

Problem set # 1  
REVIEW of LINEAR ALGEBRA  
(Due September 3, 2008)

1. For a symmetric matrix  $A$  with distinct eigen values, show that:
  - (a) All eigen values must be real
  - (b) Eigen vectors associated with distinct eigen values are orthogonal
  - (c) The matrix can be diagonalized using an orthogonal transform

2. The Rayleigh quotient for a symmetric matrix is defined as:

$$r = \frac{\underline{x}^T A \underline{x}}{\underline{x}^T \underline{x}}$$

Show that

$$\lambda_{\min}(A) \leq r \leq \lambda_{\max}(A)$$

3. What is the condition number (using the  $p=2$  norm) of a  $n$  orthogonal matrix  $Q$ ? Show that the eigen values of an orthogonal matrix satisfy  $|\lambda_i|=1$ .
4. Show that if  $S$  is skew symmetric (i.e.,  $S^T = -S$ ), then  $(I-S)$  is nonsingular and  $(I-S)^{-1}(I+S)$  is orthogonal. (This is known as the Cayley transformation of  $S$ .)
5. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times r$  and  $r \times m$  matrices, respectively, show that the product  $C = AB$  can be written as a dyadic summation of the form

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^r \underline{a}_i \underline{b}_i^T \text{ AND}$$

where  $\underline{a}_i$  is the  $i$ th column of  $A$  and  $\underline{b}_i^T$  is the  $i$ th row of  $B$ . Thus, show that  $C$  may be recursively computed via

$$C_i = C_{i-1} + \underline{a}_i \underline{b}_i^T; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, r$$

with the initialization  $C_0 = [0]$ . Comment on the efficient use of this scheme when  $A$  is "sparse".

9. Approximately how many multiplies and adds (MADDS) are needed to multiply two  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrices (a lower triangular matrix has  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $j > i$ )? How many MADDS are needed to form  $C = AB$  where  $A$  is an upper triangular matrix and  $B$  is a lower triangular matrix.
6. If  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$  are  $n$  vectors, what are the eigen values of the matrix  $C = \underline{a} \underline{b}^T$ ?
7. An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be elementary if it differs from the identity matrix by a matrix of rank one, i.e.,  $A = I - \underline{x} \underline{y}^T$  for some vectors  $\underline{x}$  and  $\underline{y}$ . Under what conditions on  $\underline{x}$  and  $\underline{y}$ , does  $A$  have an inverse. Show that  $A^{-1} = I - \sigma \underline{x} \underline{y}^T$  for some scalar  $\sigma$ .

8. For an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , prove the following relations:

(a)  $\rho(A) \leq \|A\|_p$  for any  $p$ -norm;  $\rho(A)$  = spectral radius of  $A$

(b)  $\max_{i,j} a_{ij} \leq \|A\|_2 \leq (mn)^{1/2} \max_{i,j} a_{ij}$

(c)  $\|A\|_1 = \max_j \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}|$  = maximum column sum

(d)  $\|A\|_\infty = \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$  = maximum row sum

(e)  $\|A\|_2 \leq [\|A\|_1 \|A\|_\infty]^{1/2}$

(f)  $(n)^{-1/2} \|A\|_\infty \leq \|A\|_2 \leq (m)^{1/2} \|A\|_\infty$

(g)  $(m)^{-1/2} \|A\|_1 \leq \|A\|_2 \leq (n)^{1/2} \|A\|_1$

(h) For all orthogonal matrices  $Q$  and  $Z$  of appropriate dimension, the Frobenius and 2-norms satisfy:

$$\|QAZ\|_F = \|A\|_F \quad \text{and} \quad \|QAZ\|_2 = \|A\|_2$$

9. True/False Questions

- For a symmetric matrix  $A$ , it is always the case that  $\|A\|_1 = \|A\|_\infty$ .
- If a triangular matrix has a zero entry on its main diagonal, then the matrix is necessarily singular.
- The product of two symmetric matrices is symmetric.
- A symmetric positive definite matrix is always well-conditioned.
- $\|A\|_1 = \|A^T\|_\infty$ .
- Can a system of linear equations  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  have exactly two distinct solutions?
- If  $\underline{x}$  is any vector, then  $\|\underline{x}\|_1 \geq \|\underline{x}\|_\infty$ .
- If  $A$  is any  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix, then  $\kappa(A) = \kappa(A^{-1})$ .
- A system of linear equations  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  has a solution if and only if the  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  and the augmented  $m \times (n+1)$  matrix  $[A \ \underline{b}]$  have the same rank.
- The product or inverse of an upper triangular matrix is upper triangular.

10. Classify each of the following matrices as well-conditioned or ill-conditioned:

(a)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 10^{-10} \end{bmatrix}$ ; (b)  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 10^{10} \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-10} & 0 \\ 0 & 10^{-10} \end{bmatrix}$ ; (d)  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$