

Matrix Theory (EE5609) Assignment 11

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1 PROBLEM

Let \mathbf{A} be a real symmetric matrix. Then we can conclude that

1. \mathbf{A} does not have 0 as an eigenvalue
2. All eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} are real
3. If \mathbf{A}^{-1} exists, then \mathbf{A}^{-1} is real and symmetric
4. \mathbf{A} has at least one positive eigenvalue

2 SOLUTION

1.

Let us consider \mathbf{A} as follows:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.1)$$

Eigenvalues corresponding to \mathbf{A} are,

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0 \quad (2.0.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda - 2) = 0 \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$\therefore \lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 2 \quad (2.0.5)$$

Therefore symmetric matrix \mathbf{A} can have 0 as an eigenvalue.

2.

Let \mathbf{v} be an eigenvector with respect to eigenvalue λ for matrix \mathbf{A} where $\mathbf{v} \neq 0$ and

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v} \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^H (\lambda \mathbf{v}) = \lambda \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{v} \quad (2.0.7)$$

where H denotes Hermitian conjugation. Taking Hermitian transpose, we get

$$(\lambda \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{v})^H = (\mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v})^H \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$\therefore \bar{\lambda} \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} \quad (2.0.9)$$

$$\therefore (\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad (2.0.10)$$

$$\text{since } \mathbf{v} \neq 0, \therefore \lambda - \bar{\lambda} = 0 \quad (2.0.11)$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \bar{\lambda} \text{ is real} \quad (2.0.12)$$

Hence eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix (in particular real symmetric matrix) are real.

3.

$$\text{Since } \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I} \quad (2.0.13)$$

$$\therefore (\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{A})^T = \mathbf{I}^T \quad (2.0.14)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{A}^T)(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T = \mathbf{I} \quad (2.0.15)$$

$$\text{Since } \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A} \quad (2.0.16)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T = \mathbf{I} \quad (2.0.17)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{A}^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T \quad (2.0.18)$$

Since \mathbf{A} is real and the inverse of a matrix is unique, therefore \mathbf{A}^{-1} is real and symmetric.

4.

Let us consider \mathbf{A} as follows:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 2 \\ 2 & -9 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.19)$$

Eigenvalues corresponding to \mathbf{A} are,

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0 \quad (2.0.20)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -6 - \lambda & 2 \\ 2 & -9 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.0.21)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda + 5)(\lambda + 10) = 0 \quad (2.0.22)$$

$$\therefore \lambda_1 = -5, \lambda_2 = -10 \quad (2.0.23)$$

Therefore symmetric matrix \mathbf{A} can have all negative eigenvalues.