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NUMERICAL LINEAR ALGEBRA

Two hours

*Answer FOUR questions. You are advised not to answer more than four questions: if you do, only your best four will be counted.*

- 1 (i) (a) Define the condition number,  $\mathcal{K}(A)$ , of a non-singular square matrix  $A$  for an arbitrary subordinate norm,  $\|\cdot\|$ . Show that  $\mathcal{K}(A) \geq 1$ .  
(4 marks)

- (b) Consider the perturbed matrix  $A + \delta A$ , for some small perturbation  $\delta A$ . It is possible that  $A + \delta A$  is singular. By considering the equation

$$(A + \delta A)\mathbf{x} = 0$$

for nonsingular  $A$ , show that  $A + \delta A$  cannot be singular if  $\|A^{-1}\| \|\delta A\| < 1$ .  
(7 marks)

- (ii) We wish to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  where  $\mathbf{b}$  is subject to an uncertainty  $\delta\mathbf{b}$ , and  $A$  is subject to an uncertainty  $\delta A$ . Thus, in effect we necessarily solve

$$(A + \delta A)(\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b} + \delta\mathbf{b}.$$

Assuming that  $\|A^{-1}\| \|\delta A\| < 1$ , then prove that the relative error in  $\mathbf{x}$  satisfies

$$\frac{\|\delta\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} \leq \frac{\mathcal{K}(A)}{\left\{1 - \mathcal{K}(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|}\right\}} \left( \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} + \frac{\|\delta\mathbf{b}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} \right).$$

(9 marks)

- (iii) Given

$$A \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1.0000 & 0.2500 & 0.1111 & 0.0625 \\ 0.2500 & 0.1111 & 0.0625 & 0.0400 \\ 0.1111 & 0.0625 & 0.0400 & 0.0278 \\ 0.0625 & 0.0400 & 0.0278 & 0.0204 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 7.0956 & -84.061 & 230.51 & -171.04 \\ -84.061 & 1397.1 & -4246.1 & 3304.5 \\ 230.51 & -4246.1 & 13684 & -11028 \\ -171.04 & 3304.5 & -11028 & 9121.8 \end{bmatrix},$$

$\|\delta A\|_\infty \approx 0.00002$ , and  $\|\delta\mathbf{b}\|_\infty = 0$ , determine a bound on  $\|\delta\mathbf{x}\|_\infty / \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty$ , and comment on the usefulness of solutions computed for this system.

(5 marks)

- 2 (i) Given  $m + 1$  data points  $(x_j, f_j)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , where the  $x_j$  values are all distinct, derive the normal equations for determining the least square fit to the data by the function

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i x^i$$

without weights.

**(7 marks)**

- (ii) Hence, write down the normal equations for the best quadratic fit for the data

$x_j$	0.1000	0.2000	0.3000	0.4000
$f_j$	0.3528	1.6896	2.2264	1.8432 .

**(8 marks)**

- (iii) Find the LU decomposition of the coefficient matrix of the normal equations, and solve the equations using the decomposition. Write down the expression of the quadratic fit of the data. **(10 marks)**

- 3 (i) Verify that, if  $P$  is an orthogonal matrix, then  $\|Px\|_2 = \|x\|_2$ , where  $x$  is a column vector. (3 marks)

- (ii) The Householder reflection matrix is given by

$$P = \left( I - 2 \frac{\mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^T}{\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{w}} \right),$$

where  $\mathbf{w}$  is a  $(m+1)$  dimensional column vector. Show that  $P$  is orthogonal. (4 marks)

- (iii) Given the vector  $\mathbf{x}^T = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m)$  and the relation

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = P\mathbf{x},$$

where  $P$ , above, is based upon the vector

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{x} + \text{sign}(x_0) \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \mathbf{e}_0,$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_0$  is the first column of the  $(m+1) \times (m+1)$  identity matrix, show that

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = -\text{sign}(x_0) \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \mathbf{e}_0.$$

(6 marks)

- (iv) Apply two Householder reflections to transform the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2.2 \\ 1 & 2.4 \\ 1 & 2.6 \\ 1 & 2.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

to the row echelon form.

(12 marks)

- 4 (i) The real symmetric matrix  $A$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  satisfying

$$|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| \geq |\lambda_3| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n| > 0$$

with corresponding linearly independent eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  which can be supposed to be normalized so that the largest element of each one is unity.

- (a) Write down the power iteration for finding the dominant eigenvalue and its eigenvector. **(3 marks)**
- (b) Prove that, given the assumptions above, the iterates converge to the dominant eigenvalue and its eigenvector. **(11 marks)**
- (ii) Show that if a matrix  $A$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then the matrix  $B \equiv A - pI$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda - p$ . **(2 marks)**
- (iii) The matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4.0 & 2.1 & 0.1 \\ 2.1 & 5.0 & 2.1 \\ 0.1 & 2.1 & -4.1 \end{pmatrix}$$

has eigenvalues given approximately by  $-4.6, 2.5$  and  $6.9$ .

- (a) Which of the three values  $5, -5$  or  $-7$  is a suitable choice for  $p$  for the determination of the eigenvalue nearest to  $-4.6$  using the power method with shift of origin? State the reason for your choice. **(2 marks)**
- (b) Use your chosen value of  $p$  together with  $\mathbf{z}_0^T = (0, -0.2, 1.0)$  to compute **one** further estimate to the eigenvalue near  $-4.6$  and its corresponding normalized eigenvector. Work correct to four decimal places, stating clearly your eigenvalue estimate. **(4 marks)**
- (iv) Show that, if  $A$  is a real symmetric matrix and has an eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$  with corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}_1$ , then matrix  $B = A - \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^T$  has the eigenvalue  $0$  with corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}_1$ . You may assume  $\mathbf{x}_1$  is normalized so that  $\|\mathbf{x}_1\|_2 = 1$ . **(3 marks)**

- 5 (i) The linear system

$$Ax = \mathbf{b},$$

where  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix of known coefficients and  $\mathbf{b}$  is an  $n \times 1$  column vector of known values, can be rearranged in arbitrarily many ways in the form

$$\mathbf{x} = H\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{d}$$

which can subsequently be used to define the iteration

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = H\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathbf{d}$$

where  $H$  is some  $n \times n$  matrix and  $\mathbf{d}$  is an  $n \times 1$  column vector of known constant values.

- (a) Show that

$$\|\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{x}\| \leq \|H\|^{k+1} \|\mathbf{x}^{(0)} - \mathbf{x}\|,$$

and hence show that  $\|H\| < 1$  is a sufficient condition for the iteration to converge to  $\mathbf{x}$ . **(6 marks)**

- (b) Starting from  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , derive the Jacobi iteration, and hence prove that **strict diagonal dominance** of the matrix  $A$  is sufficient to guarantee the convergence of the method. **(7 marks)**

- (ii) (a) Use the Gauss-Seidel iterative method to obtain **two** successive approximations to the solution of the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix},$$

using  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (1, 1, 1)^T$  as the starting vector and working correct to four decimal places. **(7 marks)**

- (b) Show that, for the above system, the Gauss-Seidel iteration converges. **(5 marks)**

**End of Question Paper**