Advanced Mathematical Methods

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1 Linear Algebra

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Outline: Linear Algebra

Readings

- Knut Sydsaeter, Peter Hammond, Atle Seierstad, and Arne Strøm. *Further Mathematics for Economic Analysis*. Prentice Hall, 2008 Chapter 1

Online Resources

MIT course on Linear Algebra (by Gilbert Strang)

- Lecture 21: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lXNXrLcoerU
- Lecture 22: Powers of a square matrix and Diagonalization
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13r9QY6cmjc
- Lecture 26: Symmetric matrices and positive definiteness
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umt6BB1nJ4w
- Lecture 27: Positive definite matrices and minima – Quadratic forms
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vF7eyJ2g3kU

1.8 Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

Assume a scalar λ exists such that

$$\boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{x} = \lambda \boldsymbol{x}$$

λ: eigenvalue
$\boldsymbol{x}$: eigenvector

Find λ via the homogenous linear equation system

$$(\boldsymbol{A} - \lambda \boldsymbol{I})\boldsymbol{x} = 0$$

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The properties of a quadratic homogenous linear equation system imply that:

- in any case a solution does exist;
- if $\det(\boldsymbol{A} - \lambda \boldsymbol{I}) \neq 0$, then $\bar{\boldsymbol{x}} = 0$ is the trivial solution;
- only if $\det(\boldsymbol{A} - \lambda \boldsymbol{I}) = 0$ there is a non-trivial solution.

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Principle axis theorem

collecting the normalized eigenvectors $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_j$ $(j = 1, \ldots, n)$ in a new matrix $\boldsymbol{T} = [\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_1 \cdots \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n]$ with the property $\boldsymbol{T}^{-1} = \boldsymbol{T}'$ yields the diagonalization of $\boldsymbol{A}$ as follows:

$$\boldsymbol{D} = \boldsymbol{T}'\boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{T} = \boldsymbol{T}^{-1}\boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \ldots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \ldots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \ldots & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Definitions

- Degree of a polynomial
- Form of *n*th degree
- special case: quadratic form

$$Q(x_1, x_2) = a_{11}x_1^2 + 2a_{12}x_1x_2 + a_{22}x_2^2$$

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A quadratic form $Q(x_1, x_2)$ for two variables x_1 and x_2 is defined as

$$Q(x_1, x_2) = \underset{(1\times 2)(2\times 2)(2\times 1)}{\mathrm{x}' \, \mathrm{A} \, \mathrm{x}} = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} a_{ij} \, x_i \, x_j$$

where $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ and, thus,

with the symmetric coefficient matrix $\mathrm{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$.

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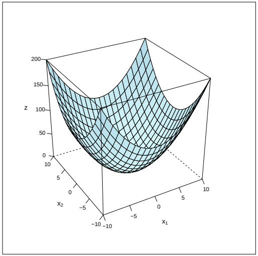
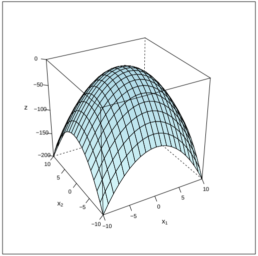
Graph of the positive definite form $Q(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$



Graph of the negative definite form $Q(x_1, x_2) = -x_1^2 - x_2^2$



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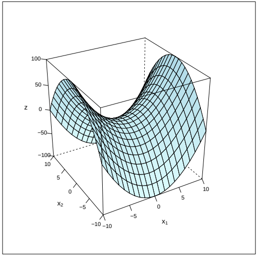
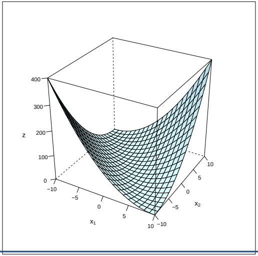


Graph of the positive semidefinite form $Q(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + x_2)^2$



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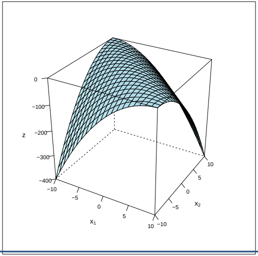

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The quadratic form $Q(\boldsymbol{x})$ is

- positive (negative) definite, if **all** eigenvalues of the matrix A are positive (negative): $\lambda_j > 0$ ($\lambda_j < 0$) $\forall j = 1, 2, \ldots, n$;
- positive (negative) semi-definite, if **all** eigenvalues of the matrix A are non-negative (non-positive): $\lambda_j \geq 0$ ($\lambda_j \leq 0$) $\forall j = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ and **at least one** eigenvalue is equal to zero;
- indefinite, if two eigenvalues have different signs.

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