

題: find the quadratic form

$$q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 + 4xy + 6xz + 4yz$$

by each method

a) By square completion

b) By characteristic roots of the representation matrix

解: a) $q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 + 4xy + 6xz + 4yz$

$$= x^2 + 2(z y + 3z)x + 2y^2 + z^2 + 4yz$$

$$= (x + 2y + 3z)^2 - (2y + 3z)^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 + 4yz$$

$$= (x + 2y + 3z)^2 - 4y^2 - 12yz - 9z^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 + 4yz$$

$$= (x + 2y + 3z)^2 - 2y^2 - 8yz - 8z^2$$

$$= (x + 2y + 3z)^2 - 2(y^2 + 2(2z)y) - 8z^2$$

$$= (x + 2y + 3z)^2 - 2[(y + 2z)^2 - 4z^2] - 8z^2$$

$$= (x + 2y + 3z)^2 - 2(y + 2z)^2$$

so the signature of $q(x, y, z)$ is $(1, 1, 1)$

b) $q(x, y, z) = (x, y, z) A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$, $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2-\lambda & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -2-\lambda & 0 & 2+\lambda \\ 2 & 2-\lambda & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -(2+\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + (2+\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2-\lambda \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -(2+\lambda)((2-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - 4) + (2+\lambda)(4 - 3(2-\lambda))$$

$$= -(2+\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 2) + (2+\lambda)(3\lambda - 2)$$

$$= (2+\lambda)(-\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 + 3\lambda - 2) = (2+\lambda)(-\lambda^2 + 6\lambda)$$

$$= -\lambda(\lambda+2)(\lambda-6) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 6, \lambda_2 = -2, \lambda_3 = 0$$

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(正, 負, 0 的个数)