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Problem Set 10 [Solutions](#)

Note: these are solutions to the original version of this PS. We're in the process of updating them to match the actual version.

1. [10 pts] Problem 2 on page 224

$$y_1 = A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r_{1,1} = \|y_1\|_2 = 6$$

$$q_1 = \frac{y_1}{\|y_1\|_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r_{1,2} = q_1^T A_2 = -3$$

$$y_2 = A_2 - q_1 q_1^T A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 7 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix} (-3) = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r_{2,2} = \|y_2\|_2 = 9$$

$$q_2 = \frac{y_2}{\|y_2\|_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ -1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_3 = A_3 - q_1 q_1^T A_3 - q_2 q_2^T A_3$$

$$y_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix} (-1/3) - \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ -1/3 \end{bmatrix} (-1/3) = \begin{bmatrix} 5/9 \\ 10/9 \\ 10/9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_3 = \frac{y_3}{\|y_3\|_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 & -2/3 & 1/3 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 & 2/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} R = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. [10 pts] Problem 4 on page 224

We have the same  $q_1, q_2, r_{1,1}, r_{1,2}$ , and  $r_{2,2}$  as the previous problem.

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y'_3 = A_3 - q_1 q_1^T A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix} (-1/3) = \begin{bmatrix} 7/9 \\ 8/9 \\ 11/9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_3 = y'_3 - q_2 q_2^T y'_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 7/9 \\ 8/9 \\ 11/9 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ -1/3 \end{bmatrix} (-1/3) = \begin{bmatrix} 5/9 \\ 10/9 \\ 10/9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_3 = \frac{y_3}{\|y_3\|_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 & -2/3 & 1/3 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 & 2/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} R = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. [10 pts] Problem 6 on page 224

$$w_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \|A_1\|_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_1 = w_1 - A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_1 = I - 2 \frac{v_1 v_1^T}{v_1^T v_1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 & -1/3 & 2/3 \\ -1/3 & 1/15 & -2/15 \\ -2/3 & -2/15 & 11/15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 7.2 \\ 0 & -5.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= \begin{bmatrix} 7.2 \\ -5.4 \end{bmatrix} \\
w_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} \|x\|_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
v_2 &= w_2 - x = \begin{bmatrix} 1.8 \\ 5.4 \end{bmatrix} \\
\hat{H}_2 &= I - 2 \frac{v_2 v_2^T}{v_2^T v_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & -0.6 \\ -0.6 & -0.8 \end{bmatrix} \\
H_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.8 & -0.6 \\ 0 & -0.6 & -0.8 \end{bmatrix} \\
Q &= H_2^{-1} H_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 & -2/3 & -1/3 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 & -2/3 \\ 2/3 & -1/3 & -2/3 \end{bmatrix} \\
R &= H_2 H_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

4. [10 pts] Use the two-point forward difference formula to approximate  $f'(1)$ , where  $f(x) = e^x + 0.5$ , for  $h = 0.1$ ,  $h = 0.01$ , and  $h = 0.001$ . Compare these estimates to the true value. Was this what one should expect, given the progression of values of  $h$ ? Explain.

The true value should be  $e = 2.71828183$ . Using the formula:  $f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$ , we have  $f'(x) \approx 2.85884195$ ,  $2.73191866$ , and  $2.71964142$  for  $h = 0.1$ ,  $0.01$ , and  $0.001$  (respectively). The limit as  $h$  approaches zero defines the derivative; as  $h$  decreases, the approximation is closer to the actual derivative.

5. [10 pts] Repeat problem 4 using the three-point centered difference formula. Please also compare the results of the forward and centered difference calculations at each  $h$  value—to each other and to the true value. Which one is better, for a given  $h$ ? Will that *always* be true?

Using the formula:  $f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h)-f(x-h)}{2h}$ , we have  $f'(x) \approx 2.72281456$ ,  $2.71832713$ , and  $2.71828228$  for  $h = 0.1$ ,  $0.01$ , and  $0.001$  (respectively). The approximations for the three-point centered differences are closer to the actual derivative than that of the two-point forward differences. The three-point centered difference formula is better, because the error is  $O(h^2)$ , as opposed to  $O(h)$  for the first formula. This is always true for infinite precision numbers, however floating point errors arise if  $h$  is too small.