

## HW4

Due **Friday** February 8 – **All** on paper “by hand”

### 4.1 “Physics” – Making $M$ equations for $M$ unknowns, and setting up a problem in $Ax = b$ form.

3 pts Your business plan uses a 3-D printer (that uses laser sintering of steel powder) to create four products: bolts, nuts, hinges, and door handles. To calculate the weight of powder required for each individual item, you have the following four bulk measurements:

- 120 bolts and 200 nuts require a total of 5160 grams,
- 40 bolts, 90 nuts, 16 hinges and 4 door handles require 4458 grams,
- 36 nuts, 4 hinges and 20 door handles require a total of 3084 grams,
- 1 bolt, 1 nut, 3 hinges and 2 door handles require a total of 651 grams.



Define the weight of powder (in grams) required for a single item as  $b$  (for 1 bolt),  $n$  (for 1 nut),  $h$  (for 1 hinge) and  $d$  (for 1 door handle).

a) Write each of the four bulk measurements above as an equation relating  $b$ ,  $n$ ,  $h$  and  $d$ . You should now have four equations for the four unknowns.

b) Write the equations from (a) in *matrix* form  $Ax = b$ . Remember: there’s more than one way to define the  $x$  vector with the 4 unknowns, so clearly show me how you chose to define it.

**\*\* Do NOT solve for any of the unknowns! You’re just writing out the equations from the problem statement, ready to solve “later”.**

### 4.2 “Physics” – Making $M$ equations for $M$ unknowns, and setting up a problem in $Ax = b$ form.

3 pts When operating your 3D printing business, you find that the time ( $T$ , in minutes) to produce  $N$  number of hinges seems to match the following formula for unknowns  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ :

$$T = (x + z)N + \frac{(y - 1)}{N} + zN^2$$

To determine the values of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , you ran three “time trials” with your printer and found:

- It takes 2 minutes to make 2 hinges,
- It takes 5 minutes to make 4 hinges,
- It takes 20 minutes to make 10 hinges.

a) Express your time trial data as 3 linear equations with the 3 unknowns  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ .

b) Write the equations from (a) in matrix form  $Ax = b$  using the vector of unknowns  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ .

c) Now *rewrite* the equations from (b) in matrix form using a different vector of unknowns  $x = \begin{bmatrix} z \\ y \\ x \end{bmatrix}$  (*i.e.* with the unknowns  $x$  and  $z$  swapped).

How did the  $A$  matrix and  $b$  vector change from your answer in (b) (if at all)?

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### 4.3 “Order” of a process.

- 4 pts For each of the following processes (i) write the “order” of  $n$  with respect to  $M$  (i.e. write your answer as  $n = O(\dots \text{something involving } M)$ ), and (ii) **use that order approximation** to estimate the requested times.

Process 1:  $n = 40M + 2M^2$  If it takes 1 minute to finish a process with  $M = 100$ , estimate the time it takes to finish a process with  $M = 500$ .

Process 2:  $n = 3(M^2 + 2)^2 + 7M^3$  If it takes 8 hours to finish a process with  $M = 1000$ , estimate the time it takes to finish a process with  $M = 500$ .

Process 3:  $n = \log_{10} M + 0.1M$  If it takes 4 days to finish a process with  $M = 50$ , estimate the time it takes to finish a process with  $M = 500$ .

### 4.4 Establishing the “Order” of your own process.

- 3 pts Consider the process of multiplying two matrices  $C = AB$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are general  $M \times M$  matrices.
- Derive the equation for the number of individual element-to-element multiplications  $n$  it takes to complete the process.
  - Use the “order” of the equation above (i.e.  $n$  as the “order” of  $M$  to some power) to answer the following question: given it takes 0.002 seconds to multiply two  $[100 \times 100]$  matrices, how long should it take to multiply two  $[800 \times 800]$  matrices?

### 4.5 “Math” (Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting)

- 8 pts Solve the  $Ax = b$  problem at right **by hand** using Gaussian Elimination with partial pivoting. **Show your work!!** Divide the process into (1) forward elimination and (2) backward substitution to solve for  $j$ ,  $a$  and  $x$ . Be sure to follow the *exact* G-E steps from class (using pivoting, the multipliers, etc.) and write out all your decimals *exactly* (don’t round).

*Hint:* Catch possible mistakes by comparing your answer to  $x = A \backslash b$  in MATLAB!

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2.2 & -3.6 \\ 10 & 1 & -3 \\ -1 & -8.1 & 4.3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} j \\ a \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 15 \\ -21.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 4.6 P-L-U Factorization Method, and re-solving the problem for a new $b$ vector

- 11 pts a) Use the results of your G-E process in 4.5 to manually construct the **P - L - U** matrices for the  $A$  matrix in the problem above. Show your work! You’re being graded on demonstrating your understanding between the G-E process and the P-L-U matrices, but you can catch mistakes by comparing your work to the output from the MATLAB “lu” command, and/or checking  $PA = LU$ .

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+7 b) Use your  $P$ - $L$ - $U$  factorization of  $A$  from (a) to “efficiently” solve (by-hand!) the *new* problem at right:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2.2 & -3.6 \\ 10 & 1 & -3 \\ -1 & -8.1 & 4.3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ u \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -10 \\ -39 \end{bmatrix}$$

The point of (b) is to recognize the new problem has the same  $A$  matrix, so you must NOT go through the entire G-E process again. Just use the P-L-U s from part (a) to more quickly solve  $Ax = b$  for the new  $b$  vector.