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## School of Mathematics & Physics EXAMINATION

Semester Two Final Examinations, 2019

### MATH7502 Mathematics for Data Science 2

*This paper is for St Lucia Campus students.*

Examination Duration: 180 minutes

Reading Time: 10 minutes

**Exam Conditions:**

This is a Central Examination

This is a Closed Book Examination - specified materials permitted

During reading time - write only on the rough paper provided

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**Materials Permitted In The Exam Venue:**

**(No electronic aids are permitted e.g. laptops, phones)**

Calculators - Any calculator permitted - unrestricted

One A4 sheet of handwritten or typed notes double sided is permitted

**Materials To Be Supplied To Students:**

None

**Instructions To Students:**

**Additional exam materials (eg. answer booklets, rough paper) will be provided upon request.**

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Question Mark

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**Instructions:**

There are 5 questions, with 20 points each. Each question has two items. Item (a) worth 14 points and item (b) worth 6 points.

Answer all questions on this exam paper.

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**Question 1**

(a) You may use the singular value decomposition (SVD) to answer this question. Consider a  $1000 \times 50$  data matrix  $A$ , summarizing data of 1000 individuals and 50 features with  $\text{rank}(A) = 49$ . Denote the eigenvalues of  $AA^T$  by  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$  with  $\lambda_i \geq \lambda_j$  for  $j > i$ . What is  $\lambda_{50}$ ? Explain your answer.

(b) Assume now that  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_{49} = 4$ . Determine,

$$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{1000} \sum_{j=1}^{50} A_{ij}^2}.$$

**Question 2**

(a) Assume you are presented with pairs of data points  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  where  $x_i \neq x_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . To describe this data, you wish to fit a model,

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2,$$

by selecting  $\beta = [\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2]^T$  that will minimize,

$$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_2 x_i^2)^2}.$$

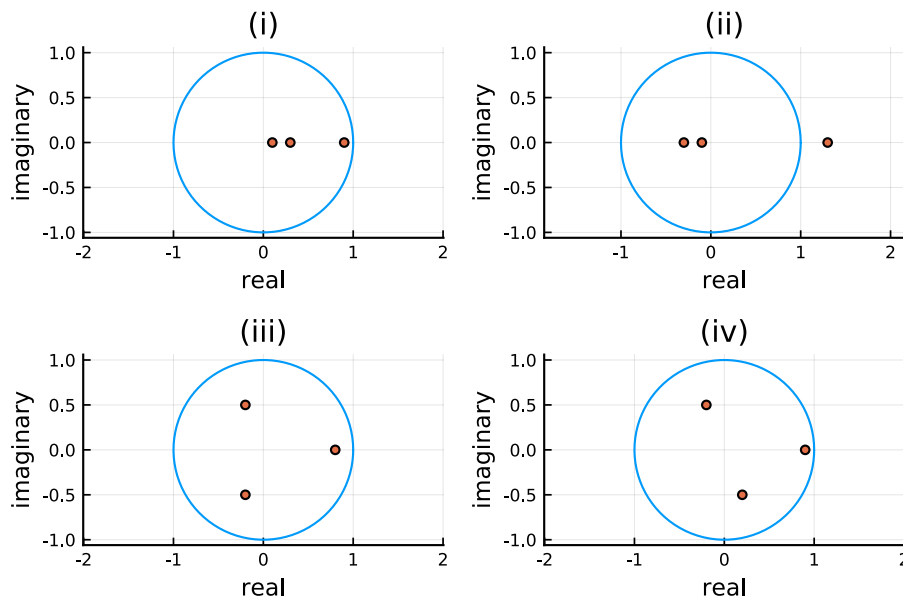
You do this by setting  $\hat{\beta} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T v$  where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 3}$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Determine  $A$  and  $v$ .

(b) Assume now that you wish to find  $\hat{\beta}$  using gradient descent. For this you compute the gradient descent step with learning rate  $\eta > 0$ , via,

$$\beta_{t+1} = \beta_t - \eta 2A^T(A\beta_t - v) = (I - 2\eta A^T A)\beta_t + 2\eta A^T v = G(\eta)\beta_t + 2\eta A^T v,$$

where the matrix  $G(\eta) = I - 2\eta A^T A$  depends on the learning rate. You set the learning rate at a low enough value,  $\eta^*$  such that  $\beta_t \rightarrow \hat{\beta}$  (gradient descent converges).

Let the eigenvalues of  $G(\eta^*)$  be  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$ . Below are four alternative plots of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$  on the complex plane. For each of them, determine if it is possible or not and if not, explain why.



(i) Possible / Impossible:

(ii) Possible / Impossible:

(iii) Possible / Impossible:

(iv) Possible / Impossible:

**Question 3**

(a) Consider the vectors  $v_1 = [1, 1, 0, 0]^T$ ,  $v_2 = [1, 1, 1, 1]^T$  and the  $4 \times 2$  matrix  $A = [v_1 \ v_2]$ . Determine a QR factorization of  $A$  having the form  $A = QR$  where  $Q$  is a  $4 \times 2$  matrix with orthonormal columns and  $R$  is an upper triangular matrix. Choose  $Q$  and  $R$  such that neither have negative entries. Throughout this question, avoid using decimal points, but rather use exact arithmetic.

(b) Let  $b = [0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0]^T$ . You now wish to find an approximate solution to  $Ax = b$  in the sense that  $x$  minimizes  $\|Ax - b\|$  ( $\|\cdot\|$  is the  $L_2$  norm). Use your  $QR$  factorization from the previous exercise to find  $x$ .



**Question 4**

(a) Consider a collection of  $N$ ,  $n$ -vectors on which you execute the  $k$ -means algorithm. Denote the vectors by  $x_1, \dots, x_N$  and denote by  $G_j$  the set of indices of vectors in group  $j$  resulting from  $k$ -means. Thus for example if  $G_3 = \{17, 21, 302\}$  then the vectors  $x_{17}$ ,  $x_{21}$  and  $x_{302}$  make up group 3. Denote,

$$z_j = \frac{1}{|G_j|} \sum_{i \in G_j} x_i, \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, k.$$

In general,  $k$ -means is only a heuristic and its solution does not always exactly minimize the clustering objective,

$$J = \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i \in G_j} \|x_i - z_j\|^2.$$

However, sometimes it does. For part (a), assume that  $n = 2$ ,  $k = 2$  and  $N = 6$  with,

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_5 = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_6 = \begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ -11 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ ,  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  that minimize  $J$ .

(b) Returning to general  $n$ ,  $N$  and  $k$ . Does it always hold that,

$$\sum_{i \in G_j} \|x_i - z_j\|^2 \leq \sum_{i \in G_j} \|x_i - z\|^2,$$

for any  $j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  and any  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ? If so prove why, otherwise, explain why not or present a counter-example.

**Question 5**

(a) Consider the linear dynamical system,  $x_{t+1} = Ax_t$  with,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the eigenvalues of  $A$  and corresponding eigenvectors where the second coordinate of each eigenvector is 1. To simplify notation, you may use the golden ratio  $\psi = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5})$  as well the fact that  $1 - \psi = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{5})$  and  $\psi = 1/(\psi - 1)$ .

(b) Assume now that  $x_0 = [\psi \ 1]^T$ . And denote the scalar  $q_t$  by,

$$q_t = [1 \ 0]x_t.$$

What is the smallest (integer)  $t$  for which  $q_t \geq 1000$ ?

END OF EXAMINATION