

Q2 We have to maximise  $f^t C f$  subject to constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f^t e &= 0 \\ \therefore f^t f &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Using the technique of Lagrange Multipliers:

$$E(f) = f^t C f - \lambda(f^t f - 1) - \mu(f^t e)$$

→ Taking derivative wrt  $f$  and setting to 0

$$2C\vec{f} - \lambda(2\vec{f}) - \mu\vec{e} = 0 \quad \text{--- i)}$$

→ Multiplying RHS & LHS by  $e^t$ :

$$2e^t C \vec{f} - \lambda(2e^t f) - \mu e^t e = 0$$

$$\rightarrow 2e^t C f - \mu = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{--- ii)}$$

→ Now Since  $e$  is an eigenvector of  $S$  ( $S = (N-1)C$ )

$$\rightarrow Se = \lambda_1 e$$

$$\rightarrow f^t Se = f^t \lambda_1 e = \lambda_1 f^t e = 0$$

$$\rightarrow f^t (Se) = (Se)^t f = e^t S f = 0$$

Since  $S = (N-1)C$ , we have  $e^t C f = 0$

$\therefore$  From ii), we have  $\mu = 0$

→ Hence From i)

$$C\vec{f} = \lambda\vec{f}$$

i.e.  $\vec{f}$  is an eigenvector of  $C$

$$\rightarrow \vec{f}^T C \vec{f} = \lambda \vec{f}^T \vec{f} = \lambda$$

Hence ~~to~~ maximizing  $\vec{f}^T C \vec{f}$  is equivalent to maximising the eigenvalue of  $C$  and choosing the eigenvector corresponding to it.

→ Thus, we choose  $\vec{f}$  to be the eigenvector which maximizes the eigenvalue of  $C$ , among all eigenvectors which are perpendicular to  $\vec{e}$ .

→ But  $\vec{e}$  already corresponds to the eigenvector of  $C$  with the maximum eigenvalue

→ Since all eigenvalues are distinct:  
 $\vec{f}$  is the eigenvector of  $C$  with the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest eigenvalue.