

## Unit IV

Quadratic form :- A homogeneous polynomial of the type .

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= Q(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ &= (a_{11}x_1^2 + a_{12}x_1x_2 + a_{13}x_1x_3 + \dots \\ &\quad \dots + a_{1n}x_1x_n) \\ &\quad + (a_{21}x_1x_2 + a_{22}x_2^2 + a_{23}x_2x_3 + \dots \\ &\quad \dots + a_{2n}x_2x_n) + \dots \\ &\quad + (a_{n1}x_1x_n + a_{n2}x_2x_n \\ &\quad + (a_{n1}x_1x_n + a_{n2}x_2x_n + \dots + a_{nn}x_n^2) \end{aligned}$$

is called a Quadratic Polynomial in the variable  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . When all the coeffts. are real then the quadratic form is called a real Quadratic form. Further variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are also considered to be real.

Example :- Consider Quadratic form .

$$Q = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - 7x_3^2 - 4x_1x_2 + 8x_2x_3$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here the coeff<sup>n</sup> matrix is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix  $X = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3]^T$

A general quadratic form involving  $n$  variable can be put in the form

$$Q = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_i x_j$$

$$= X^T A X$$

where  $= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$

is the coeff<sup>n</sup> matrix of the Quadratic forms. The square matrix  $A$  of order  $n$  is called the matrix of the quadratic form (Q.f.)

Its determinant is given by

$\det A = |A|$  is called the discriminant of quadratic form. The rank of the matrix  $A$  is rank of the Q.f.

& If  $|A| = 0$ , then the Q.f. is a

singular Q.F. otherwise it is a non-singular Q.F. further if the Q.F. has the elements of the coefficient matrix as complex no's & so are the set of variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  also complex then the Q.F. is called a Hermitian Q.F.

NOTE:- The coefficient matrix of the Q.F.

$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2hxy + 2fyz + 2gz = 0$  is given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c \end{bmatrix}$$

Quadratic form

By effecting the linear transformation

$$X = BY \text{ or } Y = B^{-1}X \text{ (provided that } B^{-1} \text{ exists)}$$

where  $B = [b_{ij}]$  is a square matrix of order  $n$ .

$$X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^T \text{ \& } Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

By using the elementary transformation defined above, we can express the quadratic form

$$X^T A X = (B Y)^T A (B Y)$$

$$= (Y^T B^T) A (B Y)$$

$$= Y^T B^T A B Y$$

$$= Y^T C Y$$

where  $C$  is the matrix given by

$$C = B^T A B$$

The new quadratic form  $Y^T C Y$  is a quadratic form with new set of variables  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ .

Canonical form :- If by any non-singular

linear transformation a real quadratic form can be expressed as a sum or difference of the square of the new variables then the new quadratic expression is called Canonical form of the given Q.f.

If the non-singular linear transformation  $X = P Y$  reduces the given quadratic form

$$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2hxy + 2fyz + 2gxz \text{ to}$$

$$k_1 y_1^2 + k_2 y_2^2 + k_3 y_3^2$$

then  $k_1 y_1^2 + k_2 y_2^2 + k_3 y_3^2$  is called the Canonical form of the given Q.F.

Theorem:- Every Quadratic form can be reduced to a form containing only square terms (also known as Canonical form) by a non-singular linear transformation.

proof:- Let  $x^T A x$  be the Q.F. with  $A$  as square matrix of order  $n$  by using elementary transformation we can reduce  $A$  to a form which is of the type  $B^T A B = \Delta$

where  $B$  is an orthogonal matrix &  $\Delta$  is a diagonal matrix. We choose the matrix  $B$  for constructing the non-singular transformation given by

$$y = B^{-1}x \quad \text{or} \quad x = By$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} x^T A x &= (By)^T A (By) \\ &= y^T B^T A B y \\ &= y^T \Delta y \end{aligned}$$

$$= y^T \text{diagonal} [\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n] y$$

$$= \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_n y_n^2$$

$y^T$  is row vector &  $y$  is column

where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are the elements of the diagonal matrix  $A$

this prove the theorem.

NOTE :- When a Q.F. is reduce to sum of square or canonical form in terms of

$\lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_n y_n^2$ . then the no's of positive  $\lambda$ 's <sup>are</sup> is called the index, the total no's of positive  $\lambda$ 's is called the rank of the given Q.F., also total no's of positive  $\lambda$ 's (-) total no. of negative  $\lambda$ 's is called the signature of the Q.F.

Eg Reduce the Q.F. given by

$$Q = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - 7x_3^2 - 4x_1x_2 + 8x_1x_3$$

to sum of squares or to canonical form. find the rank, index & signature.

Sol<sup>n</sup> :- The matrix of the quadratic form is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

( $c_2$ )

The

$R_2$

Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let us write

$B^T$        $A$        $B$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$(R_2 + 2R_1), (R_3 + 2R_2)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 8 \\ 0 & 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$(C_2 + 2C_1, C_3 + 2C_2)$

Then

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_3 + 2R_2$

Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_3 + 2c_2$$

Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Put  $B^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

using the transformation  
 $X = BY$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

this gives

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1 &= y_1 + 2y_2 + 4y_3 \\ x_2 &= y_2 + 4y_3 \\ x_3 &= y_3 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (1)}$$

the transformation (1) reduce to given Quadratic form to

$$y^T \text{diag} [1 \quad -2 \quad 9] y$$

$$= y_1^2 - 2y_2 + 9y_3^2$$

This is the canonical form

Here index = 2, rank = 2 &  
signature = 1

Ex. Reduce to canonical form the following:

(i)  $x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_1$ ,

(ii)  $y z - 2 z x + x y$

(iii)  $6x_1^2 - 3x_2^2 + 14x_3^2 + 4x_2 x_3 + 18x_3 x_1 + 4x_1 x_2$

find also the rank index & signature.

Sol<sup>n</sup> The matrix of the Q.F. is

$x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_1$  is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let us write

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_1 + R_2$ , then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$(R_2 - R_1, R_3 - R_1)$ , then

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

$(C_2 - C_1, C_3 - 2C_1)$ , then

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

$(-C_2 + C_3)$  i.e.  $(C_3 - C_2)$

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

Put  $BT = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

using the transformation

$$X = BY$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

this gives

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1 &= y_1 - y_2 - y_3 \\ x_2 &= y_2 - y_3 \\ x_3 &= 2y_3 \end{aligned} \right\} \textcircled{1}$$

the transformation  $\textcircled{1}$  reduces to the given Q.F. to

$$y^T \text{diag.} (1, -1, -2) y$$

$$= y_1^2 - y_2^2 - 2y_3^2$$

this is the canonical form  
there eigen is 2, rank = 3, &  
signature = -1

### Nature of Quadratic Form :-

Positive definite / Semi-definite / Indefinite

Q.F.'s ? -

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be a set of complex variables & the matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a Hermitian matrix of order  $n$  (i.e.  $(A)^T = A$ )  
Then the Q.F. defined by

$$Q = X^* A X = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \bar{x}_i x_j$$

where the coeff<sup>n</sup>:  $a_{ij}$  are complex no's with  $a_{ij} = \overline{a_{ji}}$  is called a Hermitian Quadratic form.

A real or Hermitian Q.F. is said to be

i) Positive definite if  $Q > 0, X \neq 0$  (null matrix)  
 $Q = 0, X = 0$  (null matrix)

ii) Negative definite if  $Q < 0, X \neq 0$  (null)  
 $Q = 0, X = 0$  (null)

iii) Positive semi definite if  
 $Q \geq 0, X \neq 0$  (null)

iv) Negative semi definite if  
 $Q \leq 0, X \neq 0$  (null)

v) Indefinite if  
 $Q > 0$   
 $Q = 0$   
 $Q < 0$  } when  $X \neq 0$  (null)

Example: - Consider

$$Q = 2x_1^2 + 3x_2^2$$

that is +ive definite. The Q.F. given by

$$Q = -ax_1^2 - bx_2^2 \quad (a > 0, b > 0)$$

is -ive definite Q.F.

On the other hand

The Q.F. is given by

$$Q = (x_1 - 2x_2)^2 + 3x_3^2$$

is +ive

Semi definite form.

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is not null matrix.

Similarly the Q.F. is given by  
 $Q = -(x_1 - 2x_2)^2 - 3x_3^2$  is a

negative semi definite.

$Q = (x_1 - 2x_2)^2 - 3x_3^2$  is a indefinite  
Q.F.

Thm :- If  $A$  is any real symmetric matrix then  $\exists$  an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that  $P^T A P$  is a diagonal matrix with real elements.

Proof Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a real square symmetric matrix of  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_n$  are the eigen vectors corresponds to the eigen values  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  respectively then we can write

$$A X_i = \lambda_i X_i \quad \text{--- (1) where } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

suppose  $B$  denotes the square matrix whose columns are the vectors  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  so that  $B = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]$  --- (2)

then

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= A [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n] = [A X_1, A X_2, \dots, A X_n] \\ &= [\lambda_1 X_1, \lambda_2 X_2, \dots, \lambda_n X_n] \\ &= B D \quad \text{--- (3)} \end{aligned}$$

where  $D =$  diagonal matrix  $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n]$

Let  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  be the vectors which are obtained from the vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  by Gram Schmidt or the generalisation process & let  $P$  denote the matrix.

$$P = [z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n]$$

it follows then that  $P$  is orthogonal satisfying the condition  $P^T P = I$  from eq<sup>n</sup> (3). on the pre multiplying by  $B^{-1}$  on both side we have

$$B^{-1} A B = D \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

But the matrix  $B$  is converted to the orthogonal matrix  $P$  by orthogonalization process. so (4) becomes

$$P^T A P = D \quad \text{because } P^T P = I$$

### Orthogonal Reduction of Quadratic Form:

Let  $X^T A X$  be a real quadratic form & suppose  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are the eigen values of the characteristic eq<sup>n</sup>.

$|A - \lambda I| = 0$ , then there exist a real orthogonal transformation  $X = P Y$  which transforms the  $X'$  variable into  $Y$  variables such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 X^T A X &= (PY)^T A (PY) = Y^T (P^T A P) Y \\
 &= Y^T \cdot \text{diag.} [\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n] Y \\
 &= \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_n y_n^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex Find the orthogonal transformation which will transform the quadratic form

$x^2 + 5y^2 + 3z^2 + 8yz - 8zx$ , into sum of squares, find the reduced form.

Sol<sup>n</sup> The matrix of the Q.F. is given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ -4 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Its char eq<sup>n</sup> is given by

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 5-\lambda & 4 \\ -4 & 4 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)[(5-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 16] - 4[0 - (5-\lambda)(-4)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)[15 - 8\lambda + \lambda^2 - 16] - 4(20 - 4\lambda) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 - 8\lambda + \lambda^2 + \lambda + 8\lambda^2 - \lambda^3 - 80 + 16\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda^3 + 9\lambda^2 + 9\lambda - 81 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 9\lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 81 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -9 & -9 \\ 27 & -81 & -27 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(A + 3I)X = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 4 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$



The eigen vector corresponding to  $\lambda = -3$  is given by

$$\begin{cases} 4x_1 + 0x_2 - 4x_3 = 0 \\ 0x_1 + 8x_2 + 4x_3 = 0 \\ -4x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$-2x_1 = 4x_3 = 0$   
 $2x_2 + 4x_3 = 0$   
 $-4x_1 + 4x_2 = 0$

$$\frac{x_1}{48 - 16} = \frac{x_2}{-16 - 0} = \frac{x_3}{0 + 32}$$

$$\frac{x_1}{32} = \frac{x_2}{-16} = \frac{x_3}{32}$$

$$\frac{x_1}{2} = \frac{x_2}{-1} = \frac{x_3}{2}$$

Thus corresponding to  $\lambda = -3$  the eigen vector is

$$X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally the eigen vector corresponding to  $\lambda = 9$

$$-8x_1 + 0x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$$

$$0x_1 - 4x_2 + 4x_3 = 0$$

$$-4x_1 + 4x_2 - 6x_3 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e. the orthogonal transformation is

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{3} (2y_1 + 2y_2 + y_3)$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{3} (2y_1 - y_2 + 2y_3)$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{3} (-y_1 + 2y_2 + 2y_3)$$

this will reduce the given quadratic form

$$x^T A x \text{ to } \underline{y^T \text{diag}(+3, -3, 9) y}$$

which is equal to

$$+3y_1^2 - 3y_2^2 + 9y_3^2$$