

Homework Assignment No. 5
Due 10:10am, June 1, 2011

Reading: Strang, Sections 6.1–6.5.

Problems for Solution:

1. (a) Suppose that \mathbf{A} is an n by n matrix. If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} , show that

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n = \text{trace}(\mathbf{A}) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn}$$

where a_{ij} is the (i, j) th entry of \mathbf{A} , for $1 \leq i, j \leq n$.

- (b) A projection matrix \mathbf{P} satisfies $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$ and $\mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{P}$. Show that the only possible eigenvalues of a projection matrix are 1 and 0.

2. Determine if each of the following matrices is diagonalizable. If it is, find an invertible matrix \mathbf{S} and a diagonal matrix $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ such that $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{\Lambda}$.

(a) $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

3. Suppose that

$$G_{k+2} = \frac{2}{3}G_{k+1} + \frac{1}{3}G_k, \quad \text{for } k \geq 0$$

with $G_0 = 0$ and $G_1 = 1$.

- (a) Find a general formula for G_k , $k \geq 0$.
(b) Find $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G_k$.

4. Suppose the rabbit population r and the wolf population w are governed by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dr}{dt} &= 4r - 2w \\ \frac{dw}{dt} &= r + w. \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Is this system stable, neutral, or unstable?
(b) If initially $r = 300$ and $w = 200$, what are the populations of rabbits and wolves at time t ?

(c) After a long time, what is the ratio of the rabbit population to the wolf population?

5. Consider

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find an orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q} and a diagonal matrix $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ such that $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{Q}^T$.

(b) Find a_1, a_2 and $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2$ such that

$$\mathbf{A} = a_1\mathbf{P}_1 + a_2\mathbf{P}_2$$

where $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2$ are projection matrices.

6. Which of these classes of matrices do \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} belong to: Invertible, orthogonal, projection, permutation, symmetric, diagonalizable?

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

7. Determine if each of the following matrices is positive definite:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2.$$

8. The *Cholesky decomposition* says that if \mathbf{A} is a positive definite matrix, then \mathbf{A} can be factored into

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^T$$

where \mathbf{C} is lower triangular with positive diagonal entries. Find the Cholesky decomposition for:

(a) $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$

(b) $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$