

Q3. Consider a matrix A of size $m \times n$. Define $P = A^T A$ and $Q = A A^T$. (Note: all matrices, vectors and scalars involved in this question are real-valued).

(a) Prove that for any vector y with appropriate number of elements, we have $y^T P y \geq 0$. Similarly show that $z^T Q z \geq 0$ for a vector z with appropriate number of elements. Why are the eigenvalues of P and Q non-negative?

Ans. We have $y^T P y = y^T A^T A y$ and want to prove that it is ≥ 0 . We define $Ay = X$ and consequently $X^T = (Ay)^T = y^T A^T$. The size of X will be $m \times n \cdot n \times 1 = m \times 1$ or $X = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ \dots \ x_m]^T$. Hence, $y^T A^T A y = X^T X$. As X is a 1D vector, $X^T X = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i^2$ which is ≥ 0 . Similarly, $z^T Q z = z^T A A^T z$ and we take $X = A^T z$ with size $n \times 1$. Hence, $z^T A A^T z = X^T X = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$ which is also ≥ 0 . Now, if λ is the eigenvalue of P , we have $Pu = \lambda u \implies A^T A u = \lambda u$. Pre-multiplying with u^T , we get $u^T A^T A u = u^T \lambda u \implies (Au)^T A u = \lambda u^T u$ or $\|Au\|^2 = \lambda \|u\|^2$. As both LHS and RHS are non-negative, λ must also be non-negative to satisfy the equation. Similarly for Q , we have $A A^T v = \mu v$. Pre-multiplying with v^T , we get $\|A^T v\|^2 = \mu \|v\|^2$ and hence μ must also be non-negative. therefore, the eigenvalues of P and Q are non-negative.

(b) If u is an eigenvector of P with eigenvalue λ , show that Au is an eigenvector of Q with eigenvalue λ . If v is an eigenvector of Q with eigenvalue μ , show that $A^T v$ is an eigenvector of P with eigenvalue μ . What will be the number of elements in u and v ?

Ans. If u is an eigenvector of P with eigenvalue λ , we have by definition $Pu = \lambda u \implies A^T A u = \lambda u$. Now, if Au were the eigenvector of Q , we would have $Q(Au) = \lambda' Au \implies A A^T A u = \lambda' Au$. But we know $A^T A u = \lambda u$, hence $A A^T A u = A \lambda u = \lambda A u$. Hence Au is an eigenvector of Q with eigenvalue $\lambda' = \lambda$. Similarly, if $A^T v$ is an eigenvector of P with v as the eigenvector of Q , $A^T A A^T v = \mu' A^T v$ but $A A^T = \mu v$. Hence $A^T A A^T v = \mu' A^T v \implies A^T (\mu v) = \mu' A^T v$. Hence $A^T v$ is an eigenvector of P with eigenvalue $\mu' = \mu$.

(c) If v_i is an eigenvector of Q and we define $u_i = \frac{A^T v_i}{\|A^T v_i\|_2}$. Then prove that there will exist some real, non-negative γ_i such that $Au_i = \gamma_i v_i$.

Ans. We want to prove that $Au_i = \gamma_i v_i$ for $u_i = \frac{A^T v_i}{\|A^T v_i\|_2}$. Substituting, we have $\frac{A A^T v_i}{\|A^T v_i\|_2} = \gamma_i v_i$. But, $A A^T = Q$ and hence $\frac{A A^T v_i}{\|A^T v_i\|_2} = \gamma_i v_i \implies \frac{Q v_i}{\|A^T v_i\|_2} = \gamma_i v_i$. Also, it is mentioned that v_i is the eigenvector of Q , that is $Q v_i = \lambda v_i$. Now replacing this, we have satisfied the condition as $\frac{Q v_i}{\|A^T v_i\|_2} = \gamma_i v_i \implies (\frac{\lambda}{\|A^T v_i\|_2}) v_i = \gamma_i v_i$ and $\gamma = \frac{\lambda}{\|A^T v_i\|_2}$.

(d) It can be shown that $u_i^T u_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$ and likewise $v_i^T v_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$ for correspondingly distinct eigenvalues. Now, define $U = [u_1 | u_2 | u_3 | \dots | u_m]$ and $V = [v_1 | v_2 | v_3 | \dots | v_m]$. Now show that $A = U \Gamma V^T$ where Γ is a diagonal matrix containing the non-negative values $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_m$.

Ans. We have $U \Gamma V^T \implies ([u_1 | u_2 | u_3 | \dots | u_m] \Gamma) V^T \implies [\gamma_1 v_1 | \gamma_2 v_2 | \gamma_3 v_3 | \dots | \gamma_m v_m] ([u_1 | u_2 | u_3 | \dots | u_m])^T = [\gamma_1 v_1 | \gamma_2 v_2 | \gamma_3 v_3 | \dots | \gamma_m v_m] (\frac{A^T v_1}{\|A^T v_1\|_2} | \frac{A^T v_2}{\|A^T v_2\|_2} | \frac{A^T v_3}{\|A^T v_3\|_2} | \dots | \frac{A^T v_m}{\|A^T v_m\|_2})^T$, where the last step follows from Q3 definition of u_i . Then, we have $[\gamma_1 v_1 \ \gamma_2 v_2 \ \gamma_3 v_3 \ \dots \ \gamma_m v_m] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(v_1)^T A}{\|A^T v_1\|_2} \\ \frac{(v_2)^T A}{\|A^T v_2\|_2} \\ \frac{(v_3)^T A}{\|A^T v_3\|_2} \\ \dots \\ \frac{(v_m)^T A}{\|A^T v_m\|_2} \end{bmatrix} = (\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\gamma_i \|v_i\|_2}{\|A^T v_i\|_2}) A$, where the last term has norm in it

has the orthogonal v_i yield zero. Now, if the γ_i are chosen properly to make the sum as unity, we will have $U \Gamma V^T = A$.