

Question 7

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7. Let $M \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$. Characterize M such that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_M: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $\langle x, y \rangle_M = (Mx)^T(My)$ is an inner product. Justify your answer.

$$\text{if } \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_M: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle \mapsto (Mx)^T(My)$$

Then it holds for positive definiteness

$$(Mx)^T(Mx) > 0$$

$$x^T A^T M x > 0 \text{ and thus}$$

$$\text{if } Mx = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2 = 0 \text{ iff } Mx = 0$$

in order for $M\vec{x} = \vec{0}$, x must contain trivial

solution ($\vec{x} = \vec{0}$). for $M(x) = \vec{0}$ to hold

for $x = \vec{0}$, then $\exists A = M^{-1}$ where

$$AMx = A\vec{0} \Rightarrow x = \vec{0}$$

Thus M is invertible.