

# Fundamentals of Linear Algebra and Optimization

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## Homework 5

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**Problem B1 (40 pts).** Let  $H$  be a symmetric positive definite matrix and let  $K$  be any symmetric matrix.

(1) Prove that  $HK$  is diagonalizable, with real eigenvalues.

(2) If  $K$  is also positive definite, then prove that the eigenvalues of  $HK$  are positive.

(3) Prove that the number of positive (resp. negative) eigenvalues of  $HK$  is equal to the number of positive (resp. negative) eigenvalues of  $K$ .

Let  $A$  be any real or complex  $n \times n$  matrix. It can be shown that the sequence  $(E_m)$  of matrices

$$E_m = I + \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{A^k}{k!}$$

converges to a limit denoted

$$e^A = I + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^k}{k!}$$

and called the *exponential* of  $A$ . You may accept this fact without proof.

**Problem B2 (Extra Credit 10 pts).**

Let  $\| \cdot \|$  be any operator norm. Prove that for every  $m \geq 1$ ,

$$\|I\| + \sum_{k=1}^m \left\| \frac{A^k}{k!} \right\| \leq e^{\|A\|}.$$

If you know some analysis, deduce from the above that the sequence  $(E_m)$  of matrices

$$E_m = I + \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{A^k}{k!}$$

converges to a limit denoted  $e^A$ , and called the *exponential* of  $A$ .

**Problem B3 (100 pts).** (a) Let  $\mathfrak{so}(3)$  be the space of  $3 \times 3$  skew symmetric matrices

$$\mathfrak{so}(3) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -c & b \\ c & 0 & -a \\ -b & a & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

For any matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -c & b \\ c & 0 & -a \\ -b & a & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{so}(3),$$

if we let  $\theta = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$  and

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2 & bc \\ ac & bc & c^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

prove that

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 &= -\theta^2 I + B, \\ AB &= BA = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From the above, deduce that

$$A^3 = -\theta^2 A.$$

(b) Prove that the exponential map  $\exp: \mathfrak{so}(3) \rightarrow \mathbf{SO}(3)$  is given by

$$\exp A = e^A = \cos \theta I_3 + \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} A + \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)}{\theta^2} B,$$

or, equivalently, by

$$e^A = I_3 + \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} A + \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)}{\theta^2} A^2, \quad \text{if } \theta \neq 0,$$

with  $\exp(0_3) = I_3$ .

(c) Prove that  $e^A$  is an orthogonal matrix of determinant +1, i.e., a rotation matrix.

(d) Prove that the exponential map  $\exp: \mathfrak{so}(3) \rightarrow \mathbf{SO}(3)$  is surjective. For this, proceed as follows: Pick any rotation matrix  $R \in \mathbf{SO}(3)$ ;

- (1) The case  $R = I$  is trivial.
- (2) If  $R \neq I$  and  $\text{tr}(R) \neq -1$ , then

$$\exp^{-1}(R) = \left\{ \frac{\theta}{2 \sin \theta} (R - R^T) \mid 1 + 2 \cos \theta = \text{tr}(R) \right\}.$$

(Recall that  $\text{tr}(R) = r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33}$ , the *trace* of the matrix  $R$ ).

Show that there is a unique skew-symmetric  $B$  with corresponding  $\theta$  satisfying  $0 < \theta < \pi$  such that  $e^B = R$ .

- (3) If  $R \neq I$  and  $\text{tr}(R) = -1$ , then prove that the eigenvalues of  $R$  are  $1, -1, -1$ , that  $R = R^\top$ , and that  $R^2 = I$ . Prove that the matrix

$$S = \frac{1}{2}(R - I)$$

is a symmetric matrix whose eigenvalues are  $-1, -1, 0$ . Thus,  $S$  can be diagonalized with respect to an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  as

$$S = Q \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Q^\top.$$

Prove that there exists a skew symmetric matrix

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -d & c \\ d & 0 & -b \\ -c & b & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

so that

$$U^2 = S = \frac{1}{2}(R - I).$$

Observe that

$$U^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -(c^2 + d^2) & bc & bd \\ bc & -(b^2 + d^2) & cd \\ bd & cd & -(b^2 + c^2) \end{pmatrix},$$

and use this to conclude that if  $U^2 = S$ , then  $b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$ . Then, show that

$$\exp^{-1}(R) = \left\{ (2k + 1)\pi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -d & c \\ d & 0 & -b \\ -c & b & 0 \end{pmatrix}, k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\},$$

where  $(b, c, d)$  is any unit vector such that for the corresponding skew symmetric matrix  $U$ , we have  $U^2 = S$ .

(e) To find a skew symmetric matrix  $U$  so that  $U^2 = S = \frac{1}{2}(R - I)$  as in (d), we can solve the system

$$\begin{pmatrix} b^2 - 1 & bc & bd \\ bc & c^2 - 1 & cd \\ bd & cd & d^2 - 1 \end{pmatrix} = S.$$

We immediately get  $b^2, c^2, d^2$ , and then, since one of  $b, c, d$  is nonzero, say  $b$ , if we choose the positive square root of  $b^2$ , we can determine  $c$  and  $d$  from  $bc$  and  $bd$ .

Implement a computer program to solve the above system.

**Problem B4 (120 pts).** (a) Consider the set of affine maps  $\rho$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined such that

$$\rho(X) = \alpha R X + W,$$

where  $R$  is a rotation matrix (an orthogonal matrix of determinant  $+1$ ),  $W$  is some vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\alpha > 0$ . Every such a map can be represented by the  $4 \times 4$  matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha R & W \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

in the sense that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho(X) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha R & W \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

iff

$$\rho(X) = \alpha R X + W.$$

Prove that these maps form a group, denoted by **SIM**(3) (the *direct affine similitudes* of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ).

(b) Let us now consider the set of  $4 \times 4$  real matrices of the form

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma & W \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\Gamma$  is a matrix of the form

$$\Gamma = \lambda I_3 + \Omega,$$

with

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -c & b \\ c & 0 & -a \\ -b & a & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

so that

$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & -c & b \\ c & \lambda & -a \\ -b & a & \lambda \end{pmatrix},$$

and  $W$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Verify that this set of matrices is a vector space isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{R}^7, +)$ . This vector space is denoted by **sim**(3).

(c) Given a matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma & W \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

as in (b), prove that

$$B^n = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma^n & \Gamma^{n-1}W \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\Gamma^0 = I_3$ . Prove that

$$e^B = \begin{pmatrix} e^\Gamma & VW \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$V = I_3 + \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{\Gamma^k}{(k+1)!}.$$

(d) Prove that if  $\Gamma = \lambda I_3 + \Omega$  as in (b), then

$$V = I_3 + \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{\Gamma^k}{(k+1)!} = \int_0^1 e^{\Gamma t} dt.$$

(e) For any matrix  $\Gamma = \lambda I_3 + \Omega$ , with

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -c & b \\ c & 0 & -a \\ -b & a & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

if we let  $\theta = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$ , then prove that

$$e^\Gamma = e^\lambda e^\Omega = e^\lambda \left( I_3 + \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \Omega + \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)}{\theta^2} \Omega^2 \right), \quad \text{if } \theta \neq 0,$$

and  $e^\Gamma = e^\lambda I_3$  if  $\theta = 0$ .

*Hint.* You may use the fact that if  $AB = BA$ , then  $e^{A+B} = e^A e^B$ . In general,  $e^{A+B} \neq e^A e^B$ !

(f) Prove that

1. If  $\theta = 0$  and  $\lambda = 0$ , then

$$V = I_3.$$

2. If  $\theta = 0$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then

$$V = \frac{(e^\lambda - 1)}{\lambda} I_3;$$

3. If  $\theta \neq 0$  and  $\lambda = 0$ , then

$$V = I_3 + \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)}{\theta^2} \Omega + \frac{(\theta - \sin \theta)}{\theta^3} \Omega^2.$$

4. If  $\theta \neq 0$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{(e^\lambda - 1)}{\lambda} I_3 + \frac{(\theta(1 - e^\lambda \cos \theta) + e^\lambda \lambda \sin \theta)}{\theta(\lambda^2 + \theta^2)} \Omega \\ &+ \left( \frac{(e^\lambda - 1)}{\lambda \theta^2} - \frac{e^\lambda \sin \theta}{\theta(\lambda^2 + \theta^2)} - \frac{\lambda(e^\lambda \cos \theta - 1)}{\theta^2(\lambda^2 + \theta^2)} \right) \Omega^2. \end{aligned}$$

*Hint.* You will need to compute  $\int_0^1 e^{\lambda t} \sin \theta t dt$  and  $\int_0^1 e^{\lambda t} \cos \theta t dt$ .

(g) Prove that  $V$  is invertible iff  $\lambda \neq 0$  or  $\theta \neq k2\pi$ , with  $k \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$ .

*Hint.* Express the eigenvalues of  $V$  in terms of the eigenvalues of  $\Gamma$ .

In the special case where  $\lambda = 0$ , show that

$$V^{-1} = I - \frac{1}{2}\Omega + \frac{1}{\theta^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\theta \sin \theta}{2(1 - \cos \theta)} \right) \Omega^2, \quad \text{if } \theta \neq 0.$$

*Hint.* Assume that the inverse of  $V$  is of the form

$$Z = I_3 + a\Omega + b\Omega^2,$$

and show that  $a, b$ , are given by a system of linear equations that always has a unique solution.

(h) Prove that the exponential map  $\exp: \mathfrak{sim}(3) \rightarrow \mathbf{SIM}(3)$ , given by  $\exp(B) = e^B$ , is surjective. You may use the fact that  $\exp: \mathfrak{so}(3) \rightarrow \mathbf{SO}(3)$  is surjective, proved in another Problem.

**Remark:** Curves in  $\mathbf{SIM}(3)$  can be used to describe certain deformations of bodies in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**TOTAL: 260 points+ 10 points Extra credit**