

LECTURE 5 (F)

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MATHEMATICS

Plan:

- ① Markov chains
- ② Quadratic forms
- ③ Definiteness of quadratic forms

Reading:

[HEJ] 6.2 (Ex 3),
23.1 (Ex 23.4),
23.6, 13.1-13.5,
16.1-16.4, 23.8

Review:

A
 $n \times n$
matrix

A diagonalizable if $P^T A P = D$ is
diagonal for some invertible matrix P .

Method:

Eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$ of A ($r \leq n$)

If $r = n$:

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

If $r < n$:

A is not
diagonalizable

Linearly independent eigenvectors $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_k$

If $k = n$:

$$P = (\underline{v}_1 | \underline{v}_2 | \dots | \underline{v}_n)$$

If $k < n$:

A is not
diagonalizable

Conclusion:

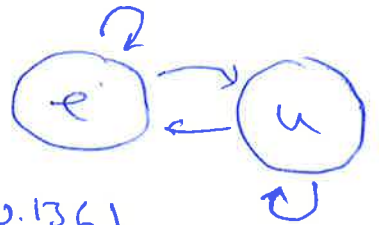
If $r = n$ and $k = n$, then

$$P^T A P = D$$

and A is diagonalizable

① Markov chains

Ex: employment-unemployment



Transition matrix: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.98 & 0.136 \\ 0.02 & 0.864 \end{pmatrix}$

Starting state: $\begin{pmatrix} e_0 \\ u_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9 \\ 0.1 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{x}_0$

After n time periods:

$$A^n \cdot \underline{x}_0 = \underline{x}_n$$

$$P^{-1}AP = D \quad | P.$$

$$AP = PD \quad | \cdot P^{-1}$$

$$\underline{A} = PDP^{-1} \Rightarrow A^n = (PDP^{-1}) \cdot (PDP^{-1}) \dots (PDP^{-1})$$

$$A^n = P \cdot D^n \cdot P^{-1}$$

In the Ex: $\lambda_1 = 1 \quad \lambda_2 = 0.844$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.844 \end{pmatrix} \quad D^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0.844^n \end{pmatrix}$$

It is much easier to compute D^n than A^n .

Markov process

Ex: Families are classified as U (urban), S (suburban) and R (rural). At time $t=n$ (after n years), the share of families in these groups can be described by the state vector

$$\underline{V}_n = \begin{pmatrix} U_n \\ S_n \\ R_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{cases} U_n \geq 0 \\ S_n \geq 0 \\ R_n \geq 0 \end{cases}, \quad U_n + S_n + R_n = 1$$

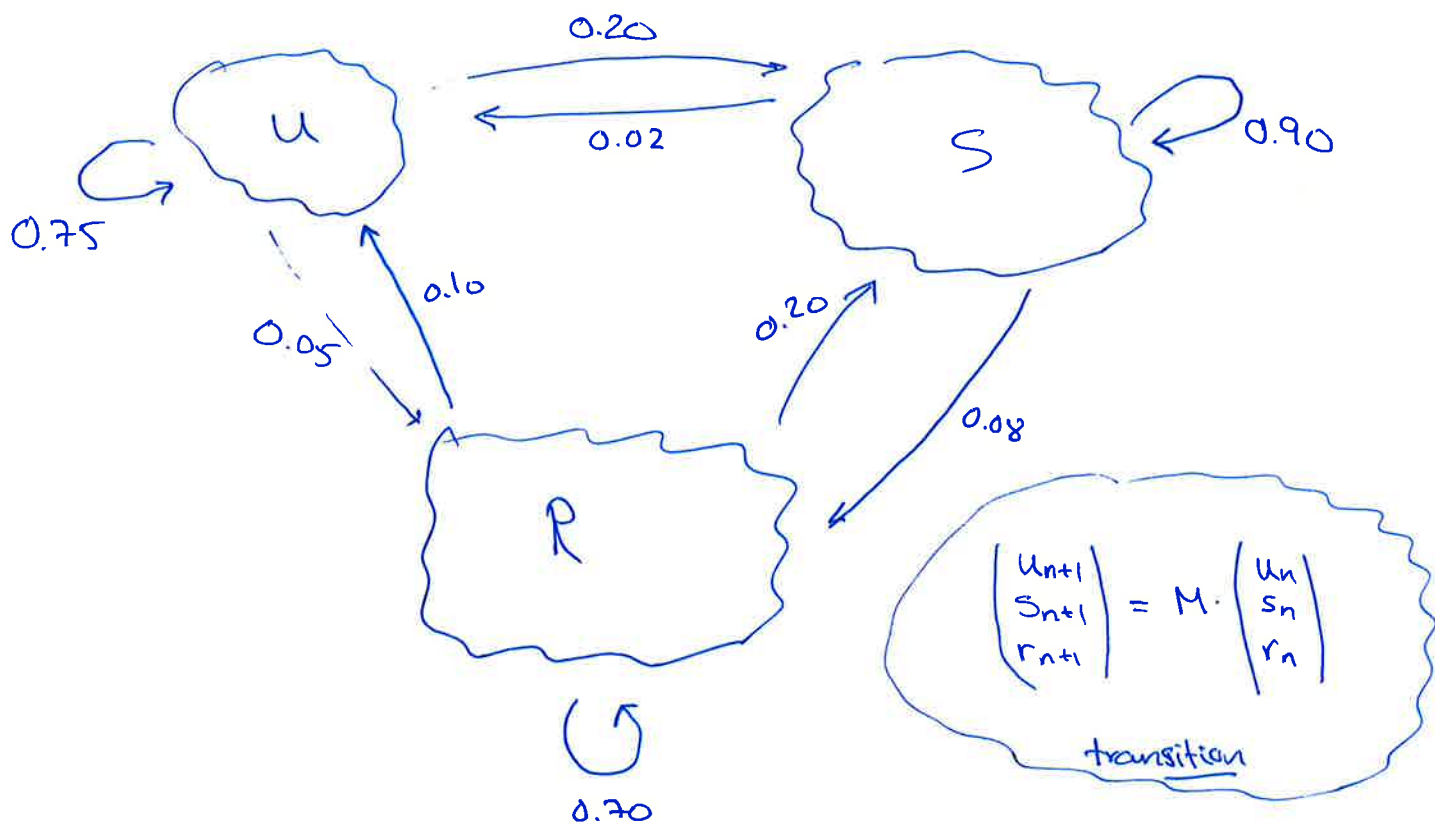
Ex:

$$\underline{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.1 \\ 0.1 \end{pmatrix}$$

From year n to year $n+1$, the change in the shares are given by a transition matrix or Markov matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0.75 & 0.02 & 0.10 \\ 0.20 & 0.90 & 0.20 \\ 0.05 & 0.08 & 0.70 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{cases} m_{ij} \geq 0 \\ \text{each column has sum } 1 \end{cases}$$

It can be described graphically as follows:



Markov process:

$$\underline{V}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} U_0 \\ S_0 \\ R_0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{start}} \underline{V}_1 = M \cdot \underline{V}_0 \xrightarrow{\text{---}} \underline{V}_2 = M \underline{V}_1 = M^2 \underline{V}_0 \xrightarrow{\text{---}} \dots \xrightarrow{\text{---}} \underline{V}_n = M^n \cdot \underline{V}_0$$

The Markov process is regular if $m_{ij} > 0$ for all i, j . We assume that this the case. The following holds for all regular Markov processes:

Fact: i) $\lambda = 1$ is an eigenvalue of M , and there is a unique eigenvector \underline{v} with eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$ that is a state vector (i.e. $\underline{v} = (v_i)$ with $v_i \geq 0, v_1 + \dots + v_k = 1$)

ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M^n \cdot \underline{v}_0 = \underline{v}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M^n = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{v} & | & \underline{v} & \dots & | & \underline{v} \end{pmatrix}$

Ex: $M = \begin{pmatrix} 0.75 & 0.02 & 0.10 \\ 0.20 & 0.90 & 0.20 \\ 0.05 & 0.08 & 0.70 \end{pmatrix}$ $D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda = 1$: $\begin{pmatrix} -0.25 & 0.02 & 0.10 \\ 0.20 & -0.10 & 0.20 \\ 0.05 & 0.08 & -0.30 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 & -30 \\ -25 & 2 & 10 \\ 20 & -10 & 20 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 & -30 \\ 0 & 42 & -140 \\ 0 & -42 & 140 \end{pmatrix}$

$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 & -30 \\ 0 & 42 & -140 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$5x + 8y - 30z = 0$
 $42y - 140z = 0$
 z free

$y = \frac{140z}{42} = \frac{10}{3}z$

$5x = 30z - 8 \cdot \frac{10}{3}z = \frac{90 - 80}{3}z$

$x = \frac{2}{3}z$

$\frac{2}{3}z + \frac{10}{3}z + z = 1$

$5z = 1$
 $z = 1/5$

$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \cdot z \\ 10/3 \cdot z \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \frac{z}{3} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 10 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/15 \\ 10/15 \\ 3/15 \end{pmatrix}$ (with $z = 1/5$)

Conclusion: As $n \rightarrow \infty$ (in the long run) $u = 2/15 \approx 13.3\%$ of families are urban, $s = 10/15 \approx 66.7\%$ are suburban, and $r = 3/15 = 20\%$ are rural.

Check: Compute M^{10}, M^{50}, M^{100} using Wolfram Alpha or other software.

It is also possible to compute M^n as

$M^n = P \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}^n \cdot P^{-1} \approx P \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot P^{-1}$
 since $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 < 1$

② Quadratic forms

A function $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a quadratic form if $f(\underline{x}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a sum of terms of order two.

Ex:

$$n=1: f(x) = ax^2$$

$$n=2: f(x, y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$$

$$n=3: f(x, y, z) = ax^2 + bxy + cxz + dy^2 + eyz + fz^2$$

Quadratic forms in matrix notation:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad (x \ y) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} & \leftarrow \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ & = (x + 3y \quad 2x + 7y) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ & = (x + 3y)x + (2x + 7y)y \\ & = x^2 + 3yx + 2xy + 7y^2 \\ & = \underline{x^2 + 5xy + 7y^2} \end{aligned} \quad \underline{x}^t \cdot A \cdot \underline{x}$$
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5/2 \\ 5/2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Fact: Any quadratic form can be written as $\underline{x}^t A \underline{x}$. It is possible to choose A to be symmetric, and then A is unique.

Quadratic forms
in n var's



Symmetric
 $n \times n$ -matrices

$f(x)$



$$\underline{x}^t A \underline{x}$$

↑
the symmetric matrix
of the quadratic form

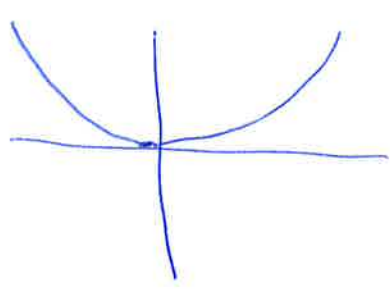
Ex: $f(x,y,z) = \underline{x}^2 + \underline{2xy} + \underline{4y^2} + \underline{3yz} - \underline{z^2}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 3/2 \\ 0 & 3/2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

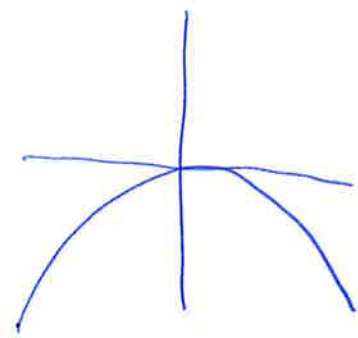
is the symmetric matrix
of the quadratic form.

$a_{ij} + a_{ji} = \text{coeff. in front of } x_i x_j$

Ex: $n=1 \quad f(x) = ax^2$



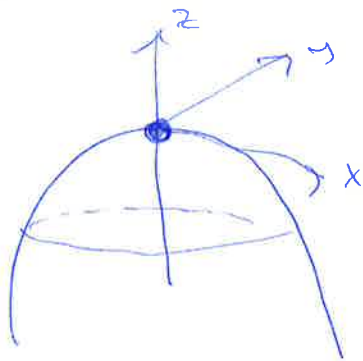
$a > 0$



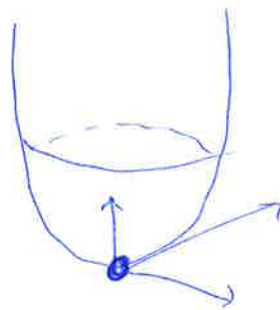
$a < 0$

Ex:

$n=2$



$f(x,y) = -x^2 - y^2$
negative semidefn.



$f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$
positive semidefn.

Defn:

Remember: $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$!

Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a quadratic form, and let A be its symmetric matrix. Both f and A are called:

- ① positive semidefinite $\iff f(\underline{x}) \geq 0$ for all \underline{x}
- ② negative semidefinite $\iff f(\underline{x}) \leq 0$ for all \underline{x}
- ③ indefinite \iff neither pos. (neg. semidefinite) = f takes both pos. and neg. values

positive definite $\iff f(\underline{x}) > 0$ for all $\underline{x} \neq \underline{0}$

negative definite $\iff f(\underline{x}) < 0$ for all $\underline{x} \neq \underline{0}$

f pos. semidefinite : $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ is global minimum

f neg. semidefinite : $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ is global maximum

f indefinite : $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ is saddle point

③ Definiteness of symmetric matrices

Ex: A is diagonal

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & & & & \\ & a_{22} & & & & \\ & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & & & a_{nn} & \\ & & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = a_{11}x_1^2 + a_{22}x_2^2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n^2$$

$a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn} \geq 0$: f positive semidefinite

$a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn} > 0$: f positive definite

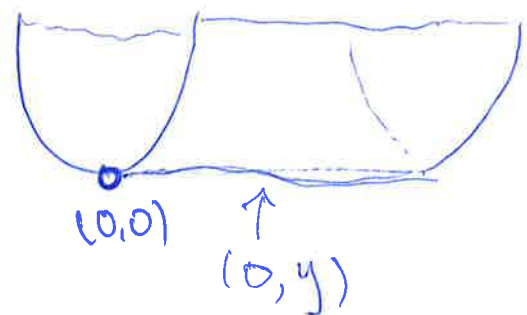
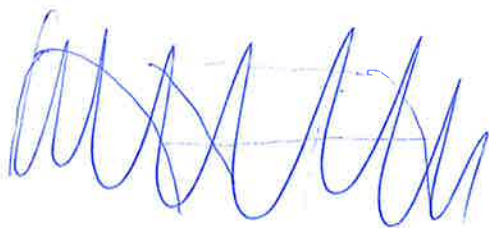
$a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn} \leq 0$: f negative semidefinite

$a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn} < 0$: f negative definite

otherwise = : f indefinite

both positive and negative numbers among a_{11}, \dots, a_{nn}

Ex: $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 0 \cdot y^2$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{pos. semidefn.} \\ \underline{\text{not}} \text{ pos. defn.} \end{array} \right.$



Ex: $f(x,y) = x^2 + xy + y^2$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x^2 + xy + \frac{1}{2}y^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 2xy + y^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(x+y)^2$$

pos. semidefn. \rightarrow

$$= \frac{1}{2}(x+y)^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2$$

$\left(\frac{3}{2}u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}u_2^2 \right)$

Fact:

Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a quadr. form with symm. matrix A , and let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ be the eigenvalues of A .

A pos. defn. $\Leftrightarrow \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n > 0$

A pos. semidefn. $\Leftrightarrow \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \geq 0$

A neg. defn. $\Leftrightarrow \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n < 0$

A neg. semidefn. $\Leftrightarrow \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \leq 0$

A indefinite \Leftrightarrow there are both pos. and neg. eigenvalues

Ex: $f(x,y) = x^2 + xy + y^2 \rightsquigarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 3/4 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4 \cdot 3/4}}{2}$$

$$= 1 \pm 1/2$$

$$= 3/2, 1/2 > 0$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$A \text{ pos. defn.}$$

Why does this work?

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \lambda_1 u_1^2 + \lambda_2 u_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_n u_n^2$$

where u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n are linear comb.
of $x_1 \rightarrow x_n$.

Ex: $x^2 - 6xz + 2y^2 + 2z^2 \rightsquigarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -3 \\ -3 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$2-\lambda=0 \text{ or } \lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 7 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2 > 0 \quad \lambda = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9-28}}{2}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{37}}{2}$$

indefinite

$$(\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0, \lambda_3 < 0)$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{3 + \sqrt{37}}{2} > 0$$

$$\lambda_3 = \frac{3 - \sqrt{37}}{2} < 0$$

Ex: $f(x) = 2x_1^2 - 4x_1x_3 + 7x_2^2 - 14x_1x_4 + x_4^2$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -7 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & 7-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & -\lambda & 0 \\ -7 & 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(7-\lambda) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -2 & -7 \\ -2 & -\lambda & 0 \\ -7 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 7, \quad 2 \cdot (-2(1-\lambda)) - \lambda \cdot (\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 47) = 0$$

$$-4(1-\lambda) - \lambda(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 47) = 0$$

$$-\lambda^3 + \dots + (-4)$$

$$(7-\lambda) \cdot (-\lambda^3 + \dots - 4) = \lambda^4 + \dots - 28$$

$$|A| = -28 = \underbrace{\lambda_1}_{7} \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot \lambda_3 \cdot \lambda_4$$

} At least one of $\lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$ is negative

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f is indefinite

Method using principal minors

A: $n \times n$ symmetric matrix

The leading principal minor D_i of order i is obtained by keeping rows $1, 2, \dots, i$ and columns $1, 2, \dots, i$.

Ex: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= 1 \\ D_2 &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \\ D_3 &= |A| = 2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2 \cdot (-7) = \underline{-14} \end{aligned}$$

Fact:

If $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n > 0$ then A is positive definite

If $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n \geq 0$ then A may be positive

semidefinite (but we must check principal minors)

If $D_1 < 0, D_2 > 0, D_3 < 0, \dots, (-1)^n \cdot D_n > 0$, then A is negative defn.

$$(-1)^i \cdot D_i > 0 \text{ for } i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

If $D_1 \leq 0, D_2 \geq 0, D_3 \leq 0, \dots, (-1)^n D_n \geq 0$, then A may be negative semidefn. (but we must check all principal minors)

All other cases, A is indefinite.

Ex 2

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & -3 \end{array} \right)$$

negative definite

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= -1 \\ \lambda_2 &= -2 \\ \lambda_3 &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= \lambda_1 = -1 \\ D_2 &= \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 2 \\ D_3 &= \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = -6 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 3

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & a \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= -1 \\ \lambda_2 &= 0 \\ \lambda_3 &= a \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= -1 \\ D_2 &= 0 \\ D_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$a \leq 0$
means
neg.
semidefn.

If you cannot decide the definiteness of A using leading principal minors (because at least one is zero), then you compute all principal minors:

A principal minor Δ_i of order i is obtained by keeping i rows and the same i columns.

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & a \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 &= (-1) & D_1 &= -1 \\ \Delta_2 &= 0 \quad \left| \begin{array}{cc} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{array} \right| = -a, & D_2 &= 0 \\ & \left| \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{array} \right| = 0 & D_3 &= 0 \\ \Delta_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

A neg. semidefn.
 \Uparrow
 $a \leq 0$

Result:

If $\Delta_i \geq 0$ for all principal minors Δ_i of order i for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$, then A is positive semidefinite.

If $\Delta_i (-1)^i \geq 0$ for all principal minors Δ_i of order i for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ (ie. all $\Delta_1 \leq 0$, all $\Delta_2 \geq 0, \dots$) then A is negative semidefinite.

Ex: $x^2 + 2xy + y^2 + z^2 \rightsquigarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$D_1 = 1$$

$$D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$D_3 = 1 \cdot D_2 = 0$$

$$\Delta_1 = 1, 1, 1$$

$$\Delta_2 = 0, 1, 1$$

$$\Delta_3 = 0$$

all $\Delta_i \geq 0$

\Leftrightarrow

positive
semidefn.

must compute Δ_i to
find out if it is pos.
semidefn. or indefinite