

Q₁ - Show that a hermitian 2×2 matrix $\underline{A}$ is positive definite if and only if $\text{tr}(A) > 0$ and $\det(A) > 0$?

- solution:

since A is a hermitian matrix, the eigenvalues of A are real, i.e., λ_1 and λ_2 are real.

$$\underline{A} \text{ is positive definite} \xleftrightarrow{?} \begin{cases} \text{tr}(A) > 0 \\ \det(A) > 0 \end{cases}$$

part one: given the left statement, we prove the right claim is correct. Thus

we assume that A is P.D, then we have $\begin{cases} \lambda_1 > 0 \\ \lambda_2 > 0 \end{cases}$

moreover, we know that

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i \\ \det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{tr}(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 > 0 \\ \det(A) = \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 > 0 \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$

part two: given $\begin{cases} \text{tr}(A) > 0 \\ \det(A) > 0 \end{cases}$, we prove that A is P.D.

Assume that $\begin{cases} \text{tr}(A) > 0 \\ \det(A) > 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 > 0 & (*) \\ \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 > 0 & (**)$

from $(**)$, we conclude that $\begin{cases} \lambda_1 < 0, \lambda_2 < 0 \\ \text{or} \\ \lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0 \end{cases}$

If we assume that $\lambda_1 < 0, \lambda_2 < 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 < 0 \quad \times$
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contradict with $(*)$

Thus, the other assumption is true, i.e., $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0$

which results in A being a P.D matrix. $\checkmark$

*Q2 - Find all eigen values and their corresponding eigenvectors of the matrix $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$.

- solution:

For λ and $\underline{u}$ which are eigenvalue and eigenvector of $\underline{A}$

, we have: $\underline{A}\underline{u} = \lambda \underline{u} \Rightarrow (\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I})\underline{u} = \underline{0}$

So, the matrix $\underline{B} = \underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}$ is a singular matrix

and $\boxed{\det(\underline{B}) = 0}$

$$\det(\underline{B}) = \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= (1-\lambda) \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 6-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) - (-3) \cdot \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 6-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$+ 0 \cdot \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1-\lambda \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= (1-\lambda) [(1-\lambda)(6-\lambda)] + 3 \cdot [(-3)(6-\lambda)]$$

$$= (1-\lambda)^2 (6-\lambda) - 9(6-\lambda) = [(1-\lambda)^2 - 9] \cdot (6-\lambda)$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(B) = [(1-\lambda)^2 - 9](6-\lambda) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 6-\lambda=0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_1=6} \\ (1-\lambda)^2 - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (1-\lambda)^2 = 9 \Rightarrow 1-\lambda = \pm 3 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_2=4 \\ \lambda_3=-2 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

After calculating eigenvalues of A, we find the eigenvectors using λ_1, λ_2 and λ_3 . Thus, we have

$$A \underline{u}_1 = \lambda_1 \underline{u}_1 \Rightarrow A \underline{u}_1 = 6 \underline{u}_1 \quad \text{if } \underline{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = 6 \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a-3b \\ -3a+b \\ 6c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6a \\ 6b \\ 6c \end{bmatrix}$$

From the two first equations, we have:

$$\begin{cases} a-3b=6a \longrightarrow 5a=-3b \longrightarrow a=-\frac{3}{5}b & (*) \\ -3a+b=6b \xrightarrow{*} \frac{9}{5}b=5b \Rightarrow \boxed{b=0} & (**) \end{cases}$$

using $(*)$ und $(**)$, $\boxed{a=0} \Rightarrow \underline{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ c \end{bmatrix}$

If we constrain $\|\underline{u}_1\| = 1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{0+0+c^2} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{c=\pm 1}$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

similarly, we can write:

$$A \underline{u}_2 = \lambda_2 \underline{u}_2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = 4 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a - 3b \\ -3a + b \\ 6c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4a \\ 4b \\ 4c \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{equation}]{\text{third}} 6c = 4c \Rightarrow \boxed{c = 0}$$

From the first equation, $a - 3b = 4a \Rightarrow -3b = 3a \Rightarrow \boxed{a = -b}$ (*)

If we constrain $\|\underline{u}_2\| = 1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + 0} = 1$

$$\xRightarrow{(*)} a^2 + a^2 = 1 \Rightarrow 2a^2 = 1 \Rightarrow a^2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{a = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \quad (**)$$

using (*) and (**), we obtain $\boxed{b = \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the third eigen value $\lambda_3 = -2$, we have

$$A \underline{u}_3 = \lambda_3 \underline{u}_3 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a - 3b \\ -3a + b \\ 6c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2a \\ -2b \\ -2c \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{equation}]{\text{third}} \boxed{c = 0}$$

From the first equation, we have $a - 3b = -2a \Rightarrow \boxed{a = b}$ (*)

$$\|\underline{u}_3\| = 1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + 0} = 1 \xRightarrow{(*)} 2a^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \quad (**)$$

From $(*)$ and $(**)$, we obtain that

$$b = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Two additional property :

1) As it can be seen, $\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i = 8$

2) $u_i^H \cdot u_j = 0$, $i \neq j \longrightarrow$ since A is a hermitian (symmetric in real domain) matrix.

*Q3 - Find the Least-squares solution of $\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{b}$

where $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+j & 1-2j \\ 2+3j & -2+j \\ 4+j & 3-j \end{bmatrix}$, and $\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+j \\ 1-j \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

- Solution:

As it is included in the lecture note, $\underline{x}_{LS} = (\underline{A}^H \underline{A})^{-1} \underline{A}^H \underline{b}$

$$\underline{A}^H \underline{A} = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1+j & 1-2j \\ 2+3j & -2+j \\ 4+j & 3-j \end{bmatrix} \right)^H \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1+j & 1-2j \\ 2+3j & -2+j \\ 4+j & 3-j \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1-j & 1+2j \\ 2-3j & -2-j \\ 4-j & 3+j \end{bmatrix} \right)^T \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1+j & 1-2j \\ 2+3j & -2+j \\ 4+j & 3-j \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1-j & 2-3j & 4-j \\ 1+2j & -2-j & 3+j \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1+j & 1-2j \\ 2+3j & -2+j \\ 4+j & 3-j \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2+13+17 & (1-2j-j-2) + (-4+2j+6j+3) + (12-4j-3j-1) \\ (1+j+2j-2) + (-4-6j-2j+3) + (12+3j+4j-1) & 5+5+10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^H A = \begin{bmatrix} 32 & 9-2j \\ 9+2j & 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^H A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A^H A)} \begin{bmatrix} 20 & -9+2j \\ -9-2j & 32 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(32 \times 20) - (81+4)} \begin{bmatrix} 20 & -9+2j \\ -9-2j & 32 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{555} \begin{bmatrix} 20 & -9+2j \\ -9-2j & 32 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^H b = \begin{bmatrix} 1-j & 2-3j & 4-j \\ 1+2j & -2-j & 3+j \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1+j \\ 1-j \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \dots = \begin{bmatrix} 1-5j \\ -4+4j \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{LS} = (A^H A)^{-1} A^H b = \frac{1}{555} \begin{bmatrix} 20 & -9+2j \\ -9-2j & 32 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1-5j \\ -4+4j \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \dots = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0865 - 0.2595j \\ -0.2649 + 0.3081j \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{b} = A x_{LS} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6973 + 0.6649j \\ 1.1730 - 1.1405j \\ 0.1189 + 0.2378j \end{bmatrix}$$

while $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1+j \\ 1-j \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$