

# Midterm Correction

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## Question Correction:

### 1 Part A

#### Question 1

##### 1.0.1 (a)

For this question, I made a misconception on the inequality relationship between absolute error and relative error. Although I have correctly identified it out, I sub the incorrect values in it during calculations

**Corrections:**

NOTE:  $\kappa(A) = \|L\| \cdot \|L^{-1}\|$

$$\frac{|x - \tilde{x}|}{|x|} \leq \kappa(L) \frac{|b - \tilde{b}|}{|b|} \leq 4 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times 0.1 = 0.2.$$

##### 1.0.2 (b)

For this question, I have confused and forget the relationship between absolute and relative error. (Which should not happened...)

**Corrections:**

The system of equations given is  $Lx = b$ . where  $L$  is a matrix,  $x$  is the solution vector, and  $b$  is the right-hand side vector. However, we only have an estimate  $\tilde{b}$  for  $b$ , so we ended up solving  $L\tilde{x} = \tilde{b}$ , where  $\tilde{x}$  is the approx. solution corresponding to  $\tilde{b}$ .

To analyze the effect of the error  $b$  on  $x$ , we subtract the two equations  $Lx = b, L\tilde{x} = \tilde{b}$ , giving that:

$$L(x - \tilde{x}) = b - \tilde{b} \Rightarrow x - \tilde{x} = L^{-1}(b - \tilde{b})$$

To bound the error, we take the norm of both sides here:

$$\Rightarrow |x - \tilde{x}| = |L^{-1}(b - \tilde{b})|$$

By triangle inequality and definition of matrix norm, we can further have:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |x - \tilde{x}| &\leq \|L^{-1}\| |b - \tilde{b}| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 4, \\ &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

### 1.0.3 (c)

Similarly to (b), I have failed recognize using the given system of linear equation is sufficient during examination.

#### Corrections:

Since  $Lx = b$ , we can express  $x$  as:

$$x = L^{-1}b$$

To bound  $|x|$ , we take the norm:

$$|x| = |L^{-1}b|$$

Using the triangle inequality and definition of matrix norm  $|L^{-1}b| \leq \|L^{-1}\| |b|$ , we get:

$$|x| \leq \|L^{-1}\| |b|$$

Substitute  $\|L^{-1}\| = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $|b| = 40$ :

$$|x| \leq \frac{1}{2} \times 40 = 20$$

## Question 2

### 1.0.4 (a)

Forgot to specify that degree  $k$  spline must be polynomial. Here I will provide a more formal definition as a correction:

#### Corrections:

A degree  $k$  spline on an interval  $[a, b]$  is a function  $S(x)$  composed of polynomial segments  $S_i(x)$  of degree  $k$ , defined on subintervals  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ , where  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ .

The spline satisfies the following properties:

- Piecewise Polynomial: On each subinterval  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ ,  $S(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $k$ :

$$S(x) = S_i(x) \quad \text{for } x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]$$

- Continuity of Function and Derivatives: The function  $S(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , and its derivatives up to order  $k - 1$  are also continuous across the subinterval boundaries (knots):

$$S(x_i^-) = S(x_i^+), \quad S'(x_i^-) = S'(x_i^+), \quad \dots, \quad S^{(k-1)}(x_i^-) = S^{(k-1)}(x_i^+)$$

for each knot  $x_i$ , where  $S(x_i^-)$  and  $S(x_i^+)$  denote the left-hand and right-hand limits at  $x_i$ , respectively.

## Question 3

### 1.0.5 (b)

For this question, I have no time to perform further steps as the time runs up, so that in this case I could only make a somehow plausible guess after all.

#### Corrections:

## 2 Part B

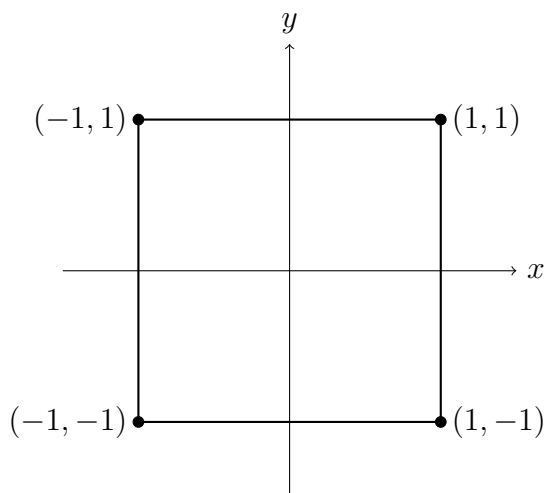
### Question 4

#### 2.0.1 (b)

I have made a misconception between the graph of  $L_2$  norm and  $\infty$  norm. During exam I don't have sufficient time to think carefully, but after revisit this question I found out the graph is straight-forward.

#### Corrections:

For the  $L^\infty$  norm on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , the unit disk forms a square with vertices at  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(1, -1)$ ,  $(-1, 1)$ , and  $(-1, -1)$ , as it includes all points where  $\max(|x|, |y|) \leq 1$ .



### Question 5

#### 2.0.2 (b)

For this question, I misuse the characteristics of Markov matrix and matrix norm, and forgot the continuity of matrix-vector multiplication w.r.t. the limits.

#### Corrections:

We use the continuity of matrix-vector multiplication with respect to limits in here for further analysis

are given that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M^k v = x$  for some nonzero vector  $x$ , meaning repeated applications of  $M$  to  $v$  converge to  $x$ .

Continuity of Matrix-Vector Multiplication: Since matrix-vector multiplication is continuous, we have:

$$Mx = M \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M^k v = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M^{k+1} v = x$$

Thus,  $Mx = x$ , showing that  $x$  is an eigenvector of  $M$  with eigenvalue 1.

#### 2.0.3 (c)

For this question, since the question does not specify whether the markov matrix have the column or the row sum to 1, so that I assumed the former and showed that there is a right

eigenvector with eigenvalue 1. I think both will work but since it diverged with what the answer key said, here is the modified answer.

**Corrections:**

Let  $u = [1, 1, \dots, 1]$ , a row vector with each entry equal to 1.

When we multiply  $y$  on the left by  $M$ , we get  $yM$ . This operation sums each column of  $M$ , resulting in  $y$  again:

$$uM = u$$

Since  $uM = u$ ,  $u$  is a left eigenvector of  $M$  with eigenvalue 1. Therefore, 1 is an eigenvalue of  $M$ .

## Question 6

### 2.0.4 (c)

For this question, I think it is sufficient to use sequence  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  is increasing and decreasing resp. without stating out as given they are given monotonic. Hence ended with my a circular reasoning within my proof.

**Corrections:**

In each step of the bisection method, we start with an interval  $[a_k, b_k]$  where  $f(a_k)$  and  $f(b_k)$  have opposite signs. We compute the midpoint  $x_k = \frac{a_k + b_k}{2}$ . If  $f(x_k) = 0$ , then  $x_k$  is the root, and we stop. Otherwise, depending on the sign of  $f(x_k)$ , we replace either  $a_k$  or  $b_k$  with  $x_k$  to ensure the new interval  $[a_{k+1}, b_{k+1}]$  still contains the root.

By construction,  $a_k$  is updated only when  $f(x_k)$  has the same sign as  $f(a_k)$ . In this case, we set  $a_{k+1} = x_k$ , meaning  $a_k$  is non-decreasing. Similarly,  $b_k$  is updated only when  $f(x_k)$  has the same sign as  $f(b_k)$ . In this case, we set  $b_{k+1} = x_k$ , making  $b_k$  non-increasing. Therefore,  $a_k$  forms a non-decreasing sequence and  $b_k$  forms a non-increasing sequence, with both sequences bounded within  $[a_0, b_0]$ .

Each iteration halves the interval size, so  $|a_k - b_k| = \frac{|a_0 - b_0|}{2^k}$ , which approaches zero as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Given the fact that if two monotonic sequences  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  are contained in a closed interval and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (a_k - b_k) = 0$ , then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_k$  and these limits are equal.

Since  $a_k \leq x_k \leq b_k$  at each step, the Squeeze Theorem implies that  $x_k$  also converges to the same limit as  $a_k$  and  $b_k$ . Therefore,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k$  exists, lies in  $[a, b]$ , and is equal to the root of  $f$ .

## Question 7 - Long Proof Part (b)

For this question, I did not state clear with a little vagueness about how to use Taylor's theorem in this proof, and made a small typo in exponent listed in the expanded polynomial. This probably due to that I missed some details that need to be remembered in the proof detail.

**Corrections:**

To show that  $|e_{n+1}| \leq \frac{C}{2B} e_n^2$ , we start by expanding the error  $e_{n+1}$  in terms of  $e_n$ , using Newton's method.

Using Newton's update formula, we have:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}.$$

Since  $e_{n+1} = x - x_{n+1}$ , we can rewrite  $e_{n+1}$  as:

$$e_{n+1} = x - \left( x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \right) = (x - x_n) + \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}.$$

Substituting  $e_n = x - x_n$ , we get:

$$e_{n+1} = e_n + \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}.$$

To approximate  $f(x_n)$  in terms of  $e_n$ , we use Taylor's theorem to expand  $f(x_n)$  around  $x$  (the root we are converging to), where  $f(x) = 0$ . Taylor's theorem gives:

$$f(x_n) = f(x) + (x_n - x)f'(x) + \frac{f''(\zeta_n)}{2}(x_n - x)^2,$$

for some  $\zeta_n$  between  $x$  and  $x_n$ . Since  $f(x) = 0$ , this simplifies to:

$$f(x_n) = (x_n - x)f'(x) + \frac{f''(\zeta_n)}{2}(x_n - x)^2.$$

Substituting  $e_n = x - x_n$ , we get:

$$f(x_n) = -f'(x_n)e_n + \frac{f''(\zeta_n)}{2}e_n^2.$$

Now, we substitute this expression for  $f(x_n)$  into the formula for  $e_{n+1}$ :

$$e_{n+1} = e_n + \frac{-f'(x_n)e_n + \frac{f''(\zeta_n)}{2}e_n^2}{f'(x_n)}.$$

Simplifying, we find:

$$e_{n+1} = e_n - \frac{f'(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}e_n + \frac{f''(\zeta_n)}{2f'(x_n)}e_n^2.$$

The terms involving  $e_n$  cancel out, leaving:

$$e_{n+1} = \frac{f''(\zeta_n)}{2f'(x_n)}e_n^2.$$

Taking the absolute value of both sides, we obtain:

$$|e_{n+1}| = \left| \frac{f''(\zeta_n)}{2f'(x_n)} \right| e_n^2.$$

By the assumptions of the theorem,  $|f'| > B$  on  $[a, b]$ , so  $|f'(x_n)| > B$ . Also, since  $f''$  is bounded by  $C$  on  $[a, b]$ , we have  $|f''(\zeta_n)| < C$  for all  $\zeta_n$  in  $[a, b]$ . Therefore:

$$|e_{n+1}| \leq \frac{C}{2B}e_n^2.$$

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