

## Exam 2

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- (a) Bordered algorithm for computing the Cholesky factorization of a symmetric positive definite matrix

$$\text{Step 1: partition } A \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A_{00} & A_{01} \\ A_{10}^T & \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } L \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} L_{00} & 0 \\ 0 & L_{10} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $A = LL^T$ , which means the following:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{00} & A_{01} \\ A_{10}^T & \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L_{00} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{11} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} L_{00}^T & L_{10} \\ 0 & \lambda_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L_{00}L_{00}^T & L_{00}L_{10} \\ 0 & L_{10}L_{10}^T + \lambda_{11}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

This shows that  $L_{00}L_{00}^T$  is the Cholesky Factorization of  $A_{00}$

$\boxed{\text{Step 1}} \rightarrow G^T = \begin{pmatrix} L_{00} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{11} \end{pmatrix}$ and $\alpha_{11} = L_{10}L_{10}^T$ $\alpha_{10}L_{00}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda_{11} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is irrelevant	$\alpha_{11} = L_{10}L_{10}^T + \lambda_{11}^2$ <span style="float: right;"><math>\leftarrow \boxed{\text{Step 4}}</math></span> $\lambda_{11}^2 = \lambda_{11} - L_{10}L_{10}^T$ $\lambda_{11} = \sqrt{\alpha_{11} - L_{10}L_{10}^T}$
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$$\text{Step 2: } \begin{pmatrix} A_{00} & A_{01} \\ A_{10}^T & \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A_{00} & A_{01} \\ 0 & \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Partition until you reach } A_{mm}$$

$$\text{Step 3: } \alpha_{10}^T = \alpha_{10}L_{00}^{-T}$$

$$\text{Step 4: } \alpha_{11} = \alpha_{11} - \alpha_{10}\alpha_{10}^T$$

Step 5: Do Cholesky factorization of  $A_{11}$  (aka  $\alpha_{11}$ )

This will progress to step 3:  $\alpha_{21}$ , step 4:  $A_{22}$  ... until you reach  $A_{mm}$

(b) Theorem: Given a SPD matrix  $A$ , there exists a lower triangular matrix  $L$  such that  $A = LL^T$ . If the diagonal elements of  $L$  are restricted to be positive,  $L$  is unique.

Prove the above theorem by showing that the bordered Cholesky factorization algorithm is well-defined for a matrix  $A$  that is SPD

$$\begin{matrix} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{matrix}$$

Start with proof by induction

Base case,  $n=1$ . Clearly true. For a  $1 \times 1$  matrix,  $A = \alpha_{11}$ . By definition, a matrix is SPD if its eigenvalues are positive. The cholesky factor  $\lambda_{11} = \sqrt{\alpha_{11}}$  is unique since it's positive, making  $L$  unique.

Inductive step, assume  $n=k$  is true, test  $n=k+1$

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{(k+1) \times (k+1)}$  be SPD. Partition

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{00} & A_{01} \\ A_{10}^T & \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} \quad L = \begin{pmatrix} L_{00} & 0 \\ L_{10}^T & \lambda_{11} \end{pmatrix} \quad e_1 = \text{standard basis vector}$$

- ①  $\lambda_{11} = \sqrt{\alpha_{11}}$ ,  $\lambda_{11}$  is well defined since  $0 < e_1^T A e_1 = \alpha_{11}$
  - ②  $L_{10}^T = A_{10}^T / \lambda_{11}$ ,  $L_{10}^T$  is unique just like  $\lambda_{11}$ , and well defined
  - ③  $\alpha_{11} - L_{10}^T L_{10} = \lambda_{11}^2$ , subsequently due to ② (also shown in answer to 1(a))
- is unique, and the desired cholesky factorization of  $A$ .

Proved by induction