

Question 2

(a) $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$x^T x = y^T y, \quad v = \frac{y-x}{\|y-x\|}, \quad H = I - 2vv^T$$

Show that $Hx = (I - 2vv^T)x = y$

Soln

$$Hx = (I - 2vv^T)x$$

$$= x - 2vv^T x = x - \frac{2(y-x)(y-x)^T x}{\|y-x\|^2}$$

$$= x - \frac{2(y-x)(y-x)^T}{\|y-x\|^2} x + (y-y)$$

$$= \frac{-(y-x)}{\|y-x\|^2} \left[\|y-x\|^2 + 2(y-x)^T x \right] + y$$

$$= \frac{-(y-x)}{\|y-x\|^2} \left[(y-x)^T (y-x) + 2(y-x)^T x \right] + y$$

$$= \frac{-(y-x)}{\|y-x\|^2} \left[y^T y - y^T x - x^T y + x^T x + 2y^T x - 2x^T x \right] + y$$

Since $x^T x = y^T y$, then $y^T x = x^T y$

$$Hx = \frac{-(y-x)}{\|y-x\|^2} \left[2x^T x - 2x^T x + 2y^T x - 2y^T x \right] + y$$

$$= \frac{-(y-x)}{\|y-x\|^2} \cdot [0] + y$$

$$Hx = y$$

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$$H = I - 2vv^T$$

$$\text{Tr}(H) = \text{Tr}(I) - 2\text{Tr}(vv^T)$$

For an identity matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $\text{Tr}(I) = m$

$$vv^T = \begin{bmatrix} v_1^2 & v_1 v_2 & \dots & v_1 v_m \\ v_1 v_2 & v_2^2 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ v_1 v_m & \dots & \dots & v_m^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{Tr}(vv^T)$ is simply the inner product $v^T v$. Since v is a unit vector,

$$\text{Tr}(vv^T) = 1$$

Therefore

$$\text{Tr}(H) = m - 2 \times 1 = m - 2 \quad - (1)$$

We know that H is both symmetric and orthogonal so the absolute value of its eigenvalues is 1 (i.e. $\|H\| = 1$)

$$\text{Also, } \text{Tr}(H) = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m \quad - (2)$$

where λ_i are the eigenvalues of H

Equating (1) and (2)

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_m = m - 2$$

$$\text{Let } \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \dots = \lambda_{m-1} = \lambda$$

$$(m-1)\lambda + \lambda_m = m - 2$$

$$m\lambda - \lambda + \lambda_m = m - 2$$

Equating co-efficients

$$m\lambda = m \Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

$$\lambda_m = \lambda = -2$$

$$\text{but } \lambda = 1$$

$$\lambda_m = -2 + 1 = -1$$

Thus $\lambda = 1$ with multiplicity of $m-1$ and $\lambda = -1$ with multiplicity of 1.

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$$H = I - 2vv^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} Hv &= (I - 2vv^T)v \\ &= v - 2v(v^T v) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } v^T v = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} Hv &= v - 2v \\ &= -v \end{aligned}$$

$$H = I - 2vv^T$$

$$Hu = u - 2vv^T u$$

Since u is orthogonal to v (i.e. $v^T u = 0$) — (*)

$$Hu = u$$

From *, $v \perp u$. Since the $\dim \text{span}(v) = 1$, $\dim \text{span}(v)^\perp = m-1$.

Thus, $\lambda = 1$ is an eigen value with multiplicity of $m-1$.

Additionally, $Hv = -v$ shows that the remaining eigenvalue is -1 .

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The determinant of a matrix is the same as the product of its eigenvalues, that is;

$$\det(H) = \lambda_1 \times \lambda_2 \times \lambda_3 \times \dots \times \lambda_m$$

where $\lambda_i, i=1, 2, \dots, m$ are the eigenvalues of H

$$\text{Therefore, } \det(H) = -1(i)^{m-1} = -1$$