

Pos Def Matrices

6.1 Calculus Detour - Minima, Maxima, Saddle pts are determined by a quadratic form.

Strang considers 2 funcs: a general non-linear  $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $(x,y) \mapsto 7 + 2(xy)^2 - y \sin y - x^3$

and a quadratic  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$(x,y) \mapsto 2x^2 + 4xy + y^2 = [x \ y] \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = x^T A x$$

Both of these have a critical pt at 0:  $Df_{(0,0)} = 0$

$$D^2 f_{(0,0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = D^2 F_{(0,0)}$$

[Remark:  $D^2 f = 2A$   
see my sheets for M&T Ch 4.2]

Strang asserts that the quadratic part of the Taylor series expansion dominates in the nbhd of a critical pt [cf M&T ch 4.2 sheets and Morse Theory in G&P]

so we are led to consider  $f(x,y) := ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 = [x \ y] \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$   
 Whatconds on  $a,b,c$  would guarantee  $f$  always pos when  $\{x,y\} \neq \{0,0\}$ ?  
 Just plug in  $\{1,0\}$  and you see we require  $a > 0$  [Likewise  $\{0,1\}$  shows  $c > 0$  but we will get that for free momentarily]

Write  $f$  as the sum of 2 squares by completing the square:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x,y) &= ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 = a\left(x^2 + \frac{2b}{a}xy\right) + cy^2 \\ &= a\left(x^2 + \frac{2b}{a}yx + \frac{b^2}{a^2}y^2\right) - \cancel{\frac{b^2}{a^2}y^2} + cy^2 \\ &= \underbrace{a\left(x + \frac{b}{a}y\right)^2}_{\text{This is always pos if } a > 0} + \underbrace{(c - \frac{b^2}{a})y^2}_{\text{This is pos if } c - \frac{b^2}{a} > 0 \Rightarrow c > \frac{b^2}{a}} \end{aligned}$$

So  $f$  is obviously a min at  $(0,0)$  if  $f$  always pos away from origin.

Note also that  $g := -f$  would have a max at  $(0,0)$  and theconds would become

Strang decides he will not consider the very degenerate case  $D^2 f = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  or even  $\det A = 0$ . But  $\det A < 0$  is allowed and that corresponds to a saddle pt like for  $f(x,y) = x^2 - y^2$  [More on this later.]

$$\begin{aligned} 'a' &= -a \text{ always neg} \\ 'ac-b^2' &= (-a)(-c) - (-b)^2 = ac - b^2 > 0 \text{ same} \end{aligned}$$

Now for the general quadratic  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Def A is positive definite if  $x^T A x > 0 \forall x \neq 0$  [To have no mixed terms, only  $x^2 y^2 z^2$  means A is diag.]

Strang considers only Symmetric matrices A when he says pos definite. There can be others, like  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  but it is not nec to consider them because any quad form  $x^T B x = x^T A x$  where B non-symm and A symm matrix. I will establish these claims on next page →

► Show  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is pos def:  $[x \ y] \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 2x^2 + 1xy + 3y^2 > 0 \quad \forall xy \neq 0$   
because  $xy < 2x^2 + 3y^2$   
To see this, for pos  $a, b \quad a \neq b \quad 0 < (b-a)^2 = b^2 - 2ab + a^2$   
Thus  $xy \leq |x||y| < 2|x||y| < x^2 + y^2 < 2x^2 + 3y^2 \quad 2ab < a^2 + b^2$

Claim: For any non-symm square  $B$  such that  $f(x) = x^T B x$ ,  $\exists$  symm  $A$  such that  $x^T B x = x^T A x$ . [Marsden & Tromba Ch 4.2 sheets]

Pf fix  $i, j$ . Then  $x_i x_j = x_j x_i$  so  $x_i x_j b_{ij} + x_j x_i b_{ji} = x_i x_j (b_{ij} + b_{ji})$   
 $= x_i x_j \left( \underbrace{\frac{(b_{ij} + b_{ii})}{2}}_{a_{ij}} + \underbrace{\frac{(b_{ij} + b_{ii})}{2}}_{a_{ji}} \right)$

ch 6.2 □

Thm A symm pos def

T.F.A.E. (I)  $x^T A x > 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$

↔ (II) All EWs  $\lambda$  of  $A$  satisfy  $\lambda > 0$

↔ (III) All upper left submatrices  $A_k$  have  $\det(A_k) > 0$

↔ (IV) All pivots satisfy  $d_i > 0$  (with no row exchanges)

↔ (V)  $\exists$  matrix  $R$  with LI cols  $\exists A = R^T R$

Pf (I)  $\Rightarrow$  (II) Let  $Ax = \lambda x$  where  $\|x\| = 1$ . Then  $0 < x^T A x = x^T \lambda x = \lambda$  □

(I)  $\Leftarrow$  (II) Since  $A$  symm, Spectral Thm says there is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of O.N. EVs  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

For any vector  $u$ ,  $u = \sum c_i x_i$

$$A \mathbf{x} u = c_1 A x_1 + \dots + c_n A x_n = c_1 \lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n x_n$$

$$u^T A u = (c_1 x_1^T + \dots + c_n x_n^T)(c_1 \lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n x_n) \stackrel{\text{O.N.}}{=} c_1^2 \lambda_1 + \dots + c_n^2 \lambda_n > 0 \quad \square$$

(I)  $\Rightarrow$  (III) we can isolate submatrices from the upper left corner (elt  $a_{11}$ ) by using vectors with only the leading elts non-zero:  
choose any  $k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$

$$\underbrace{[u^1 \ u^2 \ \dots \ u^k \ 0 \ \dots \ 0]}_{U_k} \begin{bmatrix} A_k & * \\ * & \ddots & * \\ * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^1 \\ u^2 \\ \vdots \\ u^k \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = U_k^T A_k U_k > 0 \quad \text{by (I)}$$

All EWs  $\lambda_i^{(k)}$  of  $A_k$  are pos by (II)

det is product of EWs

$$\Rightarrow \det A_k = \lambda_1^{(k)} \dots \lambda_k^{(k)} > 0$$

Remarks: There is nothing special about upper left submat.

Any chain of principal submatrices would work, starting at any  $a_{ii}$  on main diag and growing by adding a row and column pair each time.

$\Rightarrow$  this does show that a nec cond for pos def is all main diag elts pos.

(3)

(III)  $\Rightarrow$  (IV) From ch 4 section 4 we know  $\det A_k = d_1 \cdot d_2 \cdots d_k$  a pivot is not zero

$$\text{Then } d_k = \frac{(d_1 \cdot d_2 \cdots d_{k-1}) \cdot d_k}{(d_1 \cdot d_2 \cdots d_{k-1})} = \frac{\det A_k > 0}{\det A_{k-1} > 0} \Rightarrow d_k \text{ pos } \forall k$$

(IV)  $\Rightarrow$  (I) since  $A$  is symm,  $A = LDL^T$  where  $D$  is diag matrix of pivots.

$$x^T A x = x^T (LDL^T) x = (x^T L) D (L^T x)$$

$$= d_1 ((L^T x)^1)^2 + d_2 ((L^T x)^2)^2 + \dots + d_n ((L^T x)^n)^2$$

This is always pos, since each  $d_i$  pos.

(I)  $\Leftarrow$  (V)  $A = R^T R$  where  $R$  has  $L$  columns

$$x^T A x = x^T R^T R x = \|Rx\|^2 > 0 \text{ if } x \neq 0$$

and we know  $Rx \neq 0$  if  $x \neq 0$  because  $R$  has  $L$  cols  $\Rightarrow \ker(R) = \{0\}$

(I)  $\Rightarrow$  (V) There are many valid choices for  $R$

$$A = L D L^T = \begin{matrix} L \\ R^T \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} D \\ R \end{matrix} \quad \text{or} \quad A = Q \Lambda Q^T \text{ spectral Thm}$$

$$= (Q \Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}) (\Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} Q^T)$$

and  $R$  can be rectangular if we like:

Take any valid square  $R$  (as found above) and a matrix  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}$  with O.N. cols

Rectangular  $R := QR$

$$\text{then } R^T R = R^T [Q^T] [Q] R = R^T R = A$$

$R^T \quad R$

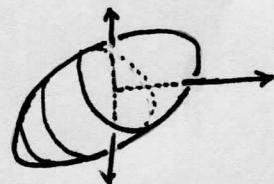
In ch 3.4 we studied linear Least Sq and Normal eqs  
 $A^T A$  is symm  $\xrightarrow{\text{spectral}}$   $\exists$  full set of O.N. EVs  $\mathbf{g}_1, \dots, \mathbf{g}_n$   
 $A^T A g_j = \lambda_j g_j \Rightarrow g_j^T A^T A g_j = \lambda_j g_j^T g_j \Rightarrow 0 \leq \|A g_j\|_2^2 = \lambda_j \Rightarrow$

$$A^T A \bar{x} = A^T b$$

This is now known to be symm pos def.

## ► Ellipsoids in $n$ -dim

Thm Let  $A$  be symm pos def  
 $E := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x^T A x = 1\}$



- ①  $E$  is  $n$ -dim ellipsoid
- ② The EVs of  $A$  correspond to the axes of  $E$  and the EWs define the lengths of these axes inside  $E$ ; the  $i$ th axes of  $E$  has length  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_i}}$
- ③ a rotation matrix  $Q$  would rotate  $E$  to align with the co-ord axes  
[or phrase it as a COV  $y = Q^T x$  aligns  $E$ ]

Pf Since  $A$  is symm, by Spectral Thm  $\exists$  O.N. matrix  $Q$  such that  $A = Q \Lambda Q^T$ . Define COV  $y = Q^T x$   
 $1 = x^T A x = y^T Q^T A Q y = y^T \Lambda y = \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_n y_n^2$   
 $A$  pos def  $\Rightarrow$  all EWs  $\lambda$  are pos  $\Rightarrow$  This is the canonical eq of an ellipsoid.

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The cols of  $Q$  are EVs of  $A$ .

Fix  $i$ . Plug in  $0$  for all  $y$  values except if:  $0 + 0 + \dots \lambda_i y_i^2 + 0 = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow y_i = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_i}}$   $\lambda_i > 0$

length of  $i$  "semiaxis" is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_i}}$

Finally, to show  $Q$  is a rotation:

we already know  $Q$  is O.N. so  $\det Q = \pm 1$ .

If  $+1$  we are done since that is def of rotation. If  $\det Q = -1$ , replace the first col  $\hat{q}_1 \mapsto -\hat{q}_1$ ,  $\tilde{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{q}_1 & \hat{q}_2 & \dots & \hat{q}_n \end{bmatrix}$  then  $\det \tilde{Q} = +1$  and since  $A(-\hat{q}_i) = \lambda_i(-\hat{q}_i)$ , this new matrix  $\tilde{Q}$  works for all the other steps  $\square$

Remark: if  $A$  were not pos def, we could get other quadric surfaces like paraboloids, hyperboloids, etc depending on signs of EWS and if any would be 0.

6.2.4 If  $A$  symm pos def, so is  $A^2, A^{-1}$  (in fact  $A^*$ ) because  $\lambda \mapsto \lambda^2$  always pos if  $\lambda$  is.

6.2.5 If  $A, B$  symm pos def, so is  $A+B$  because  $x^T(A+B)x = x^T Ax + x^T Bx > 0$  (special case of Sylvester's Law of Inertia)

6.2.8 A Symm pos def, C nsing  $\Rightarrow B = C^T AC$  is Symm pos def

- $B^T = (C^T AC)^T = C^T A^T C = C^T AC = B$  ✓
- For any  $y \neq 0$ ,  $y^T B y = y^T C^T AC y = (Cy)^T A(Cy) > 0$  because  $Cy \neq 0$  nsing.

6.2.9 If  $A$  symm pos def, Cauchy-Schwartz generalizes to  $|\langle x, Ay \rangle|^2 \leq \langle x, Ax \rangle \langle y, Ay \rangle$   
i.e.  $|x^T Ay|^2 \leq x^T Ax y^T Ay$

We know  $A = R^T R$

$$|x^T Ay|^2 = |x^T R^T Ry|^2 = |(Rx)^T Ry|^2 \stackrel{\text{regular}}{\leq} \stackrel{\text{cs}}{(Rx)^T Rx (Ry)^T Ry} = x^T R^T Rx y^T R^T Ry = x^T Ax y^T Ay \quad \square$$

### Ch 6.3 Semi def and Indefinite matrices Also $Ax = \lambda Mx$

- Now we want to generalize prov Thm on pos def matrices to pos semi def
- Prove Sylvester's Law of Inertia: Signs of EWS match signs of pivots
- Introduce generalized EW problem:  $Ax = \lambda Mx$

Thm 6E A Symm pos Semidef [cf Thm ch 6.2]

TFAE (I')  $x^T A x \geq 0 \quad \forall x$

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[If A sing, no  $\lambda=0$  so to get Semi-def A must be sing.]

(I')  $\Leftarrow$  (V')  $A = R^T R$  but cols of  $R$  not nec LI

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to derive II', III', IV' from prev thm:

Let  $A(\epsilon) := A + \epsilon I$   $A(\epsilon)$  is in fact Symm pos def because  $x^T A_\epsilon x = x^T A x + \epsilon^2 \|x\|^2 \geq 0 > 0$

(II')  $A(\epsilon)$  has pos  $\lambda_i(\epsilon)$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda(\epsilon)$  is a smooth fcn of  $\epsilon$  since

$$\det[(A + \epsilon I) - \lambda I] = 0 \text{ is smooth poly in elts of } A(\epsilon)$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \lambda_i(\epsilon) = \lambda_i \geq 0$$

(III')  $\det(A_k(\epsilon)) > 0$ :  $\det(A_k) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} [\det(A_k(\epsilon))] \geq 0$

(IV') Same idea for pivots:  $d_i(\epsilon) > 0$   $\lim \Rightarrow d_i \geq 0$

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- What are the elementary operations and invariants associated with a quadratic form  $g(x) = x^T A x$ ?  
 Given a nsing matrix  $C$ , we consider  $\text{cov } x = Cy$  which gives us the  
Congruence transform  $A \mapsto C^T AC$   
 Symmetry is preserved:  $(C^T AC)^T = C^T A^T C = C^T AC$

Thm Sylvester's Law of Inertia

$n \times n$  matrices       $A$  symm       $C$  nsing       $\Rightarrow C^T AC$  has the same 'signature' at  $A$   
 Same number of pos, neg, and 0 EWs

Pf Case 1  $A$  is nsing (no zero EWs)

Idea: we will define a homotopy from  $A$  to  $C^T AC$ . But for this to work, we actually need the homotopy  $Q^T A Q \rightsquigarrow C^T AC$  where  $Q$  is an ON matrix we will find.

Step 1 By Gram-Schmidt we can factorize  $C = QR$      $Q$  ON,  $R$  upper triang with strictly pos elts on main diag

$$\text{Define } C_t := (1-t)Q + tQR \quad t \in [0,1]$$

$$= Q \left[ \underbrace{(1-t)\mathbb{I} + tR}_{\substack{\text{This matrix is nsing because it is upper triang} \\ \text{with strictly pos elts on main diag}}} \right]$$

Thus  $\forall t \in [0,1]$   $C_t$  is nsing.       $\Rightarrow \det > 0 \rightarrow$  nsing

$$C_0 = Q \quad C_1 = QR = C$$

Step 2 Define  $B_t := C_t^T AC_t$  then  $B_0 = Q^T A Q$  and  $B_1 = C^T AC$

For each value of  $t$ ,  $B_t$  is nsing. EWs are smooth fns of  $t$  since  $\det[B_t - \lambda_i \mathbb{I}] = 0$  is a poly

Step 3  $A$  has  $p$  pos and  $r$  neg EWs

$Q^T A Q = Q^T A Q$  has exactly the same EWs, since similar matrices have same EWs.

$$B_0 = Q^T A Q$$

For all  $t \in [0,1]$   $B_t$  is nsing, thus even though each EW  $\lambda_i(t)$  of  $B_t$  may move with  $t$ , none can touch 0, much less cross over it.

$B_1 = C^T AC \leftarrow$  so this has same number  $p$  of pos EWs and  $r$  neg EWs  $\square$

Case 2  $A$  singular - Strang says to work with nsing  $A + \epsilon I$  and  $A - \epsilon I$  and at the end let  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

I will give Strang's other pf on sheet 8  
 which does not use homotopy, just algebra.

□

COR A symm  $\Rightarrow$  Signature of pivots matches signature of EWs  
 $A = LDL^T$        $A = Q^T \Lambda Q^T$

Pf we know Gaussian elimination gives us  $A = LDU$  where  $L$  is lower triag and has all 1's on main diag  $\Rightarrow \det = 1 \Rightarrow$  invertible.  
To get  $A = LDL^T$  (which is not exactly Cholesky) observe  $A^T = U^T D^T L^T$  and Symm  $A = A^T \Rightarrow U = L^T$

$$\text{step 2 } A = LDL^T \Leftrightarrow L^{-1} A L^{-T} = D$$

Define  $C := (L^{-1})^T$  then  $C^T A C = D$  and we can apply Sylvester LOI to conclude  $A$  and  $D$  have same sig.  $D$  is matrix of pivots  $\square$

Now Strang gives a partial example of finding EWs by Givens method using these ideas. Actually Givens does rotations to make a matrix tridiagonal and here we start with  $A$  already tri-diag.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 10 & 7 \\ 0 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find pivots by Gaussian Elimination  
 $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 = R'_2$   
 $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R'_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & & \\ & 7 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ all pos elts}$$

Guess:

Is  $\lambda=2$  an EW? we would form  $\det[A-2I] = 0$  to check, but Strang wants to compute pivots:

$$A-2I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 7R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & 6 & 54 \end{bmatrix}$$

1 neg pivot  
This violates Sylvester  
So rule out  $\lambda=2$

Try  $\lambda=1 \rightarrow$  again neg pivot

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \xrightarrow{\text{Prob 6.3.5}} \text{pivots} = \{2.5, 59, -0.81\} \text{ again neg pivot}$$

Keep going by bisection method to approx the EW

$A = A - 0I$  so we know it is between  $(0, \frac{1}{2}) \dots$  (between ends of the interval)

algebraic pf of Sylvester's Law of Inertia (problems 6.3.6 and 6.3.7 out of order)

pf.

Lemma clif domain of  $A$  has a basis of EVs  
 $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  and  $u_1, \dots, u_r$  are associated  
with EW  $\lambda = 0$

$\Rightarrow \{u_{r+1}, \dots, u_n\}$  are a basis for  $\ker(A)$   
so  $\dim(\ker(A)) = r$   
Any  $w = \sum_{i=r+1}^n \alpha_i u_i$  is NOT in  $\ker(A)$

Pf. For  $u = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i u_i$   $A(u) = \sum \alpha_i A(u_i) = \sum \alpha_i 0u_i = 0$

For  $w = \sum_{i=r+1}^n \alpha_i u_i$   $A(w) = \sum \alpha_i A(u_i) = \sum \alpha_i \lambda_i u_i \neq 0$  because  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=r+1}^n$  is LI  
all  $\alpha_i \neq 0$

□

Lemma 2  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(C^T AC)$  C nsing, A symm  
Equivalently A has the same number of 0 EWs (multiplicity) as  $C^T AC$

Pf. we will show  $\dim(\ker(A)) = \dim(\ker(C^T AC))$  rank + nullity = n

Domain of  $A$  has EV basis  $\{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$  and since  $C$  is nsing, there is a basis  $\{s_1, \dots, s_n\} \ni C s_i = g_i$ . If the basis for  $\ker(A)$  is  $g_1, \dots, g_r$ , then  $C^T AC s_i = C^T A g_i = C^T 0 = 0 \forall i=1, \dots, r$   
so  $\dim(\ker(C^T AC)) \geq \dim(\ker(A))$ .

Can any other vector  $w$  not in span  $\{s_1, \dots, s_r\}$  be in  $\ker(C^T AC)$ ?  $w = \sum_{i=r+1}^n \alpha_i s_i$   $Cw = \sum_{i=r+1}^n \alpha_i g_i$   
and from first lemma  $A(\sum_{i=r+1}^n \alpha_i g_i) \neq 0$

□

So now we have only to show that  $A$  and  $C^T AC$  have same numbers of pos and neg EWs. Both matrices are symm, so both have ON bases.

Let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_p\}$  be the ON EVs of  $A$  assoc with  $\lambda_i$  pos  
 $\{y_1, \dots, y_q\}$  " " " "  $C^T AC$  " "  $\mu_i$  neg

Step 1 Show  $\{x_1, \dots, x_p, Cy_1, \dots, Cy_q\}$  are LI.

Suppose not: If LD, then  $\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i x_i + \sum_{j=1}^q (-b_j) Cy_j = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i x_i = \sum_{j=1}^q b_j Cy_j$  call this common vector  $Z$

$Z^T AZ \geq 0$  because  $AZ = \sum \alpha_i (\lambda_i x_i)$  and  $Z^T AZ = \sum \lambda_i \alpha_i^2 \geq 0$  since  $x_i \cdot x_j = 0$  O.N.

$Z^T AZ \leq 0$  because  $AZ = \sum b_j AC y_j = \sum b_j \mu_j C^T y_j$  because  $C^T AC y_j = \mu_j y_j$  since  $\lambda_i$  pos

$$\begin{aligned} Z^T AZ &= \mu_1 b_1^2 y_1^T C^T C y_1 + \mu_2 b_2^2 y_2^T C^T C y_2 + \dots \\ &= \mu_1 b_1^2 1 + \mu_2 b_2^2 + \dots + \mu_q b_q^2 \leq 0 \text{ because each } \mu_i \text{ neg.} \end{aligned}$$

$Z^T AZ = 0$  but this requires every  $\alpha_i = 0$ ,  $b_j = 0 \Rightarrow \{x_1, \dots, x_p, Cy_1, \dots, Cy_q\}$  is LI.

Step 2  $\{x_1, \dots, x_p, Cy_1, \dots, Cy_q\}$  LI in  $\mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow p+q \leq n$

Step 3 Apply same arg to  $(n-p)$  neg  $\lambda_i$ 's and  $(n-q)$  pos  $\mu_j$ 's.  $\Rightarrow (n-p) + (n-q) \leq n$   
 $\Rightarrow n \leq p+q$

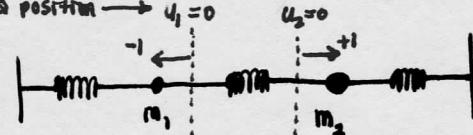
This combined with prev step shows  $p+q = n \Rightarrow n-p = q$  so same # pos EWs!  
 $n-q = p$  " " " neg "

Schua's LA Thm 12.4, 12.5 uses basically this same pf,  
but without EVs since they don't have Spectral Thm yet.

QED

Generalized EW Problem  $Ax = \lambda x$  becomes  $Ax = \lambda Mx$  and we want A & M both symm.

Consider mass pts in a lattice of springs governed by Hooke's Law  $F = -kx$   
 $m\ddot{x} = -kx$



Unequal masses lead to M matrix  
here  $m_1 = 1$   $m_2 = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \ddot{u}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ m_2 \ddot{u}_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{u}_1 \\ \ddot{u}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Assume soln  $\vec{u} = e^{i\omega t} \vec{x}$   
like p. 284 ch 5.4

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= i\omega e^{i\omega t} \vec{x} \\ \ddot{u} &= (i\omega)^2 e^{i\omega t} \vec{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M \ddot{u} &= Au \\ M(-\omega^2) \vec{x} &= Ae^{i\omega t} \vec{x} \\ M \lambda \vec{x} &= Ax \Rightarrow Ax = \lambda Mx \\ Ax - \lambda Mx &= 0 \\ (A - \lambda M)x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

so we solve  $\det(A - \lambda M) = 0$

$$\text{Here } \det \begin{bmatrix} -2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -2-2\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

EVs give normal modes of oscillation.

Now if M is assumed Symm Pos def  $M = R^T R \Rightarrow Ax = \lambda R^T R x$

$$C := R^{-1} \Rightarrow C^T A C y = \lambda y \text{ with COV } y = Rx$$

The properties of Symm  $C^T A C$  lead directly to corresp props for  $Ax = \lambda Mx$

1. EWs are Real

2. Same signs for EWs by Sylvester LOI.

3. EVs of  $C^T A C$  are ON  $\Rightarrow$  EWs of A are 'M-O.N.'  $x_i^T M x_j = \delta_{ij}$

4.  $x_i^T A x_j = \lambda_j x_i^T M x_j = \begin{cases} \lambda_j \\ 0 \end{cases}$

Matrices A & M are being simultaneously diagonalized.

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ x_1 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow S^T A S = \Lambda \quad S^T M S = I$$

Not  $S^{-1}$ ; not similarity transform

Strang says hard to visualize in general. In pos def case,  $x^T A x = 1$   $x^T M x = 1$  are ellipsoids

$x = Sz$  gives COV that makes them correctly aligned (not a pure rotation)  
S not ON

$$x^T A x = z^T S^T A S z = \sum \lambda_j z_j^2 = 1$$

$$x^T M x = \sum z_j^2 = 1 \text{ sphere.}$$

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Minimum Principles and Rayleigh Quotient

Find a minimum principle that yields  $Ax=b$  and then one that yields  $Ax=\lambda x$ , ch 1-dim  $p(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x$   $p'(x) = Ax - b \stackrel{!}{=} 0$   $p''(x) = A$   $\Rightarrow$  pos  $\Rightarrow$  concave up  $\Rightarrow$  minimum

n-dim: we want to find a paraboloid  $P$  which has a minimizing pt  $x$  that is found by  $Ax=b$

Given  $A, b$  define  $P_{A,b}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Paraboloid in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$   
 $x \mapsto \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - x^T b = \frac{1}{2}x^T (Ax - 2b)$

Thm If  $A$  symm pos def  $\Rightarrow P$  attains its min at  $x^*$  where  $Ax^* = b$   
The min value is  $P(x^*) = -\frac{1}{2}b^T A^{-1}b$

Pf. Let  $x^*$  be soln to  $Ax=b$ . Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  arb pt. not  $x^*$

$$\begin{aligned} P(y) - P(x^*) &= \frac{1}{2}y^T Ay - y^T b - \left[ \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - x^T b \right] \\ &\quad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ &\quad Ax^* \qquad \qquad \qquad Ax^* \\ &= \frac{1}{2}y^T Ay - y^T Ax - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}x^T Ax + x^T Ax}_{\frac{1}{2}x^T Ax} = \frac{1}{2}(y-x)^T A(y-x) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

since  $A$  pos def  
and  $y \neq x$

$\Rightarrow P(y) - P(x^*) > 0$  for all  $y \neq x^*$

$\Rightarrow P(y) > P(x^*)$  and thus  $x^*$  is the minimizer. □

(6.4.v) Another quadratic that has minimum for  $Ax=b$  is  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|Ax-b\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}x^T A^T Ax - x^T A^T b + \frac{1}{2}b^T b$

We discussed this in ch 3.2 sheets [‘Linear Alg with OG’ sheet ②]

$$Dg_x(h) = 2x^T (A^T A) h - h^T A^T b - b^T A h \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \text{ for extrema}$$

$$x^T (A^T A) h = b^T A h \text{ for any } h$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T A x = A^T b \quad \text{Normal Eqs}$$

Remark In my sheets on Quadratics, I have 2 examples of paraboloids

$$\text{elliptic: } \frac{1}{\alpha^2}x^2 + \frac{1}{\beta^2}y^2 = cz \quad c > 0$$

$$\text{hyperbolic: } \frac{1}{\alpha^2}x^2 - \frac{1}{\beta^2}y^2 = cz \quad \text{this is saddle point}$$

Now let's consider  $Ax = \lambda x$

Define Rayleigh Quotient  $R_A : \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  This is really  $\begin{array}{c} S^{n-1}_{(0,0)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \hat{x} \mapsto \frac{\hat{x}^T A \hat{x}}{\hat{x}^T \hat{x}} \end{array}$   
unit vectors - pts on unit sphere.

### Thm Rayleigh Principle

A symm (not nec pos def)  
EVs (Real)  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$   
corresponding EVs  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

$R_A$  is minimized by  $x_1$   
 $R_A(x_1) = \lambda_1$  (smallest EV)

[maximized by  $x_n$   $R_A(x_n) = \lambda_n$ ]

Pf. By Spectral Thm  $\Lambda = Q^T A Q$ . and COV  $x = Qy$  (does not change lengths)

$$\text{Then } R(x) = \frac{(Qy)^T A Qy}{(Qy)^T Qy} = \frac{y^T \Lambda y}{y^T y} = \frac{\lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_n y_n^2}{\sum y_i^2}$$

$$\text{Since } \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_i \text{ for } i=2, \dots, n \quad \lambda_1(y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_n^2) \leq \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_n y_n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{\lambda_1(\sum y_i^2)}{\sum y_i^2} \leq \frac{\sum \lambda_i y_i^2}{\sum y_i^2} = R(x) \quad \text{and } R(x_1) = x_1^T \lambda x_1 = \lambda_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = R(x_1) \leq R(x)$$

$$\triangleright \text{By same arg } R(x) \leq R(x_n) = \lambda_n \quad \square$$

Thus we could numerically search for EVs by minimizing or maximizing  $\frac{x^T A x}{x^T x}$ ; I don't know if this is ever done in practice.

Lemma Some computations we will need:  $x^T \Lambda x = \sum \lambda_i x_i^2$

$$x^T Q \Lambda Q^T x = \sum \lambda_i (q_i^T x)^2$$

$$\text{This refers to the case } x \in \mathbb{C}^n, A \text{ Hermitian, } U \text{ unitary} \rightarrow x^H U \Lambda U^H x = \sum \lambda_i |u_i^H x|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^T \Lambda x &= [x_1, x_2, x_3] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [x_1, x_2, x_3] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 x_1 \\ \lambda_2 x_2 \\ \lambda_3 x_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \lambda_1 x_1^2 + \lambda_2 x_2^2 + \lambda_3 x_3^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$U \Lambda U^H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\bar{u}_1 \\ -\bar{u}_2 \\ -\bar{u}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda_1 \bar{u}_1 \\ -\lambda_2 \bar{u}_2 \\ -\lambda_3 \bar{u}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x^T Q \Lambda Q^T x \quad \text{and } x^T Q = (Q^T x)^T = \begin{bmatrix} q_1^T x \\ q_2^T x \\ q_3^T x \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$\Rightarrow [q_1^T x \ q_2^T x \ q_3^T x] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 q_1^T x \\ \lambda_2 q_2^T x \\ \lambda_3 q_3^T x \end{bmatrix} = \sum \lambda_i (q_i^T x)^2 \quad \square$$

Thm A Symm

EVs ordered  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$

$$\min_{\substack{\|x\|=1 \\ x \perp \text{Span}\{g_1, \dots, g_{k-1}\}}} \{x^T A x\} = \lambda_k$$

Horn & Johnson MA p.177-178

This requires us to know EVs already, so not too useful.

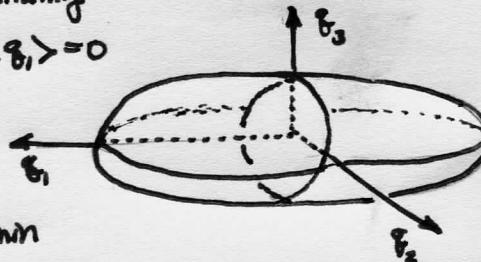
$$\max_{\substack{\|x\|=1 \\ x \perp \text{Span}\{g_n, \dots, g_{n-k+1}\}}} \{x^T A x\} = \lambda_{n-k}$$

Pf Let's just consider  $x \perp \text{Span}\{g_i\}$  i.e.  $\langle x, g_i \rangle = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} x^T A x &= x^T Q \Lambda Q^T x \stackrel{\text{lemma}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (g_i^T x)^2 = \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i (g_i^T x)^2 \text{ because } \langle x, g_1 \rangle = 0 \\ &\geq \lambda_2 \sum_{i=2}^n (g_i^T x)^2 \quad \text{also} \\ &= \lambda_2 \sum_{i=1}^n [(Q^T x)_i]^2 = \lambda_2 \|Q^T x\|_2^2 = \lambda_2 \|x\|_2^2 \quad \text{Preserves lengths} \\ &= \lambda_2 \|x\|_2^2 \\ &= \lambda_2 \cdot 1 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

For pos  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0$   
 $\lambda_2 \leq \lambda_3 \leq \lambda_4$   
 $\alpha \lambda_2 + \beta \lambda_3 + \gamma \lambda_4 \geq \lambda_2 \alpha + \lambda_3 \beta + \lambda_4 \gamma$

Strang p.351 is illustrating how restricting to  $\langle x, g_i \rangle = 0$  is cutting the original ellipsoid with a plane and now we are looking at the max and min axes of that.



▷ We want to recast the above thm to avoid needing to know the EVs. I am taking this argument from Horn & Johnson MA p.178-180 so I am switching to  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $A = A^H$

Fix any  $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

$$\sup_{\substack{\text{all } x \text{ satisfying} \\ \|x\|=1 \\ \langle x, w \rangle = 0}} \{x^H A x\} = \sup_{\substack{\|x\|=1 \\ \langle x, w \rangle = 0}} x^H U \Lambda U^H x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } z &:= U^H x \rightarrow x = Uz \\ \text{then } x^H x &= (Uz)^H Uz \\ &= z^H U^H U z = z^H z \\ &\Rightarrow \|x\| = 1 = \|z\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle x, w \rangle = \langle Uz, w \rangle \\ &= \langle z, U^H w \rangle \quad \text{def of IP} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sup_{\|z\|=1} \sum \lambda_i |(U^H x)_i|^2$$

$$= \sup_{\|z\|=1} \sum \lambda_i |z_i|^2$$

$$\geq \sup_{\|z\|=1} \left\{ \sum \lambda_i |z_i|^2 \right\}$$

$$\geq \sup_{\substack{\|z\|=1 \\ \langle z, U^H w \rangle = 0 \\ z^{(1)} = \dots = z^{(n-2)} = 0}} \left\{ \sum \lambda_i |z_i|^2 \right\}$$

$$\geq \sup_{\substack{\|z\|=1 \\ |z_{n-1}|^2 + |z_n|^2 = 1 \\ \langle z, U^H w \rangle = 0}} \left\{ \lambda_{n-1} |z_{n-1}|^2 + \lambda_n |z_n|^2 \right\}$$

$$\geq \lambda_{n-1}$$

restrict to subset of  $\vec{z}$  with first  $n-2$  components = 0  
[Is this set empty??]

$$\text{Now } |z_{n-1}|^2 + |z_n|^2 = 1$$

$$\lambda_{n-1} |z_{n-1}|^2 + \lambda_n |z_n|^2 \geq \lambda_{n-1} |z_{n-1}|^2 + \lambda_{n-1} |z_n|^2 \text{ since } \lambda_{n-1} \leq \lambda_n$$

$$= \lambda_{n-1} (1)$$

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Thus we have shown, for any given  $\vec{w}$

$$\sup_{\substack{\|x\|=1 \\ \langle x, w \rangle = 0}} \{x^H A x\} \geq \lambda_{n-1}$$

By [Spectral Thm] there is Unitary EV matrix  $U$  where  $A U_{kk} = \lambda_k U_{kk}$

Thus  $U_{n-1}^H A U_{n-1} = U_{n-1}^H \lambda_{n-1} U_{n-1} = \lambda_{n-1}$  so equality is obtained

$$\inf_{\text{all } w} \left[ \sup_{\substack{\|x\|=1 \\ \langle x, w \rangle = 0}} x^H A x \right] = \lambda_{n-1}$$

'inf' can become 'min'.

This arg generalizes to

Courant-Fischer min-max Thm

$$\begin{aligned} A &\text{ Herm} \\ \lambda_1 &\leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\min_{\substack{\text{all tuples} \\ \vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_{n-k}}} \left[ \max_{x \perp W} \frac{x^H A x}{x^H x} \right] = \lambda_k$$

$W = \text{Span}\{\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_{n-k}\}$

$$\max_{\substack{\text{all} \\ \vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_{n-k}}} \left[ \min_{x \in W} \frac{x^H A x}{x^H x} \right] = \lambda_k$$

Horn p.181

Thm (Weyl)  $A, B$  Hermitian

$$\begin{aligned} \text{order ENS: } \lambda_1(A) &\leq \lambda_2(A) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(A) \\ \lambda_1(B) &\leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(B) \\ \lambda_1(A+B) &\leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(A+B) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_k(A) + \lambda_1(B) \leq \lambda_k(A+B) \leq \lambda_k(A) + \lambda_n(B)$$

Pf. For any  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$  we have  $\lambda_1(B) \leq \frac{x^H B x}{x^H x} \leq \lambda_n(B)$

For any  $k=1, \dots, n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_k(A+B) &= \min_{\substack{\text{all} \\ \vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_{n-k}}} \left[ \max_{x \perp W} \frac{x^H (A+B) x}{x^H x} \right] = \min \left[ \max \frac{x^H A x}{x^H x} + \frac{x^H B x}{x^H x} \right] \\ &\geq \min \left[ \max \frac{x^H A x}{x^H x} + \lambda_1(B) \right] \\ &= \lambda_k(A) + \lambda_1(B) \end{aligned}$$

□

Cor If  $B$  pos def  $\lambda_k(A+B) \geq \lambda_k(A)$

Just subtracting a pos quantity from smaller side.

This Solves  
Strang (6.4.8) (6.4.7)

NEXT: Strang has Finite Element Method