

This assignment is due at the start of your lecture on Friday, 2 November 2018.

For the questions that require you to write a MatLab program, hand-in the program and its output as well as any written answers requested in the question. Your program and its output, as well as your written answers, will be marked. Your program should conform to the usual CS standards for comments, good programming style, etc. When first learning to program in MatLab, students often produce long, messy output. Try to format the output from your program so that it is easy for your TA to read and to understand your results. To this end, you might find it helpful to read “A short description of fprintf” on the course webpage:

<http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~krj/courses/336/>

Marks will be awarded for well-formatted, easy-to-read output.

1. [5 marks]

We showed in class that, for any integer $n \geq 1$ and any vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2$.

Show also that, for any integer $n \geq 1$ and any vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1$.

Thus, we have shown the result stated on page 54 of your textbook (and mentioned in class) that, for any integer $n \geq 1$ and any vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1$.

2. [5 marks]

Assume x and y are vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 . Is it possible to have $\|x\|_1 > \|y\|_1$ and $\|x\|_2 < \|y\|_2$?

If so, give an example.

If not, explain why not.

3. [5 marks]

Do question 4 on last year's midterm test.

You can find last year's midterm test on the course webpage:

<http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~krj/courses/336/>

4. [10 marks: 5 marks for each part]

(a) Do problem 2.3 on page 100 of your textbook.

Problem 2.3 starts on page 100 and continues onto page 101 of your textbook. If you don't have a copy of the textbook, you can find a copy of pages 100–102 of the textbook on the course webpage:

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Your textbook says to “use a library routine to solve the system of linear equations for the vector f of member forces”. Instead, use the MatLab backslash operator \backslash to solve the linear system of equations $Af = b$ that arises in this problem for the vector f of member forces.

Hint: read “help mldivide” in MatLab.

Suggestion: you might find it easiest to hard-code the matrix, A , and right side vector, b , into your MatLab program. If you choose this option, you may want to start by using the MatLab function “zeros” (read “help zeros” in MatLab) to construct a matrix and a vector with all elements equal to zero and then change the appropriate elements to their nonzero values.

Print the solution vector f . Hand in both your program and its output.

(b) Let \hat{f} be the computed solution of the linear system $Af = b$ from part (a). Explain how you can bound the relative error, $\|\hat{f} - f\|/\|f\|$, associated with the computed solution \hat{f} in terms of the condition number of the matrix A associated with the linear system $Af = b$ and the relative residual, $\|r\|/\|b\|$, where $r = b - A\hat{f}$ is the residual associated with the computed solution \hat{f} .

For the problem in part (a), how large is your bound on $\|\hat{f} - f\|/\|f\|$? (You might want to compute this bound in your program for part (a).)

Hint: read “help cond” in MatLab and make sure that the norm associated with the condition number that you use agrees with the vector norm that you use for the relative error and the relative residual.

Hand in your program, its output and your written answers to the questions above.

5. [10 marks]

Do problem 2.6 on page 101 of your textbook.

Problem 2.6 starts on page 101 and continues onto page 102 of your textbook. If you don't have a copy of the textbook, you can find a copy of pages 100–102 of the textbook on the course webpage:

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Your textbook says to use a library routine for Gaussian elimination to solve the problem. Instead, you should use MatLab to solve this problem. In particular, use the MatLab backslash operator \backslash to solve the linear system of equations $Hx = b$, where H is the Hilbert matrix.

Read “help mldivide” and “help hilb” in MatLab.

Use the MatLab function “cond” for the condition number estimator.

Read “help cond” in MatLab.

Since you are asked to use the ∞ -norm for the vectors in this question, make sure that you use the condition number estimator associated with the ∞ -norm also.

Your textbook asks, “How large can you take n before the error is 100 percent?” The n here is the dimension of the Hilbert matrix, H (i.e., $H = \text{hilb}(n)$). This question is not very well-defined. So, instead, determine how large can you take n before the relative error in the solution, $\|x - \hat{x}\|/\|x\|$, is greater than or equal to 1? To support your answer, print out a table of values of n and $\|x - \hat{x}\|/\|x\|$ for that n .

Your textbook also asks you to “try to characterize the condition number as a function of n ”. To do this, you might find it helpful to plot n versus the log of the condition number of $\text{hilb}(n)$, for $n = 2, 3, \dots, 13$. What does this tell you about the relationship between n and the condition number of $\text{hilb}(n)$? Try to be as quantitative as possible. That is, try to find a function $f(n)$ such that $\text{hilb}(n) \approx f(n)$. Your plot should support your answer.

Finally, your textbook asks you “as n varies, how does the number of correct digits in the components of the computed solution relate to the condition number of the matrix” (i.e., $\text{hilb}(n)$)? Again, try to be as quantitative as possible. Print a table of appropriate values to support your answer.

Hand in your programs, their output and your answers to all the questions above.