

Chapter 7

1. If A is an $n \times n$ real symmetric matrix, then which of the following is true?
 - (a) Each eigenvalue of A is real
 - (b) If A is invertible, then its inverse is also symmetric
 - (c) If $Ax = 2x$ and $Ay = 3y$ then $x \cdot y = 0$
 - (d) If λ_1 and λ_2 are two different eigenvalues of A and W_1 and W_2 are the corresponding eigenspaces, then W_1 and W_2 are orthogonal sets
 - (e) All of the above are true
 - (f) More than one, but not all, of the above are true
2. Which of the following matrices is symmetric?
 - (a)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 - (b)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 - (c)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
3. For a real symmetric matrix A to carry out the principal axes transformation means finding
 - (a) A symmetric matrix P so that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal
 - (b) An orthogonal matrix $P \in O(n)$ so that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal
 - (c) An invertible matrix $P \in GL(n, \mathbf{R})$ so that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal
4. If a symmetric real $n \times n$ matrix A has only one eigenvector λ , then
 - (a) A is already diagonal
 - (b) a_{ij} for all $i, j = 1, \dots, n$
 - (c) $n = 1$
5. If A is a symmetric matrix, then $A^T =$
 - (a) A
 - (b) $|A|$
 - (c) 0
 - (d) The diagonal matrix