

Math 2270-004  
Week 14-15 homework,  
due Tuesday April 24 at 6:00 p.m.

7.1-7.2 *Diagonalization of symmetric matrices and quadratic forms*

7.2: 1, **3**, **5**, **7**, **9**, **11**, **16** (use technology on 16), **21**

**w14.1** Find a spectral decomposition for the symmetric matrix and orthonormal eigenbasis you used in problem 7 above. (See page 400 or class notes).

**w14.2** For the two equations below

- (i) Diagonalize the quadratic form on the left of each equation. Classify the conic section.  
(ii) Pick your orthonormal eigenbasis  $B = \{\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2\}$  so that it is positively oriented. Following the text, write  $[\underline{x}]_B = \underline{y}$ . So,  $P = [\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2]$  is the change of coordinates matrix,  $P^T E \leftarrow B$ . Sketch the conic using the rotated coordinate system.

**a)**  $x_1 x_2 = 2$

**b)**  $6x_1^2 + 4x_1 x_2 + 3x_2^2 = 1$ .

**w14.3** Outer product.

**a)** Compute

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

using the outer product method.

**b)** Using the dot product formulation for  $A_{m \times p} B_{p \times n}$ , we know

$$\text{entry}_{kl} A B = \text{row}_k(A) \cdot \text{col}_l(B) = \sum_{j=1}^p a_{kj} b_{jl}.$$

Explain why this is the same value you get for the  $kl$ - entry of the outer sum expression

$$\sum_{j=1}^p \underline{a}_j \underline{b}_j$$

where the  $\{\underline{a}_j\}$  are the columns of  $A$  and the  $\{\underline{b}_j\}$  are the rows of  $B$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \underline{a}_1 & \underline{a}_2 & \dots & \underline{a}_p \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} ---\underline{b}_1--- \\ ---\underline{b}_2--- \\ : \\ ---\underline{b}_p--- \end{bmatrix}.$$