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Tutorial Sheet 2

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1. Solve the system

$$2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 10$$

$$3x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 18$$

$$x_1 + 4x_2 + 9x_3 = 16$$

by the Gauss-Jordan method.

2. The *symmetric*  $n \times n$  **Pascal matrix**, denoted by  $\text{pascal}(n)$ , is the matrix having  $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$  entry as  $\binom{i+j}{i}$ , where  $i, j = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$  and the notation  $\binom{a}{b}$  denotes the binomial coefficient. Note that the counting of elements of this matrix starts from 0 (not from 1); for instance, the element in the first row and first column is at  $(0, 0)^{\text{th}}$  position, the element in the first row and second column is at  $(0, 1)^{\text{th}}$  position, and so on. Write down  $\text{pascal}(4)$ , and decompose it into  $LU$ -form using the Gauss elimination.

3. (a) What matrix  $E$  puts the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

into an upper triangular form  $EA = U$ ?

- (b) Compute  $E^{-1}$  without using the determinants and cofactors.  
(c) Verify that  $E^{-1}$  is a lower triangular matrix and that  $A = LU$ .
4. (a) Which number  $c$  leads to zero in the second pivot position while factorizing the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & c & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

into  $LU$  form? Note that, for this  $c$ ,  $A = LU$  is not possible; nevertheless, a row exchange is needed to obtain the factorization in the form  $PA = LU$ , where  $P$  is a permutation matrix. Find this  $P$ ,  $L$  and  $U$ .

- (b) (Continuing from the previous part) Which  $c$  produces zero in the third pivot position? Observe that row exchanges in this case cannot help and the elimination fails.
5. Determine the  $LU$  factorization for matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

using Doolittle's method, and use this factorization to solve the system

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + x_2 + 3x_4 &= 8, \\2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + x_4 &= 7, \\3x_1 - x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 &= 14, \\-x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4 &= -7.\end{aligned}$$

6. When a real symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix has one of the following four properties, it has them all:

- (i) All  $n$  eigenvalues are positive.
- (ii) All  $n$  upper left determinants are positive.
- (iii) All  $n$  pivots are positive.
- (iv)  $\mathbf{x}^\top A \mathbf{x} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , i.e., the matrix  $A$  is *positive definite*.

(a) Verify all the four properties for the matrix

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

(b) Use any appropriate property (whichever is the easiest to apply) from the above properties to answer the following. For what values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ , the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & a \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ a & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & b & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} c & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & c & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

are positive definite?

7. (a) For each vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , prove that

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty.$$

(b) Prove the triangular inequality for the  $\ell_\infty$ -norm, i.e., for  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , prove that

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_\infty \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty + \|\mathbf{y}\|_\infty.$$