
MATH 353: Engineering Mathematics III – Section 012

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Homework #10

Due May 16

Important. Whenever you write a function, don't forget to include the help lines. The axes in all plots have to be labeled. Absolutely no late homework.

1. (By hand + Computer – 5 points) We have the following matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

that satisfy $A = LU$. (You do not need to check this.) Let now

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solve the following systems by hand

$$L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b} \quad \text{and then} \quad U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}.$$

Compare it with the Matlab solution of the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

2. (By hand – 5 points) Give a mathematical argument that shows that if $A = LU$ and you solve the triangular systems $L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ and $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$, then you have solved the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.
3. (By hand – 5 points) Assume that we have a matrix A and we have been able to write

$$PA = LU,$$

where

- P is a permutation matrix
- L is a lower triangular matrix
- U is an upper triangular system.

What can you do to solve a system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ if you know the above decomposition? (**Hint.** Think of the equivalent system $PA\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{b}$ and use the idea of the previous exercise.)

4. (By hand + Computer – 5 points) Consider the matrix

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{6} & -2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show (by hand) that it is an orthogonal matrix. Solve by hand the system $Q\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, where

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(**Hint.** If you know what you have to do, this takes two minutes.) Compare it with the Matlab solution of the system.

5. (By hand + Computer – 5 points) Here’s a funny example I found in the wikipedia

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -51 & 4 \\ 6 & 167 & -68 \\ -4 & 24 & -41 \end{bmatrix} = QR$$

where

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 6/7 & -69/175 & -58/175 \\ 3/7 & 158/175 & 6/175 \\ -2/7 & 6/35 & -33/35 \end{bmatrix} \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 21 & -14 \\ 0 & 175 & -70 \\ 0 & 0 & 35 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Use Matlab to verify that $A = QR$ and that Q is an orthogonal matrix.
 (b) Consider the system

$$R\mathbf{x} = Q^T \mathbf{b} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -102 \\ 544 \\ 167 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solve it by hand. Compare it with the Matlab solution.

- (c) Give an argument that shows that the solution of a system $R\mathbf{x} = Q^T \mathbf{b}$ is the same as the solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ when $A = QR$ and Q is an orthogonal matrix.
6. (Computer – 15 points) Modify the function `heatForwardFD.m` given in Lab #11 so that it becomes

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[U,x,t]=heatreactionForwardFD(D,R,interval,T,u0,left,right,N,M)
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in order to solve the reaction-diffusion problem

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - Ru, \quad a < x < b, \quad 0 < t \leq T,$$

($D > 0$ is the diffusivity, $R \geq 0$ is the reaction parameter), with initial condition at time $t = 0$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \quad a \leq x \leq b,$$

and two boundary conditions at $x = a$ and $x = b$ for all times

$$u(a, t) = l(t), \quad u(b, t) = r(t) \quad 0 < t \leq T.$$

Using the notations of the Lab, the time-stepping process computes for $n \geq 0$:

$$\frac{U_i^{n+1} - U_i^n}{k} = D \frac{U_{i-1}^n - 2U_i^n + U_{i+1}^n}{h^2} - RU_i^n \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

so you can easily figure out what the process is. You need to provide:

- (a) The new code. The modifications are minimal!
- (b) A script (modify `scriptMay9.m`) to solve in the interval $(0, 2)$, with $T = 1$, $u_0(x) = x^2(2 - x)$, $D = 0.3$, $R = 0.1$, $l(t) = \sin(t)$, $r(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(t)$. You will need to choose the discretization parameters N and M so that the method is stable.
- (c) A snapshot of the solution at time $t = T$ computed with N, M . On top of that show the solution computed with $N, 2M$. Be sure that you get very similar solutions. Otherwise, you might have a bug in your code.