

# Fundamentals of Linear Algebra and Optimization

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## Homework 6

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**Problem B1 (50).** Let  $Z$  be a  $q \times p$  real matrix. Prove that  $I_p - Z^\top Z$  is positive definite, then the  $(p + q) \times (p + q)$  matrix

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} I_p & Z^\top \\ Z & I_q \end{pmatrix}$$

is symmetric positive definite.

**Problem B2 (120).** (1) Prove that the columns of the following  $n \times n$  matrix are linearly independent when  $n \geq 3$ :

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In fact, prove that

$$\det(B) = (-1)^n (n - 2) 2^{n-1}.$$

(2) Consider the  $n \times n$  matrices  $R^{i,j}$  defined for all  $i, j$  with  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$  and  $n \geq 3$ , such that the only nonzero entries are

$$\begin{aligned} R^{i,j}(i, j) &= -1 \\ R^{i,j}(i, i) &= 0 \\ R^{i,j}(j, i) &= 1 \\ R^{i,j}(j, j) &= 0 \\ R^{i,j}(k, k) &= 1, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n, k \neq i, j. \end{aligned}$$



Use (1) together with the  $S^{i,j}$  to form a basis of the  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices.

(4) Prove that if  $n \geq 3$ , the set of all linear combinations of matrices in  $\mathbf{SO}(n)$  is the space  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  of all  $n \times n$  matrices.

Prove that if  $n \geq 3$  and if a matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  commutes with all rotations matrices, then  $A$  commutes with all matrices in  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ .

What happens for  $n = 2$ ?

Prove that if  $n \geq 2$ , the set of all linear combinations of matrices in  $\mathbf{SU}(n)$  is the space  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  of all  $n \times n$  complex matrices.

**Problem B3 (10 pts).** Let  $A$  be any real or complex  $n \times n$  matrix and 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 B4 (100 pts).** (a) For any matrix

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

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  $R = R^T$ , 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

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

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 B5 (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  $\mathfrak{sim}(3)$ .

(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  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Problem B6 (30 pts).** Let  $E$  be a real vector space of finite dimension,  $n \geq 1$ . Say that two bases,  $(u_1, \dots, u_n)$  and  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ , of  $E$  have the *same orientation* iff  $\det(P) > 0$ , where  $P$  the change of basis matrix from  $(u_1, \dots, u_n)$  and  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ , namely, the matrix whose  $j$ th columns consist of the coordinates of  $v_j$  over the basis  $(u_1, \dots, u_n)$ .

(a) Prove that having the same orientation is an equivalence relation with two equivalence classes.

An *orientation* of a vector space,  $E$ , is the choice of any fixed basis, say  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$ , of  $E$ . Any other basis,  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ , has the *same orientation* as  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$  (and is said to be *positive* or *direct*) iff  $\det(P) > 0$ , else it is said to have the *opposite orientation* of  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$  (or to be *negative* or *indirect*), where  $P$  is the change of basis matrix from  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$  to  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ . An *oriented* vector space is a vector space with some chosen orientation (a positive basis).

(b) Let  $B_1 = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$  and  $B_2 = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  be two orthonormal bases. For any sequence of vectors,  $(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ , in  $E$ , let  $\det_{B_1}(w_1, \dots, w_n)$  be the determinant of the matrix whose columns are the coordinates of the  $w_j$ 's over the basis  $B_1$  and similarly for  $\det_{B_2}(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ .

Prove that if  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  have the same orientation, then

$$\det_{B_1}(w_1, \dots, w_n) = \det_{B_2}(w_1, \dots, w_n).$$

Given any oriented vector space,  $E$ , for any sequence of vectors,  $(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ , in  $E$ , the common value,  $\det_B(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ , for all positive orthonormal bases,  $B$ , of  $E$  is denoted

$$\lambda_E(w_1, \dots, w_n)$$

and called a *volume form* of  $(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ .

(c) Given any Euclidean oriented vector space,  $E$ , of dimension  $n$  for any  $n - 1$  vectors,  $w_1, \dots, w_{n-1}$ , in  $E$ , check that the map

$$x \mapsto \lambda_E(w_1, \dots, w_{n-1}, x)$$

is a linear form. Then, prove that there is a unique vector, denoted  $w_1 \times \dots \times w_{n-1}$ , such that

$$\lambda_E(w_1, \dots, w_{n-1}, x) = (w_1 \times \dots \times w_{n-1}) \cdot x,$$

for all  $x \in E$ . The vector  $w_1 \times \dots \times w_{n-1}$  is called the *cross-product* of  $(w_1, \dots, w_{n-1})$ . It is a generalization of the cross-product in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (when  $n = 3$ ).



**Problem B7 (40 pts).** Given  $p$  vectors  $(u_1, \dots, u_p)$  in a Euclidean space  $E$  of dimension  $n \geq p$ , the *Gram determinant* (or *Gramian*) of the vectors  $(u_1, \dots, u_p)$  is the determinant

$$\text{Gram}(u_1, \dots, u_p) = \begin{vmatrix} \|u_1\|^2 & \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle & \dots & \langle u_1, u_p \rangle \\ \langle u_2, u_1 \rangle & \|u_2\|^2 & \dots & \langle u_2, u_p \rangle \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle u_p, u_1 \rangle & \langle u_p, u_2 \rangle & \dots & \|u_p\|^2 \end{vmatrix}.$$

(1) Prove that

$$\text{Gram}(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \lambda_E(u_1, \dots, u_n)^2.$$

*Hint.* If  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$  is an orthonormal basis and  $A$  is the matrix of the vectors  $(u_1, \dots, u_n)$  over this basis,

$$\det(A)^2 = \det(A^\top A) = \det(A^i \cdot A^j),$$

where  $A^i$  denotes the  $i$ th column of the matrix  $A$ , and  $(A^i \cdot A^j)$  denotes the  $n \times n$  matrix with entries  $A^i \cdot A^j$ .

(2) Prove that

$$\|u_1 \times \dots \times u_{n-1}\|^2 = \text{Gram}(u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}).$$

*Hint.* Letting  $w = u_1 \times \dots \times u_{n-1}$ , observe that

$$\lambda_E(u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}, w) = \langle w, w \rangle = \|w\|^2,$$

and show that

$$\begin{aligned} \|w\|^4 &= \lambda_E(u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}, w)^2 = \text{Gram}(u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}, w) \\ &= \text{Gram}(u_1, \dots, u_{n-1})\|w\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

**TOTAL: 470 points.**