

- Due April 12 at the beginning of class.

1. If $A \in M_n$ is Hermitian, show that the following three optimization problems all have the same solution:

(a) $\max_{x^*x=1} x^*Ax$

(b) $\max_{x^*x \neq 0} \frac{x^*Ax}{x^*x}$

(c) $\max_{x^*Ax=1} \frac{1}{x^*x}$ when at least one eigenvalue of A is positive

2. Let $A \in M_n$ have eigenvalues $\{\lambda_i\}$. Show that, even if A is not Hermitian, one has the bounds

$$\min_{x \neq 0} \left| \frac{x^*Ax}{x^*x} \right| \leq |a_i| \leq \max_{x \neq 0} \left| \frac{x^*Ax}{x^*x} \right|$$

3. Use Weyl's Theorem to show that for Hermitian matrices $A, B \in M_n$ one has

$$|\lambda_k(A+B) - \lambda_k(A)| \leq \rho(B), \quad \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

(This is an example of a *perturbation theorem* for the eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix.)

4. A *hyperellipsoid* in \mathbb{R}^m with radii $a_1, \dots, a_m > 0$ is an image of the set

$$E := \left\{ (z_1, \dots, z_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m : \frac{z_1^2}{a_1^2} + \dots + \frac{z_m^2}{a_m^2} = 1 \right\}$$

under an orthogonal transformation. A *solid hyperellipsoid* with radii $a_1, \dots, a_m > 0$ is an image of the set

$$B := \left\{ (z_1, \dots, z_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m : \frac{z_1^2}{a_1^2} + \dots + \frac{z_m^2}{a_m^2} \leq 1 \right\}$$

under an orthogonal transformation. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a *surjective* linear transformation. Prove that the image of the unit sphere

$$S := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| = 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

under T is either a hyperellipsoid (if T is injective) or a solid hyperellipsoid (if T is not injective).

5. Let $A \in M_n$ be Hermitian. Let $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$ be the eigenvalues of A , and $\lambda_{i,1} \leq \lambda_{i,2} \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{i,n-1}$ the eigenvalues of the $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ principal submatrix Ai' obtained from A by deleting the i :th column and i :th row. Show that the following interlacing inequalities hold:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \lambda_1 & & \lambda_2 & & \dots & & \lambda_n \\
 \swarrow & & \searrow & & \swarrow & & \searrow \\
 & & \lambda_{i,1} & & \lambda_{i,2} & & \lambda_{i,n-1}
 \end{array}$$