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Problem description:

Suppose that \mathbf{A} is an $m \times n$ matrix of rank n . Prove that the matrix $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ is positive definite.

Problem solution:

$$\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^{m,n}, \mathbf{A}^T = (a'_{ij})_{i,j=1}^{m,n} = (a_{ji})_{i,j=1}^{n,m}, x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$$

We have to prove $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$:

$$\implies \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a'_{ik} a_{kj} \right)_{i,j=1}^{n,n} = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ki} a_{kj} \right)_{i,j=1}^{n,n} = (c_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n$$

$$\implies \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \left(\sum_{l=1}^n x_l c_{il} \right)_{i=1}^n = \left(\sum_{l=1}^n x_l \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ki} a_{kl} \right)_{i=1}^n = (x_i^*)_{i=1}^n$$

$$\implies \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{h=1}^n x_h x_h^* = \sum_{h=1}^n x_h \sum_{l=1}^n x_l \sum_{k=1}^n a_{kh} a_{kl} = \sum_{h=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n x_h x_l a_{kh} a_{kl} =$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{h=1}^n x_h x_l a_{kh} a_{kl} = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n x_l a_{kl} \sum_{h=1}^n x_h a_{kh} = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{l=1}^n x_l a_{kl} \right)^2$$

Results

At the end we have a sum of positive numbers and at least one of them is not zero.

$$\implies \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$$