

# SPECTRAL Theorem

$$S^T = S \text{ symmetric} \Rightarrow \text{①}$$

(1) Eigen values are all real.

(2) There exists a collection of eigenvectors  $\{ \vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n \}$  that form an orthonormal basis.

$$U = [ \vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_n ] \Rightarrow U^T = U^{-1} \text{ (orthogonal)}$$

so

$$U^T S U = -\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$$

Using the eigen-decomposition

$$U^T S U$$

Proof of (1) last time. For (2) we are back in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  since we know  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Assume now all eigenvalues are distinct.

New def:

$\vec{w}^T$  is a left eigenvector with eigen value  $\lambda$  if  $\vec{w}^T A = \lambda \vec{w}^T$

$$\Rightarrow A^T \vec{w} = \lambda \vec{w}$$

So left eigenvectors are transposes of right eigenvectors of  $A^T$

So if  $S^T = S \Rightarrow$  left and right eigenvectors are transposes of each other.

3) Eigenvalues of a general  $A$  are the same

as those of  $A^T$ . - Recall, when  $A$  is

square  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$

PROOF:  $|A - \lambda I| = |(A - \lambda I)^T|$

$$= |A^T - \lambda I^T| = |A^T - \lambda I| = P_{A^T}(\lambda)$$

But when  $A$  is not symmetric, its left and right eigenvalues ~~are~~ can be different.

FACT: If  $(\vec{v}, \lambda)$  are eigenvect, val<sup>4</sup>  
eigen vect, eigen val

So  $A$  and  $(\vec{w}^T, \mu)$  are left

pair and  $\lambda \neq \mu \Rightarrow \vec{w}^T \vec{v} = 0$

so  $\vec{w} \perp \vec{v}$ .

PROOF:

$$\mu (\vec{w}^T \vec{v}) = (\vec{w}^T A) \vec{v} = \vec{w}^T A \vec{v} = \vec{w}^T (A \vec{v}) = \vec{w}^T \lambda \vec{v} = \lambda (\vec{w}^T \vec{v})$$

Since  $\mu \neq \lambda \Rightarrow$

$$\vec{w}^T \vec{v} = 0$$

ie.  $\vec{w} \perp \vec{v}$

not special in m.

Back to the proof! Since  $S^T = S$ .

all its left eigenvect. are Transposes of Right e. vect.  $\Rightarrow$  If  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  are

two right e vect with  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \Rightarrow$

$$\vec{v}_1^T \vec{v}_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 \perp \vec{v}_2, \text{ so, if}$$

all eigenvalues are diff, all eigenvect are mutually orthogonal so

$\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  is an orthogonal set.

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \frac{\vec{v}_i}{\|\vec{v}_i\|} \right\}_{i=1}^n \text{ is O.N. set of eigenvect.}$$

(6)

New DEF: A symmetric matrix  $S$  is

called positive definite (pos. def.)

if all its eigenvalues are positive

$$U^T S U = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ all } \lambda_i > 0$$

So

using the spectral theorem

• pos. semi def is all  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ .

• Neg def if all  $\lambda_i < 0$

⑦ Three equiv defns of  $S$  is Symmetric

(1)  $S$  has all post eigenval (post. def)

(2)  $S$  defines a positive energy  
 $\vec{x}^T S \vec{x}$  with

$$Q(\vec{x}) =$$

$$Q(\vec{x}) > 0 \text{ when } \vec{x} \neq 0$$

(3)  $S = A^T A$  for a matrix  $A$

with lin. ind. columns.

Note: In mechanics, the std kinetic energy is  
 $\frac{1}{2} \dot{\vec{x}}^T M \dot{\vec{x}}$  for sym. generalized mass  
matrix

Proofs:  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ .  $S$  has all post

eigen values so.  $U^T S U = \Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$   
 $U^{-1} \Lambda U^T$

with all  $\lambda_i > 0$  write  $S =$

$$\vec{x}^T S \vec{x} = (\vec{x}^T U) \Lambda (U^T \vec{x}) = (U^T \vec{x})^T \Lambda (U^T \vec{x})$$

$$= \vec{y}^T \Lambda \vec{y} > 0$$

Let  $\vec{y} = U^T \vec{x}$

$$= \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_n y_n^2 > 0$$

when  $\vec{y} \neq 0$  since all  $\lambda_i > 0$

but  $\vec{x} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \vec{y} \neq 0$  since  $U^T$  is invertible

Now assume  $x^T S x > 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$ . ⑨

once again write  $\vec{y} = U^T \vec{x}$  and then

$$y^T \Lambda y = x^T S x > 0 \quad \text{for all } \vec{y} \neq \vec{0}$$

$$\lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_n y_n^2$$

$$\text{let } \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{e}_j$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_j > 0 \quad \vec{e}_j^T \Lambda \vec{e}_j = \lambda_j$$

Consequence If  $S$  is post def Symm (10)

$\Rightarrow$  define  $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle_S = \vec{u}^T S \vec{v}$

is an inner product.

(1)  $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle_S \geq 0$  and  $= 0$  only when  $\vec{u} = \vec{0}$ .

(2)  $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle_S = \langle \vec{v}, \vec{u} \rangle_S$  since  $S^T = S$

(3)  $\langle \alpha \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle_S = \langle \vec{u}, \alpha \vec{v} \rangle_S = \alpha \langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle_S$

This is inner product adapted or derived from  $S$ .

2<sup>nd</sup> derivative test restated:

assume  $\nabla \Phi(x_0) = 0$

①

(1)  $H\Phi(x_0)$  pos def  $\Rightarrow$  loc min

(2)  $H\Phi(x_0)$  neg def  $\Rightarrow$  loc max

(3)  $H\Phi(x_0)$  is neither (indefinite)

$\Rightarrow$  saddle or no test

---

Next Time  $S = A^T A$