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Numerical Analysis Qualifying Exam Spring 2021

Please do each of the following problems, providing concise answers with justification.

The total number of points is 100.

1. (10p) Let $A \in \mathcal{C}^{m \times n}$ with $m \geq n$. Show that A^*A is nonsingular if and only if A has full column rank.

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2. (10p) Let $A \in \mathcal{C}^{m \times m}$ and $A = A^*$.

(a) Prove that all eigenvalues of A are real.

(b) Let x and y be eigenvectors of A corresponding to eigenvalues λ and μ respectively. Give a sufficient condition on λ and μ for x and y to be orthogonal.

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3. (10p) Prove that the determinant of a Householder reflector is negative one.

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4. (15p) Fix $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ and suppose that $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is symmetric and nonsingular. Show that if $\|A - I\|_F \geq \varepsilon$, then $\|A^{-1} - I\|_F \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$, where $\|\cdot\|_F$ denotes the Frobenius norm.

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5. (15p) Determine the rate of convergence of the Rayleigh quotient $r(\mathbf{v}_k) = \mathbf{v}_k^T A \mathbf{v}_k$, to an eigenvalue of $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$, $A = A^T$, with vectors $\mathbf{v}_k \in \mathcal{R}^n$ given by the normalized power method $\mathbf{v}_{k+1} = A \mathbf{v}_k / \|A \mathbf{v}_k\|$.

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6. Suppose $Ax = b$ and $(A + \delta A)\hat{x} = b + \delta b$ and assume that

$$\|(I + A^{-1}\delta A)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \|\delta A\|\|A^{-1}\|}.$$

(a) (10p) Show that

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq \frac{\kappa(A)}{1 - \kappa(A)\frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|}} \left(\frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} + \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|} \right), \quad (1)$$

where $\hat{x} = x + \delta x$ and $\kappa(A) = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|$.

(b) (10p) Let $\delta A = 0$ and

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find vectors δb and b such that the bound (1) becomes an equality.

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7. (20p) Let $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$ be symmetric and positive definite (spd), and consider the following iteration.

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Choose  $A_0 = A$ 
for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ 
    Compute the Cholesky factor  $L_k$  of  $A_k$  (so  $A_k = L_k L_k^T$ )
    Set  $A_{k+1} = L_k^T L_k$ 
end
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Here L_k is lower triangular with positive diagonal elements.

- (a) Show that A_k is similar to A , and that A_k is spd (the iteration is therefore well-defined).

Now consider the special case of a 2×2 spd matrix,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}, \quad a \geq c,$$

- (b) For this matrix, perform one step of the algorithm and write down A_1 .
- (c) Use the result from (b) to argue that A_k converges to $\text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$, where the eigenvalues of A are ordered as $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 > 0$.