



## Linear Algebra II (MCS), SS 2006, Exercise 10

### Mini-Quiz

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- (2) If a real symmetric  $n \times n$ -matrix  $A$  has only one eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then...?
- $A$  is already diagonal.
  - $a_{ij} = \lambda$  for all  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$
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- (3) If  $W$  is a linear subspace of a vector space  $V$  with scalar product  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ , then  $W^\perp$  is...?
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### Groupwork

**G 43** Determine the eigenvalues and the principal axes transformation of the following matrix using Jacobi-rotations:

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**G 44** Determine the singular value decomposition  $U^*AV = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  of the following matrix:

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**G 45** Let  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$  be an orthonormal subset of a  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  with scalar product. Show that for every  $v \in V$  we have:

$$\sum_{j=1}^r |\langle v|u_j \rangle|^2 \leq \|v\|^2. \quad (\text{Bessel's Inequality})$$

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**G 47** Verify the following polar forms for a scalar product  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ :

- (i)  $\langle u|v \rangle = \frac{1}{4}(\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2)$  (euclidean case)
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**G 48** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space with scalar product  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ .

- (i) Show that for every fixed  $u \in V$ , the map  $\psi_u : V \rightarrow K, v \mapsto \langle u|v \rangle$  defines a linear form on  $V$ .
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Remark: (i) and (ii) show that the map  $V \rightarrow V^*, u \mapsto \psi_u$  is a bijection. However, in the unitary case, this assignment is not linear!

## Homework

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$$(a) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (b) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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(i) Show the following estimate for the *Rayleigh-Quotient*:

$$\lambda_{\min} \leq \frac{x^t A x}{|x|^2} \leq \lambda_{\max} \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}.$$

(ii) Let  $Q(x) = x^t A x$  and let  $V_+$  as in Theorem 39.7. Show that  $Q|_{V_+}$  has a unique minimum in  $x = 0$ .

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in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  centered at the  $z$ -axis. Now let  $g$  be the line which passes through  $S_1$  in the point  $(1, 0, -1)^t$  and through  $S_2$  in the point  $(\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha, 1)^t$  for some fixed  $\alpha \in [0, 2\pi)$ . Let  $H_g = \bigcup_{A \in \text{SO}(2)} A(g)$  where  $\text{SO}(2)$  denotes the set of all rotations of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  around the  $z$ -axis. Show that

- (i)  $H_g = \{(x, y, z)^t \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \lambda_1 x^2 + \lambda_2 y^2 - \lambda_3 z^2 = c\}$  for some  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , i.e.  $H_g$  is a quadric.  
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Hints: Every element of  $\text{SO}(2)$  has the form  $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ . Use the addition theorems for trigonometric functions.

### H 39 (Optional task)

Let  $V$  be an euclidean vector space with on-basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $Q$  a quadratic form, on  $V$  with matrix  $A$  w.r.t. this basis. Suppose that

$$1 \leq Q(v) \leq 3 \text{ for } |v| = 1,$$

$$\det(A) = 6, \quad Q(e_1 - 2e_2 + 2e_3) = 27 \text{ and}$$

$$Q(2e_1 + 2e_2 + e_3) = 18.$$

- (i) Determine all eigenvalues and an on-basis of eigenvectors of  $Q$ .  
(ii) Determine  $A$ .

Hint: Use Corollary 39.4: If  $|v| = 1$  and  $Q(v) = \max\{Q(w) \mid |w| = 1\}$ , then  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $Q$ .

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### Groupwork

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The Ansatz  $(1, t)A(t, -1)^t = 0$  yields  $t = \pm i$ . Hence,  $v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -i)^t$  and  $v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(i, -1)^t$  are the principal axes thus  $T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is the transformation matrix, which gives  $T^*AT = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

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We have  $A^*A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2i \\ -2i & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  which is the matrix from exercise **G 43**. Thus, by the algorithm of the script, we have  $V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\Sigma = (2)$ . Furthermore,  $AV = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and after division by  $\Sigma_{11} = 2$ , we obtain the first column vector of  $U$ , which we complete arbitrarily to an on-basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $U = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

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$$\sum_{j=1}^r |\langle v|u_j \rangle|^2 \leq \|v\|^2. \quad (\text{Bessel's Inequality})$$

This is an implication of Plancherel's formula. In fact, we may complete  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$  to an on-basis  $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  of  $V$ . Then Plancherel's formula yields  $\sum_{i=1}^n |\langle v|u_i \rangle|^2 = \|v\|^2$ . Dropping the last  $n - r$  terms on the left side yields the desired inequality, since all summands are non-negative.

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We clearly have that  $\text{span}(\alpha) \subset W^\perp$ , since  $\langle u_j|v_k \rangle = 0$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, r, k = 1, \dots, n - r$ . Since  $W \cap W^\perp = \{0\}$  and  $V = W + W^\perp$ , the dimension formula for linear subspaces yields  $n = \dim V =$

$\dim W + \dim W^\perp = r + \dim W^\perp$ . Thus  $\dim W^\perp = n - r$ , which shows that  $\alpha$  generates the whole of  $W^\perp$ . So  $\alpha$  is indeed a basis of  $W^\perp$ .

**G 47** Verify the following polar forms for a scalar product  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ :

(i)  $\langle u|v \rangle = \frac{1}{4}(\|u+v\|^2 - \|u-v\|^2)$  (euclidean case)

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To (i):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4}(\|u+v\|^2 - \|u-v\|^2) &= \frac{1}{4}(\langle u+v|u+v \rangle - \langle u-v|u-v \rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(\langle u|u \rangle + 2\langle u|v \rangle + \langle v|v \rangle - \langle u|u \rangle + 2\langle u|v \rangle - \langle v|v \rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(4\langle u|v \rangle) = \langle u|v \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

To (ii): *This is just done as in (i).*

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(i) Show that for every fixed  $u \in V$ , the map  $\psi_u : V \rightarrow K, v \mapsto \langle u|v \rangle$  defines a linear form on  $V$ .

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Remark: (i) and (ii) show that the map  $V \rightarrow V^*, u \mapsto \psi_u$  is a bijection. However, in the unitary case, this assignment is not linear!

To (i): *By definition, a scalar product is linear in the second argument and its image lies in the ground field. Hence  $\psi_u$  is a well defined linear form on  $V$ .*

To (ii): *Let  $\phi$  be an arbitrary linear form on  $V$ . If  $\phi = 0$ , then clearly  $\psi_0 = \phi$ . If  $\phi \neq 0$ , then by the dimension formula for linear maps,  $W := \ker \phi$  is a hyperplane in  $V$ , i.e.  $\dim W = \dim V - 1$ . Let  $u \in V$  be such that  $u \perp W$  and  $\phi(u) = 1$ . We claim that  $\psi_u = \phi$ . In fact,  $V = W \oplus (K \cdot u)$  and on both summands,  $\psi_u$  and  $\phi$  coincide. By linearity, both linear forms coincide on  $V$ . Uniqueness of  $u$  can be seen as follows, if arguable: Suppose there is some  $u'$  such that  $\psi_u = \phi = \psi_{u'}$ . Then for all  $v \in V$ :  $0 = \psi_u(v) - \psi_{u'}(v) = \langle u - u'|v \rangle$ . Hence  $u = u'$ .*

**Homework**

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and  $b_2 = (1, 0, -1)^t$ .

Applying Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization to the columns  $b_1, b_2, b_3$  of  $A$  we obtain

$$u_1 = b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$v_1 = \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$u_2 = b_2 - \langle v_1 | b_2 \rangle v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$v_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$u_3 = b_3 - \langle v_1 | b_3 \rangle v_1 - \langle v_2 | b_3 \rangle v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

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The vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  form the columns of the matrix  $Q$  in the QR-decomposition. Hence,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \langle v_1 | b_1 \rangle & \langle v_1 | b_2 \rangle & \langle v_1 | b_3 \rangle \\ 0 & \langle v_2 | b_2 \rangle & \langle v_2 | b_3 \rangle \\ 0 & 0 & \langle v_3 | b_3 \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix},$$

so  $A$  decomposes as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using this decomposition, we solve  $Ax_i = b_i$  by first forming  $Q^t b_i$  and then solving  $Rx_i = Q^t b_i$  by substituting backwards. We then have:

$$Q^t b_1 = (\sqrt{3}, 0, 0)^t \implies x_1 = (1, 0, 0)^t.$$

$$Q^t b_2 = (0, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{6}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^t \implies x_2 = (1, -1, -1)^t.$$

**H 36** (i) Prove: For any positively semi-definite matrix  $A \in K^{n \times n}$  there is a unique positively semi-definite matrix  $B \in K^{n \times n}$  such that  $B^2 = A$ .

(ii) Determine for each of the following matrices  $A$ , a positively semi-definite matrix  $B$  with  $B^2 = A$ .

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (b) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

To (i): Since  $A$  is positively semi-definite, there is a unitary, resp. orthogonal, matrix  $S$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  with nonnegative entries  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  such that  $A = SDS^*$ , resp.  $A = SDS^t$ . Now put  $B = S\sqrt{D}S^*$ , where  $\sqrt{D}$  denotes the diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are just  $\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_n}$ . Then  $B^2 = S\sqrt{D}S^*S\sqrt{D}S^* = SDS^* = A$ . This proves the existence of the square root.

For the uniqueness, suppose that  $B$  satisfies  $B^2 = A$ . Let  $v$  be an eigenvector of  $B$  to the eigenvalue  $\mu$ . Then  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  to the eigenvalue  $\mu^2$ . Hence  $E_\mu(B) \subset E_{\mu^2}(A)$ . Since

the eigenvalues of  $A$  are non-negative, they have a unique square root. This implies that the eigenspaces of  $B$  for distinct  $\mu$  lie in the eigenspaces of  $A$  for distinct  $\mu^2$ . By the pigeon hole principle,  $E_\mu(B) = E_{\mu^2}(A)$ . Since  $B$  is completely determined by its eigenspaces and eigenvalues, we have just proved the uniqueness of  $B$ .

To (ii): For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  the eigenvalues are 2 and 0. Corresponding eigenvectors are  $(1, 1)^t$  and

$(1, -1)^t$ . Hence the transition matrix of  $A$  is  $S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . By (i),  $B$  is given by  $S\sqrt{D}S^t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}A$ .

For  $A' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  the eigenvalues are 3 and 1. Corresponding eigenvectors are  $(1, 1)^t$  and  $(1, -1)^t$ .

Hence the transition matrix of  $A'$  is the same as that of  $A$  and by (i),  $B'$  is given by  $S\sqrt{D'}S^t = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} + 1 & \sqrt{3} - 1 \\ \sqrt{3} - 1 & \sqrt{3} + 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

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To (i): Let  $Q(x) := x^t Ax$ . Then  $Q$  is a quadratic form on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and by Corollary 39.4 we have for all  $\|x\| = 1$ :  $\lambda_{\min} \leq Q(x) \leq \lambda_{\max}$ . If now  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  is arbitrary, put  $r := \|x\|$  and then by the above:  $\lambda_{\min} \leq Q(\frac{x}{r}) \leq \lambda_{\max}$ . However,  $Q(\frac{x}{r}) = \frac{1}{r^2} Q(x) = \frac{Q(x)}{\|x\|^2} = \frac{x^t Ax}{\|x\|^2}$  and our claim follows.

To (ii): Suppose that  $Q$  has a (local) minimum in  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ . Then there is some open ball  $B_\epsilon(x_0)$  around  $x_0$  such that for all  $y \in B_\epsilon(x_0)$  we have  $Q(y) \geq Q(x_0) =: m$ . However,  $Q(rx_0) = r^2 Q(x_0) = r^2 m$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ . In particular for all  $r \in (1 - \epsilon, 1 + \epsilon)$  we have  $r^2 m \geq m$ . But for  $r < 1$ , clearly  $r^2 m < m$ , a contradiction. Hence, the unique minimum of  $Q$  is 0.

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in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  centered at the  $z$ -axis. Now let  $g$  be the line which passes through  $S_1$  in the point  $(1, 0, -1)^t$  and through  $S_2$  in the point  $(\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha, 1)^t$  for some fixed  $\alpha \in [0, 2\pi)$ . Let  $H_g = \bigcup_{A \in \text{SO}(2)} A(g)$  where  $\text{SO}(2)$  denotes the set of all rotations of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  around the  $z$ -axis. Show that

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To (i): The line  $g$  is the set of all  $(x, y, z)^t = (1, 0, -1)^t + t \cdot (\cos \alpha - 1, \sin \alpha, 2)^t$  with arbitrary  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence, every element of  $H_g$  has the form  $A_\theta \cdot (x, y, z)^t$  for some  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$  and  $(x, y, z)^t \in g$ . This

yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{pmatrix} (\cos \alpha - 1) \cos \theta - \sin \alpha \sin \theta \\ (\cos \alpha - 1) \sin \theta + \sin \alpha \cos \theta \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta + t \cos(\alpha + \theta) - t \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta + t \sin(\alpha + \theta) - t \sin \theta \\ -1 + 2t \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta(1 - t) + t \cos(\alpha + \theta) \\ \sin \theta(1 - t) + t \sin(\alpha + \theta) \\ 2t - 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

From the last equation we obtain  $t = \frac{1+z}{2}$  and substituting this into the equations for  $x$  and  $y$  gives:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \cos \theta \left( \frac{1-z}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{1+z}{2} \right) \cos(\alpha + \theta) \\ y &= \sin \theta \left( \frac{1-z}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{1+z}{2} \right) \sin(\alpha + \theta). \end{aligned}$$

Now we square both equations, add them up and use  $\cos^2 + \sin^2 = 1$  to obtain

$$x^2 + y^2 = \left( \frac{1-z}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1+z}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1-z^2}{2} \right) (\cos \theta \cos(\alpha + \theta) + \sin \theta \sin(\alpha + \theta)).$$

We use the addition theorem for trigonometric functions one last time and arrive at

$$x^2 + y^2 - \frac{(1 - \cos \alpha)}{2} z^2 = \frac{(1 + \cos \alpha)}{2}$$

Choosing  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = -\frac{(1-\cos \alpha)}{2}$  and  $c = \frac{(1+\cos \alpha)}{2}$ , we have shown that  $H_g$  is included in a quadric. This quadric is for  $\alpha = 0$  a cylinder, for  $\alpha = \pi$  a cone and in all other cases a one-sheeted hyperboloid. We still have to verify that the quadric does not contain more points than  $H_g$ . In fact, it is not difficult to see that the intersection of every plane parallel to the  $x, y$ -plane intersects with  $H_g$  in a circle centered at the  $z$ -axis. The same holds true for the quadric. As a circle contained in another circle must coincide with the latter, we see that both sets  $H_g$  and the quadric must coincide.

To (ii): Since  $H_g$  is invariant under all rotations around the  $z$ -axis, it is also invariant under all reflections on planes which contain the  $z$ -axis. Now let  $p$  be an arbitrary point on  $H_g$ . By definition, there is some  $A \in \text{SO}(2)$  such that the line  $A(g)$  passes through  $p$ . Under the reflection  $\tau$  on the plane which contains  $p$  and the  $z$ -axis,  $A(g)$  gets mapped to the line  $\tau(A(g))$  which is different from  $A(g)$ , because we excluded the case  $\alpha = 0$  for which  $H_g$  is a cylinder.

### H 39 (Optional task)

Let  $V$  be an euclidean vector space with on-basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $Q$  a quadratic form, on  $V$  with matrix  $A$  w.r.t. this basis. Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \leq Q(v) \leq 3 \text{ for } |v| = 1, \\ \det(A) = 6, \quad Q(e_1 - 2e_2 + 2e_3) = 27 \text{ and} \\ Q(2e_1 + 2e_2 + e_3) = 18. \end{aligned}$$

- (i) Determine all eigenvalues and an on-basis of eigenvectors of  $Q$ .
- (ii) Determine  $A$ .

Hint: Use Corollary 39.4: If  $|v| = 1$  and  $Q(v) = \max\{Q(w) \mid |w| = 1\}$ , then  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $Q$ .

To (i): From  $Q(e_1 - 2e_2 + 2e_3) = 27$  we obtain  $3 = \frac{1}{9}Q(e_1 - 2e_2 + 2e_3) = Q(\frac{1}{3}e_1 - \frac{2}{3}e_2 + \frac{2}{3}e_3)$ . Thus the corollary says that  $v_1 = (\frac{1}{3}e_1 - \frac{2}{3}e_2 + \frac{2}{3}e_3)^t$  is an eigenvector to the maximal eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 3$ . We can furthermore choose a normed basis  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  of eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalues  $3 = \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3 \geq 1$ . Since the determinant of a diagonalizable matrix is equal to the product of its eigenvalues, we obtain from  $\det A = 6$  that  $2 = \lambda_2 \cdot \lambda_3$ . Now look at the restriction  $Q|_W$  of  $Q$  to the subspace  $W = v_1^\perp = \text{span}\{v_2, v_3\}$ . Then  $Q|_W$  is also a quadratic form, with eigenvalues  $\lambda_2, \lambda_3$ . Furthermore, an eigenvector of  $Q|_W$  is also one of  $Q$ . By assumption,

$Q(2e_1+2e_2+e_3) = 18$  and as above, this implies that  $2 = \frac{1}{9}Q(2e_1+2e_2+e_3) = Q(\frac{2}{3}e_1 + \frac{2}{3}e_2 + \frac{1}{3}e_3)$ . Since  $(\frac{2}{3}e_1 + \frac{2}{3}e_2 + \frac{1}{3}e_3)^t$  is orthogonal to  $v_1$  and has norm equal to one, we see that  $\lambda_2 = 2$  and may take  $v_2 = (\frac{2}{3}e_1 + \frac{2}{3}e_2 + \frac{1}{3}e_3)^t$ , due to the corollary again. By the determinant condition above, we also see that  $\lambda_3 = 1$ . Now  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  already determine  $v_3$  uniquely up to a sign. For instance, we can take  $v_3 = (-\frac{2}{3}e_1 + \frac{1}{3}e_2 + \frac{2}{3}e_3)^t$ .

To (ii): From the data obtained in (i) we know that the transformation matrix  $S$  which diagonalizes  $A$

is given by  $S = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and the corresponding diagonal matrix is  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Accordingly, we get for  $A = SDS^t = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 7 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ .