

Homework #4 (due 5/27/2020)

1. Given positive numbers a_1, \dots, a_n find positive numbers p_1, \dots, p_n so that $p_1 + \dots + p_n = 1$ and $V = \frac{a_1^2}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{a_n^2}{p_n}$ reaches its minimum $(a_1 + \dots + a_n)^2$.
2. If $M = \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^T$ is the n by n matrix of 1's, prove that $nI - M$ is positive semidefinite. Problem 3 was the energy test. For Problem 4, find the eigenvalues of $nI - M$.
3. What is the gradient descent equation $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k - s_k \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)$ for the least squares problem of minimizing $f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|^2$?