

Lab Session 8

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1. This is an exercise on handling matrices in MATLAB.

- (a). Generate the following square matrix which is known as the Wilkinson matrix without using any *for loops*.

$$W_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } i > j \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ or } j = n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here n is the size of the matrix. You may write a function program `W = wilkinson(n)` which takes the size n of the matrix as input for this.

Hint: Use the MATLAB commands `eyes`, `ones` and `tril`.

- (b). A real $2n \times 2n$ matrix $H = \begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & -H_{11}^T \end{bmatrix}$ is said to be Hamiltonian if H_{12} and H_{21} are $n \times n$ matrices such that $H_{12}^T = H_{12}$ and $H_{21}^T = H_{21}$. Here T denotes the transpose of a matrix. Use concatenation and the `randn` command to generate a random real Hamiltonian matrix.
2. The solution of a system of equations $Ax = b$ can be obtained in MATLAB by setting `x = A\b`. MATLAB uses GEPP (Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting) to find x for this command. [Wait for a few more classes to know the details!]
The same may also be found by setting `x = inv(A)*b`. Write an M-file which finds the time taken by both these commands for 20 matrices with sizes increasing from 200 to 1150 in steps of 50 and plots them on a semilog scale on the same graph. Use legends to distinguish between your curves.
 3. Write the following function programs to solve triangular systems of equations.
 - (a). `x = colbackward(U,b)` to solve an upper triangular system $Ux = b$ by column oriented back substitution.
 - (b). `x = rowforward(L,b)` to solve a lower triangular system $Lx = b$ by row oriented forward substitution.
 4. Write a MATLAB function program `[L,U] = genp(A)` which finds an LU factorization $A = LU$ of an n -by- n matrix A by performing Gaussian Elimination with no pivoting (GENP).