



EE908 Assignment-2 Solution

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1. Let $\lambda_i(A)$ denote an eigenvalue of a symmetric matrix A . Find the following in terms of $\lambda_i(A)$

a. $\text{Tr}(A^3)$

Solution:

According to EVD/spectral theorem, a symmetric real matrix can be decomposed or diagonalized such that:

$$A = Q\Lambda Q^T$$

Where:

- Λ is a diagonal matrix of eigenvalues of A
- Q is matrix of corresponding eigenvectors of A which is orthogonal matrix - $QQ^T = Q^TQ = I$
- From matrix relationships:

$$\circ \text{Tr}(ABC) = \text{Tr}(CAB) = \text{Tr}(BCA)$$

$$\therefore A^3 = ((Q\Lambda Q^T)(Q\Lambda Q^T)(Q\Lambda Q^T)) = Q\Lambda(Q^TQ)\Lambda(Q^TQ)\Lambda Q^T = Q\Lambda\Lambda\Lambda Q^T = Q\Lambda^3 Q^T$$

$$\therefore \text{Tr}(A^3) = \text{Tr}(Q\Lambda^3 Q^T) = \text{Tr}(Q Q^T \Lambda^3) = \text{Tr}(I \Lambda^3) = \text{Tr}(\Lambda^3)$$

Λ is a diagonal matrix with eigenvalues λ_i on the diagonal. So Λ^3 is also a diagonal matrix with eigenvalues cubed on the diagonal.

$$\therefore \text{Tr}(A^3) = \text{Tr}(\Lambda^3) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^3 - n \text{ is the size of the symmetric matrix}$$

b. $\lambda_i(A^{-2})$

Solution:

Given:

$$- Av = \lambda_i v \Rightarrow A^{-1}Av = A^{-1}\lambda_i v \Rightarrow v = A^{-1}\lambda_i v \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda_i}v = A^{-1}v$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1}v = \frac{1}{\lambda_i}v$$

Therefore, $\frac{1}{\lambda_i}$ is the eigenvalue(s) of A^{-1} with the same eigenvector(s) v

$$A^{-2} = (A^{-1})^2$$

A is symmetric, hence its inverse is also symmetric and per EVD,

So, if $\lambda_i(A)$ denotes the eigenvalues of A , then $\frac{1}{\lambda_i(A)}$ are the eigenvalues of A^{-1} as derived above

Based on the proof from (a) above, if $\frac{1}{\lambda_i(A)}$ are eigenvalues of A^{-1} , then $(A^{-1})^2$ eigenvalues

$$\text{are } \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_i(A)}\right)^2$$

$$\therefore \lambda_i(A^{-2}) = \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_i(A)}\right)^2$$

c. $\lambda_i(A - I)$

**Solution:**

Given: $Av = \lambda_i(A)v$

So, let's consider $(A - I)$ matrix and its action on same eigenvector v :

$$(A - I)v = Av - Iv = \lambda_i(A)v - Iv = (\lambda_i(A) - 1)v$$

$$\therefore (A - I)v = (\lambda_i(A) - 1)v$$

This satisfies the eigenvalue and eigen vector relationship for A and v .

Therefore, the eigenvalues of matrix $(A - I)$ of eigen vector v are $(\lambda_i(A) - 1)$

In general, $(A - kI)v = Av - kIv = \lambda_i(A)v - kv = (\lambda_i(A) - k)v$

Therefore, the eigenvalues of matrix $(A - kI)$ of eigen vector v are $(\lambda_i(A) - k)$

d. $\lambda_i(I + 2A)$

Solution:

Given: $Av = \lambda_i(A)v$

So, let's consider $(I + 2A)$ matrix and its action on same eigenvector v :

$$(I + 2A)v = Iv + 2Av = v + 2\lambda_i(A)v = (1 + 2\lambda_i(A))v$$

$$\therefore (I + 2A)v = (1 + 2\lambda_i(A))v$$

This satisfies the eigen value and eigenvector relationship for A and v .

Therefore, the eigenvalues of matrix $(I + 2A)$ of eigen vector v are $(1 + 2\lambda_i(A))$

In general, $(I + kA)v = Iv + kAv = v + k\lambda_i(A)v = (1 + k\lambda_i(A))v$

Therefore, the eigenvalues of matrix $(I + kA)$ of eigen vector v are $(1 + k\lambda_i(A))$

2. Prove the following results for $A > 0$:

a. $A^{-1} > 0$

Solution:

Let's prove the inverse of matrix A is also positive definite if A is positive definite leveraging properties of matrix positive definiteness and eigenvalues.

Given $A_{n \times n}$ is positive definite \Rightarrow All its eigenvalues are positive, $\lambda_i > 0$

As proved in question (1) above, the eigenvalues of A^{-1} will be reciprocals of eigenvalues

of $A \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda_i}$

Since all $\lambda_i > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda_i} > 0$

\therefore All eigenvalues of A^{-1} are positive which implies that A^{-1} is also positive definite

Hence if $A > 0$, then $A^{-1} > 0$

QED

b. $[A]_{ii} > 0$ for all i , where $[A]_{ii}$ denotes the i -th diagonal entry of A

Solution:

If a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is positive definite, then for any non-zero column vector v , the quadratic form $v^T A v$ is strictly positive and its eigenvalues are greater than zero

$$i.e. v^T A v > 0, \forall v \neq 0$$

Let's consider a vector (standard basis vector) $e_i = [1, 0, \dots, 0, \dots, 0] \in \mathbb{R}^n$ – all elements are 0 except the one at position i which is 1.

For a standard basis vector $e_i \Rightarrow e_i^T A e_i = a_{ii}$

From the positive definiteness of A , $e_i^T A e_i > 0$

$\Rightarrow e_i^T A e_i = a_{ii} = [a_{ii}] > 0$ for all i . $A_{ii} = [a_{ii}]$ of this matrix are all diagonal elements.

Hence, if $A > 0$, then $A_{ii} = [a_{ii}] > 0$

QED



3. A matrix A is idempotent if $A^2 = A$. Show that the only possible eigenvalues of an idempotent matrix are $\lambda = 0$ and $\lambda = 1$

Solution:

Given: $A^2 = A$

EVD for an idempotent matrix:

$$Av = \lambda v \text{ and } A^2v = \lambda v$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2v = A(Av) = A(\lambda v) = \lambda(Av) = \lambda(\lambda v) = \lambda^2 v$$

However, from the property of idempotent $\Rightarrow A^2v = Av = \lambda v$

$$\therefore \lambda^2 v = \lambda v \Rightarrow (\lambda^2 - \lambda)v = 0$$

Since v is an eigenvector and $\neq 0$, hence $(\lambda^2 - \lambda) = 0$

Therefore, $\lambda(\lambda - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$ or $\lambda = 1$

QED

4. Given an $m \times n$ matrix A with SVD $A = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i v_i u_i^T$, show that $\|A\|_F^2 := \text{tr}(A^T A) = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i^2$

Solution:

SVD of A : $A = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i v_i u_i^T$

We need to show that $\|A\|_F^2 = \text{Tr}(A^T A)$

Substituting A :

$$A^T A = \left(\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i v_i u_i^T \right)^T \left(\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i v_i u_i^T \right) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i v_i^T u_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i v_i u_i^T \right) = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r \sigma_i \sigma_j u_i^T v_j v_j^T$$

$u_i^T u_j$ and $v_i^T v_j$ terms are 1 if $i = j$ else 0 as these singular vectors are orthonormal

$$\therefore \text{Tr}(A^T A) = \text{Tr}\left(\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i^2\right)$$

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5. The ℓ_2 norm of a matrix A is defined as $\|A\|_2 = \max_{\|x\|_2=1} \|Ax\|_2$. Derive an expression for $\|A\|_2$ in terms of $\{\sigma_i\}_{i=1}^r$

Solution:

$$\|A\|_2 = \max_{\|x\|_2=1} \|Ax\|_2$$

$\|x\|_2$ is the Euclidean norm of vector x . To derive an expression for $\|A\|_2$ in terms of the singular values σ_i , we need to find the maximum value of $\|Ax\|_2$ over all unit vectors x .

$\|Ax\|$ is the Euclidean norm of vector Ax .

$$\|Ax\|_2 = \left\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i v_i u_i^T \right) x \right\|_2 = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i v_i (u_i^T x) \right\|_2$$

$$u_i^T x \text{ is a scalar} \Rightarrow \left\| \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i (u_i^T x) v_i \right\|_2$$

Note above is a linear combination of the singular vectors v_i with coefficients $u_i^T x$. To maximize the norm of this linear combination, choose x such that it aligns with singular vector corresponding to the maximum singular value $\Rightarrow x = u_1$ Assuming σ_1 is maximum singular value.

$$\|Ax\|_2 = \|\sigma_1 v_1\|_2 = \sigma_1 \|v_1\|_2$$

Corresponding to the maximum singular value $\Rightarrow x = u_1$ Assuming σ_1 is maximum singular value.

$$\text{Since } \|v_1\|_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \|Ax\|_2 = \sigma_1$$

$$\therefore \|A\|_2 = \max\{\sigma_i\}_{i=1}^r$$

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