



# Section 7.1 : Diagonalization of Symmetric Matrices

Chapter 7: Orthogonality and Least Squares

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Topics and Objectives

Topics

- Symmetric matrices
- Orthogonal diagonalization
- Spectral decomposition

Learning Objectives

- Construct an orthogonal diagonalization of a symmetric matrix,  $A = PDP^T$ .
- Construct a spectral decomposition of a matrix.

Section 7.1 : Diagonalization of Symmetric Matrices

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Symmetric Matrices

Definition

Matrix  $A$  is symmetric if  $A^T = A$ .

Example. Which of the following matrices are symmetric? Symbols  $*$  and  $*$  represent real numbers.

$\checkmark A = [a]$     $\checkmark B = \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix}$     $C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$

$\times D = \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix}$     $E = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$     $F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

$e_i = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .  
Symmetric.

$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
not symmetric

$ET = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
wrong size.

$DT = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = D$ .

$A^T A$  is Symmetric

eg  $A^T A^T = A^T A$  normal eqns  
always symmetric

A very common example: For any matrix  $A$  with columns  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ ,

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T a_1 & a_1^T a_2 & \dots & a_1^T a_n \\ a_2^T a_1 & a_2^T a_2 & \dots & a_2^T a_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_n^T a_1 & a_n^T a_2 & \dots & a_n^T a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Entries are the dot products of columns of  $A$ .

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$     $3 \times 2$

$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 13 \end{bmatrix} = A^T A$   
always symmetric.

$Q$  orthonormal cols.

$Q^T Q = I_n$

followed

$Q^T Q = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 3$

$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{same}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 13$

Symmetric Matrices and their Eigenspaces

Theorem

$A$  is a symmetric matrix, with eigenvectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  corresponding to two distinct eigenvalues. Then  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are orthogonal.

More generally, eigenspaces associated to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal subspaces.

Proof:

$\lambda = -1$     $A + I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\vec{x} = c \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$  } orthogonal diagonalization of  $A$

$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$A = P D P^T$

Example 1

Diagonalize  $A$  using an orthogonal matrix. Eigenvalues of  $A$  are given.

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\lambda = -1, 1$

$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$A = P D P^{-1}$

want  $P = [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3]$     $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

want columns to all

be orthogonal to each other & unit length

$\lambda_1 = 1$     $A v = v$  i.e.  $(A - I) \vec{v} = \vec{0}$

want Null  $(A - I)$

$A - I = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$x = c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda = -1, 1$$

Proof:

Free from tensor.

e.g.  $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = 0$   
 $\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = 0$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad d_1 = 1 \\ \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad d_2 = 1 = d_1 \\ \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad d_3 = -1. \end{array} \right.$$

$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 0$  by blind luck.



Parametric vector form usually only has line and vectors.

Recall: If  $P$  is an orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $P^{-1} = P^T$ , which implies  $A = PDP^T$  is diagonalizable and symmetric.

**Theorem: Spectral Theorem**

An  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix  $A$  has the following properties.

1. All eigenvalues of  $A$  are **real** *geology.*
2. The dimension of each eigenspace is full, that is its dimension is equal to its algebraic multiplicity.
3. The eigenspaces are mutually orthogonal.
4.  $A$  can be diagonalized:  $A = PDP^T$ , where  $D$  is diagonal and  $P$  is **orthogonal** *(P has orthonormal cols)*

Proof (if time permits):

**Spectral Decomposition**

Suppose  $A$  can be orthogonally diagonalized as

$$A = PDP^T = [\vec{u}_1 \ \dots \ \vec{u}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{u}_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $A$  has the decomposition

$$A = \lambda_1 \vec{u}_1 \vec{u}_1^T + \dots + \lambda_n \vec{u}_n \vec{u}_n^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \vec{u}_i \vec{u}_i^T$$

Each term in the sum,  $\lambda_i \vec{u}_i \vec{u}_i^T$ , is an  $n \times n$  matrix with rank \_\_\_\_\_.

Example: Find the spectral decomposition of  $A$ .

*A symmetric  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  orthogonal set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$*

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

*to get this*

$A = PDP^T$

*orthogonal diag'n.*

$P = [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3]$

$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}$

$A - 4I = \dots$

$A - I = \dots$

$A - 0I = \dots$

*set param vector form.*

$A = \lambda_1 v_1 v_1^T + \lambda_2 v_2 v_2^T + \lambda_3 v_3 v_3^T$

$A = 4 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$

$= 4 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = A$

*best rank 1 approx of A.*

Example 2

Construct a spectral decomposition for  $A$  whose orthogonal diagonalization is given.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = PDP^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$v_1$        $v_2$        $\lambda_1$

I want

$$A = \lambda_1 v_1 v_1^T + \lambda_2 v_2 v_2^T$$

**FACT**  
 $U U^T \vec{x} = \text{proj}_W(\vec{x})$   
 $U = [u_1 \ u_2]$   
 orthonormal cols.  
 where  $\text{Col}(U) = W$ .

$$A = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$= 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\text{proj}_{v_1}$        $\text{proj}_{v_2}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

The spectral decomp is a sum of rank 1 matrices that add up to  $A$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ projection onto line  $\text{span}\{(1,1)\}$

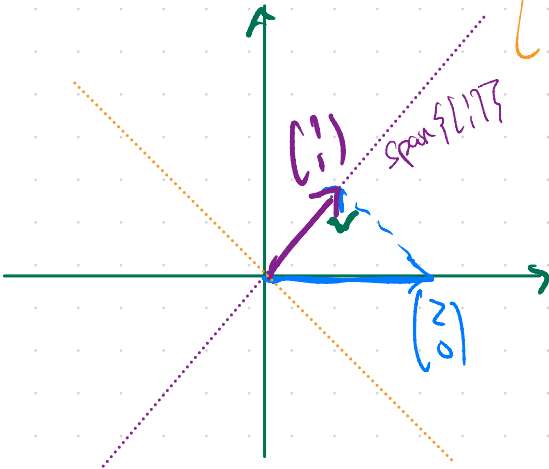
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Why?

$$v_1 v_1^T \vec{x} = (v_1 \cdot \vec{x}) \vec{v}_1$$

$$\text{if } \|v_1\|=1 \rightarrow = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot v_1}{v_1 \cdot v_1} v_1$$



## 7.1 Exercises

Determine which of the matrices in Exercises 1–6 are symmetric.

1.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$

2.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

3.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

4.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 & 3 \\ 8 & 0 & -4 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

5.  $\begin{bmatrix} -6 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -6 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$

6.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Determine which of the matrices in Exercises 7–12 are orthogonal. If orthogonal, find the inverse.

7.  $\begin{bmatrix} .6 & .8 \\ .8 & -.6 \end{bmatrix}$

8.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

9.  $\begin{bmatrix} -4/5 & 3/5 \\ 3/5 & 4/5 \end{bmatrix}$

10.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 2/3 & 2/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 & -2/3 \\ 2/3 & -2/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$

11.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & 2/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 & -2/3 \\ 5/3 & -4/3 & -2/3 \end{bmatrix}$

12.  $\begin{bmatrix} .5 & .5 & -.5 & -.5 \\ .5 & .5 & .5 & .5 \\ .5 & -.5 & -.5 & .5 \\ .5 & -.5 & .5 & -.5 \end{bmatrix}$

Orthogonally diagonalize the matrices in Exercises 13–22, giving an orthogonal matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$ . To save

you time, the eigenvalues in Exercises 17–22 are the following: (17)  $-4, 4, 7$ ; (18)  $-3, -6, 9$ ; (19)  $-2, 7$ ; (20)  $-3, 15$ ; (21)  $1, 5, 9$ ; (22)  $3, 5$ .

13.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

14.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

15.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

16.  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ -2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

17.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

18.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & 4 \\ -6 & 2 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

19.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 4 \\ -2 & 6 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

20.  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 & -4 \\ 8 & 5 & -4 \\ -4 & -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

21.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

22.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

23. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Verify that 5 is

an eigenvalue of  $A$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector. Then orthogonally diagonalize  $A$ .

24. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Verify that  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ . Then orthogonally diagonalize  $A$ .

In Exercises 25–32, mark each statement True or False (T/F). Justify each answer.

25. (T/F) An  $n \times n$  matrix that is orthogonally diagonalizable must be symmetric.

26. (T/F) There are symmetric matrices that are not orthogonally diagonalizable.

27. (T/F) An orthogonal matrix is orthogonally diagonalizable.

28. (T/F) If  $B = PDP^T$ , where  $P^T = P^{-1}$  and  $D$  is a diagonal matrix, then  $B$  is a symmetric matrix.

29. (T/F) For a nonzero  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T$  is called a projection matrix.

30. (T/F) If  $A^T = A$  and if vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  satisfy  $A\mathbf{u} = 3\mathbf{u}$  and  $A\mathbf{v} = 4\mathbf{v}$ , then  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ .

31. (T/F) An  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix has  $n$  distinct real eigenvalues.

32. (T/F) The dimension of an eigenspace of a symmetric matrix is sometimes less than the multiplicity of the corresponding eigenvalue.

33. Show that if  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix, then  $(A\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} \cdot (A\mathbf{y})$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . I 43.

34. Suppose  $A$  is a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is any  $n \times m$  matrix. Show that  $B^T A B$ ,  $B^T B$ , and  $B B^T$  are symmetric matrices. I 44.

35. Suppose  $A$  is invertible and orthogonally diagonalizable. Explain why  $A^{-1}$  is also orthogonally diagonalizable.

36. Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are both orthogonally diagonalizable and  $AB = BA$ . Explain why  $AB$  is also orthogonally diagonalizable. I 45.

37. Let  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , where  $P$  is orthogonal and  $D$  is diagonal, and let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$  of multiplicity  $k$ . Then  $\lambda$  appears  $k$  times on the diagonal of  $D$ . Explain why the dimension of the eigenspace for  $\lambda$  is  $k$ . I 46.

38. Suppose  $A = PRP^{-1}$ , where  $P$  is orthogonal and  $R$  is upper triangular. Show that if  $A$  is symmetric, then  $R$  is symmetric and hence is actually a diagonal matrix.

39. Construct a spectral decomposition of  $A$  from Example 2.

40. Construct a spectral decomposition of  $A$  from Example 3.

41. Let  $\mathbf{u}$  be a unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $B = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T$ .

a. Given any  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , compute  $B\mathbf{x}$  and show that  $B\mathbf{x}$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  onto  $\mathbf{u}$ , as described in Section 6.2.

b. Show that  $B$  is a symmetric matrix and  $B^2 = B$ .

c. Show that  $\mathbf{u}$  is an eigenvector of  $B$ . What is the corresponding eigenvalue?

42. Let  $B$  be an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix such that  $B^2 = B$ . Any such matrix is called a **projection matrix** (or an **orthogonal projection matrix**). Given any  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = B\mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ .

a. Show that  $\mathbf{z}$  is orthogonal to  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ .

b. Let  $W$  be the column space of  $B$ . Show that  $\mathbf{y}$  is the sum of a vector in  $W$  and a vector in  $W^\perp$ . Why does this prove that  $B\mathbf{y}$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto the column space of  $B$ ?

Orthogonally diagonalize the matrices in Exercises 43–46. To practice the methods of this section, do not use an eigenvector routine from your matrix program. Instead, use the program to find the eigenvalues, and, for each eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , find an orthonormal basis for  $\text{Nul}(A - \lambda I)$ , as in Examples 2 and 3.

43.  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & 9 & -6 \\ 2 & 6 & -6 & 9 \\ 9 & -6 & 6 & 2 \\ -6 & 9 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

44.  $\begin{bmatrix} .63 & -.18 & -.06 & -.04 \\ -.18 & .84 & -.04 & .12 \\ -.06 & -.04 & .72 & -.12 \\ -.04 & .12 & -.12 & .66 \end{bmatrix}$

45.  $\begin{bmatrix} .31 & .58 & .08 & .44 \\ .58 & -.56 & .44 & -.58 \\ .08 & .44 & .19 & -.08 \\ .44 & -.58 & -.08 & .31 \end{bmatrix}$

46.  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 & 2 & -6 & 9 \\ 2 & 8 & 2 & -6 & 9 \\ 2 & 2 & 8 & -6 & 9 \\ -6 & -6 & -6 & 24 & 9 \\ 9 & 9 & 9 & 9 & -21 \end{bmatrix}$

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Q. IF  $\vec{x} \notin \text{Nul} A$ , then  $\vec{x}$  not orthogonal to 1st row of  $A$ . False

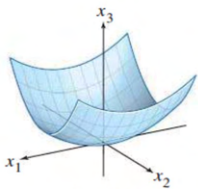
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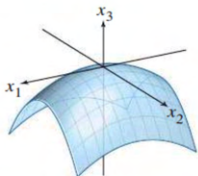
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$$\begin{matrix}
 A & \vec{x} \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{matrix}$$

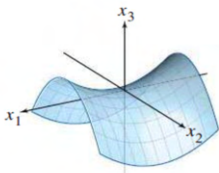
$\vec{x} \notin \text{Nul} A$   
but  $\vec{x}$  orthogonal to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  1st row.



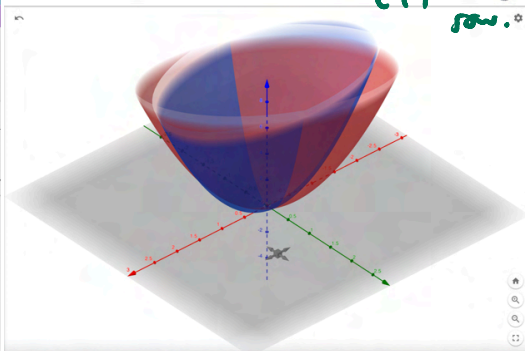
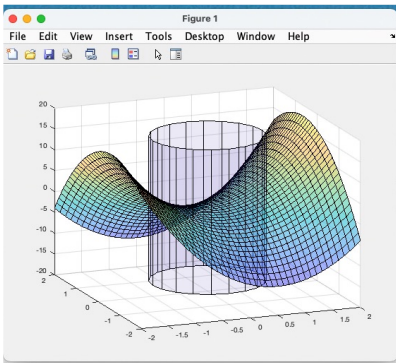
Positive definite



Negative definite



Indefinite





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Why  $A^T = A$  is so useful?

Why  $A = PDP^T$  is so good

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## Topics and Objectives

### Topics

1. Quadratic forms
2. Change of variables
3. Principle axes theorem
4. Classifying quadratic forms

### Learning Objectives

1. Characterize and classify quadratic forms using eigenvalues and eigenvectors.
2. Express quadratic forms in the form  $Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$ .
3. Apply the principle axes theorem to express quadratic forms with no cross-product terms.

Motivating Question Does this inequality hold for all  $x, y$ ?

$$x^2 - 6xy + 9y^2 \geq 0$$

all terms are  $\geq 0$  so yes

$$Q(x, y) = x^2 - 6xy + 9y^2$$

$Q_i$ : what is  $Q(0, 0) = 0$

$$Q(1, 0) = 1^2 - 6(1)(0) + 9(0)^2 = 1$$

$$Q(1, -1) = 1^2 - 6(1)(-1) + 9(-1)^2 = 16$$

$$Q(-1, 1) = (-1)^2 - 6(-1)(1) + 9(1)^2 = 16$$

hand  $\vec{x}$  eqn.

$$Q(-\vec{x}) = Q(\vec{x}) \text{ for any } \vec{x}.$$

$Q$  is EVEN

$p(x) = 0$  char eqn.

### Example 1

Compute the quadratic form  $\vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$  for the matrices below.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q_A(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 4x^2 + 3y^2 = z$$

$$Q_B(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4x + y \\ x - 3y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x(4x + y) + y(x - 3y)$$

$$= 4x^2 + xy + xy - 3y^2$$

$$= 4x^2 + 2xy - 3y^2 = z$$

## Quadratic Forms

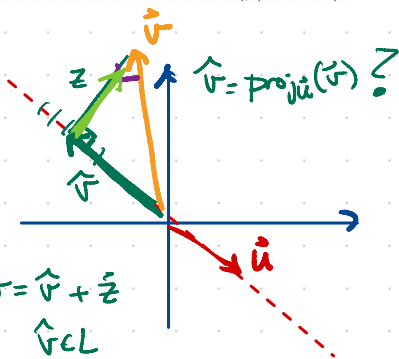
### Definition

A quadratic form is a function  $Q: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , given by

$$Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix  $A$  is  $n \times n$  and symmetric.

In the above,  $\vec{x}$  is a vector of variables.



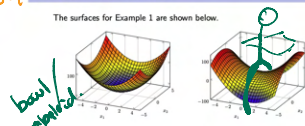
$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x - 3y \\ -3x + 9y \end{bmatrix}$$

First

$$= x(x - 3y) + y(-3x + 9y)$$

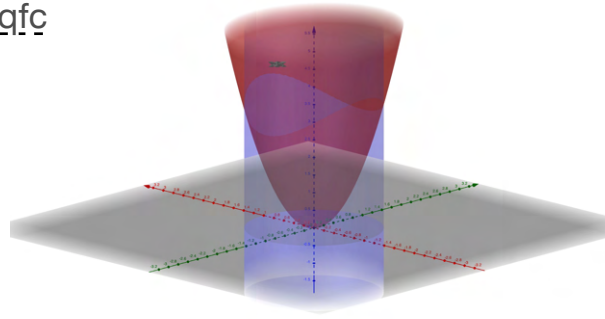
$$= x^2 - 3xy - 3xy + 9y^2$$

$$= x^2 - 6xy + 9y^2$$



Students are not expected to be able to sketch quadratic surfaces, but it is helpful to see what they look like.

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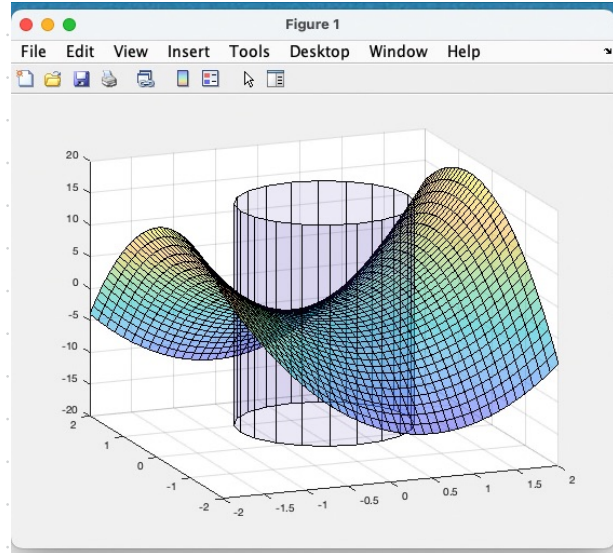
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%s=surf(X,Y,Z,'FaceAlpha',0.5); hold on

%% example 1b
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%s=surf(X,Y,Z,'FaceAlpha',0.5); hold on

%% example 6
[X,Y]=meshgrid(-2:.2:2);
Z=X.^2-6.*X.*Y+9.*Y.^2;
s=surf(X,Y,Z,'FaceAlpha',0.5); hold on
[P,D]=eig([1 -3 ; -3 9])
A=P*D*inv(P)
rref(A-10*eye(2))

%% plots cylinder
h=max(Z(:));
Z1=Z1+h;
%Z1(1,:)-=Z1(2,:);
c=surf(X1,Y1,Z1,'FaceAlpha',0.1); hold on

%% no errors check
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Example 2

Write  $Q$  in the form  $\vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$  for  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$Q(x) = 5x_1^2 - x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 - 6x_1x_3 - 12x_2x_3$$

+  $0x_1x_2$   
find this  $A$ .

$$Q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3] \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Try  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -6 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

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$$Q_A(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3] \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -6 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3] \begin{bmatrix} 5x_1 + 3x_3 \\ -x_2 - 6x_3 \\ 3x_1 - 6x_2 + 3x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_1(5x_1 + 3x_3) + x_2(-x_2 - 6x_3) + x_3(3x_1 - 6x_2 + 3x_3)$$

$$= 5x_1^2 + 3x_1x_3 - x_2^2 - 6x_2x_3 + 3x_1x_3 - 6x_2x_3 + 3x_3^2$$

$x_1x_3$  term ✓  
 $x_3x_1$  term ✓

Change of Variable

old vars  $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$   
new vars  $\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$

If  $\vec{x}$  is a variable vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then a change of variable can be represented as

$$\vec{x} = P\vec{y}, \text{ or } \vec{y} = P^{-1}\vec{x}$$

With this change of variable, the quadratic form  $\vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$  becomes:

Example 3

Make a change of variable  $\vec{x} = P\vec{y}$  that transforms  $Q = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$  so that it does not have cross terms. The orthogonal decomposition of  $A$  is given.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = PDP^T$$

$$P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q_A(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 \ x_2) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = 3x_1^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 6x_2^2$$

$$Q_D(y_1, y_2) = (y_1 \ y_2) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = 2y_1^2 + 7y_2^2$$

Try  $y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  plug in  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  into  $Q_D(\vec{y})$ .

$$Q_D(1, 0) = 2(1)^2 + 7(0)^2 = 2.$$

Next what  $\vec{x}$  is corresponding vector if you change  $\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  into  $P\vec{y} = \vec{x}$ ?

$$P \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} \\ -1/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\vec{x} = P\vec{y}$  (what mean?)

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2y_1 + y_2 \\ -y_1 + 2y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

linear change of vars.

$$= \begin{cases} 2/\sqrt{5} y_1 + 1/\sqrt{5} y_2 \\ -1/\sqrt{5} y_1 + 2/\sqrt{5} y_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 2/\sqrt{5} y_1 + 1/\sqrt{5} y_2 \\ x_2 = -1/\sqrt{5} y_1 + 2/\sqrt{5} y_2 \end{cases}$$

$y_1 = 1$   
 $y_2 = 0$  ?

$$= 5x_1^2 + 6x_1x_3 - x_2^2 - 12x_2x_3 + 3x_3^2$$

### Example 3

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Try:  $y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  plug in  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  into  $Q_D(\vec{y})$ .

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Next what  $\vec{x}$  is corresponding vector if you change  $\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  into  $P\vec{y} = \vec{x}$ ?

$$\vec{x} = P \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} \\ -1/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

plug in  $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} \\ -1/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$  into  $Q_A(\vec{x}) = 3x_1^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 6x_2^2$

$$Q_A\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) = 3\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) + 6\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^2$$

$$= 3 \cdot \frac{4}{5} + \frac{-8}{5} + 6 \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{12 - 8 + 6}{5} = \frac{10}{5}$$

$$= \boxed{2}$$

$$\vec{x} = P\vec{y} \quad (\text{what means?})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2y_1 + y_2 \\ -y_1 + 2y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

linear change of vars:

$$= \begin{cases} 2/\sqrt{5} y_1 + 1/\sqrt{5} y_2 \\ -1/\sqrt{5} y_1 + 2/\sqrt{5} y_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 2/\sqrt{5} y_1 + 1/\sqrt{5} y_2 \\ x_2 = -1/\sqrt{5} y_1 + 2/\sqrt{5} y_2 \end{cases}$$

$\leftarrow y_1 = 1, y_2 = 0$  ?

# Principle Axes Theorem

**Theorem**

If  $A$  is a Symmetric matrix then there exists an orthogonal change of variable  $\vec{x} = P\vec{y}$  that transforms  $\vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$  to  $\vec{y}^T D \vec{y}$  with no cross-product terms.

Spectral form

$$A = P D P^T$$

$\uparrow$  orthogonal  
 $\uparrow$  diagonal

## Example 3

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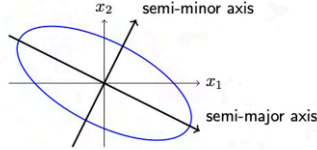
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = P D P^T$$

$$P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Example 5

Compute the quadratic form  $Q = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$  for  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$ , and find a change of variable that removes the cross-product term. A sketch of  $Q$  is below.



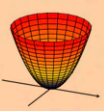
$$\begin{aligned} Q(\vec{x}) &= \vec{x}^T A \vec{x} = \vec{x}^T (P D P^T) \vec{x} \\ &= (\underbrace{\vec{x}^T P}_{\vec{y}^T}) D P^T \vec{x} \\ &= (P^T \vec{x})^T D P^T \vec{x} \\ &= \vec{y}^T D \vec{y} = Q_D(\vec{y}) \end{aligned}$$

same quad form.

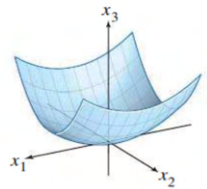
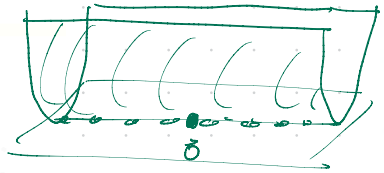
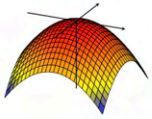
# Classifying Quadratic Forms

is PSD

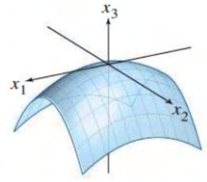
$$Q = x_1^2 + x_2^2$$



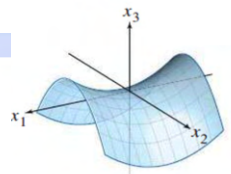
$$Q = -x_1^2 - x_2^2$$



Positive definite



Negative definite



Indefinite

## Definition

- A quadratic form  $Q$  is
1. **positive definite** if  $Q(\vec{x}) > 0$  for all  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ .
  2. **negative definite** if  $Q(\vec{x}) < 0$  for all  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ .
  3. **positive semidefinite** if  $Q(\vec{x}) \geq 0$  for all  $\vec{x}$ .
  4. **negative semidefinite** if  $Q(\vec{x}) \leq 0$  for all  $\vec{x}$ .
  5. **indefinite** if **none of the above**.

NOTICE every PD quadratic form is PSD but not vice versa.

$$Q_A(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 \ x_2) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = 3x_1^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 6x_2^2$$

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Make a change of variable  $\vec{x} = P\vec{y}$  that transforms  $Q = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$  so that it does not have cross terms. The orthogonal decomposition of  $A$  is given.

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$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Quadratic Forms and Eigenvalues

### Theorem

Symmetric

If  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$ , then  $Q = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$  is

1. **positive definite** iff  $\lambda_i > 0$
2. **negative definite** iff  $\lambda_i < 0$
3. **indefinite** iff  $\lambda_i$  some pos. & some neg.

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

PSD  $Q_A$  iff  $\lambda_i \geq 0$  eigenvalues of  $A$

NSD  $Q_A$  iff  $\lambda_i \leq 0$  eigenvalues of  $A$ .

control the shape of  $Q$

## Example 6

We can now return to our motivating question (from first slide): does this inequality hold for all  $x, y$ ?

$$x^2 - 6xy + 9y^2 \geq 0$$

Same

$Q_A(x, y) \geq 0$  ? PSD?

Yes

$$Q_D \left( \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \right) = 10y_1^2 + 0y_2^2$$

Step 1:

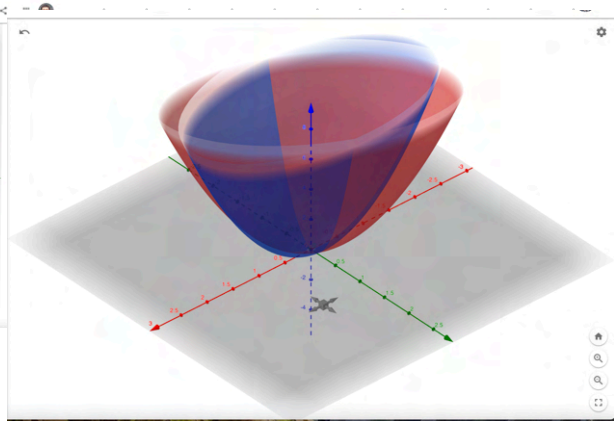
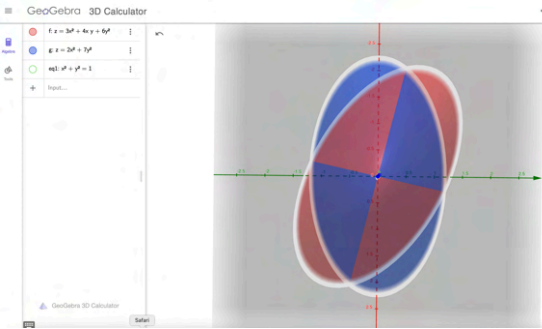
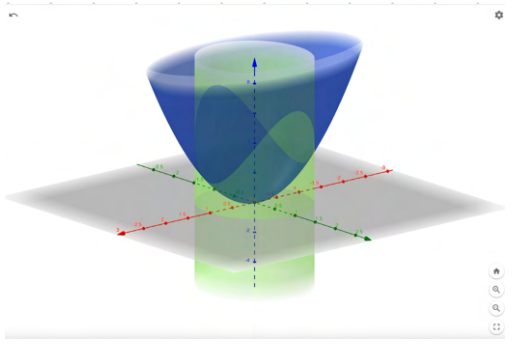
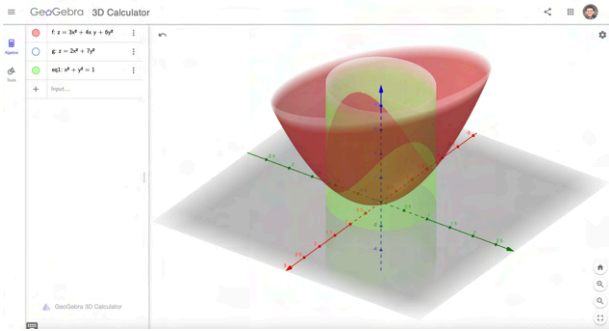
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Step 2: Find  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  of  $A$ .

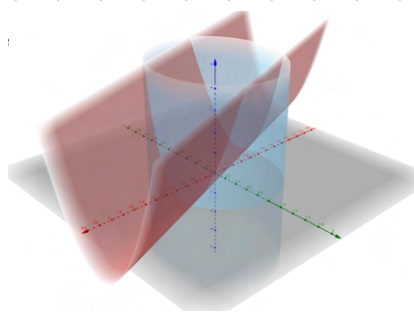
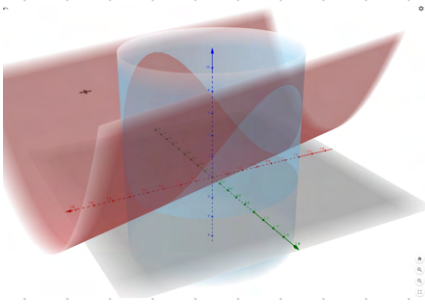
$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 0 = \lambda(\lambda - 10) = 0$$



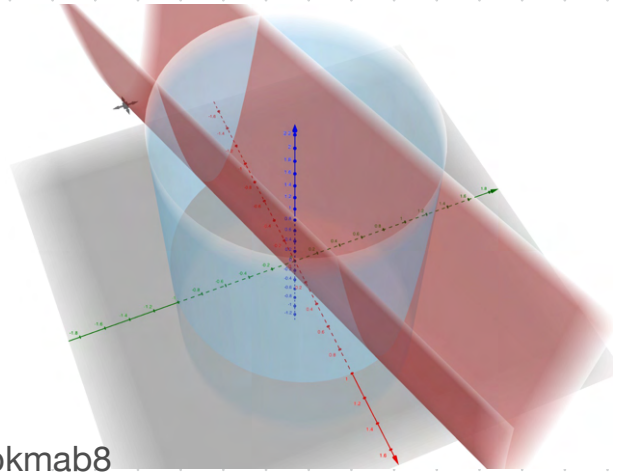
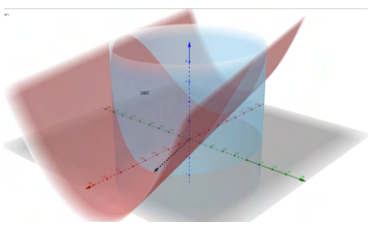
$$\lambda = 0, 10$$



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●	$f: z = x^2 - 6xy + 9y^2$
●	$eq1: x^2 + y^2 = 1$
●	$u = \text{Vector}\left(\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}\right)\right)$
●	$= \begin{pmatrix} 0.95 \\ 0.32 \end{pmatrix}$



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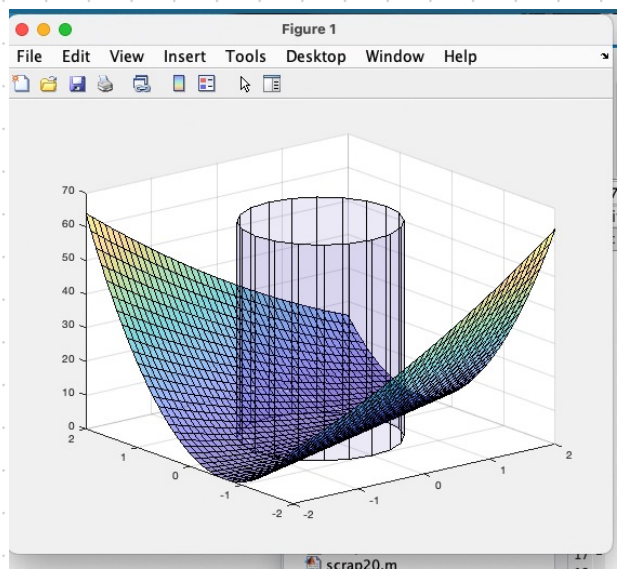
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%% example 6
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## 7.2 EXERCISES

1. Compute the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ , when  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1/3 \\ 1/3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

and

a.  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$    b.  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$    c.  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

2. Compute the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ , for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

and

5. Find the matrix of the quadratic form. Assume  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

a.  $3x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - 5x_3^2 - 6x_1x_2 + 8x_1x_3 - 4x_2x_3$

b.  $6x_1x_2 + 4x_1x_3 - 10x_2x_3$

6. Find the matrix of the quadratic form. Assume  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

a.  $3x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 + 4x_1x_2 - 6x_1x_3$

b.  $4x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 4x_2x_3$

7. Make a change of variable,  $\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{y}$ , that transforms the quadratic form  $x_1^2 + 10x_1x_2 + x_2^2$  into a quadratic form with no cross-product term. Give  $P$  and the new quadratic form.

8. Let  $A$  be the matrix of the quadratic form

$$9x_1^2 + 7x_2^2 + 11x_3^2 - 8x_1x_2 + 8x_1x_3$$

It can be shown that the eigenvalues of  $A$  are 3, 9, and 15. Find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that the change of variable  $\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{y}$  transforms  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$  into a quadratic form with no cross-product term. Give  $P$  and the new quadratic form.

Classify the quadratic forms in Exercises 9–18. Then make a change of variable,  $\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{y}$ , that transforms the quadratic form into one with no cross-product term. Write the new quadratic form. Construct  $P$  using the methods of Section 7.1.

9.  $4x_1^2 - 4x_1x_2 + 4x_2^2$

10.  $2x_1^2 + 6x_1x_2 - 6x_2^2$

11.  $2x_1^2 - 4x_1x_2 - x_2^2$

12.  $-x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 - x_2^2$

13.  $x_1^2 - 6x_1x_2 + 9x_2^2$

14.  $3x_1^2 + 4x_1x_2$

15. [M]  $-3x_1^2 - 7x_2^2 - 10x_3^2 - 10x_4^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 4x_1x_3 + 4x_1x_4 + 6x_3x_4$

16. [M]  $4x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 + 4x_3^2 + 4x_4^2 + 8x_1x_2 + 8x_3x_4 - 6x_1x_4 + 6x_2x_3$

17. [M]  $11x_1^2 + 11x_2^2 + 11x_3^2 + 11x_4^2 + 16x_1x_2 - 12x_1x_4 + 12x_2x_3 + 16x_3x_4$

18. [M]  $2x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - 6x_1x_2 - 6x_1x_3 - 6x_1x_4 - 6x_2x_3 - 6x_2x_4 - 2x_3x_4$

19. What is the largest possible value of the quadratic form  $5x_1^2 + 8x_2^2$  if  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$  and  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$ , that is, if  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$ ? (Try some examples of  $\mathbf{x}$ .)

20. What is the largest value of the quadratic form  $5x_1^2 - 3x_2^2$  if  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$ ?

a.  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$    b.  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$    c.  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$

3. Find the matrix of the quadratic form. Assume  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

a.  $3x_1^2 - 4x_1x_2 + 5x_2^2$

b.  $3x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2$

4. Find the matrix of the quadratic form. Assume  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

a.  $5x_1^2 + 16x_1x_2 - 5x_2^2$

b.  $2x_1x_2$

d. A positive definite quadratic form  $Q$  satisfies  $Q(\mathbf{x}) > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

e. If the eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix  $A$  are all positive, then the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$  is positive definite.

f. A Cholesky factorization of a symmetric matrix  $A$  has the form  $A = R^T R$ , for an upper triangular matrix  $R$  with positive diagonal entries.

22. a. The expression  $\|\mathbf{x}\|^2$  is not a quadratic form.

b. If  $A$  is symmetric and  $P$  is an orthogonal matrix, then the change of variable  $\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{y}$  transforms  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$  into a quadratic form with no cross-product term.

c. If  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrix, then the set of  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = c$  (for a constant  $c$ ) corresponds to either a circle, an ellipse, or a hyperbola.

d. An indefinite quadratic form is neither positive semidefinite nor negative semidefinite.

e. If  $A$  is symmetric and the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$  has only negative values for  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then the eigenvalues of  $A$  are all positive.

Exercises 23 and 24 show how to classify a quadratic form  $Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ , when  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\det A \neq 0$ , without finding the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

23. If  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$ , then the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  can be written in two ways:  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  and  $(\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2)$ . Use this fact to show that  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = a + d$  (the diagonal entries of  $A$ ) and  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = \det A$ .

24. Verify the following statements.

a.  $Q$  is positive definite if  $\det A > 0$  and  $a > 0$ .

b.  $Q$  is negative definite if  $\det A > 0$  and  $a < 0$ .

c.  $Q$  is indefinite if  $\det A < 0$ .

25. Show that if  $B$  is  $m \times n$ , then  $B^T B$  is positive semidefinite; and if  $B$  is  $n \times n$  and invertible, then  $B^T B$  is positive definite.

26. Show that if an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is positive definite, then there exists a positive definite matrix  $B$  such that  $A = B^T B$ . [Hint: Write  $A = PDP^T$ , with  $P^T = P^{-1}$ . Produce a diagonal matrix  $C$  such that  $D = C^T C$ , and let  $B = PCP^T$ . Show that  $B$  works.]

In Exercises 21 and 22, matrices are  $n \times n$  and vectors are in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

21. a. The matrix of a quadratic form is a symmetric matrix.

b. A quadratic form has no cross-product terms if and only if the matrix of the quadratic form is a diagonal matrix.

c. The principal axes of a quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ .

27. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be symmetric  $n \times n$  matrices whose eigenvalues are all positive. Show that the eigenvalues of  $A + B$  are all positive. [Hint: Consider quadratic forms.]

28. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  invertible symmetric matrix. Show that if the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$  is positive definite, then so is the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}^T A^{-1} \mathbf{x}$ . [Hint: Consider eigenvalues.]

# Section 7.3 : Constrained Optimization

$$Q_A(x_1, x_2) = 3x_1^2 + 7x_2^2 \quad \text{max?}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{unit length?}$$

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$$Q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{2x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_3^2}{2}$$

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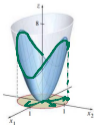


FIGURE 1  $z = 3x_1^2 + 7x_2^2$ .

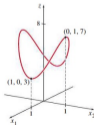
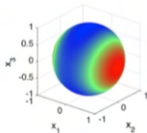


FIGURE 2 The intersection of  $z = 3x_1^2 + 7x_2^2$  and the cylinder  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$ .



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### Topics and Objectives



#### Topics

1. Constrained optimization as an eigenvalue problem
2. Distance and orthogonality constraints

#### Learning Objectives

1. Apply eigenvalues and eigenvectors to solve optimization problems that are subject to distance and orthogonality constraints.

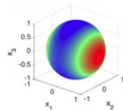
### Example 1

The surface of a unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is given by

$$1 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = \|\vec{x}\|^2$$

$Q$  is a quantity we want to optimize

$$\rightarrow Q(\vec{x}) = 9x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 + 3x_3^2$$



Find the largest and smallest values of  $Q$  on the surface of the sphere.

Sanity check - plug in random unit vector  $\vec{x}$  & evaluate  $Q(\vec{x})$

$$Q(1, 0, 0) = 9(1)^2 + 4(0)^2 + 3(0)^2 = 9 \quad \text{MAX}$$

$$Q(0, 1, 0) = 9(0)^2 + 4(1)^2 + 3(0)^2 = 4 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$Q(0, 0, 1) = 9(0)^2 + 4(0)^2 + 3(1)^2 = 3 \quad \text{MIN}$$

$$Q\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 9\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 = \frac{9+4+3}{3} = \frac{16}{3} \approx 5.33 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$Q\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right) = 9\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + 4\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + 3(0)^2 = \frac{9(1) + 4(1) + 3(0)}{2} = \frac{13}{2} = 6.5 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$Q\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right) = 9\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{9(4) + 4(4) + 3(1)}{9} = \frac{55}{9} \approx 6.11 \quad \leftarrow$$

Punchline.  $Q(\vec{x}) = 9x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 + 3x_3^2$  has max value 9 min value 3 when inputs have  $\|\vec{x}\|=1$ .

Ex. Find the largest output  $z$ -value with restricted input  $\|\vec{x}\|=1$  where  $z$  is given by:

$$Q(\vec{x}) = 3x_1^2 + 7x_2^2.$$

$Q$ : what is MAX/MIN of  $Q(\vec{x})$  when  $\|\vec{x}\|=1$ ?

$Q_z$ : what inputs give MAX/MIN value?

MAX is 7 happens at  $(0, 1)$  &  $(0, -1)$

MIN is 3 happens at  $(1, 0)$  &  $(-1, 0)$

Bonus

$$Q\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right) = 3\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^2 + 7\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^2 = 3\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + 7\left(\frac{4}{5}\right) = \frac{3(1) + 7(4)}{5} = \frac{31}{5} = 6.2$$

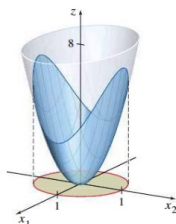


FIGURE 1  $z = 3x_1^2 + 7x_2^2$ .

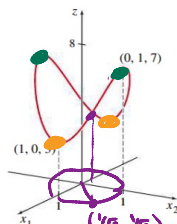


FIGURE 2 The intersection of  $z = 3x_1^2 + 7x_2^2$  and the cylinder  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$ .

**EXAMPLE 3** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the maximum value of the quadratic

form  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$  subject to the constraint  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$ , and find a unit vector at which this maximum value is attained.

**SOLUTION** By Theorem 6, the desired maximum value is the greatest eigenvalue of  $A$ . The characteristic equation turns out to be

$$0 = -\lambda^3 + 10\lambda^2 - 27\lambda + 18 = -(\lambda - 6)(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1) \quad \lambda_1 = 6, \lambda_2 = 3, \lambda_3 = 1.$$

The greatest eigenvalue is 6.

$A = PDP^T$   
 $D = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$P = [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3]$   
 $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$   
 eigenvectors  
 (orthonormal)

$\rightarrow Q_A(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 3x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 4x_3^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3 + 2x_2x_3$  (?)

So  $Q_D(y_1, y_2, y_3) = 6y_1^2 + 3y_2^2 + y_3^2$

$y = P^T x$   
 $x = Py$  Change of variables.

Ans.  $Q_A(\vec{x})$  is between 6 and 1 for any  $\|\vec{x}\| = 1$ .

$Q_A(\vec{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$

$Q_D(\vec{y}) = \mathbf{y}^T D \mathbf{y}$

Question: What is the input(s) that give output 6 for  $Q_A(\vec{x})$ ?

ans.  
 $Q_D(1, 0, 0) = 6$

to get  $\vec{v}_1$  unit length eigenvector for  $A$  w/  $\lambda_1 = 6$ .

$\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{e}_1$

$A - 6I = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 6I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$P\vec{y} = \vec{x}$

$P\vec{e}_1 = \vec{v}_1$

$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{x} = r \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$Q_A\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 3\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$   
 $= \frac{1}{3}(3 + 3 + 4 + 4 + 2 + 2) = \frac{18}{3} = 6$

$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$

~~**EXAMPLE 5** Let  $A$  be the matrix in Example 3 and let  $\mathbf{u}_1$  be a unit eigenvector corresponding to the greatest eigenvalue of  $A$ . Find the maximum value of  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$  subject to the conditions~~

~~$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1, \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_1 = 0$  (4)~~

$Q_A(\vec{v}) = \mathbf{v}^T A \vec{v} = \mathbf{v}^T 6\mathbf{v} = 6\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} = 6\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 6\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = 6$

# A Constrained Optimization Problem

Suppose we wish to find the maximum or minimum values of

$$Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$$

subject to

$$\|\vec{x}\| = 1$$

*A Symmetric*

That is, we want to find

$$m = \min\{Q(\vec{x}) : \|\vec{x}\| = 1\}$$

$$M = \max\{Q(\vec{x}) : \|\vec{x}\| = 1\}$$

This is an example of a **constrained optimization** problem. Note that we may also want to know where these extreme values are obtained.

# Constrained Optimization and Eigenvalues

## Theorem

If  $Q = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$ ,  $A$  is a real  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix, with eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$$

and associated normalized eigenvectors

$$\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_n$$

Then, subject to the constraint  $\|\vec{x}\| = 1$ ,

- the maximum value of  $Q(\vec{x}) = \lambda_1$ , attained at  $\vec{x} = \pm \vec{u}_1$ .
- the minimum value of  $Q(\vec{x}) = \lambda_n$ , attained at  $\vec{x} = \pm \vec{u}_n$ .

## Example 2

Calculate the maximum and minimum values of  $Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , subject to  $\|\vec{x}\| = 1$ , and identify points where these values are obtained.

$$Q(\vec{x}) = x_1^2 + 2x_2x_3$$

**Step 1:** Find  $A$  symmetric s.t.  $Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$ .

**Step 2:**  $A = PDPT$  find  $P, D$ .

**Step 3:** write down  $Q_D(\vec{y}) = \vec{y}^T D \vec{y}$  the quadratic form for  $D$ .

**Soln:**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

reflecting across

e.g.

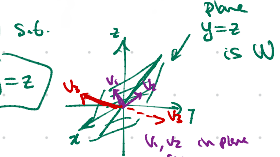
$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in W$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in W$$

$$\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \in W^\perp$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1 = \lambda_2$$

$$\lambda_3 = -1$$



$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  on plane reflecting through

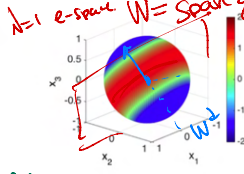
$$A\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_1 \quad \lambda_1 = 1$$

$$A\vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_2 \quad \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$A\vec{v}_3 = -\vec{v}_3 \quad \lambda_3 = -1$$

## Example 2

The image below is the unit sphere whose surface is colored according to the quadratic from the previous example. Notice the agreement between our solution and the image.



$n=1$  e-space  $W = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$

*Sanity check*

$$Q\left(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) =$$

$$0^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{3} Q_D(y_1, y_2, y_3) = y_1^2 + y_2^2 - y_3^2$$

MAX VALUE w/ any input  $\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$  as big as you want!

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

all these give max value of MAX value s.t.  $\|\vec{y}\| = 1$

MAX value s.t.  $\|\vec{y}\| = 1$  & constraint

For x.s. pick one  $\vec{y}$  push it to an  $\vec{x}$

$$\vec{x} = P\vec{y}$$

$$\vec{y} = s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ in } W. \quad (n=1 \text{ e-space})$$

e.g.  $y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x} = P\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$

e.g.  $y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $\vec{x} = P\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

An Orthogonality Constraint

Theorem

Suppose  $Q = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$ ,  $A$  is a real  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix, with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$  and associated eigenvectors  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_n$ . Subject to the constraints  $\|\vec{x}\| = 1$  and  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}_1 = 0$ .

- The maximum value of  $Q(\vec{x}) = \lambda_2$ , attained at  $\vec{x} = \vec{u}_2$ .
- The minimum value of  $Q(\vec{x}) = \lambda_n$ , attained at  $\vec{x} = \vec{u}_n$ .

Note that  $\lambda_2$  is the second largest eigenvalue of  $A$ .

Example 3

Calculate the maximum value of  $Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , subject to  $\|\vec{x}\| = 1$  and to  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}_1 = 0$ , and identify a point where this maximum is obtained.

$$Q(\vec{x}) = x_1^2 + 2x_2x_3, \quad \vec{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q_D(4, 4, 4) = \underline{\underline{4^2 + 4^2 - 4^2}}$$

plug in  $\vec{y}$  s.t.  $\|\vec{y}\| = 1$

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{e}_1 = 0$$

$$\text{So } \vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

new location

$$\begin{matrix} \cancel{u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}} \\ \cancel{\lambda_1 = 1} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ \lambda_2 = 1 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} u_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ \lambda_3 = -1 \end{matrix}$$

new max value

Move along the list of eigenvalues eigenvectors to the next in the list

for A

$$\begin{matrix} \cancel{u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}} \\ \cancel{\lambda_1 = 1} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ \lambda_2 = 1 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} u_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ \lambda_3 = -1 \end{matrix}$$

new location

Example 4 (if time permits)

new max value

Calculate the maximum value of  $Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , subject to  $\|\vec{x}\| = 5$ , and identify a point where this maximum is obtained.

new restriction  $\|\vec{y}\| = 5$

$Q(\vec{x}) = x_1^2 + 2x_2x_3$  recall max value w/  $\|\vec{y}\| = 1$  was 1 occurred at  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

$$Q(c\vec{x}) = (cx_1)^2 + 2(cx_2)(cx_3) = c^2x_1^2 + c^2 \cdot 2x_2x_3 = c^2 \cdot 1$$

$$Q\left(5 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}\right) = Q(5, 0, 0) = (5)^2 + 2(0)(0) = 25$$

$$Q\left(5 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}\right) = (0)^2 + 2\left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = 2 \cdot \frac{25}{2} = 25$$

parallel if  $Q(\vec{x}_0) = k$   
Then  $Q(c\vec{x}_0) = c^2 k$

## 7.3 EXERCISES

In Exercises 1 and 2, find the change of variable  $\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{y}$  that transforms the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$  into  $\mathbf{y}^T D \mathbf{y}$  as shown.

- $5x_1^2 + 6x_2^2 + 7x_3^2 + 4x_1x_2 - 4x_2x_3 = 9y_1^2 + 6y_2^2 + 3y_3^2$
- $3x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 + 6x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3 + 2x_2x_3 = 7y_1^2 + 4y_2^2$

*Hint:*  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  must have the same number of coordinates, so the quadratic form shown here must have a coefficient of zero for  $y_3^2$ .

In Exercises 3–6, find (a) the maximum value of  $Q(\mathbf{x})$  subject to the constraint  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$ , (b) a unit vector  $\mathbf{u}$  where this maximum is attained, and (c) the maximum of  $Q(\mathbf{x})$  subject to the constraints  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$  and  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u} = 0$ .

- $Q(\mathbf{x}) = 5x_1^2 + 6x_2^2 + 7x_3^2 + 4x_1x_2 - 4x_2x_3$   
(See Exercise 1.)

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- $Q(\mathbf{x}) = 3x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 + 6x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3 + 2x_2x_3$  (See Exercise 2.)
  - $Q(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 10x_1x_2$
  - $Q(\mathbf{x}) = 3x_1^2 + 9x_2^2 + 8x_1x_2$
  - Let  $Q(\mathbf{x}) = -2x_1^2 - x_2^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 4x_2x_3$ . Find a unit vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  at which  $Q(\mathbf{x})$  is maximized, subject to  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$ . [*Hint:* The eigenvalues of the matrix of the quadratic form  $Q$  are 2, -1, and -4.]
  - Let  $Q(\mathbf{x}) = 7x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 7x_3^2 - 8x_1x_2 - 4x_1x_3 - 8x_2x_3$ . Find a unit vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  at which  $Q(\mathbf{x})$  is maximized, subject to  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$ . [*Hint:* The eigenvalues of the matrix of the quadratic form  $Q$  are 9 and -3.]
  - Find the maximum value of  $Q(\mathbf{x}) = 7x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$ , subject to the constraint  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$ . (Do not go on to find a vector where the maximum is attained.)
  - Find the maximum value of  $Q(\mathbf{x}) = -3x_1^2 + 5x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$ , subject to the constraint  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$ . (Do not go on to find a vector where the maximum is attained.)
  - Suppose  $\mathbf{x}$  is a unit eigenvector of a matrix  $A$  corresponding to an eigenvalue 3. What is the value of  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ ?
  - Let  $\lambda$  be any eigenvalue of a symmetric matrix  $A$ . Justify the statement made in this section that  $m \leq \lambda \leq M$ , where  $m$  and  $M$  are defined as in (2). [*Hint:* Find an  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $\lambda = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ .]
  - Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix, let  $M$  and  $m$  denote the maximum and minimum values of the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ , where  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$ , and denote corresponding unit eigenvectors by  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_n$ . The following calculations show that given any number  $t$  between  $M$  and  $m$ , there is a unit vector  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $t = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ . Verify that  $t = (1 - \alpha)m + \alpha M$  for some number  $\alpha$  between 0 and 1. Then let  $\mathbf{x} = \sqrt{1 - \alpha} \mathbf{u}_n + \sqrt{\alpha} \mathbf{u}_1$ , and show that  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$  and  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = t$ .
- [M] In Exercises 14–17, follow the instructions given for Exercises 3–6.
- $3x_1x_2 + 5x_1x_3 + 7x_1x_4 + 7x_2x_3 + 5x_2x_4 + 3x_3x_4$
  - $4x_1^2 - 6x_1x_2 - 10x_1x_3 - 10x_1x_4 - 6x_2x_3 - 6x_2x_4 - 2x_3x_4$
  - $-6x_1^2 - 10x_2^2 - 13x_3^2 - 13x_4^2 - 4x_1x_2 - 4x_1x_3 - 4x_1x_4 + 6x_3x_4$
  - $x_1x_2 + 3x_1x_3 + 30x_1x_4 + 30x_2x_3 + 3x_2x_4 + x_3x_4$