AERO 320: Numerical Methods
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Mid Term 2

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For this exam you only need a pen/pencil and a calculator. Write your answers in the spaces provided. If you need more space, work on the other side of the page.
Unless explicitly mentioned, use your calculator's precision for all your calculations.

1. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$, $\quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$. (15 + 5 + 15 = 35 points)

   (a) Perform LU decomposition for matrix A. Show all the calculations in *exact arithmetic* (i.e. use fractions throughout).

   (b) Use your answer in part (a) to compute $\det(A)$.

(c) Solve $Ax = b$ using the LU decomposition.

2. Consider two vectors $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad y = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$. (4 + 5 + 16 + 5 + 5 = 35 points)

   (a) Compute the vector norms $\| x \|_2$, and $\| y \|_2$.

   (b) Compute the matrix $A = x\, y^\top$.

(c) Using your answer in part (b), compute the norms $\| A \|_F$, and $\| A \|_2$.

(d) For any 2×1 vector b, can the system $Az = b$ have unique solution? Why/why not?

(e) If we change the 2×1 vectors x and y, will your answer to part (d) change? Why/why not?

3. Suppose we have recorded following data from some experiment: $(15 + 5 + 10 = 30 \text{ points})$

$$(x_0, y_0) = (1, 1); \qquad (x_1, y_1) = (2, 8); \qquad (x_2, y_2) = (3, 27).$$

(a) Compute the Lagrange interpolating polynomial that passes through these data points.

(b) From your answer in part (a), predict the value of y at $x = 2.5$. Also, compute the *absolute* and *relative error* in your prediction, provided the *true* value of y at $x = 2.5$ is 15.625.

(c) Instead of Lagrange polynomial, if we interpolate using *any* polynomial of the form $y = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2$, then we must find the coefficient vector $c = \{c_0 \quad c_1 \quad c_2\}^\top$. From our experimental data, can we *uniquely* find the vector c? Why/why not?

Some useful information

Theorems and definitions

- To perform LU decomposition means to express the matrix A as $A = LU$, where L and U are *lower* and *upper triangular matrices*, respectively. A linear system $Ax = b$ is then solved as follows. First solve for y in $Ly = b$, and then solve for x in $Ux = y$.

- Properties of trace and determinant:

$$\operatorname{tr}(AB) = \operatorname{tr}(BA), \qquad \det(AB) = \det(A)\,\det(B).$$

- Norms of an $n \times 1$ vector x:

$$\| x \|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i|, \qquad \| x \|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2}, \qquad \| x \|_\infty = \max_{i=1,\ldots,n} |x_i|.$$

- Norms of an $m \times n$ matrix A:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Frobenius norm: } \| A \|_F &= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{m}\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij}^2} = \sqrt{\operatorname{tr}(AA^\top)} \\
\text{2-norm: } \| A \|_2 &= \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(AA^\top)} \\
\text{1-norm: } \| A \|_1 &= \max_{j=1,\ldots,n} \sum_{i=1}^{m} |a_{ij}| \\
\infty\text{-norm: } \| A \|_\infty &= \max_{i=1,\ldots,m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_{ij}|
\end{aligned}$$

- Lagrange polynomials: For $n+1$ points (x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), ..., (x_n, y_n), the Lagrange interpolating polynoimal is $y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} y_i\, \ell_i(x)$, where $\ell_i(x) = \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^{n} \frac{(x - x_j)}{(x_i - x_j)}$.