

## MAI0119 Computational Linear Algebra

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**Problems:** Error analysis and Eigenvalues. Complete exercises for a minimum of 15p to pass.

- (1p) **1.** Assume the existence of a square root function satisfying  $\text{fl}(\sqrt{x}) = \sqrt{x}(1 + \epsilon)$ , with  $|\epsilon| \leq u$ . Give an algorithm for computing  $\|x\|_2$  and bound the round-off errors.

Can cancellation occur here?

- (2p) **2.** Show that if  $E \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , with  $m \geq n$ , then  $\|E\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n}\|E\|_1$ . This is useful for deriving norm bounds from absolute value bounds.

- (1p) **3.** Suppose  $A$  is symmetric and positive definite. Let  $M_1$  be the Gauss transformation such that

$$M_1 A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & w^T \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Show that

$$M_1 A M_1^T = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0^T \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $B$  is symmetric and positive definite.

- (1p) **4.** A Householder reflection is a matrix of the form  $H = I - 2vv^T$ , where  $\|v\|_2 = 1$ . Prove that

$$\text{fl}(HA) = HA + F$$

and give a bound for  $F$ . Also show that if  $H$  is orthogonal this is equivalent to  $\text{fl}(HA) = H(A + E)$ ,  $\|F\|_2 = \|E\|_2$  so applying a Reflection is backwards stable.

- (1p) **5.** Show that if

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \\ 0 & R_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

is normal and  $\lambda(R_{11}) \cap \lambda(R_{22}) = \emptyset$  then  $R_{12} = 0$ .

- (1p) **6.** Show that if  $S$  is skew-symmetric (i.e.  $S^T = -S$ ) then  $Q = (I + S)(I - S)^{-1}$  is orthogonal. The matrix  $Q$  is called the *Caley transform* of  $S$ .

(1p) **7.** Suppose  $(\lambda, x)$  is a known eigenpair for the matrix  $A$ . Give an algorithm for computing an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that

$$P^T AP = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & w^T \\ 0 & \tilde{A} \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Hint:** Compute  $P$  as a product of Givens rotations.

(1p) **8.** Prove that all the eigenvalues of a Hermitean matrix  $A$  are real. Use the result to prove that the eigenvalues of a real symmetric matrix are real.

(1p) **9.** Prove that for any matrix norm induced by a vector norm the spectral radius satisfies  $\rho(A) \leq \|A\|$ .

(1p) **10.** A matrix  $A$  is said to be *nilpotent* if  $A^k = 0$  for some positive integer  $k$ . Show that all eigenvalues of a nilpotent matrix are zero. Can you conclude that  $A$  is the zero matrix?

(1p) **11.** Suppose  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and in addition  $A$  is non-singular. Show that  $AB$  and  $BA$  have the same eigenvalues. **12.** Show that for any two real vectors

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$u$  and  $v$  the formula

$$\det(I + uv^T) = 1 + u^T v$$

holds.

(1p) **13.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $\rho(A) < 1$ . Show that  $I - A$  is non-singular and

$$(I - A)^{-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A^k.$$

(1p) **14.** Let  $A$  be real and symmetric with eigenvalues  $\lambda_{min} \leq \lambda(A) \leq \lambda_{max}$ . Show that for  $x \neq 0$ ,

$$\lambda_{min} \leq \frac{x^T Ax}{x^T x} \leq \lambda_{max}.$$

(1p) **15.** Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ , and  $A = QR$ , where  $Q$  is orthogonal and  $R$  is upper triangular.

a) Show that  $RQ$  is a Hessenberg matrix if  $A$  is a Hessenberg matrix.

b) Show that  $RQ$  is tridiagonal if  $A$  is symmetric and tridiagonal.

**Hint:** Write  $Q$  as a product of Givens rotations. It is enough to treat the  $4 \times 4$  case to clearly see the pattern.

(1p) **16.** Given  $A \in \mathcal{C}^{n \times n}$  show that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a diagonalizable matrix  $B$  such that  $\|A - B\|_2 \leq \varepsilon$ . This shows that the set of diagonalizable matrices is dense in  $\mathcal{C}^{n \times n}$ .

**Hint** Use the Schur decomposition.

(1p) **17.** Suppose  $(\lambda, x)$  is a known eigenpair for the matrix  $A$ . Give an algorithm for computing an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that

$$P^T A P = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & w^T \\ 0 & \tilde{A} \end{pmatrix}$$

Write  $P$  as a product of Givens rotations.

(1p) **18.** Show that if  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  then  $\|A\|_F \leq \sqrt{\text{rank}(A)} \|A\|_2$ .

(2p) **19.** Suppose,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} D & v \\ v^T & d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n-1})$  has distinct diagonal entries and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  has no non-zero elements. Show that if  $\lambda \in \lambda(A)$  then  $D - \lambda I$  is non-singular, and that  $\lambda$  is a root of

$$f(\lambda) = \lambda + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{v_k^2}{d_k - \lambda} - d_n.$$

(2p) **20.** With the same assumptions as in the Bauer-Fike theorem show that

$$\min_{\lambda \in \lambda(A)} |\lambda - \mu| \leq \|X^{-1}\| \|E\| \|X\|_p.$$