# Introduction to R

#### Exercise 01

Solve the following Ax = b linear system using the 'solve' command:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -1 & -5 & 0 \\ -1 & 7 & -2 & -1 \\ -5 & 2 & 10 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
a <- matrix(c(12,-1, -5, 0, -1, 7, 2, -1, -5, 2, 10, 1, 0, -1, 1, 3), nrow = 4)
b <- matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 4), nrow = 4)
c <- solve(a, b)
c</pre>
```

```
## [,1]
## [1,] 0.1873874
## [2,] 0.4738739
## [3,] 0.1549550
## [4,] 1.4396396
```

## Exercise 02

A symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  (i.e.,  $A^t = A$ ) is positive definite if, for all nonzero vectors  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the following condition holds:

$$x^t A x > 0$$

A criterion used to verify if a symmetric matrix is positive definite is called the "Sylvester's criterion," which states:

Sylvester's Criterion:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is positive definite if and only if A has a positive determinant, and all the submatrices of A listed below have a positive determinant:

- The  $1 \times 1$  submatrix formed by the first row and the first column;
- The  $2 \times 2$  submatrix formed by the first two rows and columns;
- ...
- The  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  submatrix formed by the first (n-1) rows and columns.

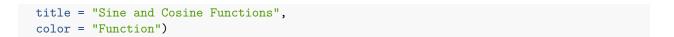
Write an R function that takes a matrix A as an argument and returns TRUE or FALSE depending on whether it is positive definite or not. Test your function on the matrix A from the previous exercise, which is positive definite.

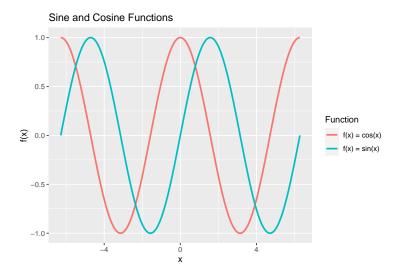
```
posMatrix <- function(mat) {</pre>
  n = nrow(mat)
  m = ncol(mat)
  if (n != m) {
    print("The number of rows and columns should be the same!")
  } else {
    if (!all.equal(t(mat), mat)) {
      print("The given matrix is not symmetric")
    } else {
      positive = T
      for (i in 1:n) {
        b = as.matrix(mat[1:i, 1:i])
        determinant = det(b)
        if (determinant < 0) {</pre>
          positive = F
          break
        }
      }
      print(positive)
  }
}
a \leftarrow matrix(c(12,-1, -5, 0, -1, 7, 2, -1, -5, 2, 10, 1, 0, -1, 1, 3), nrow = 4)
posMatrix(a)
```

## [1] TRUE

### Exercise 03

Using ggplot2, create plots of the sine and cosine functions for angles ranging from  $-2\pi$  to  $2\pi$ . Display both functions in the same figure.





## Exercise 04

We know that solutions to linear systems obtained on a computer, as in Exercise 01, are approximated, since real numbers are represented in an approximate manner on a computer. When the matrix of a linear system is ill-conditioned, the solutions of the linear systems obtained by the computer can have greatly amplified errors. We can quantify the ill-conditioning of an invertible matrix A using the condition number, which is defined as:

$$\kappa(A) = ||A|| ||A^{-1}||$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  represents the matrix norm, and  $A^{-1}$  is the inverse of A. The larger the value of  $\kappa(A)$ , the more ill-conditioned the matrix is. In other words, solutions of linear systems calculated by computers generally present more numerical errors. You can calculate the condition number in R using the kappa function.

It is possible to improve the conditioning of a symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  by increasing its diagonal elements. This process is sometimes used in machine learning, for instance, in the regularization process of Ridge Regression. In this exercise, we aim to create a graph illustrating the condition number of A as we increase the elements of its diagonal.

To do this, you can use a symmetric matrix A generated randomly through the following process:

```
set.seed(1)
X = matrix(runif(100,-1,1),nrow=10)
A = t(X) %*% X
```

In this process, we first generate a matrix  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 10}$  with random values within the range [-1,1]. Then, we create  $A := X^T X$ , which results in a symmetric matrix. The set seed function initializes the seed of the random number generator, ensuring consistent results.

**Tips:** you can use the **diag** function to generate an identity matrix. Afterward, calculate the condition number of A with diagonal elements increased by  $\lambda$  as follows:

$$A' = A + \lambda I$$

where  $\lambda \geq 0$ , and  $I \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  is the identity matrix.

```
library(tidyverse)
cond <- function(mat) {</pre>
  I = diag(nrow(mat))
  .data <- tibble(lmbd = numeric(), k = numeric())</pre>
  for (i in seq(0,1,0.01)) {
    B = A + i*I
   K = kappa(B)
    .data <- add_row(.data, lmbd = i, k = K)</pre>
  print(.data)
  ggplot(.data) +
    aes(x = lmbd, y = k) +
    geom_line(alpha = 0.3, size = 1.3, color = "red") +
    labs(x = "Lambda",
    y = "Condition Number",
    title = "Matrix Conditioning") +
    theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
}
set.seed(1)
X = matrix(runif(100,-1,1),nrow=10)
A = t(X) %%% X
cond(A)
```

```
## # A tibble: 101 x 2
##
      lmbd
             k
##
     <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 0
          2959.
## 2 0.01 989.
## 3 0.02 518.
## 4 0.03 362.
## 5 0.04 279.
## 6 0.05 228.
## 7 0.06 192.
## 8 0.07 168.
## 9 0.08 149.
## 10 0.09 134.
## # i 91 more rows
```

