

Acceptable Answer B

(a) A is positive definite if $\underline{x}^T A \underline{x} > 0$ for any vector $\underline{x} \neq \underline{0}$.

(b) A is positive semidefinite if $\underline{x}^T A \underline{x} \geq 0$ for any vector \underline{x} .

$B^T B$ is symmetric. If B is non-singular then $B^T B$ is non-singular and

$$\underline{x}^T B^T B \underline{x} = (B \underline{x})^T (B \underline{x}) > 0 \text{ for any } \underline{x} \neq \underline{0}$$

so $B^T B$ is positive definite. If B is singular then $B^T B$ is singular and positive semidefinite.

[4 marks]

Write $\|\cdot\|_m$, $\|\cdot\|_v$ for compatible matrix and vector norms. Schwarz's inequality for AB is

$$\|AB\|_m \leq \|A\|_m \|B\|_m.$$

If B is replaced by \underline{x} then

$$\|A \underline{x}\|_v \leq \|A\|_m \|\underline{x}\|_v.$$

If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the real, non-negative eigenvalues of $A^T A$ arranged in non-increasing order of magnitude then the singular values $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$ are given by

$$\sigma_j = \sqrt{\lambda_j}.$$

$$\|A\|_2 = \max_j \sqrt{\lambda_j} = \sigma_1. \quad W = \text{diag}\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n\}.$$

[5 marks]

$$A \underline{e} = A \underline{x} - A \hat{\underline{x}} = \underline{b} - A \hat{\underline{x}} = \underline{r}$$

so $\underline{e} = A^{-1} \underline{r}$

$$\|\underline{e}\| = \|A^{-1} \underline{r}\|$$

$$\leq \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|\underline{r}\| \text{ by Schwarz}$$

so

$$\frac{\|\underline{e}\|}{\|\underline{x}\|} \leq \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \frac{\|\underline{r}\|}{\|\underline{x}\|}$$

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But $\|b\| = \|Ax\| \leq \|A\| \|x\|$ by Schwarz

$$\text{so } \frac{\|e\|}{\|x\|} \leq \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| \frac{\|r\|}{\|b\|}$$

where the right-hand side is now computable.

If the l_2 norm is used, the condition number

$$K = \|A\|_2 \|A^{-1}\|_2 = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_n}.$$

[8 marks]

Machine epsilon = 10^{-15} and

$$W = \text{diag} \{1, 10^{-6}, 10^{-10}, 10^{-17}, 0\}.$$

The singular value $10^{-17} < \text{machine epsilon}$ so represents noise and should be ignored. The effective rank of the system is 3, so the appropriate generalised inverse is

$$W^+ = \text{diag} \{1, 10^6, 10^{10}, 0, 0\}.$$

[3 marks]