

## MS-E1651 - Numerical Matrix Computations

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Solve all problems. The grade is the best of two: (i) exercise points and exam points (60/40) (ii) exam only. In both cases you must obtain at least grade 1 from the exam.

1. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{5 \times 5}$  be s.p.d.. The non-zero entries of  $A$  are

$$\begin{bmatrix} \# & \# & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \# & \# & \# & 0 & \# \\ 0 & \# & \# & \# & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \# & \# & 0 \\ 0 & \# & 0 & 0 & \# \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (2p) Draw the graph of  $A$ .  
 (b) (2p) Give the non-zero structure of the Cholesky factor of  $A$ .  
 (c) (2p) Explain what is fill-in and how it can be reduced.
2. Let  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  be a permutation matrix s.t.  $P \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} v_2 & v_1 & v_3 \end{bmatrix}^T$ . In addition, let

$$P^T A P = L L^T \quad \text{where} \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (3p) Write down the entries of  $P$  and solve the linear system  $A \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T$ .  
 (b) (3p) Let  $\mathbf{b}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\tilde{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be the Cholesky factor of  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Compute the Cholesky factorization of

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{b}_1^T \\ \mathbf{b}_1 & C + \mathbf{b}_1 \mathbf{b}_1^T \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hint: proceed as in the existence proof.

3. (a) (2p) Give the definition of a positive definite matrix. Let  $E \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be s.t.  $E = E^T$  and  $\|E\|_2 = 2$ . For which  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  can you guarantee that

$$\alpha I + E$$

is symmetric and positive definite? Hint: use the properties of the operator norm and the inequality  $-\mathbf{v}^T E \mathbf{w} \geq -\|\mathbf{v}\|_2 \|E \mathbf{w}\|_2$  for any  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (b) (3p) Let  $A_1, A_2, A_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 10}$  be defined as

$$A_1 = Q D Q^T, \quad A_2 = A_1^2, \quad \text{and} \quad A_3 = d I + A_1$$

Here  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 10}$  is a unitary matrix,  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 10}$  is a diagonal matrix with entries  $D_{ii} = i$ , and  $d = 10^6$ . Consider solving systems  $A_i \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  in floating-point representation. Order the systems based on how accurately you expect that they can be solved. Justify your ordering.

- (c) (1p) Name one direct and one iterative method for the solution of the s.p.d. linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Explain briefly how these methods work and why you chose them.

4. Let  $S$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

a basis of  $S$ . In addition let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be defined as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (2p) Compute an  $A$ -orthonormal basis  $\{\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1\}$  for  $S$ .
- (b) (4p) Let  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Find the best possible approximation to  $\mathbf{x}$  from  $S$  in the  $A$ -norm. You are *not* allowed to solve  $\mathbf{x}$ . Hint: The formula of  $A$ -orthogonal projection to space  $R(Q)$  is  $P_A = Q(Q^T A Q)^{-1} Q^T A$  (here  $Q$  is of full rank).

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**Some useful identities:** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $A = A^T$ , and denote by  $\lambda_m$  and  $\lambda_M$  the smallest and largest eigenvalue of  $A$ , respectively. Then

$$\lambda_m = \min_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\mathbf{v}^T A \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}}, \quad \lambda_M = \max_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\mathbf{v}^T A \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}}, \quad \|A\|_2 = \lambda_M, \quad \kappa_2(A) = \lambda_M \lambda_m^{-1}$$