## Math 170A HW1

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Problem 1. Done.

Problem 2. Done.

**Problem 3.** Figure 1 is the function that implements  $AB\vec{x}$  through  $(AB)\vec{x}$ :

Figure 1:  $(AB)\vec{x}$  function

Figure 2 shows the flop count for the function:

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Command Window
>> flops = zeros(1,4); j = 1;
for i = [100, 200, 400, 800]
A = rand(i); B = rand(i); x = rand(i,1);
flops(j) = A_times_B(A,B,x);
j = j + 1;
end
flops
flops
flops =
    1.0e+09 *
    0.0020    0.0161    0.1283    1.0253
```

Figure 2: Flop count for  $(AB)\vec{x}$  function

Figure 3 is the function that implements  $AB\vec{x}$  through  $A(B\vec{x})$ :

```
function flops = B_{times_x(A, B, x)}
2
       flops = 0:
4
       v = zeros(size(x)):
5
       for i = 1:size(B,1)
6
           for j = 1:size(x,1)
               y(i) = y(i) + B(i,j) * x(j);
8
               flops = flops + 2;
9
10
11
12
       z = zeros(size(y));
13
       for i = 1:size(A,1)
14
           for j = 1:size(y,1)
15
               z(i) = z(i) + A(i,j) * y(j);
16
               flops = flops + 2;
17
18
       end
19
      end
```

Figure 3:  $A(B\vec{x})$  function

Figure 4 shows the flop count for the function:

Figure 4: Flop count for  $A(B\vec{x})$  function

We can see apparently that the implementation of  $A(B\vec{x})$  uses significantly fewer flops.

It is because assuming  $n \times n$  matrix A and B, the total number flops for AB is  $2n^3$ . After computing C = AB, we need to multiply C with  $\vec{x}$ , which requires another  $2n^2$  flops. Hence,  $(AB)\vec{x}$  requires  $2n^3 + 2n^2$  flops in total with time complexity  $O(n^3)$ .

On the other hand,  $\vec{z} = A(B\vec{x})$  requires  $2n^2$  flops to compute  $\vec{y} = B\vec{x}$ , and  $2n^2$  flops to compute  $\vec{z} = A\vec{y}$ . Hence, in total  $A(B\vec{x})$  requires only  $4n^2$  flops with time complexity  $O(n^2)$ .

## Problem 4.

- (a) 5-th line initializes matrix Z of dimension  $m \times m$  with all entries equal 0.
  - 6-th line initializes diagonal matrix D of dimension  $m \times m$  with diagonal entries equal to m.
  - 7-th line initializes subdiagonal matrix subD of dimension  $m \times m$  with subdiagonal entries equal to m.
  - 8-th line creates a matrix A of dimension  $m \times m$  with diagonal entries equal to m and subdiagonal entries equal to -m. (Note: A = D subD; would do the same work.)
  - 10-th line initializes a row vector  $\vec{v}$  with m elements, which represents the equally separated points for  $x \in [0, 1]$ .
  - 11-th line creates a vector  $\vec{b}$  by squaring each entry of  $\vec{v}$ , followed by transposing it to a column vector. It represents right hand side of the equation  $x^2$  at each step interval.
  - 13-th line solve the linear system  $A\vec{u} = \vec{b}$  to find  $\vec{u}$ , which is a vector of all the approximations of u(x) at each step interval.
  - 15-th to 18-th lines plot the analytic solution to the ODE,  $u(x) = \frac{x^3}{3}$ , by plotting the value of  $\frac{x^3}{3}$  at 100 equally separated points between 0 and 1.

- $\bullet$  20-th to 24-th lines plot the approximated solution to the ODE at m equally separated points between 0 and 1.
- (b) Figure 5 shows the plot of  $solve\_ODE$  for m = 3, 10, 50:

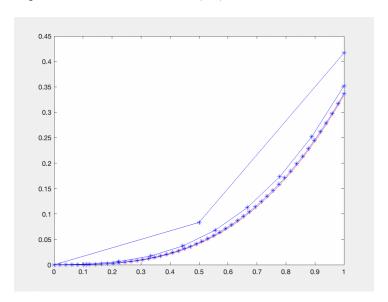


Figure 5: Plot of solve\_ODE

We can see the blue curve gets closer and closer to the red curve as m increases, which means the approximation is getting closer and closer to the analytic solution. It is because as the interval m gets smaller, the approximation gets more accurate. This agrees with the prediction from finite forward difference approximation where  $u'(x) \approx \frac{u(x + \frac{1}{m} - u(x))}{\frac{1}{m}}$ , and when m gets bigger, the approximation gets closer to the actual value.

**Problem 5.** Let  $u_i = u(x_i)$  for which  $x_i - x_{i-1} = h = \frac{1}{5}$ . Since u''(x) - u(x) = 2 is true for all  $x \in (0,1)$ , we can say the following for  $x_i \in (0,1)$ 

$$u_i'' - 3u_i = 2$$

$$\frac{u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}}{h^2} - 3u_i \approx 2$$

$$25u_{i+1} - 50u_i + 25u_{i-1} - 3u_i \approx 2$$

$$-\frac{25}{53}u_{i+1} + u_i - \frac{25}{53}u_{i-1} \approx -\frac{2}{53}.$$

Then, given  $u_0 = u_5 = 0$ , we can construct the system of linear equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{-25}{53} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-25}{53} & 1 & \frac{-25}{53} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-25}{53} & 1 & \frac{-25}{53} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-25}{53} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-2}{53} \\ \frac{-2}{53} \\ \frac{-2}{53} \\ \frac{-2}{53} \end{bmatrix}.$$