

Recall If $A = A^*$ then $U^*AU = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$.

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$. $U^*U = I_n$

In the real case, then $A = A^T$.
and there is an orthogonal Q s.t.

$Q^T A Q$

In our proof, we use $\|v\|=1$ $v^* A v = \max \{x^* A x : \|x\|=1\}$
and show that

$$U_1^* A U_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & A_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and we can induct on $A_1 \in M_{n-1}$.

In practice We find an eigenvector for the largest eigenvalue

Wkz. $A = A^*$, If $Ax = \lambda x$, then we can choose x
to be a unit vector, say, replace x by $x/\|x\|$ so that

$$x^* A x = \lambda x^* x = \lambda$$

~~$x^* A x = \lambda x^* x$~~ $x^*(\lambda x) = \lambda(x^* x) = \lambda$

So we have $\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{unitary/orthogonal}}$

~~$$U [x | x_2 \dots x_n] = [x | \dots | x_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & A_1 \end{bmatrix}$$~~

$A =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & & & \\ & \lambda & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U^* A U = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, \text{ for } U = [x | x_2 \dots x_n]$$

is unitary/orthogonal.

But $(U^* A U)^* = U^* A^* U = U^* A U$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\lambda} & 0 \\ A_{12}^* & A_{22}^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \therefore \lambda = \bar{\lambda}, A_{12} = 0, A_{12}^* = 0, A_{22} = A_{22}^*$$

Then induct on A_{22} .

To prove (0) A is positive definite

$$\text{i.e., } A = U \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} U^T$$

$$U U^T = I, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n > 0$$

is equivalent to (1) - (4)

Proof:

(0) \Rightarrow (1). If $A = U \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} U^T$

then for any $x \neq 0$, $x^T A x = x^T U \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} U^T x$.

Let $y = U^T x = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$

So
$$\begin{aligned} x^T A x &= [y_1 \dots y_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \lambda_1 |y_1|^2 + \dots + \lambda_n |y_n|^2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

(1) \Rightarrow (2) then 1×1 minor. $\det([a_{ii}]) = [1 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0] A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} > 0$
Let $A = (a_{ij})$:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

~~\det~~ ~~$\mu_1 \mu_2$~~

$$= \det \left(U_2 \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{10} \\ \vdots \\ \mu_{A2} \end{bmatrix} U_2^T \right) = \mu_1 \mu_2$$

If μ_1 or μ_2 is ~~negative~~ non-positive then \square

Say $\mu_1 \leq 0$, for $x = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 & \mu_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mu_1 \leq 0$!!!

Contradicting (1), $\therefore \mu_1, \mu_2 > 0$

$$\& \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} > 0$$

For 3×3 principal minor,

Consider
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= U_3 \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 & & 0 \\ & \mu_2 & \\ & & \mu_3 \end{bmatrix} U_3^T \quad \text{If } \mu_i \leq 0, \text{ for } i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

there is

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|v\| = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$[\bar{v}_1 \ \bar{v}_2 \ \bar{v}_3] \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= [\bar{v}_1 \ \bar{v}_2 \ \bar{v}_3] \left[I_3 \mid 0 \right] \cdot A \begin{bmatrix} I_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1 \leq 0$$

~~Then~~ In general, we show that
any $k \times k$ principal submatrix of A
has positive eigenvalues.

~~(2) \Rightarrow (3)~~

$$\lambda_i > 0$$

$$x^* A x > 0$$

$$A = B^* B \neq 0$$

$$B^2 = B = B^*$$

(0)

(1)

(2)

(3)

$$\det(A) > 0$$

$$(4) \quad A = L D L^*$$

$$\sim(0) \Rightarrow \sim(1)$$

Done (0)

$$A = U \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} U^*$$

(0) ..

(4)

(1)

$$x^* A x > 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

(3)

$$(2) \quad A = \left(U \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix} U^* \right) \left(U \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix} U^* \right) = B^* B \quad B = B^*$$

(0) \Rightarrow (1) Done! (1) \Rightarrow (0) use $\sim(0) \Rightarrow \sim(1)$.

Choose eigenvectors corresponding to $\lambda_i > 0$

$$(0) \Rightarrow (2) \quad A = U \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} U^* = B^* B \quad B = U \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix} U^*$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow (1) \quad A = B^* B \Rightarrow x^* A x = x^* B^* B x = y^* y > 0$$

$y = Bx \neq 0$

(3) \Rightarrow (4) By LU factorization. If A has leading principal minors then $A = L U = L D \hat{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ * & 1 & \\ & & \ddots & \\ * & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & * \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$D = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{u_{11}} & & 0 \\ & \frac{1}{u_{22}} & \\ 0 & & \frac{1}{u_{nn}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_n \end{pmatrix}$

(3) \Rightarrow (4)

(Cont'd)

Remain to show that

$$L = \hat{L}^* \hat{L}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \times & 0 \\ 0 & \times \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \\ & \times \end{bmatrix}^*$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \hat{l}_{12} & \hat{l}_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & \hat{l}_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} a_{ij}$$

$$= d_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ l_{21} \\ l_{31} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \hat{l}_{12} & \hat{l}_{13} \end{bmatrix} + d_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ l_{32} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \hat{l}_{23} \end{bmatrix} + d_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= d_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{12} & \times \\ a_{13} & \times \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore l_{21} = \overline{\hat{l}_{12}} \quad \& \quad l_{31} = \overline{\hat{l}_{13}}$$

Then $d_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ l_{32} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \hat{l}_{23} \end{bmatrix} + d_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= A - d_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ l_{21} \\ l_{31} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \overline{\hat{l}_{12}} & \overline{\hat{l}_{13}} \end{bmatrix} \text{ is Hermitian}$$

$$\therefore d_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ l_{32} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \hat{l}_{23} \end{bmatrix} \text{ is Hermitian}$$

Same argument for $n \times n$ matrix A

Finally, (4) \Rightarrow (1).

Suppose $A = L \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & d_n \end{bmatrix} L^*$ $d_i > 0$

Then for $x \neq 0$

$$x^* A x = x^* L \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & \\ & d_n \end{bmatrix} L^* x$$
$$= [\bar{y}_1 \dots \bar{y}_n] \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & d_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum d_i |y_i|^2 > 0$$

because $y = Lx \neq 0$
 $\det(L) = 1$

$\therefore x^* A x > 0 \quad \forall$ nonzero x .

\therefore We have established

~~(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow (0)~~

(1) \Rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (1) \square

$$f(x_1+t_1) = f(x_1) + t_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_1) + \frac{t_1^2}{2} f''(x_1) + O(t^3)$$

Applications

1. Maximum and minimum of real valued function $f(x) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}$

Then $f(x_1 + t_1, \dots, x_n + t_n)$

$$= f(x_1, \dots, x_n) + (f_{x_1}(x), \dots, f_{x_n}(x))(t_1, \dots, t_n)^T + \frac{1}{2} (x_1, \dots, x_n) J_f(x) (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T + O(t^3),$$

where

Jacobian

$$J_f(x) = (f_{x_i, x_j}(x)) = \left(\frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right)$$

$x^T A x \geq 0$

Thus, $f(x)$ is minimum if $f_{x_j}(x) = 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, n$, and $J_f(x)$ is positive semi-definite.

$t_1 > 0$
 $t_2 < 0$

$\begin{matrix} < 0 \\ > 0 \end{matrix}$

2. Major and minor axes of elliptical disk/ellipsoid.

Suppose the ellipse equation $1 = 5x^2 + 8xy + 5y^2$ is written as $1 = (x, y)A(x, y)^T$ with $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$. Then A is positive definite, and $A = QDQ^T$ with $D = \text{diag}(9, 1)$ and $Q = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Then the ellipse equation becomes $1 = 9X^2 + Y^2$ with $X = (x+y)/\sqrt{2}$ and $Y = (-x+y)/\sqrt{2}$. Geometrically, we apply a rotation of $-\pi/4$, we get a vertical ellipse.