

**Pr. 1.**

Show that a weighted sum of squared Euclidean distances between  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^N$  and some points  $\{\mathbf{z}_k\}$  is equivalent, within a constant, to the squared distance between  $\mathbf{x}$  and a weighted average of the points:

$$\sum_k \alpha_k \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}_k\|_2^2 = \alpha \left\| \mathbf{x} - \sum_k \frac{\alpha_k}{\alpha} \mathbf{z}_k \right\|_2^2 + \beta,$$

where each  $\alpha_k$  is real, and where you must determine  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Hint: This is related to **completing the square**.

**Pr. 2.**

The **logarithm** of a square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined as  $\log(\mathbf{A}) = -\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^k$ , provided that  $\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}\| < 1$ , i.e., if  $\mathbf{A}$  is sufficiently close to  $\mathbf{I}$ . Show that if  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable with (nonnegative) eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_j\}$ , then a matrix version of **entropy** is  $H(\mathbf{A}) \triangleq -\text{trace}(\mathbf{A} \log(\mathbf{A})) = -\sum_j \lambda_j \log \lambda_j$ .

**Pr. 3.**

A **flat** or **linear variety** or **affine subspace** is a subset of a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$  defined by  $\{\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{V} : \mathbf{v} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \text{span}(\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots\})\}$  for some vectors  $\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots \in \mathcal{V}$ . Show that any such affine subspace is a **convex set**, or provide a counter-example.

**Pr. 4.**

A real, symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive semidefinite iff all of its eigenvalues are non-negative, i.e., iff we can write  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{U}'$  for  $\mathbf{U}$  orthogonal and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  diagonal with  $\sigma_i \geq 0$ . We write  $\mathbf{A} \succeq \mathbf{0}$ . A useful property is that if  $\mathbf{A} \succeq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{B} \succeq \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\text{trace}(\mathbf{AB}) \geq 0$ . Let  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{F}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, K$ . Let  $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^K$ . Show that  $\text{trace}(\mathbf{KX}) \geq \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{z}$ , assuming the following:

- $\mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{0}$
- $\text{trace}(\mathbf{F}_k \mathbf{X}) = c_k$  for  $k = 1, \dots, K$
- $\mathbf{K} - \sum_{k=1}^K z_k \mathbf{F}_k \succeq \mathbf{0}$ .

This result is known as **weak duality** for semidefinite optimization problems.

**Pr. 5.**

For a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{F}^N$  and nonzero scalar  $b \in \mathbb{F}$ , define the hyperplane (flat) set  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^N : \mathbf{v}'\mathbf{x} = b\}$ .

(a) Verify that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a convex, even though it is not a subspace.

(b) Find an expression for the projection of a point  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{F}^N$  onto the set  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Hint: first translate the coordinates so that the plane intersects the origin.

**Pr. 6.**

Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}^N$  denote orthogonal vectors. Define  $\mathbf{X} \triangleq \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}'$  and  $\mathbf{Y} \triangleq \mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}'$ . Determine whether  $\text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$  and  $\text{vec}(\mathbf{Y})$  are perpendicular vectors. Hint. Consider the **Frobenius inner product**.

**Pr. 7.**

The definition of the Frobenius norm of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  requires accessing every element  $a_{ij}$  of that matrix. Some matrices are represented numerically as *operators* that act on vectors, rather than storing an entire dense matrix, i.e., functions that compute the matrix-vector product  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  for any vector  $\mathbf{x}$ . One can *estimate* the Frobenius norm of such an operator by generating  $K$  random vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_K$  and then computing

$$\hat{F} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k\|_2^2.$$

Show that this average is an **unbiased estimate** of the squared Frobenius norm of  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e.,  $\mathbb{E}(\hat{F}) = \|\mathbf{A}\|_{\text{F}}^2$ .

**Pr. 8.****Unconstrained “Procrustes” method**

For given  $M \times N$  matrices  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$ , the **orthogonal Procrustes problem** involves minimizing  $\|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{X}\|_{\text{F}}$  over  $M \times M$  matrices  $\mathbf{Q}$ , subject to the *constraint* that  $\mathbf{Q}$  is orthogonal (or unitary). Here we relax that constraint.

- (a) Verify that  $(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})^+ = \mathbf{A}^+ \otimes \mathbf{B}^+$ .
- (b) Determine analytically the *unconstrained* minimizer  $\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{F}^{M \times M}} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathbf{F}}$ .  
Hint. The **vec trick** and the previous part may be useful.
- (c) Write a function called `procunc` that returns that minimizer  $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}$  given  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{F}^{M \times N}$ . Your solution should be efficient for the case where  $M \ll N$ .  
In Julia, your file should be named `procunc.jl` and should contain the following function:

```
"""
    Qh = procunc(X, Y)

In:
* `X` and `Y` are `M × N` matrices, typically with `M ≪ N`

Out:
* `Qh` `M × M` matrix that minimizes the "unconstrained" Procrustes problem:
  `\\argmin_{Q} || Y - Q X ||_F`
"""
function procunc(X::Matrix{<:Number}, Y::Matrix{<:Number})
```

Email your solution as an attachment to `eeecs551@autograder.eecs.umich.edu`.

- (d) Submit a screenshot of your code to gradescope so that the grader can verify efficiency.

### Pr. 9.

Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} \oplus \mathbf{C}$ , where  $\mathbf{B}$  is the  $N \times N$  circulant matrix whose first column is  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{F}^N$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$  is the  $M \times M$  circulant matrix whose first column is  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{F}^M$ . This problem shows how to use Fourier transforms to efficiently compute  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$ .

- (a) Show that

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{MN} (\mathbf{F}_N \otimes \mathbf{F}_M)' (\mathbf{\Lambda}_b \oplus \mathbf{\Lambda}_c) (\mathbf{F}_N \otimes \mathbf{F}_M),$$

where  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_b = \text{Diag}(\mathbf{f}_b)$  and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_c = \text{Diag}(\mathbf{f}_c)$  are the diagonal matrices containing the DFTs of  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ , respectively, and  $\mathbf{F}_N$  is the  $N \times N$  DFT matrix.

Hint. Use the fact that any  $N \times N$  circulant matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  can be written as  $\mathbf{B} = (1/N) \mathbf{F}_N' \mathbf{\Lambda}_b \mathbf{F}_N$ .

Define  $\mathbf{Q}_b = (1/\sqrt{N}) \mathbf{F}_N'$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_c = (1/\sqrt{M}) \mathbf{F}_M'$  and apply your result from a previous HW.

- (b) Show that

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{MN} (\mathbf{F}_N \otimes \mathbf{F}_M)' (\mathbf{\Lambda}_b \oplus \mathbf{\Lambda}_c)^{-1} (\mathbf{F}_N \otimes \mathbf{F}_M).$$

- (c) Show that the  $M \times N$  matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{1}_M \mathbf{f}_b' + \mathbf{f}_c \mathbf{1}_N',$$

containing all pairwise sums of the entries of  $\mathbf{f}_b$  and  $\mathbf{f}_c$  (i.e., eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$ ), satisfies the relationship  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_b \oplus \mathbf{\Lambda}_c = \text{Diag}(\text{vec}(\mathbf{P}))$ . In other words, the columns of  $\mathbf{P}$  stacked into a vector form the diagonal of the matrix  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_b \oplus \mathbf{\Lambda}_c$ .

- (d) Suppose  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$ , and let  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  be the  $M \times N$  matrices such that  $\mathbf{x} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$  and  $\mathbf{y} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{Y})$ . Use the above results and your answer to a previous HW problem. to argue that

$$\mathbf{Y} = \frac{1}{MN} \mathbf{F}_M' \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}_M \mathbf{X} \mathbf{F}_N'}{\mathbf{P}} \right) \overline{\mathbf{F}_N}, \quad (1)$$

where the fraction denotes elementwise division, and  $\overline{\mathbf{F}_N}$  denotes the (elementwise) complex conjugate of  $\mathbf{F}_N$ .

- (e) Explain why the Julia code `Y = ifft(fft(X) ./ P)` implements (1).

[Demo 08/kron-sum-inv](#) illustrates that the FFT-based approach works.

**Pr. 10.****(Closed-form photometric stereo via Fourier transforms)**

Recall that the photometric stereo problem of reconstructing a surface from its gradients can be formulated as

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{mn}} \|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2, \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$  is the vectorized  $m \times n$  surface that we would like to estimate, and

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{D}_m \\ \mathbf{D}_n \otimes \mathbf{I}_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_x \\ \mathbf{b}_y \end{bmatrix}.$$

In the above,  $\mathbf{D}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is the circulant first differences matrix

$$\mathbf{D}_n = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & & & \\ & -1 & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & & & & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $\mathbf{b}_x = \text{vec}(\mathbf{B}_x)$  and  $\mathbf{b}_y = \text{vec}(\mathbf{B}_y)$ , where  $\mathbf{B}_x$  and  $\mathbf{B}_y$  denote  $m \times n$  matrices containing the  $x$  and  $y$  gradients, respectively, of the underlying surface.

In previous homework problems, you constructed the (sparse!)  $\mathbf{A}$  matrix explicitly and employed various iterative solvers to compute the solution to (2). This problem derives a *closed-form* solution using Fourier transforms!

Recall that the solution to (2) is given by  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}^+ \mathbf{b}$ . If  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  were invertible, we could compute this solution as  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$ . Unfortunately, it is not.

- (a) What is the rank of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ ? You can check this numerically, at least for small values of  $m$  and  $n$ .

What is the eigenvector corresponding to the smallest eigenvalue? Does this eigenvector make sense intuitively?

- (b) To facilitate a Fourier transform-based solution, we will instead consider the regularized problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{mn}} \|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \mu \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2, \quad (3)$$

for some (small) value of  $\mu > 0$ . The solution to (3) (for any  $\mathbf{A}$ ) is

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\mu \mathbf{I}_{mn} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}.$$

For practical values of  $m$  and  $n$ , the  $mn \times mn$  matrix  $\mu \mathbf{I}_{mn} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  is too large to invert directly. However, in this application it has special structure: we can write it as

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}_n \oplus \mathbf{C}_m, \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbf{C}_n$  and  $\mathbf{C}_m$  are  $n \times n$  and  $m \times m$  circulant matrices, respectively.

What are  $\mathbf{C}_n$  and  $\mathbf{C}_m$ ?

Equation (4) is exactly the form considered in the previous problem, so we can write it as

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{mn} (\mathbf{F}_n \otimes \mathbf{F}_m)' (\mathbf{\Lambda}_n \oplus \mathbf{\Lambda}_m) (\mathbf{F}_n \otimes \mathbf{F}_m),$$

where  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_n$  and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_m$  are the diagonal matrices containing the DFT of the first columns of  $\mathbf{C}_n$  and  $\mathbf{C}_m$ , respectively, and  $\mathbf{F}_n$  denotes the  $n \times n$  DFT matrix.

- (c) Show that

$$(\mu \mathbf{I}_{mn} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} = \frac{1}{mn} (\mathbf{F}_n \otimes \mathbf{F}_m)' (\mu \mathbf{I}_{mn} + \mathbf{\Lambda}_n \oplus \mathbf{\Lambda}_m)^{-1} (\mathbf{F}_n \otimes \mathbf{F}_m).$$

- (d) Show that  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_n$  and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_m$  are diagonal matrices of the form

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{\Lambda}_n)_{jj} &= 2 - 2 \cos(2\pi(j-1)/n), \\ (\mathbf{\Lambda}_m)_{kk} &= 2 - 2 \cos(2\pi(k-1)/m), \end{aligned}$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  and  $k = 1, \dots, m$ , respectively.

Hint: The first columns of  $\mathbf{C}_n$  and  $\mathbf{C}_m$  have only three nonzero entries, so it is straightforward to compute the required DFTs in closed-form.

Hint: Use  $\exp(i\theta) = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)$  to simplify your answer.

- (e) Let  $\mathbf{Z}$  be the  $m \times n$  matrix such that  $\text{vec}(\mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$ . Show that

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{D}_m^T \mathbf{B}_x + \mathbf{B}_y \mathbf{D}_n.$$

In parts (a)-(e), we have shown that

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\mu \mathbf{I}_{mn} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$$

$$\frac{1}{mn} (\mathbf{F}_n \otimes \mathbf{F}_m)' (\mu \mathbf{I}_{mn} + \mathbf{\Lambda}_n \oplus \mathbf{\Lambda}_m)^{-1} (\mathbf{F}_n \otimes \mathbf{F}_m) \text{vec}(\mathbf{D}_m^T \mathbf{B}_x + \mathbf{B}_y \mathbf{D}_n).$$

Using the previous results, we rearrange the above computations into  $m \times n$  matrix operations:

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \frac{1}{mn} \mathbf{F}_m' \left[ \frac{\mathbf{F}_m (\mathbf{D}_m^T \mathbf{B}_x + \mathbf{B}_y \mathbf{D}_n) \mathbf{F}_n^T}{\mu \mathbf{1}_m \mathbf{1}_n^T + \mathbf{1}_m \mathbf{f}_n^T + \mathbf{f}_m \mathbf{1}_n^T} \right] \overline{\mathbf{F}_n}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = \text{vec}(\hat{\mathbf{X}})$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the vector with entries  $[\mathbf{f}_n]_k = 2 - 2\cos(2\pi(k-1)/n)$ , and the fraction denotes elementwise division.

We can express this computation using 2D FFT operations in Julia as

```
# We know Xhat should be real-valued, so we discard the imaginary part
Xhat = real(ifft(fft(Dm' * Bx + By * Dn) ./ P))
```

where  $\mathbf{P} \triangleq \mu \mathbf{1}_m \mathbf{1}_n^T + \mathbf{1}_m \mathbf{f}_n^T + \mathbf{f}_m \mathbf{1}_n^T$ .

- (f) Write a function called `fftsurf` that computes the solution to (3) in closed-form using (5). Your solution should use only 2D FFTs and iFFTs and matrix algebra: no iterations required! Make sure to cast the surface into a real-valued matrix before returning it.

In Julia, your file should be named `fftsurf.jl` and should contain the following function:

```
"""
    X = fftsurf(Bx, By, mu)

Compute solution to the regularized photometric stereo problem
`min_x 0.5 || b - A x ||^2 + \mu || x ||^2`
non-iteratively using 2D FFT operations.
Here, `x = X[:]` and A is the 2D circulant first-differences matrix

In:
- `Bx` : `m × n` matrix of x gradients
- `By` : `m × n` matrix of y gradients
- `mu > 0` : regularization parameter

Out:
`X` : `m × n` matrix containing the estimated surface
"""
function fftsurf(Bx, By, mu)
```

Email your solution as an attachment to [eeecs551@autograder.eecs.umich.edu](mailto:eeecs551@autograder.eecs.umich.edu).

Once your code is working, download the `PhotometricStereo_demo_complete` notebook from Canvas. This is an updated photometric stereo notebook with code to use your `fftsurf` implementation to reconstruct the cat. Verify that it produces the same surface for small values of  $\mu$  as `lsqr` and your previous `lsngd` solver.

- (g) Turn in plots of the reconstructed surfaces using `fftsurf` with  $\mu = 10^{-9}$  and  $\mu = 10^{-2}$ .  
What happens to the reconstructed surface as  $\mu$  increases?
- (h) Run the last section of the updated notebook to compare the runtimes of the `lsqr`, `lsngd`, and `fftsurf` algorithms. Turn in a copy of the plots that are generated. How much faster is the FFT-based solver?
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**Pr. 11.**

- (a) Show that  $f(\mathbf{X}) = \text{trace}(\mathbf{X})$  is a Lipschitz continuous function from  $\mathbb{F}^{N \times N}$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Use any matrix norm that you like for  $\mathbb{F}^{N \times N}$ .
- (b) Show that  $g(\mathbf{X}) = \text{Diag}(\mathbf{X})$  is a Lipschitz continuous function from  $\mathbb{F}^{N \times N}$  into  $\mathbb{F}^N$ . Use any matrix norms that you like for  $\mathbb{F}^{N \times N}$  and  $\mathbb{F}^N$ .
- (c) Optional. Can you think of a way to generalize these two examples? Hint. Both examples are linear mappings of the elements of  $\mathbf{X}$ .
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