker N,$$

the second will have

$$k_2 = \dim \ker N^2 - \dim \ker N,$$

$$\vdots$$

The last will have

$$k_r = \dim \ker (N^r) - \dim \ker N^{r-1},$$

all subject to constrictions above. That is, once one has value 1, the rest will have value 1.

□

3. Find the Jordan canonical form of the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{C}^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^6$  whose matrix in the standard basis of  $\mathbb{C}^6$  is

$$A = [T]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(Hint: the only eigenvalue of this matrix is  $\lambda = 1$ .)

Begin first by noting that  $A$  is full rank and thus  $\lambda = 1$  is an eigenvalue with multiplicity 6 and  $\exists$  6 linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$ .

Want to find

$$\dim (E_{\lambda=1}(A))$$

and

$$\dim (G_{\lambda=1}(A)).$$

Calculating

$$E_{\lambda=1}(A) = \left\{ \vec{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid (A - I_{6 \times 6})\vec{v} = \vec{0} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

gives that

$$\dim (E_{\lambda=1}(A)) = 3.$$

Then we know that

$$\dim (G_{\lambda=1}(A)) = n = 6.$$

The partition we seek is the one consisting of  $\dim (E_{\lambda=1})$  "parts". For  $n = 6$ , three such partitions exist.

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Thus  $A$  has only three possible Jordan Canonical forms. The possibilities are

$$J_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$J_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$J_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The partition required is

$$\underline{k} = (3, 2, 1)$$

so that  $J_2$  is our final answer.