

MATH 612  
Computational methods for equation solving  
and function minimization  
Exam # 1 – Fast Rounds

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- Ready, set,...

# Problem 1

What is the result of the following commands?

```
list=1:0.2:2;  
list=list(end:-1:1)
```

# Problem 2

What is the result of the following commands?

```
A=[1 2 3 4;5 6 7 8;9 10 11 12];  
A=A(:,end:-1:1)
```

# Problem 3

What is the result of the following commands?

```
A=[1 2 3 4;5 6 7 8]';
```

```
A(3,:)=[]
```

# Problem 4

What is the result of the following commands?

```
x=[1 2 3]';  
sqrt(x'*x)-sqrt(sum(abs(x).^2))
```

# Problem 5

If  $x$  stores a row or column vector and we compute,...

```
sum(abs(x))
```

```
max(abs(x))
```

what have we computed?

## Problem 6 (counts double)

We have the full and reduced SVD of an  $m \times n$  matrix

$$A = U\Sigma V^* = \widehat{U}\widehat{\Sigma}\widehat{V}^*.$$

The columns of  $U$  are the vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_m$ . The columns of  $V$  are  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ . The matrix  $\widehat{\Sigma}$  is  $r \times r$ . Give the results of the following computations:

- $u_i^* u_j$
- $V^* V$
- $Av_j$  for  $j \leq r$
- $Av_j$  for  $j \geq r + 1$ .



# Problem 7

When we say that a matrix  $Q$  is unitary, what do we mean?

# Problem 8

For this given matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix},$$

what is  $\Sigma$  in the SVD

$$A = U\Sigma V^* \quad ?$$

# Problem 9

Define the Frobenius norm of a matrix

# Problem 10

We define

$$\|A\|_p = \sup_{0 \neq x \in \mathbb{C}^n} \frac{\|Ax\|_p}{\|x\|_p}.$$

Show that if  $\lambda \in \sigma(A)$ , then  $|\lambda| \leq \|A\|_p$ .

# Problem 11

The matrix  $A^*A$  has a unique dominant eigenvalue, which is real. Why?

# Problem 12

Show that

$$x \in \text{null}(A^*A) \iff x \in \text{null}(A).$$

# Problem 13

The reduced  $QR$  decomposition of a matrix  $A$  is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute a full  $QR$  decomposition of  $A$ .

# Problem 14

We have the reduced QR decomposition of a matrix  $A$  with full rank by columns:

$$A = \widehat{Q}\widehat{R}.$$

Show what you need to do to solve the least squares problem

$$\text{minimize } \|b - Ax\|_2.$$



# Problem 15

Define the condition number of a square invertible number with respect to the  $p$  norm.

# Problem 16

Let  $Q$  be a unitary matrix. What is its condition number in 2-norm? Why?

# Problem 17

Let  $u \in \mathbb{C}^m$  be a non-zero column vector and let

$$H = I - 2uu^*.$$

Show that  $H^{-1} = H$  if and only if  $\|u\|_2 = 1$ .

# Problem 18

What is the result of the following computation?

```
[Q, R] = qr ( randn ( 5, 5 ) );  
Q' * Q
```

# Problem 19

What method is this and what does it compute?

```
for j=1:n
    v=A(:,j);
    for i=1:j-1
        R(i,j)=dot(Q(:,i),v);
        v=v-R(i,j)*Q(:,i);
    end
    R(j,j)=norm(v);
    Q(:,j)=(1/R(j,j))*v;
end
```

# Problem 20

If  $A$  is  $m \times n$  and  $k \leq \min\{n, m\}$ , what size is  $B$ ? What is the rank of  $B$ ?

```
[U, S, V]=svd(A);  
UU=U(:, 1:k);  
VV=V(:, 1:k);  
SS=S(1:k, 1:k);  
B=UU*SS*VV';
```

# Problem 21

What do we understand by the normal equations associated to a system  $Ax = b$ ?

# Problem 22

What is the result of the following computation?

```
a=[2 4 6]./[2 2 3]*0.5;  
a'*a
```



# Problem 23

What is the result of the following computation?

```
D=[3 0 0;0 -1 0;0 0 4];  
norm(D,inf)
```

# Problem 24

What is the result of the following computation?

```
A=[1 2 3 4;5 6 7 8;9 10 11 12];  
A([1 3],:)=A([3 1],:)
```

# EXTRA QUESTIONS

# Problem 25

What do we mean when we say that  $P$  is a projector?

# Problem 26

What are the (possible) eigenvalues of a projector?

# Problem 27

Let  $A$  be a matrix with full rank by columns. How is the matrix

$$P = A(A^*A)^{-1}A^*$$

related to a projector? (Do not prove anything! Just state as many facts as you can!)

What are  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ ?

```
b=[0 1 2 0 -3]';  
k1=find(b~=0,1)  
[~,k2]=max(abs(b))
```

# Problem 29

What is the result of these lines of code?

```
A=[1 2;3 4];b=[5 6]';
```

```
A=[A b]
```