



Hermitian Matrices

A matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is said to be Hermitian if $A = A^*$.

Teorem: All eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix are real.

Proof: Let us to take arbitrary $A = A^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and consider its eigenvalue-eigenvector equation $Ax = \lambda x$. Then, by premultiplying by x^* we get $x^*Ax = \lambda x^*x$. Now, take the complex conjugate transposes of both sides to obtain $(x^*Ax)^* = (\lambda x^*x)^*$. But $(x^*Ax)^* = x^*A^Tx = \lambda x^*x$ since $A = A^*$. Furthermore, since $(\lambda x^*x)^* = \lambda x^*x$. Since x is nonzero, we get $\lambda = \lambda$.

By using the unitary matrices ($U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$; $U^*U = UU^* = I$), a useful fact about the spectral decomposition of Hermitian matrices can be given as follows:

Theorem: Any Hermitian matrix $A = A^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ can be spectrally decomposed as $A = U \Lambda U^*$ where U is unitary and $\Lambda = diag(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_n)$

Proof: (Proof by induction over the dimension n). For a Hermitian matrix $\mathbb{C}^{1\times 1}$, the result is obvious. Because if $A \in \mathbb{C}^{1\times 1}$ is hermitian it is a real scalar. Then, Λ is equal to itself and U = 1, which is unitary.

Now assume that the statement is true for all Hermitian matrices in $\mathbb{C}^{(n-1)\times(n-1)}$ and also consider $A = A^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$. Let λ_1 be an eigenvalue of A and x_1 eigenvector associated with λ_1 . By the above theorem, λ_1 is real and x_1 can be chosen as $x_1^*x_1 = 1$ without loss of generality. Now let X be unitary matrix with x_1 as its first column

$$X \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$$
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Then, the first column of the product X^*AX gives

$$X^*Ax_1 = X^*(\lambda_1 x_1) = \lambda_1 X^* x_1 = \lambda_1 e_1$$

where e_1 denotes the first column of I_n . Moreover, the first row of X^*AX is

$$x_{1}^{*}AX = (Ax_{1})^{*}X = \lambda_{1}x_{1}^{*}X = \lambda_{1}e_{1}^{*}$$

since $A = A^*$. We then have

$$X^*AX = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0\\ 0 & \tilde{A} \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\tilde{A} = \tilde{A}^* \in \mathbb{C}^{(n-1)\times(n-1)}$. By the induction, we can state \tilde{A} as $\tilde{A} = \tilde{U}\tilde{\Lambda}\tilde{U}^*$ where \tilde{U} is unitary and $\tilde{\Lambda}$ is real diagonal. Then we obtain the following form

$$A = \underbrace{X \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{U} \end{bmatrix}}_{U} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{\Lambda} \end{bmatrix}}_{\Lambda} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{U} \end{bmatrix}^* X^*}_{U^*}.$$

Note that, U is unitary and Λ is is real diagonal so that the diagonal entries are the eigenvalues of A.(A is Hermitian.)

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Congruence Transformation Two matrices A, B $\in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ are said to be congruent to each other if there exists a nonsingular $T \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ such that $B = T^*AT$. The transformation $A \to T^*AT$ is called a congruence transformation of A under T. Example: Note that, all eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix are real, we can group the ones that are positive, negative and zero. This brings the definition of the inertia of a Hermitian matrix. Definition(Inertia): Given a matrix $A = A^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, the inertia of A is the triplet in(A) = (n_+,n_-,n_0) where n_+ , n_- and n_0 denote the number of positive, negative and zero eigenvalues, respectively. Note that, the inertia of a symmetric matrix remains unchanged under congruence transformation: **Lemma:** Given two Hermitian matrices A, $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$: A and B congruent $\Leftrightarrow in(A) = in(B)$. Proof: (HW) 6 System Theory, Lecture Notes #1

Sign Definiteness A matrix $\mathbf{A} = A^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is said to be (i) Positive definite if $x^T A x > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{C}^n, \ x \neq 0$ (ii) Negative definite if $x^T A x < 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{C}^n, \ x \neq 0$ (iii) Positive semidefinite if $x^T A x \ge 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{C}^n, \ x \neq 0$ (iv) Negative semidefinite if $x^T A x \le 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{C}^n, \ x \neq 0$ By the definition of Rayleight-Ritz inequality, the sign-definiteness of a Hermitian matrix is determined completely by the signs of its eigenvalues: **Lemma**: A matrix $\mathbf{A} = A^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is (i) Positive definite if and only if $\lambda_i > 0$ for all i = 1 : n(ii) Negative definite if and only if $\lambda_i < 0$ for all i = 1 : n(iii) Positive semi-definite if and only if $\lambda_i \ge 0$ for all i = 1: n(iv) Negative semi-definite if and only if $\lambda_i \leq 0$ for all i = 1 : nwhere λ_i denote the eigenvalue of A 7 System Theory, Lecture Notes #1

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Corollary : The matrices $A = A^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and $B = B^* \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$, $\begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} \ge 0 \quad \iff \quad \begin{cases} A \ge 0 \\ B \ge 0 \end{cases}$ **Lemma**: Let $P = P^* > 0$. Then the matrix T^*PT is also symmetric positive definite for all nonsingular $T \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$. Proof: If P > 0, then $in(P) = \{n, 0, 0\}$. Since inertia of a Hermitian matrix is invariant under congruence transformation, $in(T^*PT) = in(P)$, hence $T^*PT \ge 0$. Similar to the positive(or non-negative) scalars, we can define the square root of a positive semidefinite matrix: **Definition**(Matrix Square Root): The square root of $P = P^* \ge 0$ is defined as the matrix $P^{1/2} \triangleq U^T \Lambda^{1/2} U \ge 0$ where $P = U\Lambda U^*$ is the spectral decomposition of P and $\Lambda^{1/2} \triangleq diag\{\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_n}\}$. Lemma (Schur Complement Formula): Given $A = A^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ and $C \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$, the following statements are equivalent: $i) \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{bmatrix} > 0,$ $ii) A > 0 \& C - B^* A^{-1} B > 0,$ $iii) C > 0 \& A - BC^{-1}B^* > 0.$ Proof: (i) \Leftrightarrow (ii): By using congruence transformation $T^* \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{bmatrix} T = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & C - B^* A^{-1} B \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } T := \begin{bmatrix} I & -A^{-1}B \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$ (i) \Leftrightarrow (iii): $J^* \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{bmatrix} J = \begin{bmatrix} C & B^* \\ B & A \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } J := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and repeating the proof of (i) \Leftrightarrow (ii).

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Theorem: $P \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow Trace(PS) \ge 0$ for every $S \ge 0$.

Proof: (if) Assume $P \ge 0$. Let $S \ge 0$ be given and decompose it as $S = U\Lambda U^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i u_i u_i^T$. Then, $0 \le u_i^T P u_i = Trace(P u_i u_i^T)$ for each *i*. Since each $\lambda_i \ge 0$, we get

$$0 \leq \sum \lambda_i \operatorname{Trace}(Pu_i u_i^T) = \operatorname{Trace}\left(P\sum_i \lambda_i u_i u_i^T\right) = \operatorname{Trace}(PS).$$

(only if) Assume $Trace(PS) \ge 0$ for every $S \ge 0$. Since $xx^T \ge 0$ for each for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have

$$0 \leq \operatorname{Trace}(Pxx^T) = x^T Px \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Hence, $P \ge 0$ by definition.

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Matrix Norms

Matrix norm is used as a way of measuring the size of a matrix. A marix norm is any function $\|.\|: \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \to \mathbb{R}$ that satisfy the following properties:

- (i) $||A|| \ge 0$ for all $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$
- (i) ||A|| = 0 if and only if A = 0
- (ii) $\|\alpha A\| = |\alpha| \|A\|$ for all $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$
- (iii) $||A + B|| \le ||A|| + ||B||$ for all $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$
- (iv) $||AB|| \leq ||A|| ||B||$ for all $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$.

Some examples of matrix norms: 1) 1-norm:

$$|A||_1 := \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|.$$

This norm satisfies the first three conditions without needing detailed proof, for the last condition:

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$$\|AB\|_{1} = \sum_{i,j} \left| \sum_{k} a_{ik} b_{kj} \right| \le \sum_{i,j,k} |a_{ik} b_{kj}| \le \sum_{i,j,k,l} |a_{ik} b_{lj}| \\ = \left(\sum_{i,k} |a_{ik}| \right) \left(\sum_{l,j} |b_{lj}| \right) = \|A\|_{1} \|B\|_{1},$$

where the first inequality is obtained by the scalar triangular inequality, and the second one by adding positive terms to the sum.

2) 2-norm or Frobenius norm($||A||_F$):

$$||A||_2 := \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2\right)^{1/2}$$

Note that $||A||_F^2 = Trace(A^*A)$.

Frobenius norm is also a valid matrix norm which can be verified as follows: (Similar to Cauchy-Schwarz leequality)

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$$||AB||_F^2 = \sum_{i,j} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj} \right|^2 \le \sum_{i,j} \left(\sum_k |a_{ik}|^2 \right) \left(\sum_m |b_{mj}|^2 \right)$$
$$= \left(\sum_{i,k} |a_{ik}|^2 \right) \left(\sum_{m,j} |b_{mj}|^2 \right) = ||A||_F^2 ||B||_F^2.$$

3) İnfinity-Norm($||A||_{\infty} \triangleq max_{i,j}|a_{i,j}|$) is a vector norm on $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, but not a matrix norm. This is because the submultiplicative condition $||AB||_{\infty} \leq ||A||_{\infty} ||B||_{\infty}$ is violated(For instance, $A = B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$)

However, a modified $\infty - norm$ can be defined as:

$$||A||_{\sim\infty} := n ||A||_{\infty} = n \max_{1 \le i,j \le n} |a_{ij}|_{\infty}$$

Then, $||A||_{\sim\infty}$ is an appropriate matrix norm as prove as follows:

$$\|AB\|_{\infty\infty} = n \max_{i,j} \left| \sum_{k} a_{ik} b_{kj} \right| \le n \max_{i,j} \sum_{k} |a_{ik} b_{kj}|$$
$$\le n \max_{i,j} \sum_{k} \|A\|_{\infty} \|B\|_{\infty}$$
$$= n \|A\|_{\infty} n \|B\|_{\infty} = \|A\|_{\infty\infty} \|B\|_{\infty\infty}$$

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Induced Matrix Norm Let $\|.\|_*$ be a vector norm on \mathbb{C}^n . Then, the induced norm on $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is defined as $\|A\|_{i*} := \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_*}{\|x\|_*}$. Moreover, it can be shown that: $\|A\|_{i*} = \max_{\|x\|_* \leq 1} \|Ax\|_* = \max_{\|x\|_* = 1} \|Ax\|_*$. Note that, it is easy to Show that induced matrix norms are legitimate matrix norms as defined the above definition(required conditions for the norm). Condition 1 is clearly satisfied since the induced norm is always nonnegative by definition and Ax = 0 for all nonzero $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ iff A = 0. Condition 2 is also satisfied since $\|\alpha A\|_{i*} = \max_{\|x\|_* = 1} \|\alpha Ax\|_* = \max_{\|x\|_* = 1} |\alpha| \|Ax\|_* = |\alpha| \|Ax\|_* = |\alpha| \|A\|_{i*}.$

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Condition 3 is also satisfied as follows:

$$\begin{split} \|A+B\|_{i*} &= \max_{\|x\|_*=1} \|(A+B)x\|_* \leq \max_{\|x\|_*=1} \left(\|Ax\|_* + \|Bx\|_* \right) \\ &\leq \max_{\|x\|_*=1} \|Ax\|_* + \max_{\|x\|_*=1} \|Bx\|_* = \|A\|_{i*} + \|B\|_{i*}. \end{split}$$

Condition 4(submultiplicavity) can be demonstrated as

$$\|AB\|_{i*} = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|ABx\|_{*}}{\|x\|_{*}} = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|ABx\|_{*}}{\|Bx\|_{*}} \frac{\|Bx\|_{*}}{\|x\|_{*}} \le \max_{y \neq 0} \frac{\|Ay\|_{*}}{\|y\|_{*}} \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Bx\|_{*}}{\|x\|_{*}} = \|A\|_{i*} \|B\|_{i*}.$$

It also can be stated as by the definition of induced norm

$$||Ax||_* \le ||A||_{i*} ||x||_* \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

Most common-used induced norms are the p-norms: (p=1,2,inf)

$$\|A\|_{i1} := \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_1}{\|x\|_1}, \quad \|A\|_{i2} := \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2}, \quad \text{and} \quad \|A\|_{i\infty} := \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_{\infty}}{\|x\|_{\infty}}.$$
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Examples : Simple characterizations for p-norms:

$$||A||_{i1} = \max_{j=1:n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |a_{ij}|.$$

Proposition: The induced p-norms can be calculated as follows:

(i) The induced 1-norm is the maximum column sum:

$$||A||_{i1} = \max_{j=1:n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |a_{ij}|$$

(ii) The induced 2-norm(spectral norm) is the square root of the maximum eigenvalue of A^*A :

$$\|A\|_{i2} = \sqrt{\lambda_{max}(A^*A)}$$

(iii) The induced inf-norm is the maximum row-sum:

$$||A||_{i\infty} = \max_{i=1:n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_{ij}|$$

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Ellipsoids: Given a matrix $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, where $P = P^T \ge 0$ the set $\mathcal{E}_P \triangleq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^T P x \le 1\}$

is called as ellipsoid associated with P.

Not that, the ellipsoid defined abov is centered at the origin of \mathbb{R}^n . The ellipsoid centered at different points as given as

 $\mathcal{E}_{P,x_c} \triangleq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : (x - x_c)^T P(x - x_c) \le 1\}.$ If P > 0, the volume of an ellipsoid is $vol(\mathcal{E}_P) = \alpha_n (det P^{-1})^{1/2}$ where α_n is the volume of the n-dimensional unit 2-ball, i. e.,

$$\alpha_n = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi^{n/2}}{(n/2)!} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \\ \frac{2^n \pi^{(n-1)/2} ((n-1)/2)!}{n!} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Proposition: Given two matrices $A \ge 0$ and $B \ge 0$, $\mathcal{E}_A \subseteq \mathcal{E}_B \Leftrightarrow B \le A$. Proof: (only if) Suppose $B \le A$ and let $x \subseteq \mathcal{E}_A$. Then, $x^T B x \le x^T A x \le 1$. Therefore, $x \subseteq \mathcal{E}_B$, so that $\mathcal{E}_A \subseteq \mathcal{E}_B$. (if) Suppose $\mathcal{E}_A \subseteq \mathcal{E}_B$ but that $B \leq A$, i.e., there exists nonzero x_* such that $x_*^T B x_* > x_*^T A x_*$.

Now scale x_* to \tilde{x}_* so that(It is assumed $Ax_* \neq 0$) $\tilde{x}_*^T A \tilde{x}_*=1$. Then, $\tilde{x}_* \in \mathcal{E}_A$ but $, \tilde{x}_* \notin \mathcal{E}_B$ since $\tilde{x}_*^T B \tilde{x}_* > \tilde{x}_*^T A \tilde{x}_* = 1$. This is a contradiction due to the assumption $\mathcal{E}_A \subseteq \mathcal{E}_B$.

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Remark: When P > 0 the definition can be thought of as the unit ball of the vector norm on \mathbb{C}^n as follows: $||x|| \triangleq (x^*Px)^{1/2}$.

Note that, when $P \ge 0$ then one can find nonzero vectors $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ such that $||\mathbf{x}|| = 0$, violating condition for being a norm. It is then called as semi-norm on \mathbb{C}^n .

Lemma: Given $P = P^T = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_2 \\ P_2^T & P_3 \end{bmatrix} > 0$, let $\mathcal{E} \triangleq \{x: x^T P x \le 1\}$. Then, the projection of \mathcal{E} onto the x_1 – *subspace* is given by

$$\mathcal{E}_{x_1} = \{ z \in \mathbb{R}^n : z^T (P_1 - P_2 P_3^{-1} P_2^T) z \le 1 \}$$

Proof: the projection on \mathcal{E} onto x_1 subspace is given by

$$\min_{Q} \quad \mathbf{vol} \left\{ z : z^{T} Q z \leq 1 \right\}$$
s.t. $x \in \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow x_{1}^{T} Q x_{1} \leq 1.$

So the last condition is equivalent to

$$\left\{x: x^T P x \le 1\right\} \subseteq \left\{x: x^T \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x \le 1\right\}$$

Or by the above Proposition:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} Q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \leq \left[\begin{array}{cc} P_1 & P_2 \\ P_2^T & P_3 \end{array} \right] \Longleftrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc} Q - P_1 & -P_2 \\ -P_2^T & -P_3 \end{array} \right] < 0.$$
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