

Questions for midterm (tentative, I may add more)

Some of the questions on midterm will be from this list, but some questions or problems not listed here will also be assigned.

Definitions:

Unitary matrix

All matrix and vector norms we studied

Projector

Complimentary projector

(Relative) condition number of a mapping

Condition number of a matrix

Floating point axioms ((13.5) and (13.7))

Stability of an algorithm (if we cover it before midterm)

Backward stability (if we cover it before midterm)

Things to derive or prove:

$\text{range}(A)^\perp \perp \text{null}(A^*)$

Inverse of an upper-triangular matrix is upper-triangular

Eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix are real, and eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal

Norm inequalities, problem 3.3.

Show that $\forall A$

$$A = U \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} V^*$$

with U, V unitary, and $\sigma_1 = \|A\|_2$ (this is one step of SVD construction).

Thms 5.1, 5.4, 5.5, 5.8, 6.1.

$\text{range}(I - P) = \text{null}(P)$

$\text{range}(P) \cap \text{null}(P) = \{0\}$

Derive a formula for projecting on $\text{span}(q_1, \dots, q_n)$ where q_1, \dots, q_n form an orthonormal set.

Prove that a shortest distance (i.e. 2-norm) between a vector b and some subspace V not containing b is along the vector orthogonal to V ; in other words, if $y \in V$ minimizes the distance from b to V , then y is unique, and $(y - b)$ is orthogonal to V .

Derive a formula for projecting orthogonally on $\text{range}(A)$, where A is arbitrary, without use of SVD or QR decomposition (see p.46).

Problems 6.3, 6.5.

Describe Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization and count the flops; same for the modified GS.

Describe Householder triangularization and count the flops

Explain how one can solve a least squares problem using (a) QR decomposition (b) SVD decomposition (c) system of normal equations

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Condition number of a matrix-vector multiplication (derive the formula)

Condition number of a system of equations (derive the formula)

The discrete Fourier transform can be represented as multiplication by a matrix Q . Give a formula for the entries of Q , and, by direct computation, show that these columns form an orthogonal set (see my notes on the DFT)

Suppose matrix A has an SVD $A = U\Sigma V^*$. Suppose also that there is a vector \vec{w} such that \vec{w} is not parallel to \vec{v}_1 , $\|\vec{w}\|_2 = 1$ and $\|A\vec{w}\|_2 = \sigma_1$. Prove that $\sigma_2 = \sigma_1$.