

Answers without full, proper justification will not receive full credit.

Possibly useful formulas:  $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$        $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

1. (4 points) Let  $Q$  be a unitary matrix. Show that for any  $x, y$ ,  $(Qx, Qy) = (x, y)$ , where  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  denotes the inner-product.

$$(Qx, Qy) = (x, Q^*Qy) = (x, Iy) = (x, y)$$

↑  
adjoint property
↑  
since  $Q$  is unitary

2. (5 points) Let  $A$  be a positive-definite matrix. Show that its eigenvalues are positive.

Let  $x, \lambda$  be an eigenpair for  $A$ , i.e.  $Ax = \lambda x$ ,  $x \neq 0$ . Then

$$0 < (Ax, x) = (\lambda x, x) = \lambda (x, x) = \lambda \|x\|^2$$

↑  
 $A$  is pos. def.
 $\Rightarrow \lambda > 0$

3. (10 points) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Show that  $\|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \|A\|_\infty$ . (This was a homework problem 3.3(a))

$$\|A\|_2 = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \leq \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\sqrt{n} \|Ax\|_\infty}{\|x\|_2}$$

↑  
since  $\|z\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \|z\|_\infty$  for vector norms

$$\leq \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\sqrt{n} \|Ax\|_\infty}{\|x\|_\infty} = \sqrt{n} \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_\infty}{\|x\|_\infty} = \sqrt{n} \|A\|_\infty$$

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4. (10 points) Show that  $\|A\|_2 = \|A\|_F$  if and only if  $\text{rank}(A) = 1$ . (Hint: Consider the SVD of  $A$ .)

Let  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$  be the singular values of  $A$ . Recall:

- $r = \text{rank}(A)$

- $\|A\|_2 = \sigma_1$

- $\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}$

If  $\sigma_1 = \|A\|_2 = \|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}$ , then

we must have  $\sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = \dots = \sigma_r = 0$

Thus  $\text{rank}(A) = 1$ .

5. (12 points) Let  $A$  be a non-singular matrix.

(a) Show that  $A^*A$  is self-adjoint (i.e., Hermitian) and positive-definite.

$$(A^*A)^* = A^*(A^*)^* = A^*A^{**} = A^*A, \text{ so } A^*A \text{ is self-adjoint}$$

$$(A^*A x, x) \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{adjoint property}}}{=} (A x, A x) = \|A x\|^2 > 0$$

$\uparrow$  since  $A$  is non-singular

(b) Find a Cholesky decomposition of  $A^*A$  (Hint: Use QR-factorization.)

$$A = QR \Rightarrow A^*A = (QR)^*(QR) = R^*Q^*QR = R^*IR = R^*R$$

Let  $L = R^*$ .  $R$  upper-tri  $\Rightarrow L$  lower tri.  $\Rightarrow A^*A = LL^*$ , which is Cholesky.

6. (10 points) Let  $q$  be a unit vector (i.e.,  $\|q\|_2 = 1$ ). Define a Householder matrix via  $H = I - \alpha q q^*$ , where  $I$  is the identity matrix and  $\alpha > 0$ . (Note: You don't have to understand the Householder algorithm to do these problems.)

(a) For which values of  $\alpha > 0$  is  $H$  unitary?

$$H^*H = (I - \alpha q q^*)^*(I - \alpha q q^*) = (I - \alpha q^{**} q^*)(I - \alpha q q^*) = (I - \alpha q q^*)(I - \alpha q q^*)$$

$$= I - 2\alpha q q^* + \alpha^2 q q^* q q^* = I + (-2\alpha + \alpha^2) q q^* \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ q^*q = \|q\|^2 = 1}}{=} I$$

(b) Is  $H$  a projection? Show why or why not.

Note that  $H^* = H$  (see above).

Thus  $H^2 = H^*H = I + (-2\alpha + \alpha^2) q q^*$

Thus  $H^2 = H$  if and only if  $-2\alpha + \alpha^2 = -\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha^2 = \alpha \Rightarrow \alpha = 0$  or  $1$ .

$\Rightarrow H$  is a projection only if  $\alpha = 0$  or  $\alpha = 1$ .

7. (15 points) Recall the  $\ell^1$ -norm of a vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$ , given by  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i|$ . Prove that it is a norm by showing that it satisfies the axioms of being a norm.

$\|\vec{x}\|_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i| = 0 \Rightarrow$  all  $x_i = 0$  for all  $i \Rightarrow \vec{x} = (0, \dots, 0) = \vec{0}$ .

Also  $\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \|\vec{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m |0| = 0$ .

$\|\alpha \vec{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m |\alpha x_i| = \sum_{i=1}^m |\alpha| |x_i| = |\alpha| \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i| = |\alpha| \|\vec{x}\|_1$

$\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i + y_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^m (|x_i| + |y_i|) = \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i| + \sum_{i=1}^m |y_i| = \|\vec{x}\|_1 + \|\vec{y}\|_1$

triangle inequality for numbers

8. (12 points) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $m \times m$  matrices. Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be a (vector) norm on  $\mathbb{C}^m$ , and let  $\|\cdot\|_*$  be the induced (matrix) norm on  $m \times m$  matrices. Show that

$$\|AB\|_* \leq \|A\|_* \|B\|_*$$

$\|AB\vec{x}\| \leq \|A\|_* \cdot \|B\vec{x}\| \leq \|A\|_* \cdot \|B\|_* \cdot \|\vec{x}\|$ . Thus  $\|A\|_* \|B\|_*$  is an upper bound for  $\frac{\|AB\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|}$  for all  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ .  
 By definition of induced norm  
 Thus,  
 $\|AB\|_* \leq \|A\|_* \|B\|_*$ .

9. (10 points) Let  $A$  an upper-triangular matrix with entries  $a_{ij}$ . Consider solving the problem  $Ax = b$  for  $x$  by following back-substitution algorithm:

1 division (1 op)  $x_m = b_m/a_{m,m}$   
 1 mult, 1 div (2 ops)  $x_{m-1} = (b_{m-1} - a_{m-1,m}x_m)/a_{m-1,m-1}$   
 2 mults, 1 div (3 ops)  $x_{m-2} = (b_{m-2} - a_{m-2,m-1}x_{m-1} - a_{m-2,m}x_m)/a_{m-2,m-2}$   
 $\vdots$   
 $\vdots$   
 (m-1) mults, 1 div (m ops)  $x_1 = (b_1 - a_{12}x_2 - \dots - a_{1,m-1}x_{m-1} - a_{1,m}x_m)/a_{11}$

Count exactly the number of expensive operations (multiplications and divisions) that are involved in this computation. Your final answer should depend only on  $m$ .

Total operations,  $1+2+3+\dots+m = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$

10. (12 points) Let  $P$  be an orthogonal projection, and let  $y = Px$  and  $z = x - y$ . Show that  $z$  and  $y$  are orthogonal.

$$P^* = P, P^2 = P$$

$$(z, y) = z^* y = (x - y)^* y = x^* y - y^* y = x^* (Px) - (Px)^* Px$$

$$= x^* Px - x^* P^* Px$$

$$\stackrel{P^* = P}{=} x^* Px - x^* P Px$$

$$= x^* Px - x^* P^2 x$$

$$\stackrel{P^2 = P}{=} x^* Px - x^* Px$$

$$= 0$$

So  $z$  and  $y$  are orthogonal.