

Lecture 11

Ex: $Q = -x^2 + y^2 + 4yz + 4zx$. Reduce it to canonical form and find the values of x for which $Q = 0$.

$$Q = X^T A X = [x \quad y \quad z] \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -1 - \lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(-1 - \lambda)[(-\lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 4] + 2[(-2)(1 - \lambda)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 9\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0, 3, -3$$

For $\lambda = 0$,

$$(A - 0 \cdot I)X = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X = 0$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 2R_1$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

if $x = k$, then $-x + 2z = 0$ & $y + 2z = 0$

$$\Rightarrow X_1 = [k \quad -k \quad k/2]^T$$

take $k = 2$,

$$X_1 = [2 \quad -2 \quad 1]^T$$

For $\lambda = 3$,

$$(A - 3 \cdot I)X = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} X = 0$$

$$R_3 \longrightarrow 2R_3 + R_1$$

$$R_3 \longrightarrow R_3 + 2R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

if $x = k$, then $-4x + 2z = 0$ & $-2y + 2z = 0$

$$\Rightarrow X_2 = [k \quad 2k \quad 2k]^T$$

take $k = 1$,

$$X_2 = [1 \quad 2 \quad 2]^T$$

For $\lambda = -3$,

$$(A + 3 \cdot I)X = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} X = 0$$

$$R_3 \longrightarrow R_3 - R_1$$

$$R_3 \longrightarrow 2R_3 - R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

if $x = k$, then $2x + 2z = 0$ & $2y + z = 0$

$$\Rightarrow X_1 = [k \quad k/2 \quad -k]^T$$

take $k = 2$,

$$X_1 = [2 \quad 1 \quad -2]^T$$

Thus,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X_1}{\|X_1\|} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{X_2}{\|X_2\|} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{X_3}{\|X_3\|} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \frac{X_1}{\|X_1\|} & \frac{X_2}{\|X_2\|} & \frac{X_3}{\|X_3\|} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = X^T A X = Y^T (P^T A P) Y = Y^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} Y$$

Thus the canonical form $Q = 3y_2^2 - 3y_3^2$.

⇒ Indefinite quadratic form.

Now lets calculate the value of X for which Q = 0.

$$Q = 3y_2^2 - 3y_3^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = \pm y_3$$

$$Y = [y_1 \quad y_2 \quad y_3]^T = [k_1 \quad k_2 \quad +k_2]^T, k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$X = P Y = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{-2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{-2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \\ k_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Index

The number of positive square terms in the canonical form is called the index of Q, denotes by (s).

Signature

The difference of number of positive and negative square terms is called the signature of the quadratic form denoted by *sig*.

$$sigQ = s - (r - s) = 2s - r$$

where,

r → rank of matrix A.

s → number of positive square terms.

(r - s) → number of negative terms in canonical form.

The quadratic form is said to be

1. Positive definite if $r = n, s = n$
2. Negative definite if $r = n, s = 0$
3. Positive semi definite if $r < n, s = r$

4. Negative semi definite if $r < n$, $s = 0$
 5. Indefinite in every other case.
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