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Time allowed: 3:00 hours

There are THREE questions on this paper.

Answer ALL questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Any special instructions for invigilators and information for candidates are on page 1.

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1. Two questions 1.a and 1.b below are independent.

We say that two subspaces V and W of $\mathbb{R}^n$ are complementary, denoted by $V \oplus W = \mathbb{R}^n$, if (i) $V \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$, where $\mathbf{0}$ is the zero vector in $\mathbb{R}^n$, and (ii) any vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be written as $x = v + w$ where $v \in V$ and $w \in W$.

a) Let P be the matrix defined as

$$P = \frac{1}{2}\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

i) Describe a basis of $\mathrm{Ker}(P)$ the null-space (kernel) of P, and $\mathrm{Ran}(P)$ the range of P. Justify your answer. [3]

ii) Show that $\mathbb{R}^4 = \mathrm{Ker}(P) \oplus \mathrm{Ran}(P)$. [2]

iii) Show that for $x \in \mathrm{Ker}(P)$ and $y \in \mathrm{Ran}(P)$, we have $x^T y = 0$. [2]

iv) Conclude that P is an orthogonal projection. [3]

b) Define the matrix A_m as follows

$$A_m = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -m & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $m \in \mathbb{R}$ is a parameter.

i) Derive bases for $\mathrm{Ker}(A_m)$ and $\mathrm{Ran}(A_m)$. [3]

ii) For $m \neq 0$, show that $\mathrm{Ran}(A_m) \oplus \mathrm{Ker}(A_m) = \mathbb{R}^4$. [2]

iii) We now fix $m = 0$. Compute A_0^3. [2]

iv) Do we have $\mathrm{Ran}(A_0^3) \oplus \mathrm{Ker}(A_0^3) = \mathbb{R}^4$?

Justify your answer. [3]

2. Let $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,n} \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$ be a symmetric matrix, i.e, $A^T = A$ such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $x \neq 0$ we have

$$x^T A x > 0.$$

Matrices satisfying the above properties are known as *positive-definite matrices*

a) Let $e_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with all its entries equal to 0 except the i-th entry which is equal to 1. Show that, for $i = 1,\dots,n$, we have $a_{ii} = e_i^T A e_i > 0$. [1]

b) Let C be the Schur complement of a_{11} in A, i.e.

$$C = A_{22} - \frac{1}{a_{11}} A_{21} A_{12},$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

with a_{11} is a scalar, $A_{21} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, and $A_{22} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-1)\times(n-1)}$ and $A_{12} \in \mathbb{R}^{1\times(n-1)}$.

i) Justify the fact that $C = A_{22} - \frac{1}{a_{11}} A_{21} A_{21}^T$. [1]

ii) Let $v \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ and define $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} -(1/a_{11}) A_{21}^T v \\ v \end{pmatrix}.$$

Show that $x^T A x = v^T C v$ and that C is a positive-definite matrix. [3]

c) In what follows we will show that there exists a lower-triangular matrix $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$ such that $A = LL^T$. This factorisation is known as the *Cholesky decomposition.*

i) Let L be given by

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & 0^T \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

with l_{11} is a scalar, $L_{21} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, and $L_{22} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-1)\times(n-1)}$ and $0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$. Write the block structure of the matrix LL^T. [2]

ii) Let $A = LL^T$. Show that $l_{11} = \sqrt{a_{11}}$, $L_{21} = (1/l_{11}) A_{21}$, and $L_{22} L_{22}^T = A_{22} - L_{21} L_{21}^T$. [2]

iii) Describe a recursive procedure to construct the lower-triangular matrix L such that $A = LL^T$. [4]

iv) Describe how one would use the above procedure to solve the linear equation $Ax = y$ for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$ positive definite. [3]

d) Define the following matrix A

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 25 & 15 & -5 \\ 15 & 18 & 0 \\ -5 & 0 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

i) Apply the Cholesky decomposition to the matrix A above. [2]

ii) Use it to solve the equation $Ax = y$ where $y = \begin{pmatrix} 30 \\ 15 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix}$. [2]

3. Let m and n be two positive integers with $m \leq n$. We consider $A \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+1)\times(m+1)}$ the matrix defined by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_0 & \dots & x_0^m \\ 1 & x_1 & \dots & x_1^m \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & \dots & x_n^m \end{pmatrix},$$

where $x_0, \dots, x_n$ are n distinct real numbers.

Let $\mathbf{0}$ be the vector with all its entries equal to 0 (we will use the same notation for both the zero vector of $\mathbb{R}^{m+1}$ and the one of $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$). In what followed we define the vector $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \\ v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_m \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$.

a) i) Show that if $Av = \mathbf{0}$ then $v = \mathbf{0}$. [1]

Hint: Use the fact if the polynomial $P(x) = v_0 + v_1 x + \cdots + v_m x^m$ has n distinct roots then $P(x) = 0$.

ii) Using the previous question, show that if $A^T A v = \mathbf{0}$ then $v = \mathbf{0}$. [2]

iii) Fix $y \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. Justify the fact that the linear equation $A^T A x = A^T y$ admits a unique solution w. [2]

b) In the remainder of this problem, we will denote the solution in 2. a) iii) by w, i.e.

$$A^T A w = A^T y.$$

For $v \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, define $g(v) = (y - Av)^T (y - Av)$.

i) Show that $g(w) = y^T y - y^T A w$, with w defined in 2. a) iii). [2]

ii) Prove that $g(v) - g(w) = (w - v)^T A^T A (w - v)$. [2]

Hint: Use the fact that $||A(w-v)||^2 = ||(Aw - y) - (Av - y))||^2$.

iii) Show that for all $v \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$, we have $g(v) \geq g(w)$ and that $g(v) = g(w)$ if and only if $v = w$. [3]

c) Let P be a polynomial such that $P(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m} v_k x^k$. We define the quantity

$$\Phi_m(P) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} (y_i - P(x_i))^2 .$$

Let $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$.

i) Show that $\Phi_m(P) = g(v)$. [2]

ii) Using question 3.b.iii), show that there exists a polynomial P_w such that $\Phi_m(P) \geq \Phi_m(P_w)$. [2]

d) Let $n = m = 3$, $x_0 = -1$, $x_1 = 0$, $x_2 = 1$, $x_3 = 2$, $y_0 = 1$, $y_1 = 2$, ,$y_2 = 1$, $y_3 = 0$.

i) Solve $A^T A v = A^T y$. [2]

ii) Derive the expression of the polynomial in $\mathbb{R}_3[X]$ that minimizes Φ_3 and give the minimum value of Φ_3 on $\mathbb{R}_3[X]$. Justify your answer. [2]