

# Numerical Linear Algebra: Practice Final

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1. Consider  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , such that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Prove that

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$$\|A\|_p = \|A^T\|_q$$

**Solution:** Note that

$$\|x\|_p = \max_{\|y\|_q=1} y^T x$$

Now conclude using the definition of matrix norm.

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$$\|A\|_2^2 \leq \|A\|_p \|A\|_q$$

**Solution:** Prove that for any vector

$$\|y\|_2^2 \leq \|y\|_p \|y\|_q$$

- for any  $p \geq 1$ , and if  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is diagonal, then

$$\|A\|_p = \max\{|A_{ii}| : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

**Solution:** Trivial

2. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and consider the series

$$S = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A^k$$

Prove that the series converges iff all the eigenvalues of  $A$  are strictly smaller than 1. Further, if the series converges, show that  $S$  is invertible with its inverse being  $I - A$ .

**Solution:** Use Jordan Canonical form to conclude.

3. Show that if  $T$  is a symmetric tridiagonal matrix and an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  has multiplicity  $k$ , then at least  $k - 1$  subdiagonal elements of  $T$  are zero.

**Solution:** Note that it is sufficient to show that if all the entries on the sub and super diagonal are non-zero, then the eigenvalues are distinct. Consider an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and the corresponding eigenvector  $x$ . We then have, for  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ ,

$$A_{i,i-1}x_{i-1} + A_{i,i}x_i + A_{i,i+1}x_{i+1} = \lambda x_i$$

where  $A_{1,0} = x_0 = 0 = A_{N,N+1} = x_{N+1} = 0$ . Note that once we fix  $x_1$ , we can obtain all other  $x_i$ . Hence, once the eigenvalue is fixed there is a unique eigenvector (except for scaling). Hence, the eigenvalues are distinct.

4. Given two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  such that  $\|a\| = \|b\|$ , describe and construct a Householder transform that maps  $a$  to  $b$ , i.e.,  $Pa = b$ , where  $P$  is a unitary matrix obtained using the Householder transformation.

**Solution:**

$$P = I - 2vv^T$$

where  $v$  is a unit vector along  $b - a$ .

5. Let  $A$  be symmetric and positive definite. Show that  $|a_{ij}| < \sqrt{a_{ii}a_{jj}}$ .

**Solution:** The diagonal submatrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{ii} & a_{ij} \\ a_{ji} & a_{jj} \end{bmatrix}$  is also positive definite.

6. If  $A = R + uv^T$ , where  $A$  is an upper triangular matrix and  $u$  and  $v$  are column vectors, describe an efficient  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  algorithm to compute the  $QR$  factorization of  $A$ . (Note that a blind  $QR$  would cost you  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ ).

**Solution:** <http://pi.math.cornell.edu/~web6140/TopTenAlgorithms/QRUpdate.html>

7. Richardson iteration is a stationary method for solving  $Ax = b$  as described below:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \omega(b - Ax_k)$$

Prove that

- If the iteration converges, i.e.,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$ , then the  $x$  is a solution of the linear system.

**Solution:** We get  $x = x + \omega(b - Ax) \implies Ax = b$

- $\frac{\|e_{k+1}\|}{\|e_k\|} \leq \|I - \omega A\|$ .

**Solution:**  $e_{k+1} = x_{k+1} - x = x_k + \omega(b - Ax_k) - x = x_k + \omega(Ax - Ax_k) - x = e_k - \omega Ae_k$ .

- Hence, conclude that  $\|I - \omega A\| < 1$  is a sufficient convergence of the iteration to converge.
- Hence, prove that if  $A$  is symmetric positive definite, then the method converges when  $\omega \in \left(0, \frac{2}{\lambda_{\max}(A)}\right)$ .