

Master of Science in quantitative and financial modelling

Homework 1

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## INSTRUCTIONS

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6. A TOTAL OF 100 MARKS ARE AVAILABLE ON THIS EXAMINATION.

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1. [20 MARKS] Find the  $LU$ -factorization of the following matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Is the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  positive definite? or semi-definite positive?

Write a python script describing the solution of a linear system associated to the above matrix.

2. **[20 MARKS]** Consider the following boundary value problem modeling the heat flow in a long pipe

$$\begin{cases} y''(x) - p(x)y'(x) - q(x)y(x) = r(x), & x \in [a, b] \\ y(a) = \alpha, \quad y(b) = \beta \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

- (a) Use a uniform discretization of the interval  $[a, b]$  to derive the linear system corresponding to the model problem.
  - (b) Solve the linear system using Gaussian elimination method.
  - (c) Solve the linear system using QR-factorization
- (Remark: You are free to decide about the size of the matrix)**

3. **[20 MARKS]** Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is an invertible non-singular square matrix of order  $n$  and that  $u, v$  are vectors. Suppose furthermore that  $1 + v^T A^{-1} u \neq 0$ . Prove the Sherman-Morrison formula

$$(A + uv^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} - \frac{A^{-1}uv^T A^{-1}}{1 + v^T A^{-1}u}$$

Here,  $uv^T$  is a matrix known by the outer product of the two vectors  $u$  and  $v$

4. [20 MARKS] Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be of order  $m \times n$  with SVD  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$ . Compute the SVDs of the following matrices in terms of  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ , and  $\mathbf{V}$

(a)  $(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^{-1}$

(b)  $(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T$

(c)  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^{-1}$

(d)  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T$

5. **[20 MARKS]** Solve the problem of fitting a polynomial  $p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^d c_i x^{i-1}$  of degree  $d$  to data points  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , in the plane by the method of normal equations and  $QR$  decomposition. Choose the degree of the polynomial to be  $d = 5$  and then  $d = 15$ , choose the interval  $x \in [-1, 1]$ , discretize it using  $N = 10$  or  $N = 20$  points.

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