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The sum-of-squared differences (SSD) in an arbitrary direction \mathbf{d} within an image patch is given by

$$\text{SSD}(\mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d}$$

where \mathbf{A} is a symmetric, positive definite 2×2 matrix called the structure tensor.

1. (5 points) Show that the SSD in the direction of any eigenvector of \mathbf{A} is the corresponding eigenvalue.
2. (5 points) Why is $\det(\mathbf{A}) = \lambda_{\text{large}} \lambda_{\text{small}}$ a good indicator of corner pixels?