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**M2N1 NUMERICAL ANALYSIS**

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Credit will be given for all questions attempted but extra credit will be given for complete or nearly complete answers.

Calculators may not be used.

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1. For any non-singular  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and non-trivial  $\underline{u}, \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $B = (A + \underline{u}\underline{v}^T)$ .  
If  $\underline{v}^T A^{-1} \underline{u} \neq -1$ , verify that

$$B^{-1} = A^{-1} - \frac{A^{-1} \underline{u} \underline{v}^T A^{-1}}{1 + \underline{v}^T A^{-1} \underline{u}}.$$

Find a  $\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 6 \\ -2 & 10 & -12 \\ 6 & -12 & 54 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 18 \end{pmatrix} + \underline{u}\underline{u}^T.$$

Hence find  $C^{-1}$ .

Using the above decomposition of  $C$ , show that  $C$  is positive definite.

Find a lower triangular  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  with strictly positive diagonal elements such that  $C = LL^T$ .

Find  $L^{-1}$ .

Write down the general formula for  $C^{-1}$  in terms of  $L^{-1}$ .

2. For  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $x^2 + y^2 \neq 0$  and  $p, q \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  with  $p < q$ , let  $G_{p,q}(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be such that

$$[G_{p,q}(x, y)]_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \quad i, j = 1 \rightarrow n,$$

except that  $[G_{p,q}(x, y)]_{pp} = [G_{p,q}(x, y)]_{qq} = \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

and  $[G_{p,q}(x, y)]_{pq} = -[G_{p,q}(x, y)]_{qp} = \frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$

Write down the components of  $G_{p,q}(x, y) \underline{r}$  for any  $\underline{r} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

If  $r_p = x$  and  $r_q = y$ , what are these components ?

Show that  $G_{p,q}(x, y)$  is orthogonal.

Let

$$\underline{a}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{a}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 2\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 50\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Use matrices of the type  $G_{p,q}(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$  to find  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  that minimises

$$\|\underline{b} - \sum_{i=1}^2 x_i \underline{a}_i\|.$$

Check your solution by solving the corresponding normal equations.

3. Write down the Lagrange form of  $p_n \in \mathbb{P}_n$ , which interpolates the data  $\{x_i, f_i\}_{i=0}^n$ , where the points  $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^n$  are distinct.

Establish that this interpolating polynomial is unique.

Let  $\{y_j\}_{j=0}^m$  be another set of distinct points: thus the  $(n+1)(m+1)$  distinct points in the plane,

$$(x_i, y_j) \quad i = 0 \rightarrow n, \quad j = 0 \rightarrow m,$$

form a rectangular array aligned with the axes. Let  $\mathbb{P}_{n,m}$  be the space of polynomials in two variables of degree at most  $n$  in the first variable and of degree at most  $m$  in the second variable, i.e.  $\mathbb{P}_{n,m}$  consists of polynomials

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^m a_{i,j} x^i y^j$$

for arbitrary constants  $a_{i,j}$   $i = 0 \rightarrow n, j = 0 \rightarrow m$ .

For  $i = 0 \rightarrow n, j = 0 \rightarrow m$  find  $\ell_{i,j}(x, y) \in \mathbb{P}_{n,m}$  such that

$$\ell_{i,j}(x_i, y_j) = 1$$

and at the other  $(n+1)(m+1) - 1$  points  $(x_k, y_l)$

$$\ell_{i,j}(x_k, y_l) = 0.$$

Given data values  $z_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}, i = 0 \rightarrow n, j = 0 \rightarrow m$ ; prove that there exists a  $p_{n,m} \in \mathbb{P}_{n,m}$  such that

$$p_{n,m}(x_i, y_j) = z_{i,j} \quad i = 0 \rightarrow n, \quad j = 0 \rightarrow m.$$

By using the fact that any element of  $\mathbb{P}_{n,m}$  can be written in the form

$$\sum_{k=0}^n b_k(y) x^k$$

where each  $b_k \in \mathbb{P}_m$ , prove that the interpolating  $p_{n,m}$  above is unique.

Find  $p_{1,1} \in \mathbb{P}_{1,1}$  that interpolates a continuous function  $g(x, y)$  at the points  $(-1, -1), (-1, 1), (1, -1)$  and  $(1, 1)$ .

Is this interpolation problem guaranteed to be well-posed if we choose any four distinct points in the plane, not necessarily in a rectangular array aligned with the axes?

Is it well-posed for the the points  $(-1, 0), (0, -1), (0, 1)$  and  $(1, 0)$ ?

4. Let  $f \in C[a, b]$ . Show that if a  $p_n^* \in \mathbb{P}_n$ , polynomials of degree  $\leq n$ , satisfies

$$f(x_j) - p_n^*(x_j) = (-1)^j \sigma E$$

at  $(n + 2)$  distinct points  $a \leq x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n < x_{n+1} \leq b$ , where

$$E = \|f - p_n^*\|_\infty = \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - p_n^*(x)|$$

and  $\sigma = 1$  or  $-1$ , then

$$\|f - p_n^*\|_\infty \leq \|f - p_n\|_\infty \quad \forall p_n \in \mathbb{P}_n.$$

State the Chebyshev equioscillation theorem.

Let  $[a, b] \equiv [-d, d]$ ,  $f$  be an even function, and  $p_n^*$  be the best approximation to  $f$  from  $\mathbb{P}_n$  in  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  on  $[-d, d]$ . By considering  $f(x) - p_n^*(-x)$ , use the equioscillation theorem to deduce that  $p_n^*$  is an even function.

Hence find  $p_1^*$  for  $f(x) = (4 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  on  $[-2, 2]$ .

Compare this to the best approximation to  $f$  from  $\mathbb{P}_1$  with respect to the norm

$$\|g\| = \left( \int_{-2}^2 [g(x)]^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

5. State the properties that a real-valued function  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $C[a, b] \times C[a, b]$  must satisfy for it to be an inner product.

Prove the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality

$$|\langle f, g \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|g\| \quad \forall f, g \in C[a, b],$$

where  $\|\cdot\| = [\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle]^{1/2}$  is the associated norm on  $C[a, b]$ .

The Chebyshev polynomial of degree  $n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , is defined by

$$T_n(x) = \cos(n(\cos^{-1} x)) \quad \forall x \in [-1, 1].$$

For  $n \geq 1$ , derive the recurrence relation

$$T_{n+1}(x) + T_{n-1}(x) = 2xT_n(x).$$

Show that  $\{T_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a set of orthogonal polynomials with respect to the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 (1-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} f(x) g(x) dx.$$

Let

$$I(f) = \int_{-1}^1 (1-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx.$$

Find the sampling points  $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^2 \in [-1, 1]$  and the weights  $\{w_i\}_{i=0}^2$  so that

$$I_1(f) = w_0 f(x_0) \quad \text{and} \quad I_3(f) = w_1 f(x_1) + w_2 f(x_2)$$

are such that  $I_n(f) = I(f) \quad \forall f \in \mathbb{P}_n$ .