

Assignment I - CS7ET01

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1 Part I: Linear Algebra, Least Squares and Principal Component Analysis

1. Linear Algebra¹

(a) Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- i. Compute the determinant of A.
- ii. Why is A invertible?
- iii. Compute A^{-1} .
- iv. Verify your results in questions 1(a)i and 1(a)iii using Matlab.

Hint: use commands `det()` and `inv()`. To get information or help about how to use a command, type 'help' <command>, e.g. 'help det'.

(b) Consider the matrix

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & -5 & 3 \\ 6 & -6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- i. Find the eigenvalues and associated eigenvectors of C.
- ii. Verify your result with matlab using the command `svd()`.

(c) Show that²:

$$\frac{\partial(\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = A \mathbf{x} + A^T \mathbf{x} \quad (1)$$

(d) Read sections 2.6 Singular Value Decomposition and 2.9 Cholesky Decomposition, in the Numerical recipes online at <http://www.nrbook.com/a/bookcpdf.php>. Answer the following questions (be concise, possibly used figures and diagrams):

- i. Explain Singular Value Decomposition (SVD).
- ii. Can SVD be applied to a square matrix?
- iii. What does the Cholesky Decomposition do?

¹Questions 1(a) & 1(b) are here to refresh your mind from what you should remember from your BSc. A good reference is the book on linear algebra by Jim Hefferon available at <http://joshua.smcvt.edu/linearalgebra/>, in particular chapter I, section 3.1 and chapter 3 section 4.9.

²c.f. Tutorial 18/10/2007.

- iv. What is the command in matlab doing the Cholesky Decomposition?

Hint: type 'lookfor cholesky' in matlab command window, and a list of related functions should appear.

- v. What are the differences between SVD and the Cholesky Decomposition? (cite at least 2 differences)
vi. Propose a question and answer it on either the SVD or the Cholesky decomposition.

2. Least square estimation.

- (a) The least square solution to the equation $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{y}$ is:

$$\mathbf{x}_{LS} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}$$

Show that we have the same result as before for \mathbf{x}_{LS} using this formulation:

$$\mathbf{x}_{LS} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_{j,i} x_i - y_j \right)^2 \right\}$$

- (b) Read *Least-Squares Meshes*, by O. Sorkine and D. Cohen-Or, proceeding of shape Modeling International, pp. 191-199, 2004, available at <http://cg.cs.tu-berlin.de/~sorkine/ProjectPages/LsMeshes/lsmesh.pdf>. Answer the following questions:
- What is this article presenting?
 - Define what is a vertex (or vertices).
 - Describe how least squares estimation is used in this paper.
 - Describe the different steps you would do for programming the process described in this paper.
 - Is there any mathematics you don't understand in this paper?
- (c) Imagine you observe a set of points $\{(x_i, y_i)\}$ of a variable $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ that follows the equation:

$$ax^2 + by^2 + cxy + dx + ey - 1 = 0 \quad (\text{ellipse})$$

- Propose an algorithm to estimate the values (a, b, c, d, e) .
- Propose a Matlab program to solve this problem³.

3. Principal component analysis.

- (a) Show that:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 &= (\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x}_j)^T (\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x}_j) \\ &= \mathbf{v}^T (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j) (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)^T \mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Show that:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{v}) &= \frac{1}{2N^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \mathbf{v}^T (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j) (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)^T \mathbf{v} \\ &= \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$

with \mathbf{C} the covariance matrix of the set $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1 \dots N}$.

- (c) Using results in page D4 on the appendix D, find the solution \mathbf{v}_{pca} such that:

$$\mathbf{v}_{pca} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{v}} \{ \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{v} - \lambda (\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} - 1) \}$$

4. Using Lagrange multipliers

- (a) Least squares with Constraint. Solve the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|^2 \\ \text{subject to } \mathbf{Cx} = \mathbf{D} \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{b} vectors; \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{D} are matrices.

- (b) Read *Practical Least Squares for Computer Graphics*, F. Pighin & J. P. Lewis, SIGGRAPH course notes 2007, section 6, available at <http://graphics.stanford.edu/~jplewis/lscourse/ls.pdf>
- What are the applications of Lagrange multipliers that are cited in that section?

³you can take example of the program leastsquare.m given to you on the course webpage.

2 Part II: Ordinary Differential Equations

1. Solve

- (a) analytically $y'' + ty'^2 = 0$
- (b) analytically $y'' = -ky$.
- (c) numerically the equation $y'' = -ky$ on the interval $t \in [0; \sqrt{k} \times 2\pi]$.

2. Have a look at the following matlab tutorial on Linear Algebra and Music <http://web.mit.edu/18.06/www/Essays/linear-algebra-and-music.pdf>:

- (a) Tell me what is the equation $y'' = -ky$ representing in that example?
- (b) Do section 3 in this tutorial on Linear Algebra and Music.

3. Laplace Transform.

- (a) Find⁴ the Laplace Transform of:
 - i. $f(t) = 6 \exp(-5t) + \exp(3t) + 5t^3 - 9$
 - ii. $f(t) = 4 \cos(4t) - 9 \sin(4t)$
 - iii. $f(t) = t^{3/2}$
 - iv. $f(t) = t^2 \sin(2t)$
- (b) Find the inverse of the Laplace transform of
 - i. $F(s) = \frac{10}{s^2+10s+16}$
- (c) Solve using Laplace transform:
 - i. $y'' + 3ty' - 6y = 2$

⁴using direct integration or the table of Laplace transforms.