



**Topic: 1.9 – REDUCTION TO QUADRATIC FORM TO CANONICAL FORM**

Reduction of Quadratic form to Canonical form:

Working Rule:

1. Write the matrix of the given Q.F.
2. To find the Cha. Eqn.
3. To solve the Cha. Eqn.
4. To find the Eigenvectors orthogonal to each other.
5. Form Normalised matrix  $N$ .
6. Find  $N^T$ .
7. Find  $AN$
8. Find  $D = N^T AN$
9. Canonical form  $[Y_1, Y_2, Y_3] [D] \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ Y_3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Reduce the quadratic form  $Q = 6x^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2 - 4xy - 2yz + 4zx$  into canonical form by an orthogonal transformation. Also discuss its nature.

Soln:

Given Q.F:  $6x^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2 - 4xy - 2yz + 4zx$

Step 1: The matrix of the Q.F is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2: To find the Cha. Equatio.

The Cha. Eqn. of  $A$  is  $\lambda^3 - s_1\lambda^2 + s_2\lambda - s_3 = 0$ .



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$$\begin{aligned} &= (9-1) + (18-4) + (18-4) \\ &= 8 + 14 + 14 = 36 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_3 \cdot |A| &= 6(9-1) + 2(-6+2) + 2(2-6) \\ &= 6(8) + 2(-4) + 2(-4) \\ &= 48 - 8 - 8 = 32 \end{aligned}$$

∴ The char. eqn is  $\lambda^3 - 12\lambda^2 + 36\lambda - 32 = 0$

Step 3: To solve the char. Eqn

$$\lambda^3 - 12\lambda^2 + 36\lambda - 32 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

If  $\lambda = 1$ , then  $\lambda^3 - 12\lambda^2 + 36\lambda - 32 = 1 - 12 + 36 - 32 \neq 0$

If  $\lambda = -1$ , (1)  $\Rightarrow -1 - 12 - 36 - 32 \neq 0$

If  $\lambda = 2$ , then (1)  $\Rightarrow 8 - 48 + 72 - 32 = 0$

∴  $\lambda = 2$  is a root

By synthetic division

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 1 & -12 & 36 & -32 \\ & & 2 & -20 & 32 \\ \hline & 1 & -10 & 16 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \text{(1)} \Rightarrow (\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 16) = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 8) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2, 2, 8$$





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Step 4. To find the Eigenvalues:  
Solve  $(A - \lambda I) X = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6-\lambda & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3-\lambda & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Case 1) If  $\lambda = 8$  then (2) becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & -5 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{aligned} -2x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 &= 0 & \text{--- (2)} \\ -2x_1 - 5x_2 - x_3 &= 0 & \text{--- (3)} \\ 2x_1 - x_2 - 5x_3 &= 0 & \text{--- (4)} \end{aligned}$$

Solving (2) & (3)

$$\frac{x_1}{2+10} = \frac{x_2}{-4-2} = \frac{x_3}{10-4}$$
$$\frac{x_1}{12} = \frac{x_2}{-6} = \frac{x_3}{6}$$

(10)  $\frac{x_1}{2} = \frac{x_2}{-1} = \frac{x_3}{1} \Rightarrow x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

*Note: A small diagram shows the elimination of variables between equations (2), (3), and (4) to reach the final ratios.*



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Case (ii) when  $\lambda = 2$ , (A) becomes .

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

$$4x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$-2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

(5), (6) & (7) are same eq

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

$\Rightarrow x_1 = 0$  we get  $-x_2 + x_3 = 0$

$$-x_2 = -x_3$$

$$\frac{x_2}{1} = \frac{x_3}{1} \Rightarrow x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The third Eigenvector orthogonal to  $x_1$  &  $x_2$   
Since the matrix A is symmetric

$$\text{Let } x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} l \\ m \\ n \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_3$  is orthogonal to  $x_1$  &  $x_2$

$$\Rightarrow x_1^T x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow 2l - m + n = 0 \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

$$\text{or } x_2^T x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow 0l + m + n = 0 \quad \text{--- (9)}$$





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Solving (3) & (1)

$$\frac{l}{-1-1} = \frac{m}{0-2} = \frac{n}{2-0}$$

$$\frac{l}{-2} = \frac{m}{-2} = \frac{n}{2}$$

(ie)  $\frac{l}{1} = \frac{m}{1} = \frac{n}{-1} \Rightarrow x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Step: 5 Form Normalised matrix

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Step: 6 : Find  $N^T$

$$N^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Step: 7 : Find  $AN$

$$AN = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{12+2+2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{0-2+2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{6-2+2}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{-4-3-1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{0+3-1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-2+3+1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{4+4+3}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{0-1+3}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{2-1+3}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{16}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & \frac{6}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{8}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{11}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$



Step:8 Find  $N^T A N$

$$D = N^T A N = \begin{bmatrix} 2/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 16/\sqrt{6} & 0 & 2/\sqrt{3} \\ -8/\sqrt{6} & 2/\sqrt{2} & 2/\sqrt{3} \\ 8/\sqrt{6} & 2/\sqrt{2} & -2/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{32+8+8}{6} & \frac{0-12+2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{4-2-2}{\sqrt{18}} \\ \frac{0-8+8}{\sqrt{12}} & \frac{0+2+2}{2} & \frac{0+2-2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{16-8-8}{\sqrt{18}} & \frac{0+2-2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2+2+2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step:9 Canonical form:  $(y_1, y_2, y_3) (D) \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$(y_1, y_2, y_3) \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = 8y_1^2 + 2y_2^2 + 2y_3^2$$

Step:10 Nature of the Q.F

Since all the Eigen values of Given matrix  $A$  are +ve,  $\therefore$  Q.F is +ve definite.