

MA 423 Matrix Computations 2022  
Mid Semester Examination

Q.1. ALG is backward stable if there exist  $\Delta x, \Delta y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  
$$\text{ALG}(x, y) = fl(xy^T)$$
$$= (x + \Delta x)(y + \Delta y)^T$$

and  $\frac{\|\Delta y\|}{\|y\|} = O(u), \frac{\|\Delta x\|}{\|x\|} = O(u).$

1 Mark.

Now.  $fl(xy^T) = [fl(x_i y_j)]_{n \times n}.$

$$= [x_i y_j (1 + \delta_{ij})]_{n \times n}, \text{ where}$$

$$|\delta_{ij}| \leq u \text{ for } i, j = 1:n.$$

$$\Rightarrow fl(xy^T) = xy^T + [x_i y_j \delta_{ij}]_{n \times n}$$

$$\Rightarrow |fl(xy^T) - xy^T| \leq u |xy^T|$$

2 Marks

Since  $\delta_{ij}$  are rounding errors, the matrix  
 $[x_i y_j (1 + \delta_{ij})]_{n \times n}$  cannot be expected

to be a rank-1 matrix. Hence  $fl(xy^T)$   
cannot be written as  $(x + \Delta x)(y + \Delta y)^T$  for some

$\Delta x, \Delta y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

2 Marks

Q.2. (a) Since  $P$  and  $L$  are nonsingular,

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(PA) = \text{rank}(LU) = \text{rank}(U)$$

However,  $\text{rank}(U) \neq \text{number of nonzero diagonal entries of } U$ .

Counter example:  $U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Then,  $\text{rank}(A) = 1$  but # nonzero diagonal entries of  $U = 0$ .

2 Marks

(b)  $x$  is a solution of the LSP  $Ax \approx b$

$$\Leftrightarrow A^*Ax = A^*b \Leftrightarrow A^*(Ax - b) = 0$$
$$\Leftrightarrow A^*r = 0$$

1 Mark

Hence,  $x$  is a solution of LSP  $Ax \approx b$

$$\Leftrightarrow Ax - b = r \text{ and } A^*r = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I_m & A \\ A^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -r \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2 Marks

Q.3 Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be nonzero. Then

$$x^T (A + vv^T) x = x^T A x + (v^T x)^2 > x^T A x > 0.$$

$\Rightarrow A + vv^T$  is SPD.  $\because (A + vv^T)$  is symmetric.

2 Marks.

Since  $G$  is nonsingular, we have

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} G^T \\ v^T \end{pmatrix} = \text{rank}(G^T) = n.$$

Since  $Q$  is orthogonal, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}(R) &= \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{rank} \left( Q \begin{pmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} G^T \\ v^T \end{pmatrix} = n. \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow R$  is nonsingular 2 Marks

Let  $r_{11}, \dots, r_{nn}$  be the diagonal entries of  $R$ . Define  $\hat{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{diag}(r_{11}, \dots, r_{nn}) & 0 \\ 0 & I_n \end{bmatrix}$

and  $\hat{R} = \text{diag}(r_{11}, \dots, r_{nn}) R$ . Then  $\hat{R}$  has positive diagonal entries. and

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} G^T \\ v^T \end{pmatrix} &= Q \begin{pmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = Q \hat{Q} \left( \hat{Q} \begin{pmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= (Q \hat{Q}) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{R} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $R$  can be chosen to have positive diagonal entries

2 Marks

Suppose that  $R$  has positive diagonal entries. Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} G^T \\ v^T \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} G^T \\ v^T \end{bmatrix} = R^T R$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} G & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} G^T \\ v^T \end{bmatrix} = R^T R$$

$$\Rightarrow GG^T + vv^T = R^T R$$

$$\Rightarrow A + vv^T = R^T R$$

Since  $R^T$  is ~~upper~~ lower triangular with positive diagonal entries,

$R^T R$  is the Cholesky factorization of  $A + vv^T$ .

2 Marks



Q.4

$$(A + \Delta A) \hat{x} = b + \Delta b$$

$$\Rightarrow (I + \bar{A}^T \Delta A) \hat{x} = \bar{A}^T b + \bar{A}^T \Delta b \\ = x + \bar{A}^T \Delta b.$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{x} - x = \bar{A}^T \Delta b - \bar{A}^T \Delta A x$$

[2 Marks]

$$\therefore \|\hat{x} - x\| \leq \|\bar{A}^T\| \|\Delta b\| + \|\bar{A}^T\| \|\Delta A\| \|x\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\|\hat{x} - x\|}{\|x\|} < \frac{\|\bar{A}^T\| \|\Delta b\|}{\|x\|} + \|\bar{A}^T\| \|\Delta A\|$$

$$\leq \text{Cond}(A) \left[ \frac{\|\Delta b\|}{\|A\| \|x\|} + \frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|} \right].$$

[2 Marks]

Q.5

$$A = LU$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \vdots \\ A_n \end{bmatrix} = L \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ \vdots \\ U_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Equating rows we have

$$A_i = \sum_{j=1}^n L(i,j) U_j$$

Since  $L$  is lower triangular and  $L(j,i) = 1$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we have

$$A_i = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} L(i,j) U_j + U_i$$

$$\Rightarrow U_i = A_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} L(i,j) U_j$$

2 Marks

Note that  $\|A\|_{\infty} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|A_i\|_1$  and

$$\|U\|_{\infty} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|U_i\|_1.$$

Since  $|L(i,j)| \leq 1$ , we have

$$U_1 = A_1 \Rightarrow \|U_1\|_1 \leq \|A_1\|_1 \leq \|A\|_{\infty}.$$

$$U_2 = A_2 - L(2,1) U_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \|U_2\|_1 \leq \|A_2\|_1 + \|U_1\|_1 \leq 2\|A\|_{\infty}.$$

2 Marks

Next,  $U_3 = A_3 - L(3,1)U_1 - L(3,2)U_2$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \|U_3\|_1 &\leq \|A_3\|_1 + \|U_1\|_1 + \|U_2\|_1 \\ &\leq \|A\|_\infty + \|A\|_\infty + 2\|A\|_\infty \\ &\leq 2^2 \|A\|_\infty\end{aligned}$$

2 Marks

Continuing this process, we have

$$\|U_n\| \leq 2^{n-1} \|A\|_\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \|U\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|U_j\| \leq 2^{n-1} \|A\|_\infty$$

1 Mark

Since  $|L(i,j)| \leq 1$ , we have

$$\|L\|_\infty \leq n. \text{ Hence}$$

$$PG(A) = \frac{\|L\|_\infty \|U\|_\infty}{\|A\|_\infty} \leq n 2^{n-1}$$

2 Marks

~~2 Marks~~

Q. 6 Since  $\hat{R}$  is  $m \times (n+1)$  upper triangular and  $m > n$ , we have

$$\hat{R} = \begin{bmatrix} R & c \\ 0 & d \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \text{ is upper triangular and } d \in \mathbb{R}.$$

[1 Mark]

Since  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ , the first  $n$  columns of  $[A, b]$  are linearly independent.

~~Since~~ Since  $Q$  unitary and

$[A, b] = Q \hat{R}$ , the first  $n$  columns of  $\hat{R}$  are linearly independent.

$\Rightarrow$  columns of  $R$  are linearly independent.

$\Rightarrow R$  is nonsingular.

[3 Marks]

$$\text{Now } \|Ax - b\|_2 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} A & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2$$

$$= \left\| Q \hat{R} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 = \left\| \hat{R} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2$$

$$= \sqrt{\|Rx - c\|_2^2 + |d|^2}$$

[3 Marks]

$\Rightarrow$  ~~Min~~



$$\Rightarrow \min \|Ax - b\|_2 = \|d\| \Leftrightarrow$$

$$Rx = c$$

[1 Mark]

Algorithm.

1. Compute  $[A, b] = Q \begin{bmatrix} R & c \\ 0 & d \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$
2. Solve  $Rx = c$
3. Compute the residual  $\|d\|$ .

[2 Marks]

Q.7 Suppose that  $y^*x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then  $x^*y = \textcircled{\text{scribble}} (y^*x)^* \in \mathbb{R}$   
and

$$\begin{aligned}\langle x+y, x-y \rangle &= \|x\|_2^2 - y^*x + x^*y - \|y\|_2^2 \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+y) \perp (x-y) \quad \boxed{1 \text{ Mark}}$$

Define  $u = x-y$ . Then

$H = I - \frac{2uu^*}{\|u\|_2^2}$  is a reflector

and

$$Hx = H\left(\frac{x+y}{2} + \frac{x-y}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{x+y}{2} - \frac{x-y}{2} = y. \quad \boxed{2 \text{ Marks}}$$

Conversely, suppose that  $H$  is a reflector such that  $Hx = y$ . Since  $H^* = H$ ,

$$y^*x = (Hx)^*x = x^*H^*x = x^*Hx \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$\boxed{2 \text{ Marks}}$

Note that -  $(\cos \theta/2, \sin \theta/2)$  is a point on the line  $y = (\tan \theta/2)x$ .

Also note that  $(\sin \theta/2, -\cos \theta/2)$  is orthogonal to  $(\cos \theta/2, \sin \theta/2)$ .

Hence  $u = (\sin \theta/2, -\cos \theta/2)$  is a normal to the line  $y = (\tan \theta/2) x$ . 2 Marks

Therefore  $H = I - 2uu^T$  is the unique reflector that reflects a vector through the line  $y = (\tan \theta/2) x$ . 1 Mark

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } H = I - 2uu^T &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2\sin^2 \theta/2 & 2\sin \theta/2 \cos \theta/2 \\ 2\sin \theta/2 \cos \theta/2 & 2\cos^2 \theta/2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta/2 & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & 1 - 2\cos^2 \theta/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

2 Marks