

# LECTURE 41

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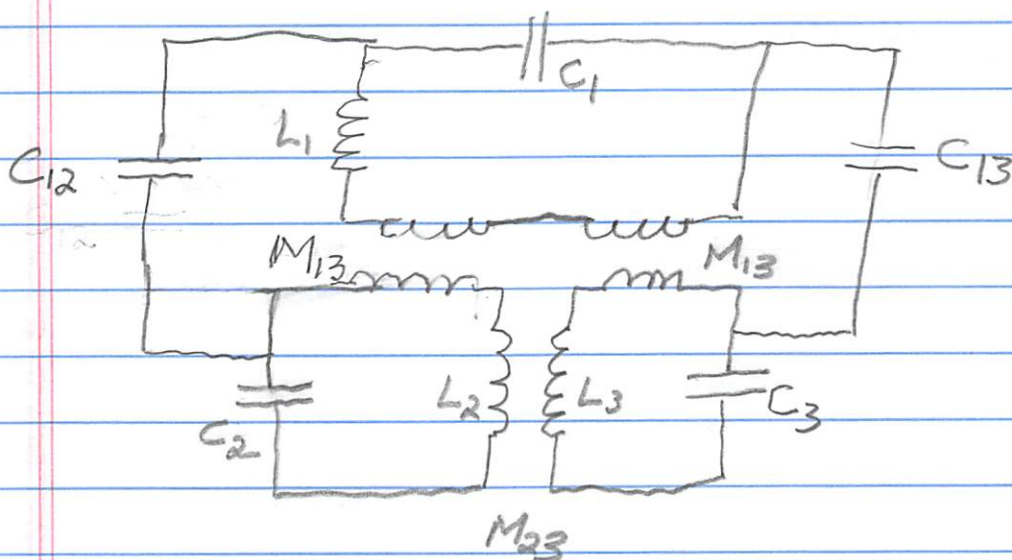
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# I. SIMULTANEOUS DIAGONALIZATION OF TWO QUADRATIC FORMS.

## A) General Coupled System:

Consider the equation of motion for the following system of inductively coupled networks



The equations of motion for this system are

$$\begin{bmatrix} L_1 & M_{12} & M_{13} \\ M_{12} & L_2 & M_{23} \\ M_{13} & M_{23} & L_3 \end{bmatrix} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ I_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{C_1} & \frac{1}{C_{12}} & \frac{1}{C_{13}} \\ \frac{1}{C_{12}} & \frac{1}{C_2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{C_{13}} & 0 & \frac{1}{C_3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ I_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Here  $\{L_i\}$  are the self-inductances

$\{M_{ij} = M_{ji}\}$  are the mutual inductances



$\{C_i\}$  are capacitances

$\{C_{ij}=C_{ji}\}$  are mutual capacitances,

$\{I_i\}$  are the currents.

More generally, we consider the following generalization of Eq. (\*) on P 39, 10

$$B \ddot{q} + A q = 0.$$

Here  $A^T = A$ ,  
 $B^T = B$ ,  
 $q^T B q > 0 \quad \forall$  vectors  $q$ .

That is  $B$  is a positive definite matrix.

B) Normal Modes

C) The key to understanding the dynamics

of this time-invariant linear system is by means of its normal modes

$$q(t) = f(t) \times$$

Each one satisfies

$$\underbrace{\frac{\ddot{f}}{f}} Bx = -Ax$$

independent of time  $\Rightarrow \frac{\ddot{f}}{f} = \text{const} = -\lambda$

Thus one has

$$a) \ddot{f} + \lambda f = 0$$

$$b) Ax = \lambda Bx$$

c) Eigenvalue Problem

(i) The eigen value equation

$$(A - \lambda B)x = 0$$

has non-trivial solutions only for those values of  $\lambda$  which are the roots

$$\lambda = \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$$

of the secular polynomial

$$\det |A - \lambda B| = 0$$



(2) The corresponding eigenvectors are the elements of the nullspaces

$$\mathcal{N}(A - \lambda_i B) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

They satisfy

$$A \vec{x}_i = \lambda_i B \vec{x}_i \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Question: Are the vectors  $\vec{x}_i$  and  $\vec{x}_j$

orthogonal,

$$\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j \rangle = 0$$

when  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$ ?

Answer: NO; in general  $\vec{x}_i^H \vec{x}_j \neq 0$

However, let us introduce the

Definition:

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle_B = \vec{x}^H B \vec{y},$$

is an inner product, the B-inner product,

whenever B is positive definite,

i.e.,  $B^H = B$  and  $x^H B x > 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$

(3) B-Orthogonormality

Consider two different eigenvalues

$\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$  of the eigenvalue equation

$$A x = \lambda B x$$

One has the following

Theorem

Let  $A x_i = \lambda_i B x_i$  and  $A x_j = \lambda_j B x_j$  and  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$

Then  $x_j^H B x_i = 0$  whenever  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$ .

Use same line of reasoning as on P35.7.

Proof:

Following Properties 1 and 2 on page 35.6

one has

Step 1.  $x^H A x$  is real

$x^H B x$  is real and positive

Step 2.  $A x = \lambda B x$  has real eigenvalues.

Indeed, using item 1. above, one

finds,  $x^H A x = \lambda x^H B x \Rightarrow \lambda$  is real



Reminder:  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$

$$\overline{x^H y} = y^H x$$

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Step 3,  $(x_j^H A) x_i = \lambda_i (x_j^H B) x_i$  ;  $x_i^H A x_j = \lambda_j x_i^H B x_j$  (\*)

$$(A^H x_j)^H x_i \stackrel{A^H=A}{=} \lambda_i (B^H x_j)^H x_i$$

$$(A x_j)^H x_i = \lambda_i (B x_j)^H x_i$$

Take complex conjugate:

$$x_i^H A x_j = \lambda_i (B^H x_j)^H x_i$$

$$= \overline{\lambda_i} x_i^H B x_j$$

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$$x_i^H A x_j = \lambda_i x_i^H B x_j (**)$$

Subtract Eq. (\*\*) from Eq. (\*) above and obtain

$$0 = \underbrace{(\lambda_j - \lambda_i)}_{\neq 0} x_i^H B x_j$$

$$x_i^H B x_j \equiv \langle x_i, x_j \rangle_B = 0 \text{ whenever } i \neq j$$

i.e.,  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  are  $B$ -orthogonal.

Using  $B$ -normalization, one obtains

$$\boxed{x_i^H B x_j = \delta_{ij}}$$

i.e.  $\{x_i\}$  form a  $B$ -orthonormal eigenbasis

D.) Solution to the Eigenvalue Problem:  
Its Matrix Formulation.

The B-orthonormal eigenvectors  $x_i$  of the eigenvalue problem

$$Ax = \lambda Bx \quad (*)$$

lead to the diagonalizing matrix

$$S = [x_1 \dots x_n]. \quad (**)$$

Its columns are B-orthonormal. Consequently it satisfies

$$x_i B x_j = \delta_{ij} \quad \boxed{S^T B S = I} \quad (\text{"B-orthonormality"}) \quad (***)$$

It also diagonalizes A. Indeed, it satisfies

$$AS = BS \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = BSA$$

which is Eq. (\*) written in terms of the

eigenvectors in Eq. (\*\*). Multiplying



on the left by  $S^T$  one finds with the help of Eq. (\*\*\*) on page 41.7 that

$$\boxed{S^T A S = \Lambda} \quad (*)$$

Thus  $S$  diagonalizes both  $A$  and  $B$

## E<sub>1</sub>) Geometrization via Concentric Ellipses.

(i) Simultaneous Diagonalization of 2 Quadratic Forms.

The diagonalizing matrix  $S$  also

geometrizes  $Ax = \lambda Bx$ . It does this by

furnishing the transformation which

relates the given coordinates  $\{x^i\}$  to the

new coordinates  $\{y^i\}$

$$x \equiv \begin{bmatrix} x^1 \\ \vdots \\ x^n \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} y^1 \\ \vdots \\ y^n \end{bmatrix} \equiv Sy$$

This coordinate transformation diagonalizes both quadratic forms

$$x^T A x \quad \text{and} \quad x^T B x$$

simultaneously. Indeed one has

$$x^T A x = y^T S^T A S y = y^T \Lambda y$$

$$= \lambda_1 (y^1)^2 + \lambda_2 (y^2)^2 + \dots + \lambda_n (y^n)^2,$$

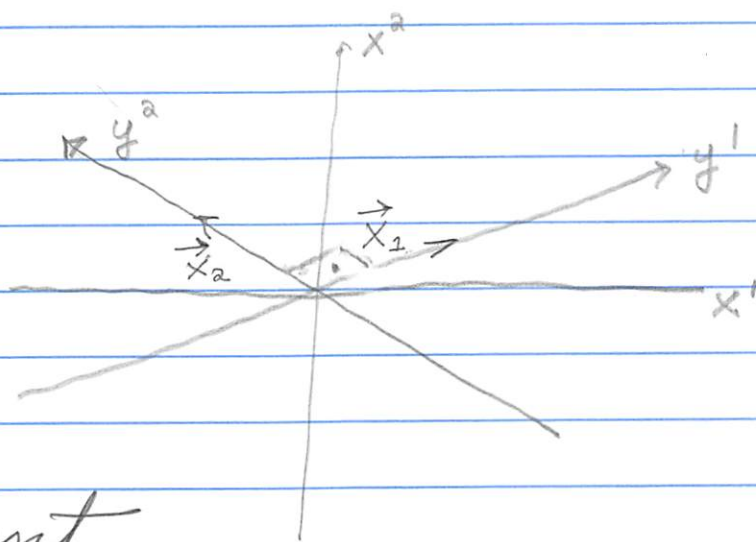


$$x^T B x = y^T S^T B S y = (y^1)^2 + (y^2)^2 + \dots + (y^n)^2$$

The columns of

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ x_1 & \dots & x_n \\ | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

are the vectors which point along the new coordinate axes



Comment

Note that the  $y^1$ -axis and the  $y^2$ -axis are not orthogonal in the standard sense.

This is because w.r.t. the standard inner product

$$x_i^T x_j \neq \delta_{ij}.$$

In fact, relative to the old coordinate system  $\{x^i\}$  the new coordinate system

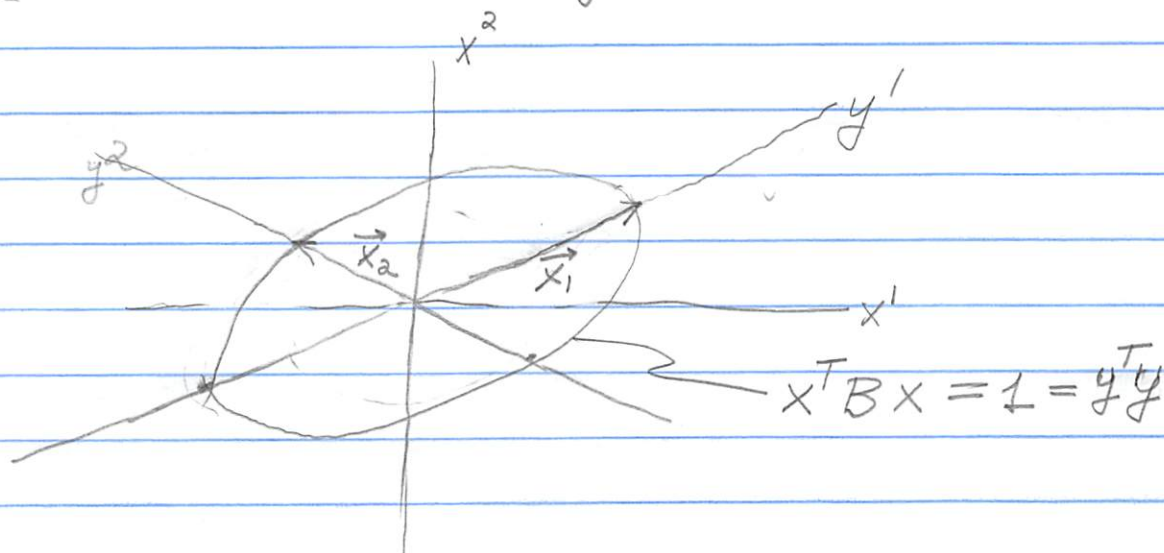
$\{y^i\}$  is one which is oblique. However, the  $y^1$ -axis and the  $y^2$ -axis are orthogonal with respect to the  $B$ -inner product. This is because

$$x_i^T B x_j = \delta_{ij}$$

The  $x^T B x = 1$  isogram of

$$x^T B x = \sum_i \sum_j x^i B_{ij} x^j$$

is an ellipse relative to the old  $\{x^i\}$  coordinate system.





Given the eigenvector induced change of coordinates

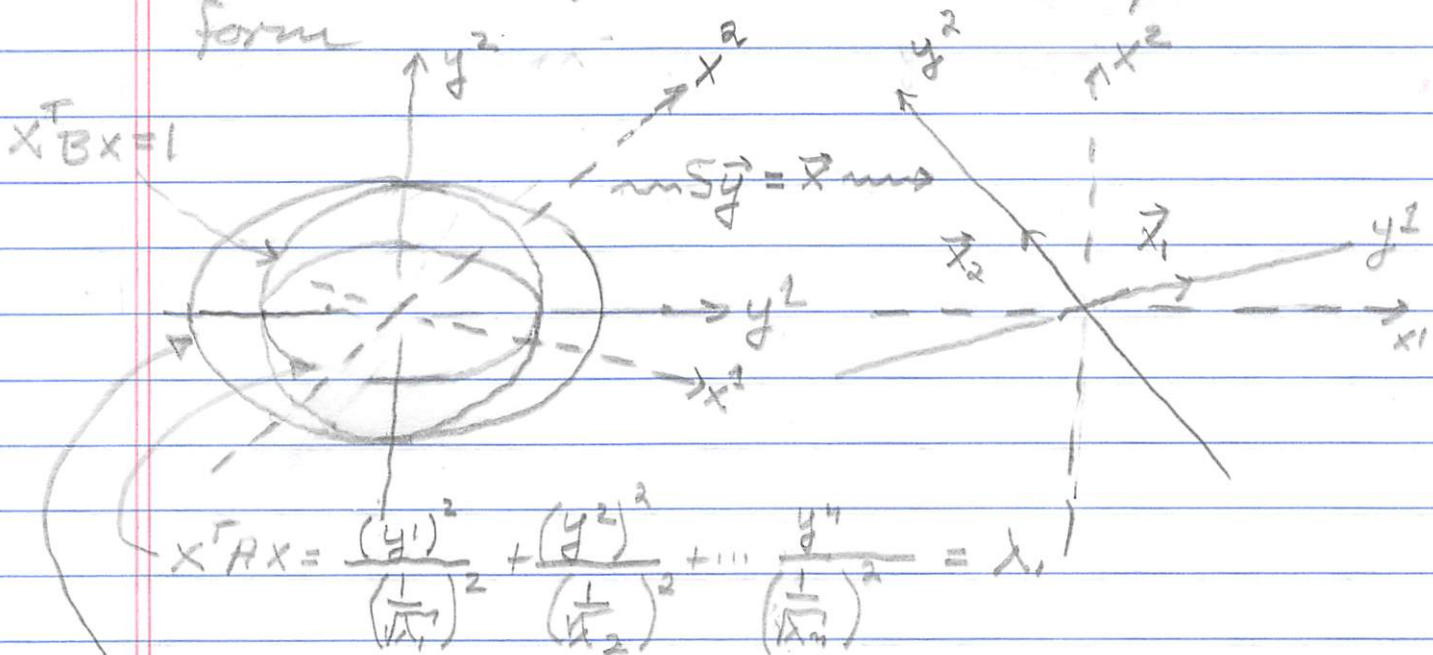
$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ \vdots \\ x^n \end{bmatrix} = S y = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \vec{x}_1 & \vec{x}_2 & \dots & \vec{x}_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y^1 \\ y^2 \\ \vdots \\ y^n \end{bmatrix}$$

one obtains

$$x^T B x = y^T \underbrace{S^T B S}_I y = y^T y = (y^1)^2 + (y^2)^2 + \dots + (y^n)^2$$

$$x^T A x = y^T \underbrace{S^T A S}_\Lambda y = \lambda_1 (y^1)^2 + \lambda_2 (y^2)^2 + \dots + \lambda_n (y^n)^2$$

Assuming  $0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_n$ , consider the isograms of these two quadratic form



$$x^T A x = \frac{(y^1)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}}\right)^2} + \frac{(y^2)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}}\right)^2} + \dots + \frac{(y^n)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}}\right)^2} = \lambda_1$$

$$= \left(\frac{y^1}{1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y^2}{\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}}\right)^2 + \dots = 1$$

$$x^T A x = \left(\frac{y^1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2 \lambda_1}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y^2}{1}\right)^2 + \dots = \lambda_2$$

$$x^T A x = \left(\frac{y^1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2 \lambda_1}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y^2}{1}\right)^2 + \dots = 1$$

Conclusion:

All eigenvalue ellipses are tangent to the unit circle.