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Numerical Analysis I: Qualifying Exam Spring 2022

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1. (10 points) Let  $P \in \mathcal{C}^{m \times m}$  be a nonzero projector. Show that  $\|P\|_2 \geq 1$ , with equality if  $P$  is an orthogonal projector.

2. Let  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  be nonsingular. Consider designing an iterative method to solve the following linear system,

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b},$$

where  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{R}^n$  is given and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n$  is unknown.

- (a) (5 points) Write down the Jacobi iterative method for the above linear system.
- (b) (5 points) Write down the Gauss-Seidel iterative method for the above linear system.

3. (10 points) Let  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  be a symmetric, positive definite matrix. Show that solving the linear system

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

is equivalent to finding the minimizer  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n$  of the quadratic form,

$$\Phi(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T A\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{b},$$

where  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{R}^n$  is a given vector and  $\mathbf{x}$  is unknown.

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4. (10 points) Given any symmetric, positive semi-definite matrix  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  and any two symmetric matrices  $B \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $C \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$ , show that if  $C - B$  is positive semi-definite, then

$$\text{trace}(AB) \leq \text{trace}(AC).$$

5. (10 points) Let  $A \in C^{2n \times 2n}$ ,  $B \in C^{n \times n}$  and  $I$  be the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} I & B \\ B^H & I \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $\|B\|_2 < 1$ , where  $B^H$  is the hermitian conjugate of  $B$ . Show that

$$\|A\|_2 \|A^{-1}\|_2 = \frac{1 + \|B\|_2}{1 - \|B\|_2}.$$

6. Consider the following linear system,

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{r},$$

where  $\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{R}^n$  is given,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n$  is unknown, and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & c_1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_3 & b_3 & c_3 & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & 0 & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1} & c_{n-1} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & a_n & b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

is assumed to be strictly diagonally dominant with  $a_1 = 0$  and  $c_n = 0$ :

$$|b_i| > |a_i| + |c_i|, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

- (a) (10 points) Prove that the  $n \times n$  tridiagonal matrix  $A$  is nonsingular.
- (b) (10 points) Let  $A$  have the LU decomposition in the form of  $A = LU$ , where  $L$  is an lower triangular matrix, and  $U$  is an upper triangular matrix with 1's along its main diagonal. Derive the specific forms of  $L$  and  $U$  in terms of  $a_i$ ,  $b_i$  and  $c_i$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
- (c) (10 points) Design an  $O(n)$  algorithm to solve the linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{r}$ .

7. Consider the following integration formula

$$u(x) = \int_0^x G(x, y)f(y)dy \quad \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad (1)$$

where  $f \in C^2[0, 1]$  and  $G(x, y)$  is given by

$$G(x, y) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x^2 - y^2} & \text{if } 0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Partition  $[0, 1]$  into  $n$  equal subintervals with mesh size  $h = \frac{1}{n}$ :  $x_j = y_j = jh$ ,  $f_j = f(x_j)$ ,  $\hat{u}_j \approx u_j = u(x_j)$  for  $0 \leq j \leq n$ . We also introduce the following vector notations:  $U = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)^t$ ,  $F = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)^t$ , and  $\hat{U} = (\hat{u}_1, \dots, \hat{u}_n)^t$ .

(a) (10 points) To evaluate the vector  $\hat{U}$ , we may approximate the integral formula (1) by the Riemann sum based on the above uniform partition,

$$\hat{u}_i = \sum_{j=1}^i G(x_i, y_j)f(y_j)h, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

which will lead to a matrix-vector product  $\hat{U} = \hat{G}F$  in terms of matrix  $\hat{G}$  defined by

$$\hat{G} = (hG(x_i, y_j))_{1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n}$$

and the vector  $F$ . Write down this matrix-vector product to obtain the vector  $\hat{U}$  from the Riemann sum. Show that the complexity of this matrix-vector product is  $O(n^2)$ .

(b) (10 points) Based on the above uniform partition, use the structure of the Green's function  $G$  to design an  $O(n)$  algorithm to compute the vector  $\hat{U}$  with accuracy  $O(h)$ . (**Hint:** split the integral into two parts:  $\int_0^{x-h}$  and  $\int_{x-h}^x$  for  $x > h$ .)