

L03: Eigenvalue decomposition

1. Eigenvalue decomposition

(1) Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

$x \in R^n$ is an eigenvector wrt the eigenvalue λ for $A \in R^{n \times n} \stackrel{def}{\iff} Ax = \lambda x, x \neq 0$.
 λ is an eigenvalue for $A \iff Ax = \lambda x, x \neq 0 \iff (A - \lambda I)x = 0, x \neq 0$
 \iff The columns of $A - \lambda I \in R^{n \times n}$ are LD
 $\stackrel{*}{\iff} |A - \lambda I| = 0$
 $\iff \lambda$ is a solution to the characteristic equation.

With eigenvalue λ , $S_\lambda(A) \stackrel{def}{=} \{x \in R^n : Ax = \lambda x\}$ is a subspace of R^n since

$$\begin{aligned} x, y \in S_\lambda(A) &\implies Ax = \lambda x \text{ and } Ay = \lambda y \implies A(\alpha x + \beta y) = \lambda(\alpha x + \beta y) \\ &\implies \alpha x + \beta y \in S_\lambda(A). \end{aligned}$$

All vectors in $S_\lambda(A)$ but 0 are the eigenvectors of A wrt to eigenvalue λ . This space is called the eigen-space of A wrt to λ .

(2) Eigenvalue decomposition

For $A' = A \in R^{n \times n}$, there are P and Λ such that $A = P\Lambda P'$ called the EVD of A . Here $P \in R^{n \times n}$ with $P' = P^{-1}$ so that $P'P = I = PP'$, i.e., the columns and the rows of P are orthonormal. Such P is called an orthogonal matrix. Λ is a diagonal matrix. From $A = P\Lambda P' \iff AP = P\Lambda \iff A(P_1, \dots, P_n) = (P_1, \dots, P_n)\Lambda \iff AP_i = \lambda_i P_i \forall i$ the diagonal elements of Λ are the eigenvalues of A , and columns of P are n orthonormal eigenvectors.

(3) A is a LC of orthonormal matrices

$A = P\Lambda P' = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i P_i P_i'$ is a LC of matrices in $D = [P_1 P_1', \dots, P_n P_n'] \subset R^{n \times n}$. From $\langle P_i P_i', P_j P_j' \rangle = \text{tr}(P_j P_j' P_i P_i') = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$, D is an orthonormal basis for $\text{Span}(D)$. Clearly $A \in \text{Span}(D)$.

(4) Compact form

$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(P\Lambda P') = \text{rank}(\Lambda) = \#$ of non-zero eigenvalues.

With $\text{rank}(A) = r$, $\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ where $\Lambda_r = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r)$, $\lambda_i \neq 0, i = 1, \dots, r$.

$A = (P_I, P_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (P_I, P_{II})' = P_I \Lambda_r P_I' = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i P_i P_i'$ is the compact form of the EVD where $P_I \in R^{n \times r}$ has orthonormal columns.

Ex1: Real symmetric matrix $A \in R^{n \times n}$ has real eigenvalues and n orthogonal eigenvectors.

Ex2: A and B are similar if $A = XBX^{-1}$. Similar matrices share characteristic polynomial and hence share all eigenvalues.

$|A - \lambda I| = |X(B - \lambda I)X^{-1}| = |X| |B - \lambda I| |X^{-1}| = |B - \lambda I|$. By EVD $A = P\Lambda P'$.

In EVD $A = P\Lambda P'$, A and Λ are similar.

2. Definite and semi-definite matrices

(1) Definitions and notations

With $A' = A \in R^{n \times n}$, $x'Ax$ is a quadratic form of $x \in R^n$.

$$A \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{positive definite denoted as } A > 0 \\ \text{non-negative definite denoted as } A \geq 0 \\ \text{negative definite denoted as } A < 0 \\ \text{non-positive definite denoted as } A \leq 0 \end{cases} \text{ if } x'Ax \begin{cases} > 0 \\ \leq 0 \\ < 0 \\ \leq 0 \end{cases} \text{ for all } 0 \neq x \in R^n$$

(2) A sufficient and necessary condition

Let $A = P\Lambda P'$ be the EVD for A where $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$. Then

$$A > 0 \iff \lambda_i > 0 \text{ for all } i; \quad A \geq 0 \iff \lambda_i \geq 0 \text{ for all } i;$$

$$A < 0 \iff \lambda_i < 0 \text{ for all } i; \quad A \leq 0 \iff \lambda_i \leq 0 \text{ for all } i.$$

Proof. Only show the first one.

$$\Rightarrow : A > 0 \implies 0 < P'_i A P_i = P'_i P \Lambda P' P_i = e'_i \Lambda e_i = \lambda_i \text{ for all } i.$$

$$\Leftarrow : 0 \neq x \in R^n \implies y = P'x \neq 0 \implies x'Ax = y'\Lambda y = \sum_i \lambda_i y_i^2 > 0. \text{ So } A > 0.$$

(3) $A^{1/2}$ and $A^{-1/2}$

For $A = P\Lambda P' \geq 0$, define $\Lambda^{1/2} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1^{1/2}, \dots, \lambda_n^{1/2})$ and $A^{1/2} = P\Lambda^{1/2}P'$. Then $A^{1/2} \geq 0$ and $(A^{1/2})^2 = A$.

For $A = P\Lambda P' > 0$, define $\Lambda^{-1/2} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1^{-1/2}, \dots, \lambda_n^{-1/2})$ and $A^{-1/2} = P\Lambda^{-1/2}P'$. Then $A^{-1/2} > 0$ and $(A^{-1/2})^2 = A^{-1}$.

(4) Simple relations

$$A > 0 \iff -A < 0; \quad A \geq 0 \iff -A \leq 0; \quad A < 0 \iff -A > 0; \quad A \leq 0 \iff -A \geq 0.$$

Proof. $A > 0 \iff x'Ax > 0$ for all $x \neq 0 \iff x'(-A)x < 0$ for all $x \neq 0 \iff -A < 0$.

3. Some properties

(1) Extended notations

$$\begin{aligned} A > B &\iff A - B > 0 \iff B - A < 0 \iff B < A \\ A \geq B &\iff A - B \geq 0 \iff B - A \leq 0 \iff B \leq A \end{aligned}$$

(2) $A \leq A$; $A \leq B$ and $B \leq C \implies A \leq C$.

Proof. Show the second one. For $0 \neq x \in R^n$,

$$x'(A - C)x = x'[(A - B) + (B - C)]x = x'(A - B)x + x'(B - C)x \leq 0. \text{ So } A \leq C.$$

Comments: \leq is reflexive and transitive, and hence is a pre-order.

(3) $A_1 \leq B_1$ and $A_1 \leq B_2 \implies \alpha A_1 + \beta B_1 \leq \alpha A_2 + \beta B_2$ for all $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$.

Proof. Skipped. **Comment:** \leq is preservable under LC with non-negative coefficients.

(4) $A \leq B \implies CAC' \leq CBC'$.

Proof. For $0 \neq x \in R^n$, let $y = C'x$. Then $x'(CAC' - CBC')x = y'(A - B)y \leq 0$.

$$\text{So } CAC' - CBC' \leq 0, \text{ i.e., } CAC' \leq CBC'.$$

Comment: In (2), (3) and (4) \leq can be replaced by \geq .

Ex3: p64 1. $A' = A \in R^{n \times n}$, $B \in R^{n \times m}$ with $\text{rank}(B) = n$ such that $(BB')^{-1}$ exists.

Show that $I_m \geq B'AB \iff (BB')^{-1} \geq A$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow : I_m \geq B'AB &\implies [(BB')^{-1}B]I_m[(BB')^{-1}B]' \leq [(BB')^{-1}B]B'AB[(BB')^{-1}B]' \\ &\implies (BB')^{-1} \geq A. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftarrow : (BB')^{-1} \geq A \implies D = B'(BB')^{-1}B \geq B'AB. \quad D' = D = D^2 = P\Lambda P' \text{ by EVD.}$$

$$D^2 = D \implies \Lambda^2 = \Lambda \implies \lambda_i = 0, 1 \implies I \geq \Lambda \implies I = PP' \geq P\Lambda P' = D.$$

So $I \geq D \geq B'AB$, i.e., $I \geq B'AB$ by transitivity.

Notes: In p64 1, $A > 0$ is not needed. In p65 5, $\lambda_i > 0$ should be $\lambda_i \neq 0$.

L04 Singular value decomposition and generalized inverse

1. Singular value decomposition

(1) Singular value decomposition

For $A \in R^{m \times n}$ with $\text{rank}(A) = r$, $A = (U_I, U_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (V_I, V_{II})' = U_I \Delta V_I'$ is the SVD where $U = (U_I, U_{II}) \in R^{m \times m}$ and $V = (V_I, V_{II}) \in R^{n \times n}$ are orthogonal ($U' = U^{-1}$ and $V' = V^{-1}$), $U_I \in R^{m \times r}$ and $V_I \in R^{n \times r}$ ($U_I' U_I = I_r = V_I' V_{II}$), $\begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in R^{m \times n}$ with $\Delta = \text{diag}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_r)$, $\delta_1 \geq \dots \geq \delta_r > 0$.

(2) Singular values

$0 \leq AA' \in R^{m \times m}$, $0 \leq A'A \in R^{n \times n}$ and A share ranks r .

The EVD $AA' = (U_I, U_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (U_I, U_{II})' = U_I \Delta^2 U_I'$ and

the EVD $A'A = (V_I, V_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (V_I, V_{II})' = V_I \Delta^2 V_I'$ share positive eigenvalues $\delta_1^2 \geq \dots \geq \delta_r^2 > 0$ in $\Delta^2 = \text{diag}(\delta_1^2, \dots, \delta_r^2)$.

$\delta_1 \geq \dots \geq \delta_r > 0$ are called the positive singular values of A and $\Delta = \text{diag}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_r)$ can be obtained by either EVD of AA' or EVD of $A'A$.

(3) Construct SVD for A

(i) Method I

By EVD for AA' , $AA' = (U_I, U_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (U_I, U_{II})'$. Let $V_I = A'U_I \Delta^{-1}$. Then $V_I' V_I = I_r$ and $A = U_I \Delta V_I'$.

(ii) Method II

By EVD for $A'A$, $A'A = (V_I, V_{II}) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (V_I, V_{II})'$. Let $U_I = A V_I \Delta^{-1}$. Then $U_I' U_I = I_r$ and $A = U_I \Delta V_I'$.

(iii) Comments

In SVD Δ is unique. But U_I and V_I are not unique. Specifically V_I in (i) may not be V_I in (ii), and U_I in (ii) may not be U_I in (i).

(4) A LC of orthonormal matrices

By SVD $A = U_I \Delta V_I' = \sum_{i=1}^r \delta_i U_i V_i'$ is a LC of $U_1 V_1', \dots, U_r V_r'$, a set of r orthonormal matrices since

$$\langle U_i V_i', U_j V_j' \rangle = \text{tr}(V_j U_j' U_i V_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

2. Generalized inverse

(1) Generalized inverse A^- and Moore-Penrose inverse A^+

For $A \in R^{m \times n}$ the conditions on $G \in R^{n \times m}$

$$(i): AGA = A, (ii): GAG = G, (iii): (AG)' = AG, (iv): (GA)' = GA$$

are Penrose conditions. Matrix G satisfying (i) is called a generalized inverse of A denoted by A^- . Matrix G satisfying all four conditions is Moore-Penrose inverse of A denoted by A^+ .

(2) Generalized inverses A^-

Let $A = U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V'$ be the SVD for A . Then

$$A^- = \left\{ V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix} U' : H_{12}, H_{21}, H_{22} \right\}.$$

Proof. \subset : $G \in A^- \implies AGA = A$. Let $V'GU = \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix}$. Then $ABA = A$ implies

that $\Delta H_{11} \Delta = \Delta$. Hence $H_{11} = \Delta^{-1}$. Thus $G = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix} U'$.

\supset : With $G = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix} U'$, direct computation shows $AGA = A$. So $G \in A^-$.

(3) Moore-Penrose inverse A^+

With the SVD form for A , $A^+ = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U'$.

Proof. $AGA = A \iff G = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix} U'$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} GAG = G, (AG)' = AG, (GA)' = GA &\iff H_{12} = 0, H_{21} = 0, H_{22} = 0 \\ &\iff G = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U'. \end{aligned}$$

(3) Comment: $A^+ \in A^-$.

3. Some Moore-Penrose inverses

(1) $0_{m \times n}^+ = 0_{n \times m}$, $(A')^+ = (A^+)'$ For $0 \neq x \in R^n$, $x^+ = \frac{x'}{x'x}$ and $(x')^+ = \frac{x}{x'x}$.

Ex1: $(AB)^+ \neq B^+A^+$ example

$$\left[(1, 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right]^+ = 1^+ = 1. \text{ But } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}^+ (1, 0)^+ = \frac{(1, 2)}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \neq 1.$$

(2) $(A'A)^+ = A^+(A')^+$ and $(AA')^+ = (A')^+A^+$

Proof. For $(A'A)^+ = A^+(A')^+$ check (iv).

$$A^+(A')^+A'A = A^+(A^+)'A'A = A^+(AA^+)'A = A^+AA^+A = A^+A \text{ is symmetric.}$$

(3) Simplification: $(A'A)^+A' = A^+$ and $A'(AA')^+ = A^+$

Proof. Only show the first one.

$$(A'A)^+A' = A^+(A')^+A' = A^+(A^+)'A' = A^+(AA^+)' = A^+AA^+ = A^+.$$

Ex2: $A(A'A)^+A' = AA^+$ and $A'(AA')^+A = A^+A$.

(4) $(A'A)^-$, $(AA')^-$, $(A'A)^-A'$ and $A'(AA')^-$ exist but may not be unique.

But $A(A'A)^-A' = AA^+$ and $A'(AA')^-A = A^+A$.

Proof Show the first one only

$$\begin{aligned} A(A'A)^-A' &= AA^+A(A'A)^-(AA^+A)' = (AA^+)'A(A'A)^-A'(AA^+)' \\ &= (A')^+(A'A)(A'A)^-(A'A)A^+ = (A')^+(A'A)A^+ = (A^+)'A'AA^+ \\ &= (AA^+)'AA^+ = AA^+AA^+ = AA^+ \end{aligned}$$