

Lab 5 – Homework Solutions

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A Homework

Homework 5.1. Consider the system $\mathbb{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ with

$$\mathbb{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 10 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 10 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Compute the solution of the system $\mathbb{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ using the LU decomposition with pivoting of matrix \mathbb{A} .
- Find the determinant of \mathbb{A} (use the Matlab command `det` only to compute the determinant of \mathbb{P}).

Solution Homework 5.1.

hw_5_1.m

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clc
clear all
close all

A = [1 2 1 1;
     1 4 0 2;
     2 10 4 0;
     1 0 2 2];

b = [3 3 10 1]';

[L, U] = lu(A);
figure()
spy(L) % L is not lower triangular => pivoting is needed

[L, U, P] = lu(A);
figure()
spy(L) % OK!

y = L \ (P*b);
x = U \ y

xex = A \ b

detA = prod(diag(U)) / det(P)
det(A)

% Thanks to the usual Binet formula, we have det(PA) = det(P)det(A) =
% det(LU) = det(L)det(U)
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Homework 5.2. Consider the system $\mathbb{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ with

$$\mathbb{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Compute the solution of the system. Use the Cholesky decomposition of matrix \mathbb{A} if possible (check the hypotheses).
- Find the determinant of \mathbb{A} without using the Matlab command `det`.

Solution Homework 5.2.

hw_5_2.m

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clc
clear all
close all

A = [10 0 3 0;
     0 5 0 -2;
     3 0 5 0;
     0 -2 0 2];

eig(A)>0

% All the eigenvalues are positive => A is spd (the simmetry is trivial).

b = [2 2 2 2]';

H = chol(A)';

% Alternatively you can use your own function MyChol.

y = H\b;
x = H'\y

% Alternatively you can use your own functions for the forward and backward substitution.

xex = A\b

detA = (prod(diag(H)))^2
det(A)

% Since A = H * H^T and det(H) = det(H^T) = product of the diagonal entries of H,
% we have det(A) = det(H) * det(H^T) = det(H)^2 = (product of the diagonal
% entries of H)^2.
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Homework 5.3. Consider the tridiagonal matrix $\mathbb{A}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ defined as

$$\mathbb{A}_n = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & & & \\ b & a & b & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & b & a & b \\ & & & b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

for $a = 2$ and $b = 1$.

- Verify with MATLAB that \mathbb{A}_{10} is a symmetric positive definite matrix.
- Provide the form of the matrix \mathbb{V}_{10} such that $\mathbb{A}_{10} = \mathbb{V}_{10}^T \mathbb{V}_{10}$

Solution Homework 5.3.

hw_5_3.m

```
clc
clear all
close all

a = 2;
b = 1;
n = 10;
A = diag(a * ones(n, 1)) + diag(b * ones(n-1,1), -1) + diag(b * ones(n-1,1), +1);
eig(A)
% All the eigenvalues are positive and it is trivial to prove the symmetry.

V = chol(A)
format short e
V'*V - A
% V is bidiagonal since Cholesky decomposition preserves the pattern of the
% matrix.
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Homework 5.4. Consider the linear system $\mathbb{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ with

$$\mathbb{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10^{10} & 1 & 1 \\ 10^{10} & 1 & 1 & 10^{10} \\ 1 & 1 & 10^{-10} & 1 \\ 1 & 10^{10} & 1 & 10^{10} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{10} + 3 \\ 2 \cdot 10^{10} + 2 \\ 3 + 10^{-10} \\ 2 \cdot 10^{10} + 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

such that the exact solution is $\mathbf{x} = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$.

- Solve the system using LU decomposition with pivoting
- Compute the infinity norm of the error associated with the solution of the previous item
- Can we apply the Cholesky decomposition to matrix \mathbb{A} ?
- Is the normalized residual $\|\mathbf{b} - \mathbb{A}\mathbf{x}\|/\|\mathbf{b}\|$ a good estimator for the relative error? Motivate your answer.

Solution Homework 5.4.

hw_5_4.m

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clc
clear all
close all

A = [1 1e10 1 1;
     1e10 1 1 1e10;
     1 1 1e-10 1;
     1 1e10 1 1e10];
x = [1 1 1 1]';
b = [1e10 + 3; 2e10 + 2; 3 + 1e-10; 2e10 + 2];

% solution with LU decomposition without pivoting
[L1, U1] = lu_decomposition(A);
y1 = L1 \ b;
x1 = U1 \ y1

% The computed solution is incorrect! The third component is not 1.

% solution with LU decomposition with pivoting
[L2, U2, P2] = lu(A);
y2 = L2 \ (P2*b);
x2 = U2 \ y2
% The computed solution is ok.

% infinity norm of the error
norm(x - x1, inf)
norm(x - x2, inf)
% As already noted, the best solution is that obtained with the pivoting.

% Cholesky decomposition? -> no, because A is symmetric but not definite
% positive definite, since the eigenvalues are not all positive.
eig(A)

% normalized residual
norm(b - A*x1, inf) / norm(b, inf)
norm(b - A*x2, inf) / norm(b, inf)

% In both cases the normalized residuals are very small.
% Nevertheless the relative error is not small in both cases.
% The normalized residual is a good estimate of the relative error
% only when the condition number of the matrix is small!

cond(A, inf)
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