

# M E T U – N C C

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1 (5)   2 (5)   3 (5)   4 (5)   5 (20)   6 (25)   7 (15)   8 (10)   9 (10)	

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Please do not write on your desk!

- 1.(5pts) When is a diagonal matrix positive-definite?

If all of its diagonal entries are  $>0$ , a diagonal matrix is positive-definite.

- 2.(5pts) Find a vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$  so that the energy function  $E(x) = 2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - x_1x_2 - x_2x_3) < 0$ .

$E(x)$  is the energy function of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . This matrix is positive definite hence  $E(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$ . There is no  $x$  so that  $E(x) < 0$ !

- 3.(1pt each) Fill in the blanks with the Matlab/Octave equivalent of each mathematical statement or provide solution to the mathematical problem in Matlab/Octave.

Mathematical Statement	Matlab/Octave equivalent or solution in Matlab/Octave
$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\gg A = [1 \ 2 ; 0 \ 1]$
$K = AA^T$	$\gg K = A * A'$
Solve $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$	$\gg x = A \setminus [7; 8]$
Diagonalize $K$ as $K = SDS^{-1}$	$\gg [S, D] = eig(K)$
Second column of $S$	$\gg S(:, 2)$

- 4.(1pt each) Fill in the blanks.

(a) Eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix are real.

(b) The determinant of an upper triangular matrix is the product of its diagonal entries.

(c) The determinant of a positive definite matrix is positive.

(d) The inverse of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$

(e) If a matrix  $A$  has an eigenvector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$  with eigenvalue 2, the matrix  $A^2 + 3A - I$  has an

eigenvector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$  associated to eigenvalue 9.

5.(4+5+5+6=20pts) Convert each differential equation to a matrix equation  $A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$  by discretizing on  $[4, 5]$  with mesh size  $h = 1/3$ . For first derivatives use centered difference.

(DO NOT SOLVE the equation  $A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$ ).

(a)  $-u''(x) = x^2$  with  $u(4) = 0$  and  $u(5) = 0$ .

$$x=x_1: -\left(\frac{u_0 - 2u_1 + u_2}{h^2}\right) = x_1^2$$

$$x=x_2: -\left(\frac{u_1 - 2u_2 + u_3}{h^2}\right) = x_2^2$$

$$\frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{OR} \quad 9 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} (13/3)^2 \\ (14/3)^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)  $-u''(x) + \delta(x - \frac{13}{3})u'(x) = x^2$  with  $u(4) = 0$  and  $u(5) = 0$ .

$$x=x_1: -\left(\frac{u_0 - 2u_1 + u_2}{h^2}\right) + \frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{u_2 - u_0}{2h}\right) = x_1^2$$

$$x=x_2: -\left(\frac{u_1 - 2u_2 + u_3}{h^2}\right) + 0 \left(\frac{u_3 - u_1}{2h}\right) = x_2^2$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2h} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c)  $-u''(x) + \delta(x - \frac{13}{3})u'(x) = x^2$  with  $u(4) = a$  and  $u(5) = b$ .

$$x=x_1: -\left(\frac{u_0 - 2u_1 + u_2}{h^2}\right) + \frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{u_2 - u_0}{2h}\right) = x_1^2$$

$$x=x_2: -\left(\frac{u_1 - 2u_2 + u_3}{h^2}\right) + 0 \left(\frac{u_3 - u_1}{2h}\right) = x_2^2$$

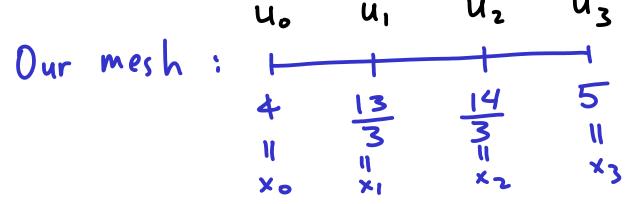
$$\left( \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2h} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a}{h^2} + \frac{a}{2h^2} \\ \frac{b}{h^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

(d)  $-u''(x) + \delta(x - \frac{13}{3})u'(x) = x^2$  with  $u'(4) = 0$  and  $u(5) = b$ . To estimate  $u'(4)$ , use a forward difference.

$$x=x_1: -\left(\frac{u_0 - 2u_1 + u_2}{h^2}\right) + \frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{u_2 - u_0}{2h}\right) = x_1^2$$

$$x=x_2: -\left(\frac{u_1 - 2u_2 + u_3}{h^2}\right) + 0 \left(\frac{u_3 - u_1}{2h}\right) = x_2^2$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2h} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{b}{h^2} \end{pmatrix}$$



6.(15+4+6=25pts) Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 3 & 0 \\ -6 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Calculate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ .

EIGENVALUES:  $2, -1, 1$  EXPAND WITH RESPECT TO 3<sup>rd</sup> ROW

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -4-\lambda & 3 & 0 \\ -6 & 5-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (1-\lambda) \det \begin{vmatrix} -4-\lambda & 3 \\ -6 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda)[(\lambda+4)(\lambda-5) - 6(\lambda-3)] = (1-\lambda)[\lambda^2 - \lambda - 20 + 18] = (1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2)$$

$$= (1-\lambda)(\lambda+1)(\lambda-2) \Rightarrow \text{EIGENVALUES : } 2, -1, 1.$$

$\lambda=2$

$$A - 2I : \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -6 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2x_1+x_2=0} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda=-1$

$$A - (-1)I : \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 & 0 \\ -6 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{2R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{x_3=0} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda=1$

$$A - 1I : \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 & 0 \\ -6 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{5}R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{3}{5} & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{3}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{15} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{x_1 - \frac{3}{5}x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1=0} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Diagonalize  $A$  as  $A = S\Lambda S^{-1}$ , where  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix. DO NOT CALCULATE  $S^{-1}$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & & \\ & -1 & \\ & & +1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ S^{-1} & & \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Matrix  $C$  diagonalizes as  $C = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ . Find a positive definite matrix  $X$  so that  $X^2 = C$ .

$C$  is a symmetric matrix because  $C = Q\Lambda Q^T$  and  $QQ^T = I$ .

$X = Q \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} Q^T$  is also a symmetric matrix.

with eigenvalues  $2, 3 > 0$  AND

$$X^2 = \left( Q \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} Q^T \right) \left( Q \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} Q^T \right) = Q \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix} Q^T = C.$$

$= I$

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 $x = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

7. (5+8+2=15pts) In the following parts, let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Solve  $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} -13 \\ -13 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$Lv = \begin{pmatrix} -13 \\ -13 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & -13 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -13 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -13 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 18 \end{array} \right| \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} v_1 &= -13 \\ v_1 + v_2 &= -13 \\ v_2 &= 0 \\ 2v_2 + v_3 &= 18 \Rightarrow v_3 = 18 \end{aligned}$$

We use (b) to solve (a):  $A = LU$

Call  $Ux = v$ , solve  $Lv = \begin{pmatrix} -13 \\ -13 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $v$  first

$Ux = v$  for  $x$  next.

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & v \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & -13 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 18 \end{array} \right| \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_1 + 4x_2 &= -13 \\ x_1 &= -13 - 4(-5) \\ x_1 &= 7 \\ 3x_2 + 5x_3 &= 0 \\ x_2 &= -5 \\ 6x_3 &= 18 \\ x_3 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Compute LU-decomposition of the matrix  $A$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 16 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 - 1R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 16 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right) = U$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Check (b)  $\left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 4+3 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 10+6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$  ✓

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(c) Check your answers in (a) and (b)

(a)  $\left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 16 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} 7 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} 7-20 \\ 7-35+15 \\ 0-30+48 \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} -13 \\ -13 \\ 18 \end{array} \right)$  ✓

8. (10pts) Use the LU-decomposition for the matrix  $T$  to solve the equation  $Tx = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solve  $Lv = x$  first  $L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right| \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} v_1 &= 0 \\ -v_1 + v_2 &= 1 \Rightarrow v_2 = 1 \\ -v_2 + v_3 &= -1 \Rightarrow v_3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right| \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 &= 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1 \\ x_2 - x_3 &= 1 \Rightarrow x_2 = 1 \\ x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{SOLUTION} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

9.(5+4+1=10pts) The matrix  $A$  has eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  with corresponding eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 3$  and  $\lambda_2 = 5$  and  $\lambda_3 = 0$ .

- (a) Give a solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 5 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

$$A\mathbf{x} = 6\mathbf{v}_1 - 5\mathbf{v}_2 = 2(3\mathbf{v}_1) - (5\mathbf{v}_1) = 2(A\mathbf{v}_1) - A\mathbf{v}_2 = A(2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2)$$

So  $\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2$  is a solution.

- (b) Give another solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 5 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

Since  $A\mathbf{v}_3 = 0\mathbf{v}_3 = 0$ , in fact for all  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 + k \cdot \mathbf{v}_3$  is a solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = 0$

- (c) What is the determinant of  $A$ ?

$$\text{Determinant} = \text{product of eigenvalues} \\ = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 0 = 0$$