5. Find the matrix of the quadratic form. Assume $\mathbf{x}$ is in $\mathbb{R}^3$.

a. $3x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - 5x_3^2 - 6x_1x_2 + 8x_1x_3 - 4x_2x_3$

b. $6x_1x_2 + 4x_1x_3 - 10x_2x_3$

6. Find the matrix of the quadratic form. Assume $\mathbf{x}$ is in $\mathbb{R}^3$.

a. $3x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 + 4x_1x_2 - 6x_1x_3$

b. $4x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 4x_2x_3$

7. Make a change of variable, $\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{y}$, that transforms the quadratic form $x_1^2 + 10x_1x_2 + x_2^2$ into a quadratic form with no cross-product term. Give P and the new quadratic form.

8. Let A be the matrix of the quadratic form

$$9x_1^2 + 7x_2^2 + 11x_3^2 - 8x_1x_2 + 8x_1x_3$$

It can be shown that the eigenvalues of A are 3, 9, and 15. Find an orthogonal matrix P such that the change of variable $\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{y}$ transforms $\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x}$ into a quadratic form with no cross-product term. Give P and the new quadratic form.

Classify the quadratic forms in Exercises 9–18. Then make a change of variable, $\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{y}$, that transforms the quadratic form into one with no cross-product term. Write the new quadratic form. Construct P using the methods of Section 7.1.

9. $4x_1^2 - 4x_1x_2 + 4x_2^2$

10. $2x_1^2 + 6x_1x_2 - 6x_2^2$

11. $2x_1^2 - 4x_1x_2 - x_2^2$

12. $-x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 - x_2^2$

13. $x_1^2 - 6x_1x_2 + 9x_2^2$

14. $3x_1^2 + 4x_1x_2$

15. **[M]** $-3x_1^2 - 7x_2^2 - 10x_3^2 - 10x_4^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 4x_1x_3 + 4x_1x_4 + 6x_3x_4$

16. **[M]** $4x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 + 4x_3^2 + 4x_4^2 + 8x_1x_2 + 8x_3x_4 - 6x_1x_4 + 6x_2x_3$

17. **[M]** $11x_1^2 + 11x_2^2 + 11x_3^2 + 11x_4^2 + 16x_1x_2 - 12x_1x_4 + 12x_2x_3 + 16x_3x_4$

18. **[M]** $2x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - 6x_1x_2 - 6x_1x_3 - 6x_1x_4 - 6x_2x_3 - 6x_2x_4 - 2x_3x_4$

19. What is the largest possible value of the quadratic form $5x_1^2 + 8x_2^2$ if $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$ and $\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} = 1$, that is, if $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$? (Try some examples of $\mathbf{x}$.)

20. What is the largest value of the quadratic form $5x_1^2 - 3x_2^2$ if $\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} = 1$?

In Exercises 21 and 22, matrices are $n \times n$ and vectors are in $\mathbb{R}^n$. Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

21. a. The matrix of a quadratic form is a symmetric matrix.

b. A quadratic form has no cross-product terms if and only if the matrix of the quadratic form is a diagonal matrix.

c. The principal axes of a quadratic form $\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x}$ are eigenvectors of A.

d. A positive definite quadratic form Q satisfies $Q(\mathbf{x}) > 0$ for all $\mathbf{x}$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$.

e. If the eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix A are all positive, then the quadratic form $\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x}$ is positive definite.

f. A Cholesky factorization of a symmetric matrix A has the form $A = R^T R$, for an upper triangular matrix R with positive diagonal entries.

22. a. The expression $\|\mathbf{x}\|^2$ is not a quadratic form.

b. If A is symmetric and P is an orthogonal matrix, then the change of variable $\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{y}$ transforms $\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x}$ into a quadratic form with no cross-product term.

c. If A is a 2×2 symmetric matrix, then the set of $\mathbf{x}$ such that $\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x} = c$ (for a constant c) corresponds to either a circle, an ellipse, or a hyperbola.

d. An indefinite quadratic form is neither positive semidefinite nor negative semidefinite.

e. If A is symmetric and the quadratic form $\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x}$ has only negative values for $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$, then the eigenvalues of A are all positive.

Exercises 23 and 24 show how to classify a quadratic form $Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x}$, when $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$ and $\det A \neq 0$, without finding the eigenvalues of A.

23. If λ_1 and λ_2 are the eigenvalues of A, then the characteristic polynomial of A can be written in two ways: $\det(A - \lambda I)$ and $(\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2)$. Use this fact to show that $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = a + d$ (the diagonal entries of A) and $\lambda_1\lambda_2 = \det A$.

24. Verify the following statements.

a. Q is positive definite if $\det A > 0$ and $a > 0$.

b. Q is negative definite if $\det A > 0$ and $a < 0$.

c. Q is indefinite if $\det A < 0$.

25. Show that if B is $m \times n$, then $B^T B$ is positive semidefinite; and if B is $n \times n$ and invertible, then $B^T B$ is positive definite.

26. Show that if an $n \times n$ matrix A is positive definite, then there exists a positive definite matrix B such that $A = B^T B$. [*Hint:* Write $A = PDP^T$, with $P^T = P^{-1}$. Produce a diagonal matrix C such that $D = C^T C$, and let $B = PCP^T$. Show that B works.]

27. Let A and B be symmetric $n \times n$ matrices whose eigenvalues are all positive. Show that the eigenvalues of $A + B$ are all positive. [*Hint:* Consider quadratic forms.]

28. Let A be an $n \times n$ invertible symmetric matrix. Show that if the quadratic form $\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x}$ is positive definite, then so is the quadratic form $\mathbf{x}^T A^{-1}\mathbf{x}$. [*Hint:* Consider eigenvalues.]

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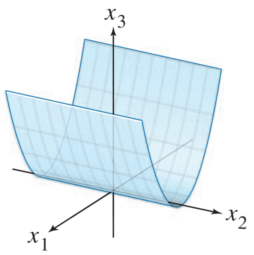

Positive semidefinite

SOLUTION TO PRACTICE PROBLEM

Make an orthogonal change of variable $\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{y}$, and write

$$\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}^T D\mathbf{y} = \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \cdots + \lambda_n y_n^2$$

as in equation (4). If an eigenvalue—say, λ_i—were negative, then $\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x}$ would be negative for the $\mathbf{x}$ corresponding to $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{e}_i$ (the ith column of I_n). So the eigenvalues of a positive semidefinite quadratic form must all be nonnegative. Conversely, if the eigenvalues are nonnegative, the expansion above shows that $\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x}$ must be positive semidefinite.

7.3 CONSTRAINED OPTIMIZATION

Engineers, economists, scientists, and mathematicians often need to find the maximum or minimum value of a quadratic form $Q(\mathbf{x})$ for $\mathbf{x}$ in some specified set. Typically, the problem can be arranged so that $\mathbf{x}$ varies over the set of unit vectors. This *constrained optimization problem* has an interesting and elegant solution. Example 6 below and the discussion in Section 7.5 will illustrate how such problems arise in practice.

The requirement that a vector $\mathbf{x}$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$ be a unit vector can be stated in several equivalent ways:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1, \qquad \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 1, \qquad \mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} = 1$$

and

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2 = 1 \tag{1}$$

The expanded version (1) of $\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} = 1$ is commonly used in applications.

When a quadratic form Q has no cross-product terms, it is easy to find the maximum and minimum of $Q(\mathbf{x})$ for $\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} = 1$.

EXAMPLE 1 Find the maximum and minimum values of $Q(\mathbf{x}) = 9x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 + 3x_3^2$ subject to the constraint $\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} = 1$.

SOLUTION Since x_2^2 and x_3^2 are nonnegative, note that

$$4x_2^2 \le 9x_2^2 \qquad \text{and} \qquad 3x_3^2 \le 9x_3^2$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\mathbf{x}) &= 9x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 \\ &\le 9x_1^2 + 9x_2^2 + 9x_3^2 \\ &= 9(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2) \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

whenever $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1$. So the maximum value of $Q(\mathbf{x})$ cannot exceed 9 when $\mathbf{x}$ is a unit vector. Furthermore, $Q(\mathbf{x}) = 9$ when $\mathbf{x} = (1, 0, 0)$. Thus 9 is the maximum value of $Q(\mathbf{x})$ for $\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} = 1$.

To find the minimum value of $Q(\mathbf{x})$, observe that

$$9x_1^2 \ge 3x_1^2, \qquad 4x_2^2 \ge 3x_2^2$$

and hence

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) \ge 3x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 = 3(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2) = 3$$

whenever $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1$. Also, $Q(\mathbf{x}) = 3$ when $x_1 = 0$, $x_2 = 0$, and $x_3 = 1$. So 3 is the minimum value of $Q(\mathbf{x})$ when $\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} = 1$. ■