

Biostat 216 Homework 7

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Positive definite matrices

Q1

Suppose \mathbf{C} is positive definite and \mathbf{A} has independent columns. Apply the energy test to show that $\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}$ is positive definite.

Q2

Show that the diagonal entries of a positive definite matrix are positive.

Q3 (Rayleigh quotient)

Suppose \mathbf{S} is positive definite with eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n > 0$ with corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$.

1. What are the eigenvalues of the matrix $\lambda_1 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S}$? Is it positive semidefinite?
2. How does it follow that $\lambda_1 \mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{x}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$ for every \mathbf{x} ?
3. Draw the conclusion: The maximum value of the Rayleigh quotient

$$R(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x}}$$

is λ_1 .

4. Show that the maximum value of the Rayleigh quotient subject to the condition $\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{u}_1$ is λ_2 .
Hint: expand \mathbf{x} in eigenvectors $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$.
5. Show that the maximum value of the Rayleigh quotient subject to the conditions $\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{u}_1$ and $\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{u}_2$ is λ_3 .
6. What is the maximum value of $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$ subject to the constraint $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x} = 1$. Hint: write down the Lagrangian and set its derivative to zero.

SVD

Q4

Find the closest rank-1 approximation (in Frobenius norm or spectral norm) to these matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

Q5 (Moore-Penrose inverse)

1. With singular value decomposition $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}'$, verify that

$$\mathbf{X}^+ = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^+\mathbf{U}' = \mathbf{V}_r\mathbf{\Sigma}_r^{-1}\mathbf{U}_r' = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i^{-1} \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{u}_i',$$

where $\mathbf{\Sigma}^+ = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^{-1}, \dots, \sigma_r^{-1}, 0, \dots, 0)$ and $r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{X})$, satisfies the four properties of the [Moore-Penrose inverse](#).

2. Show that $\text{rank}(\mathbf{X}^+) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{X})$.
3. Show that $\mathbf{X}^+\mathbf{X}$ is the orthogonal projector into $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}')$ and $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^+$ is the orthogonal projector into $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X})$.
4. Show that $\boldsymbol{\beta}^+ = \mathbf{X}^+\mathbf{y}$ is a minimizer of the least squares criterion $f(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}\|^2$. Hint: check $\boldsymbol{\beta}^+$ satisfies the normal equation $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$.
5. Show that $\boldsymbol{\beta}^+ \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}')$.
6. Show that if another $\boldsymbol{\beta}^*$ minimizes $f(\boldsymbol{\beta})$, then $\|\boldsymbol{\beta}^*\| \geq \|\boldsymbol{\beta}^+\|$. This says that $\boldsymbol{\beta}^+ = \mathbf{X}^+\mathbf{y}$ is the least squares solution with smallest ℓ_2 norm. Hint: since both $\boldsymbol{\beta}^*$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta}^+$ satisfy the normal equation, $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}^* = \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}^+$ and deduce that $\boldsymbol{\beta}^* - \boldsymbol{\beta}^+ \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{X})$.

Q6

Let \mathbf{B} be a submatrix of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Show that the largest singular value of \mathbf{B} is always less than or equal to the largest singular value of \mathbf{A} .

Q7

Show that all three matrix norms (ℓ_2 , Frobenius, nuclear) are invariant under orthogonal transforms. That is

$$\|\mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_2'\| = \|\mathbf{A}\| \text{ for orthogonal } \mathbf{Q}_1 \text{ and } \mathbf{Q}_2.$$

Optimization and multivariate calculus

Q8

1. Explain why the intersection $K_1 \cap K_2$ of two convex sets is a convex set.
2. Prove that the maximum F_3 of two convex functions F_1 and F_2 is a convex function. Hint: What is the set above the graph of F_3 ?

Q9

Show that these functions are convex:

1. Entropy $x \log x$.
2. Log-sum-exp: $\log(e^x + e^y)$.
3. ℓ_p norm: $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = (|x_1|^p + |x_2|^p)^{1/p}, p \geq 1$.
4. Largest eigenvalue: $\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{S})$ as a function of the symmetric matrix \mathbf{S} . Hint: Q3.6 and Q8.2.

Q10

Minimize $f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}' \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} x_1^2 + 2x_2^2$ subject to the constraint $\mathbf{A}' \mathbf{x} = x_1 + 3x_2 = b$.

1. What is the Lagrangian $L(\mathbf{x}, \lambda)$ for this problem.
2. What are the three equations “derivative of L=zero”?
3. Solve these equations to find $\mathbf{x}^* = (x_1^*, x_2^*)$ and the multiplier λ^* .
4. Verify that the derivative of the minimum cost is $\partial f^* / \partial b = -\lambda^*$.

Q11 (MLE of multivariate normal)

Let $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n \in \mathbb{R}^p$ be iid samples from a p -dimensional multivariate normal distribution $N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})$, where the mean $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ and covariance $\boldsymbol{\Omega} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ are unknown parameters. The log-likelihood is

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) = -\frac{n}{2} \log \det \boldsymbol{\Omega} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) - \frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi.$$

Show that the maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) is

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{y}_i}{n}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{y}_i - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})(\mathbf{y}_i - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})'}{n}.$$

That is to show that $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}$ maximize ℓ .

Hint: Use the first order optimality condition to find $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}$. To check the optimality of $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}$, use its Cholesky factor.

Q12 (Smallest matrix subject to linear constraints)

Find the matrix \mathbf{X} with the smallest Frobenius norm subject to the constraint $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V}$, assuming \mathbf{U} has full column rank.

Hint: Write down the optimization problem and use the method of Lagrange multipliers.

Q13 (Minimizing a convex quadratic form over manifold)

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a positive semidefinite matrix. Find a matrix $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ with orthonormal columns that maximizes $\text{tr}(\mathbf{U}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{U})$. That is to

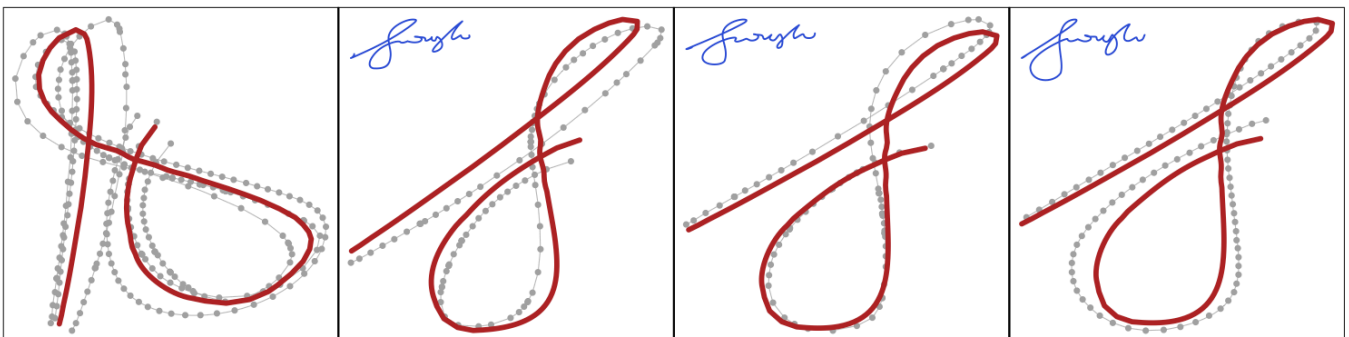
$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && \text{tr}(\mathbf{U}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{U}) \\ &\text{subject to} && \mathbf{U}'\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_r. \end{aligned}$$

This result generalizes the fact that the top eigenvector of \mathbf{A} maximizes $\mathbf{u}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}$ subject to constraint $\mathbf{u}'\mathbf{u} = 1$.

Hint: Use the method of Lagrange multipliers.

Q14 ([Procrustes rotation](#))

The Procrustes problem studies how to properly align images.



Q15 ([Ridge regression](#))

One popular regularization method in machine learning is the ridge regression, which estimates regression coefficients by minimizing a penalized least squares criterion

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2.$$

Here $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ are fixed data. $\boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ are the regression coefficients to be estimated.

1. Show that, regardless the shape of \mathbf{X} , there is always a unique global minimum for any $\lambda > 0$ and the ridge solution is given by

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}(\lambda) = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}.$$

2. Express ridge solution $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}(\lambda)$ in terms of the singular value decomposition (SVD) of \mathbf{X} .

3. Show that (i) the ℓ_2 norms of ridge solution $\|\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}(\lambda)\|_2$ and corresponding fitted values $\|\hat{\mathbf{y}}(\lambda)\|_2 = \|\mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}(\lambda)\|_2$ are non-increasing in λ and (ii) the ℓ_2 norm of the residual vector $\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}(\lambda)\|_2$ is non-decreasing in λ .

4. (**Optional**) Let's address how to choose the optimal tuning parameter λ . Let $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_k(\lambda)$ be the solution to the ridge problem

$$\text{minimize } \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y}_{-k} - \mathbf{X}_{-k}\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2,$$

where \mathbf{y}_{-k} and \mathbf{X}_{-k} are the data with the k -th observation taken out. The optimal λ can be chosen to minimize the cross-validation square error

$$C(\lambda) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n [y_k - \mathbf{x}_k^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_k(\lambda)]^2.$$

However computing n ridge solutions $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_k(\lambda)$ is expensive. Show that, using SVD $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T$,

$$C(\lambda) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[\frac{y_k - \sum_{j=1}^r u_{kj} \tilde{y}_j \left(\frac{\sigma_j^2}{\sigma_j^2 + \lambda} \right)}{1 - \sum_{j=1}^r u_{kj}^2 \left(\frac{\sigma_j^2}{\sigma_j^2 + \lambda} \right)} \right]^2,$$

where $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{y}$. Therefore, in practice, we only need to do SVD of \mathbf{X} and then find the optimal value λ that minimizes the leave-one-out (LOO) cross-validation error.

Q16 (Optional) ([Factor analysis](#))

Let $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n \in \mathbb{R}^p$ be iid samples from a multivariate normal distribution $N(\mathbf{0}_p, \mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}' + \mathbf{D})$, where $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times r}$ and $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ is a diagonal matrix with positive entries. We estimate the factor matrix \mathbf{F} and diagonal matrix \mathbf{D} by maximizing the log-likelihood function

$$\ell(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{D}) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln \det(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}' + \mathbf{D}) - \frac{n}{2} \text{tr} [(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}' + \mathbf{D})^{-1} \mathbf{S}] - \frac{np}{2} \ln 2\pi,$$

where $\mathbf{S} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{y}_i'$.

1. We first show that, for fixed \mathbf{D} , we can find the maximizer \mathbf{F} explicitly using SVD by the following steps.
 - Step 1: Take derivative with respect to \mathbf{F} and set to 0 to obtain the first-order optimality condition.
 - Step 2: Reparameterize $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \mathbf{F}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{S}} = \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D}^{-1/2}$, and express the first-order optimality condition in terms of \mathbf{H} and $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}$.
 - Step 3: Let $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}'$ be its SVD. Show that columns of \mathbf{U} must be r eigenvectors of $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}$.
 - Step 4: Identify which r eigenvectors of $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}$ to use in \mathbf{U} and then derive the solution to \mathbf{F} .
2. Show that, for fixed \mathbf{F} , we can find the maximizer \mathbf{D} explicitly. (Hint: first-order optimality condition.)

Combining 1 and 2, a natural algorithm for finding the MLE of factor analysis model is to alternately update \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{D} until convergence.