



LINEAR ALGEBRA

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Problem 1 (15%)

Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

For positive real numbers a, b, c with $a + b + c = 1$, use Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality to show that

$$\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 + \left(b + \frac{1}{b}\right)^2 + \left(c + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2 \geq \frac{100}{3}.$$

Hint: Use Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 \geq |\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}|^2$$

with $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a + \frac{1}{a} \\ b + \frac{1}{b} \\ c + \frac{1}{c} \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then use Cauchy-Schwarz inequality again to find a lower bound to $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$.

Problem 2 (15%)

Right Inverse of a Non-Square Matrix

Find the right inverse

$$R_{4 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}'_1 \\ \mathbf{r}'_2 \\ \mathbf{r}'_3 \\ 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

of a non-square matrix

$$A_{3 \times 4} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2 \quad \mathbf{a}_3 \quad \mathbf{a}_4] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

such that AR is equal to the 3 by 3 identity matrix $I_{3 \times 3}$.

Hint: Find $\text{rref}(A)$.

Problem 3 (12%)

PA = LU Factorization

Find the $PA = LU$ factorization for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 9 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Problem 4 (16%)

Properties of Inverses

True or False (with a counterexample if false and a proof if true):

- a) (4%) If A is an invertible tridiagonal matrix, then A^{-1} is a tridiagonal matrix.

- b) (4%) If A , B and C are all n by n matrices and $AB + AC = I$, then A is invertible.
- c) (4%) If both A and B are $n \times n$ and invertible, then $A + B$ is invertible.
- d) (4%) If A is an invertible matrix and c is a non-zero real number, then $(cA)^{-1} = \frac{1}{c}A^{-1}$.

Problem 5 (18%)

Inverse of Matrix

- a) (12%) Find the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- b) (6%) Solve the linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + 3z &= 0 \\ 3x + 2y + 2z &= 2 \\ 2x + y + z &= -1. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 6 (24%)

UL Factorization

Give a matrix A as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) (12%) Solve $A = UL$ factorization, where U is an upper triangular matrix and L is a lower triangular matrix.

Hint: Do “backward” elimination first instead of “forward” elimination.

- b) (6%) Let

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solve $U\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b}$.

- c) (6%) Solve $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.