Final

You may use any written material you want (textbook, notes, review notes, assignments and solutions, etc), but not a friend nor a computing device. All ten questions are worth 6 points total, split evenly among subproblems. Not all questions are the same difficulty, but I have tried to arrange the questions in order of increasing difficulty.

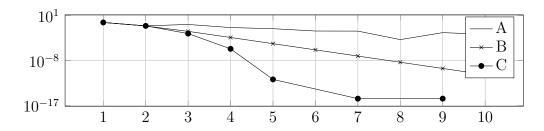
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1: Which is which The following three graphs show the convergence of three methods of computing $\sqrt{2}$

- 1. Bisection on $x^2 2 = 0$ with initial interval [0, 2]
- 2. $x_{k+1} = x_k/2 + 1/x_k$ with $x_0 = 1$
- 3. $x_{k+1} = x_k (x_k^2 2)/3$ with $x_0 = 1$

Label which is which



Answer: (2 points each)

- 1. Bisection is A
- 2. Newton is C
- 3. Fixed point is B

2: Rewrite for efficiency Rewrite the following MATLAB code to achieve an equivalent computation within the given efficiency constraints.

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[L,U,P] = lu(A); \% Ignore this cost
% Rewrite for O(n) time
B = u*v';
G = B'*B;
x = G*b;
\% Rewrite for O(n^2) time
y = A \setminus b;
yhat = A \setminus b - A \setminus E * A * b;
\% Rewrite for O(n^2) time
Ainv = inv(A);
z = Ainv(1,1);
 Answer: Rubric: 2 points each (1: basic idea, 1: correct performance)
x = u*((v'*v)*(v'*b));
y = U \setminus (L \setminus (P*b));
yhat = y - U \setminus (L \setminus (P*(E*b)));
v = U \setminus (L \setminus P(:,1));
z = v(1);
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- **3: Extending QR** Suppose $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, m > n has full column rank and we have pre-computed the economy QR decomposition
 - 1. Write one line of MATLAB to efficiently minimize $||Ax b||_2^2$ using the QR decomposition.
 - 2. Let v = r/||r|| where r = b Ax is the least squares residual (assume r nonzero). Argue that v is orthogonal to the columns of Q, and write b as a linear combination of v and the columns of Q.
 - 3. Write the economy QR decomposition of $\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A & b \end{bmatrix}$ in terms of the QR factors of A and the solution and residual to the least squares problem of minimizing $||Ax b||_2^2$.

Answer:

1. (2 points: 1 correctness, 1 performance)

$$x = R \setminus (Q'*b);$$

2. (1 point each) $0 = A^T r = R^T Q^T v ||r||$ and R is nonsingular, so $Q^T v = 0$. And

$$b = r + Ax = ||r||v + Q(Rx).$$

3. (2 points) Put together the QR decomposition with the previous step

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} Q & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R & Rx \\ 0 & \|r\| \end{bmatrix}$$

4: Rayleigh redux Consider the Rayleigh quotient

$$\rho_A(v) = \frac{v^T A v}{v^T v}.$$

- 1. If A is symmetric, show $\rho_A(v)$ is a weighted average of the eigenvalues.
- 2. Show $\rho_A(v)$ is the solution to the least squares problem

$$\operatorname{minimize}_{\mu} ||Av - v\mu||_{2}^{2}.$$

Note: This holds whether or not A is symmetric.

Answer:

1. (1 point for $A=Q\Lambda Q^T+2$ for rest.) Write $A=Q\Lambda Q^T$ and let $w=Q^Tv/\|v\|$. Then

$$\rho_A(v) = w^T \Lambda w = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j^2 \lambda_j$$

where
$$\sum_{j} w_{j}^{2} = ||w||^{2} = 1$$
.

2. (3 points) The normal equations for the problem are

$$x^T x \mu = x^T A x,$$

which gives $\mu = x^T A x / x^T x = \rho_A(x)$.

- **5:** Schur thing Suppose $A = UTU^*$ is a given complex Schur form.
 - 1. What is the relationship between the eigenvalues of A and of $(A-zI)^{-1}$?
 - 2. Give one line of MATLAB to compute $f(z)=\operatorname{tr}((A-zI)^{-1})$ for arbitrary $z\in\mathbb{C}$ in O(n) time.

Answer:

- 1. (3 points) By the spectral mapping theorem, the eigenvalues of $(A-zI)^{-1}$ are $1/(\lambda-z)$ where λ is an eigenvalue of A.
- 2. (2 points for idea, 1 for performance)

$$fz = sum(1./(diag(T)-z));$$

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6: Nearly Newton Consider the approximate iteration

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \hat{J}(x_k)^{-1} f(x_k).$$

where $\hat{J}(x_k) = J(x_k) + E(x_k)$ is an approximation to the Jacobian $J(x_k)$, and suppose x_* satisfies $f(x_*) = 0$.

- 1. Write an iteration for the error $e_k = x_k x_*$.
- 2. Suppose that in a neighborhood of x_* we have

$$\kappa(\hat{J}(x))\frac{\|E(x)\|}{\|\hat{J}(x)\|} < \gamma.$$

Argue that the iteration converges at least linearly with rate γ for starting points near enough to x_* .

Hint: Note that $\hat{J}^{-1}J = I - \hat{J}^{-1}E$.

3. A friend suggests an approximate Gauss-Newton iteration for the least squares problem of minimizing $||f(x)||^2$:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \hat{J}(x_k)^{\dagger} f(x_k).$$

Explain why this is a bad idea.

Answer:

1. (2 points) The error iteration is

$$e_{k+1} = e_k - \hat{J}_k^{-1}(J_k e_k) + O(\|e_k\|^2) = \hat{J}_k^{-1} E_k e_k + O(\|e_k\|^2)$$

2. (2 points) Taking norms gives

$$||e_{k+1}|| \le ||\hat{J}_k^{-1}|| ||E_k|| ||e_k|| + O(||e_k||^2)$$

$$= \kappa(\hat{J}_k) \frac{||E_k||}{||\hat{J}_k||} ||e_k|| + O(||e_k||^2)$$

$$\le \gamma ||e_k|| + O(||e_k||^2)$$

3. (2 points) The iteration has the wrong stationary point equation: $\hat{J}(x)^T f(x) = 0$ rather than $J(x)^T f(x) = 0$.

7: Simply stationary Suppose A is symmetric and positive definite and consider the energy function

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T A x - x^T b.$$

1. Write a MATLAB code for a fixed number of steps of the steepest descent iteration

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \eta \nabla \phi(x_k)$$

for fixed η .

- 2. Write an error iteration. What range of η gives convergence?
- 3. Find the η that minimizes the spectral radius of the iteration matrix.

Answer:

1. (2 points) The iteration is

for
$$k = 1$$
:maxiter
 $x = x - eta*(b-A*x);$
end

2. (1 for iteration, 1 for analysis) The error iteration is

$$e_{k+1} = (I - \eta A)e_k$$

and the eigenvalues of $I - \eta A$ are $1 - \eta \lambda$ for eigenvalues λ of A. For $0 < \eta < 2/\lambda_{\max}(A)$, all the eigenvalues of $I - \eta A$ lie between -1 and 1.

3. (2 points) At $\eta = 2/(\lambda_{\max}(A) + \lambda_{\min}(A))$, we have

$$\rho = 1 - \eta \lambda_{\min} = -(1 - \eta \lambda_{\max})$$

The spectral radius is $(\lambda_{\text{max}} - \lambda_{\text{min}})/(\lambda_{\text{max}} + \lambda_{\text{min}})$.

8: Simple solver Consider the iteration

$$Ax_{k+1} = b - \psi(x_k)$$

where ψ satisfies

$$\|\psi(x-y)\| < \gamma \|x-y\|.$$

This condition is called a *Lipschitz* condition on ψ .

1. Let $d_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$ be the size of step k, and show that

$$||d_{k+1}|| \le \gamma ||A^{-1}|| ||d_k||.$$

This computation is very much like the one we do when setting up an error iteration.

2. Assuming $\gamma \|A^{-1}\| < 1$, argue that for any initial guess, for all k,

$$||x_k - x_0|| \le \frac{||d_0||}{1 - \gamma ||A^{-1}||}.$$

Answer: Rubric: 3 points each.

1. Subtract two successive iteration steps to get

$$A(x_{k+1} - x_k) = -(\psi(x_k) - \psi(x_k - 1)).$$

Multiply by A^{-1} and use the Lipschitz condition to obtain

$$||d_{k+1}|| \le \gamma ||A^{-1}|| ||d_k||$$

2. Note that

$$||x_k - x_0|| = ||\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} d_j|| \le \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} ||d_j|| \le \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (\gamma ||A^{-1}||)^j ||d_0|| < \frac{||d_0||}{1 - \gamma ||A^{-1}||}.$$

- **9: Prony problem** Consider the problem of finding α and β to minimize $\sum_{j=1}^{n} (\alpha \exp(\beta x_j) y_j)^2$ where y_j is given data. An approximation to the problem is to minimize $\sum_{j=1}^{n} (\log \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta} x_j \log(y_j))^2$.
 - 1. Write a MATLAB code to solve the latter least squares problem.
 - 2. Write MATLAB for a Gauss-Newton iteration for the nonlinear problem. Just take a fixed number of steps – no need to worry about globalization nor convergence testing.

Answer:

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% Solve initial linear least squares problem n = length(x); z = [ones(n,1), x] \setminus log(y); alpha = exp(z(1)); beta = z(2); % Gauss-Newton iteration for k = 1:maxiter r = alpha*exp(beta*x)-y; J = [exp(beta*x), alpha*(x.*exp(beta*x)]; p = -J \setminus r; alpha = alpha + p(1); beta = beta + p(2); end
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10: Bordered solves Suppose $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is positive definite and $g : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ is nonlinear, and consider the constrained optimization problem

minimize
$$\phi(x)$$
 s.t. $g(x) = 0$, $\phi(x) \equiv \frac{1}{2}x^T A x - x^T b$.

- 1. Form the Lagrangian and its gradient and Hessian.
- 2. Write MATLAB code to take maxiter modified Newton steps for the problem (drop the term involving the Hessian of g). Assume an initial guess is given, and don't worry about line search, termination criteria, etc. Assume a function [g,gradg] = evalg(x) that returns the function value and gradient of g in $O(n^2)$ time. Your code should take $O(n^3)$ to set up, then $O(n^2)$ per step.

Answer: The Lagrangian, its gradient, and its Hessian are

$$L = \frac{1}{2}x^{T}Ax - x^{T}b + \lambda g(x)$$

$$\nabla L = \begin{bmatrix} Ax - b + \lambda \nabla g(x) \\ g(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_{L} = \begin{bmatrix} A + H_{g} & \nabla g \\ \nabla g^{T} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rubric: 1 point each

Though the code can be written in several ways, the key is to use block Gaussian elimination and to avoid re-factoring A

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\begin{split} R &= \mathbf{chol}(A); \\ \mathbf{for} \ k &= 1 : maxiter \\ [g,dg] &= evalg(b-A*x-lambda*g); \\ r &= b-A*x-lambda*dg; \\ u &= R \backslash (R' \backslash dg); \\ dlambda &= (u'*r)/(u'*dg); \\ dx &= R \backslash (R' \backslash (r-dlambda*dg); \\ lambda &= lambda + dlambda; \\ x &= x + dx; \\ \mathbf{end} \end{split}
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Rubric: 1 point for right idea, 1 point for correctness, 1 point for performance

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