

# POW 2011-14 Invertible matrices

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Let  $M = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n) = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_n \end{pmatrix}$  where  $d_i > 0$

We know that  $M-J$  is invertible  $\iff (M-J)x = 0$  iff  $x = 0 (\in \mathbb{R}^n)$ .

For "not invertible"  $M-J$ , if  $\text{tr}(M) \geq f(n)$  and equality holds for some  $M$ , for some function  $f$  of  $n$ ,

then for any  $M$  s.t.  $\text{tr}(M) < f(n)$   $M-J$  is invertible and  $f$  is the largest upper bound for  $\text{tr}(M)$  to  $M-J$  to be invertible.  $\dots \dots (*)$

Claim 1 For  $M-J$  not invertible,  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $(M-J)x = 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \neq 0$ .

pf) Suppose there does NOT exist such  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then,  $\forall x \neq 0$  s.t.  $(M-J)x = 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 0$ .

However  $Jx = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \end{pmatrix} = 0$ , thus  $Mx = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 x_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n x_n \end{pmatrix} = 0$ .

$\implies x = 0$  ( $\because d_i > 0$  for each  $i=1, \dots, n$ ), contradiction ( $\because$  then  $\text{col}(M-J) = 0$ )

Therefore  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $(M-J)x = 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \neq 0$   $\dots \dots (*)$

Now, let  $M-J$  be not invertible. Then  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfies  $(*)$ , by claim 1.

Then, from  $Jx = Mx$ ,  $d_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  for each  $i=1, \dots, n$ .

Thus,  $1 = \frac{\sum x_i}{\sum x_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{x_j}{\sum x_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{d_j} \geq n \cdot \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{d_1 \dots d_n}}$  (산술-기하 부등식)

$\implies n \leq \sqrt[n]{d_1 \dots d_n} \leq \frac{\sum d_i}{n} = \frac{\text{tr}(M)}{n} \implies \text{tr}(M) \geq n^2$  (산술-기하 부등식)

(Note that for  $d_1 = d_2 = \dots = d_n = n$ ,  $x = (\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n})$ ,  $(M-J)x = 0$ , Thus  $M-J$  is not invertible.) (Equality holds for  $d_1 = \dots = d_n = n$ )

Therefore  $f(n) = n^2$  by  $(*)$   $\blacksquare$