

# Qual NLA Prep Sols

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1. Let the eigenvalues of an  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrix  $A$  be ordered from the largest to the smallest. Prove that for any  $1 \leq k \leq n$ ,

$$\lambda_k = \max_{S^k} \min_{0 \neq x \in S^k} r(x, A),$$

where  $S^k$  is any  $k$  dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $r(x, A)$  is the Rayleigh quotient  $\frac{x^T A x}{x^T x}$ .

Reread Wiki's Proof of Min-max Theorem

2.

- (a) **Prove that the growth factor  $\rho = \frac{\|U\|_{\max}}{\|A\|_{\max}}$  is unbounded for LU factorization without pivoting.**

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{c}{a} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d - \frac{bc}{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

we have that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\epsilon} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, defining  $\|M\|_{\max} = \max_{i,j} |m_{i,j}|$ , then as  $\rho = \frac{\|u\|_{\max}}{\|A\|_{\max}}$  we get that

$$\rho = \frac{\frac{1}{\epsilon}}{1} = \frac{1}{\epsilon}.$$

But,  $\epsilon$  is arbitrarily small, and so as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  we find  $\rho \rightarrow \infty$  and is therefore unbounded.

- (b) **Prove that the growth factor is bounded by  $2^{m-1}$  for LU factorization of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  with row pivoting.**

We have

$$\underbrace{L_{m-1} \cdots L_2 L_1}_{L^{-1}} A = U \implies A = LU$$

For all  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ , the  $\max\left(\frac{\|L\|_{\max}\|U\|_{\max}}{\|A\|_{\max}}\right)$  is unbounded without pivoting where  $|(L_k)_{ik}| \leq 1$ . This implies that

$$\|A_k\| \leq 2\|A_{k-1}\|_{\max} \implies \|A_{m-1}\|_{\max} \leq 2^{m-1}\|A\|_{\max}.$$

Therefore, the growth factor  $\rho = \frac{\|L\|_{\max}\|U\|_{\max}}{\|A\|_{\max}} \leq 2^{m-1}$ .

3.  **$A$  is a diagonalizable matrix with one eigenvalue being  $-1$ , and others residing in the unit disk centered at  $2$  in the complex plane. Prove that the solution to  $Ax = b$  through GMRES algorithm has error**

$$\|e_n\| \leq K 2^{-n}$$

**for some constant  $K$ .**

Theorem 35.2 states,

at step  $n$  of the GMRES iteration, the residual  $r_n$  satisfies,

$$\frac{\|r_n\|}{\|b\|} \leq \inf_{p_n \in P_n} \|p_n(A)\| \leq \kappa(V) \inf_{p_n \in P_n} \|p_n\|_{\Lambda(A)} \leq \kappa(V) \inf_{p \in P_n} \max_{\lambda \in \Lambda(A)} |p(\lambda)|.$$

where  $\Lambda(A)$  is the set of eigenvalues of  $A$ ,  $V$  is a nonsingular matrix of eigenvectors, and  $\|p_n\|_{\Lambda(A)}$  is defined by  $\|p\|_S = \sup_{x \in S} |p(x)|$ .

We can choose a polynomial

$$\hat{p}(z) = (1+z)q(z) = (1+z)\left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

so that

$$\max_{1 \leq \lambda \leq 3} |q(\lambda)| \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

or equivalently

$$\max_{|\lambda-2| \leq 1} |q(\lambda)| \leq 2^{1-n}.$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|r_n\| &\leq \kappa(V)\|b\| \max_{\lambda \in \Lambda(A)} |p(\lambda)| = \kappa(V)\|b\| \max_{|\lambda-2| \leq 1} |\lambda+1||q(\lambda)| \leq \kappa(V)\|b\| \max_{|\lambda-2| \leq 1} |\lambda+1||q(\lambda)| \\ &\leq \kappa(V)\|b\| 3 \cdot 2^{1-n} = \kappa(V)\|b\| 2^{3-n} \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\|e_n\| = \|A^{-1}r_n\| \leq \left(8 \kappa(V)\|b\|\|A^{-1}\|\right) 2^n,$$

and as  $\left(8 \kappa(V)\|b\|\|A^{-1}\|\right)$  is constant we have our proof.

4.

(a) **State and prove the Bauer-Fike Theorem.**

The Bauer-Fike Theorem states:

$$\text{if } A = XDX^{-1}, \text{ then } \text{dist}(\lambda(A+B), \Lambda(A)) \leq \kappa(X)\|B\|.$$

To prove, let's assume  $(A+B)x = \lambda x$ . Let  $x = Xy$  and  $C = X^{-1}BX$ , then we find

$$\begin{aligned} (A+B)x &= \lambda x \\ &= (XDX^{-1} + B)x = \lambda x \\ &= (XDX^{-1} + B)Xy = \lambda Xy \\ &= X^{-1}(XDX^{-1} + B)Xy = \lambda y \\ &= (DX^{-1} + X^{-1}B)Xy = \lambda y \\ &= (D + X^{-1}BX)y = \lambda y \\ &= (D + C)y = \lambda y \\ \implies Cy &= \lambda y - Dy = (\lambda I - D)y \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have that,

$$\text{dist}(\lambda, \Lambda(A))\|y\| \leq \|(\lambda I - D)y\| = \|Cy\| \leq \|C\|\|y\|$$

yielding

$$\text{dist}(\lambda, \Lambda(A)) \leq \|C\|.$$

And as  $C = X^{-1}BX$  we get that

$$\|C\| \leq \|X^{-1}\|\|B\|\|X\| = \kappa(X)\|B\|.$$

Hence,

$$\text{dist}(\lambda, \Lambda(A))\|y\| \leq \kappa(X)\|B\|$$

and our proof. ■

(b) **Show that the eigenvalue problem for Hermitian matrices is well-conditioned.**

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(c) **Give an example that this is not true for the non-Hermitian matrices.**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. **Let**

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = P \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Determine the least square solution to the over-determined linear system  $Ax = b$ .**

First lets find  $A$ ,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now, we need to find the solution to the normal equation,  $A^*Ax = A^*b$ . Since  $A$  is full rank, the solution to the least squares problem is  $x = (A^*A)^{-1}A^*b$ .

Let's solve this in parts:

First,

$$A^*A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 20 \end{pmatrix}$$

so,

$$(A^*A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A^*A)} \text{adj}(A^*A) = \frac{1}{64} \begin{pmatrix} 20 & -4 \\ -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Next,

$$A^*b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence we have that,

$$x = \frac{1}{64} \begin{pmatrix} 20 & -4 \\ -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}.$$

**6. Prove that the convergence of Rayleigh quotient iteration for a hermitian matrix is ultimately cubic.**

Recall, normal matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is orthogonally diagonalizable and the Rayleigh quotient of a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the scalar

$$r(x, A) = r(x) = \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x}.$$

Observe,  $r(x, A) = \lambda$ ,  $\lambda$  an eigenvalue of  $A$ , if  $x$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ .

Let  $q_i$  be orthonormal eigenvectors of  $A$  with distinct eigenvalues. Then any vector  $x_n$  can be written as  $x_n = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i q_i$ , the linear combination of  $q_i$ . As  $A q_l = \lambda_l q_l$  we get that,

$$r(x_n) = \frac{a_1^2 \lambda_1 + \dots + a_k^2 \lambda_k}{a_1^2 + \dots + a_k^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k a_i^2 \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k a_i^2}.$$

Assuming  $x_n$  converges to  $q_1$ , then  $a_1 \approx 1$  and, for  $i \neq 1$ ,  $a_i = O(\theta)$  where  $\theta$  is small; and, we get that,

$$r(x_n) = \frac{a_1^2 \lambda_1 + \dots + a_k^2 \lambda_k}{a_1^2 + \dots + a_k^2} = \frac{a_1^2 \lambda_1 + O(\theta^2)}{a_1^2 + O(\theta^2)} = \lambda_1 + O(\theta^2).$$

Applying the Rayleigh quotient iteration we get,

$$x_{n+1} = (A - r(x_n)I)^{-1} x_n = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{a_i}{\lambda_i - r(x_n)} q_i = \frac{a_1}{O(\theta^2)} q_1 + \dots + \frac{O(\theta)}{\lambda_k - \lambda_1 + O(\theta^2)} q_k$$

which is parallel to

$$a_1 q_1 + \dots + \frac{O(\theta^3)}{\lambda_k - \lambda_1} q_k.$$

And after normalization,  $\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \rightarrow \|x_{n+1} - q_1\| = O(\theta^3)$ , hence we have cubic convergence.

7. **Suppose  $A$  is a real symmetric matrix with eigenvalues more or less uniformly distributed over  $[2, 18]$  together with an outlier at  $\lambda = 50$ . How many steps of the conjugate gradient iteration must be taken to be sure of reducing the initial error  $\|e_0\|_A$  by a factor of  $2^{20}$ ?**

By theorem 38.5, if all the eigenvalues are in  $[2, 18]$ , then the A-norms of the error satisfy,

$$\frac{\|e_n\|_A}{\|e_0\|_A} \leq 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{\kappa} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa} + 1} \right)^n.$$

Here  $\kappa = \frac{18}{2} = 9$  and so,

$$\frac{\|e_n\|_A}{\|e_0\|_A} \leq 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{\kappa} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa} + 1} \right)^n = 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{9} - 1}{\sqrt{9} + 1} \right)^n = 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{n-1}.$$

Including  $\lambda = 50$  we get that  $\frac{\|e_n\|_A}{\|e_0\|_A} \leq (2)2^{1-n}$ . And finally, setting  $2^{-20} = 2^{2-n}$  we find  $n = 22$

**8. Derive the asymptotic operation count of Gaussian elimination applied on an  $m \times m$  real matrix  $A$ .**

Per Trefethen(pg 151), as the work of the algorithm is dominated by the inner most loop,  $u_{j,k:m} = u_{j,k:m} - l_{j,k}u_{k,k:m}$ , it is sufficient to consider just this part. Observe, for the  $k$ -iteration of our algorithm, we are only acting on  $m - k + 1$  elements (the "plus one" is an artifact of counting) twice. Hence we will need to take a double sum, representing each loop, of  $2(m - k + 1)$ . As our outer loop is for  $k = 1$  to  $m - 1$  and our inner loop is for  $j = k + 1$  to  $m$  we have that the number of flops is

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^m 2(m - k + 1).$$

Reindexing our inner summation with  $j = 1$  we find

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^{m-k} 2(m - k + 1) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^{m-k} 2(m - k) = \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} 2(m - k)(m - k) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} 2k^2 = 2 \frac{(m-1)m(2m+1)}{6} \sim \frac{2m^3}{3} \text{ flops.}$$

9. **Given**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}, \quad \epsilon = 10^{-9}$$

(a) **Find  $A^*A$  and the 2-norm  $\kappa(A)$ .**

As  $\epsilon$  is real,

$$A^* = A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

and we get that

$$A^*A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+\epsilon^2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+\epsilon^2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+\epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which can be decomposed as the sum of two matrix,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1+\epsilon^2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+\epsilon^2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+\epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, to find the eigenvalues of  $A^*A$  it is sufficient to add  $\epsilon$  to the eigenvalues of

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solving  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$  we find the eigenvalues of  $M$  are  $\{3, 0, 0\}$ ; and, thus the eigenvalues of  $A^*A$  are  $\{3 + \epsilon^2, \epsilon^2, \epsilon^2\}$ . Therefore,  $\kappa(A) = \sqrt{\frac{3+\epsilon^2}{\epsilon^2}} = 1 + \sqrt{3} \cdot 10^9$ .

(b) **MATLAB returns  $\text{rank}(A) = 3$ , but  $\text{rank}(A^*A) = 1$ . Explain.**

The reason why is because  $\epsilon^2$  is on the order of machine error, so the computer reports it as 0. As a result, the matrix  $M + \epsilon^2 I$  is recorded as  $M$  which is a matrix of rank 1.

10. **Derive the asymptotic operation count for the following algorithms applied on a full-rank  $m \times n$  ( $n \leq m$ ) matrix  $A$ .**

(a) **Reduced QR factorization by modified Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization.**

Per Trefethen(pg 59), as the work of the algorithm is dominated by the inner most loop,

$$r_{i,j} = q_i^* v_j$$

$$v_j = v_j - r_{i,j} q_i,$$

it is sufficient to consider just this part. Observe, the first line is an inner product which requires  $m$  multiplications and  $m - 1$  additions. The second line,  $v_j = v_j - r_{i,j} q_i$ , requires  $m$  multiplications and  $m$  subtractions. Hence the total flops for a single iteration of the inner most loop is  $\sim 4m$ . We will now need to take a double sum, representing each loop, of  $4m$ . As our outer loop is for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  and our inner loop is for  $j = i + 1$  to  $n$  we have that the number of flops is

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n 4m = \sum_{i=1}^n (n-i-1)4m = 4m \left( \sum_{i=1}^n n - \sum_{i=1}^n i - \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \right) = 4m \left( n^2 - \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n \right) = 4m \left( \frac{n^2}{2} - \frac{3n}{2} \right) \sim 2mn^2 \text{ flops.}$$

(b) **Reduced QR factorization by Householder triangularization(without forming Q).**

Per Trefethen(pg 74), as the work of the algorithm is dominated by the inner most loop,  $A_{k:m,k:n} = A_{k:m,k:n} - 2v_k(v_k^* A_{k:m,k:n})$ , it is sufficient to consider just this part. Observe, per iteration we have

- $(m-k)(n-k)$  flops for the scalar product
- $2(m-k)(n-k)$  flops for the dot product
- $(m-k)(n-k)$  flops for the subtraction,

hence the total flops for a single iteration of the inner most loop is  $4(m-k)(n-k)$ . We now need only take a single sum, representing the outer most loop. As our outer loop is from  $k = 1$  to  $n$  we have that the number of flops is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n 4(m-k)(n-k) &= 4 \left( \sum_{k=1}^n mn - \sum_{k=1}^n k(m+n) + \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 \right) = 4 \left( mn^2 - \frac{n(n+1)(m+n)}{2} + \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right) \\ &= 4mn^2 - 2n(n+1)(m+n) + \frac{2n(n+1)(2n+1)}{3} = 2mn^2 - 2mn - \frac{2n^3 + 2n}{3} \sim 2mn^2 - \frac{2n^3}{3} \text{ flops.} \end{aligned}$$