

MAPL 600 / CMSC 760 Fall 2007

Take-Home Exam 2

Show all work.

All work must be your own (i.e., no group efforts are allowed).

If you use a reference, cite it, or you will lose credit!

**Work problems totaling 50 points.**

(I'll stop grading after that, so don't hand in extra parts.)

Due: Friday Oct 19, 8am. (See late penalty policy on information sheet.)

1a. (10) Let  $\mathbf{T}_m$  be a symmetric tridiagonal matrix of size  $m \times m$  and let  $\mathbf{T}_{m-1}$  be the  $(m-1) \times (m-1)$  matrix formed from its first  $m-1$  rows and columns. Denote the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{T}_{m-1}$  by  $\tau_1 \geq \dots \geq \tau_{m-1}$ , and denote the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{T}_m$  by  $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m$ . Prove that for  $j = 1, \dots, m-1$ ,

$$\lambda_j \geq \tau_j \geq \lambda_{j+1}.$$

**Note:** The result is true for general symmetric matrices, but we only need it for the tridiagonal case. **Hint:** You may use without proof the [Courant-Fischer Minimax Theorem](#) which says that if  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric then

$$\lambda_j(A) = \min \max \frac{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}}.$$

The min is taken over all choices of  $j-1$  linearly independent vectors, and the max is taken over all nonzero vectors  $\mathbf{y}$  that are orthogonal to these vectors. You may also use the [Maximin Theorem](#)

$$\lambda_j(A) = \max \min \frac{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}}.$$

The max is taken over all choices of  $n-j$  linearly independent vectors, and the min is taken over all nonzero vectors  $\mathbf{y}$  that are orthogonal to these vectors.

1b. (10) This leads to an algorithm for approximating some of the eigenvalues of a large sparse symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ : run Arnoldi and use the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{T}_m$  as approximations to some eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Prove (using the Arnoldi relation and about 2 lines of writing) that  $\mathbf{T}_n$  is similar to the  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , and show how to use the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{T}_m$  to form approximations to some eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

1c. (10) Implement your algorithm to approximate some of the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a symmetric positive definite  $\mathbf{A}$ , by modifying `cg.m` (available on the website) or by writing your own program. Use Matlab's `eig` to find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{T}_m$  (although faster algorithms exist, which take advantage of the tridiagonal structure of  $\mathbf{T}_m$ ). Try it on the matrix `a = gallery('wathen',20,20)` and compare your computed eigenvalues at  $m =$

100 iterations (using  $\mathbf{b}$  = the vector of all ones) with the true values, computed by `eig`.

Discuss the results.

2a. (10) Suppose we apply the (symmetric) Lanczos (tridiagonalization) algorithm (p.186) to the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{C}^T & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\mathbf{C}$  is  $m \times n$ ,  $m \geq n$ . Show that we obtain vectors  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_k$  and  $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}\mathbf{z}_k &= \mathbf{W}_{k+1}\bar{\mathbf{T}}_{k+1}, \\ \mathbf{C}^T\mathbf{w}_k &= \mathbf{Z}_{k+1}\bar{\mathbf{T}}_{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{T}}_{k+1}$  is  $(k+1) \times k$  and tridiagonal. (Hint: Write out what  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{T}$  means for this particular matrix.) Now show that the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{T}_{m+n}$  are equal to the singular values of  $\mathbf{C}$ , the negatives of the singular values of  $\mathbf{C}$ , and (possibly) zeros.

**Hint:** Every matrix has a singular value decomposition (SVD)

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^*$$

where

- $\mathbf{U}$  has dimension  $m \times m$  and  $\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$ ,
- $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  has dimension  $m \times n$ , the only nonzeros are on the main diagonal, and these *singular values* are nonnegative real numbers  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0$ ,
- $\mathbf{V}$  has dimension  $n \times n$  and  $\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}$ .
- The columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  are the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^T$ .
- The columns of  $\mathbf{V}$  are the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{C}^T\mathbf{C}$ .
- The eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{C}^T\mathbf{C}$  (and the nonzero eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^T$ ) are  $\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2$ .

2b. (10) Suppose we compute, column by column, the relations  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}^T\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}^T$ , where  $\mathbf{W}^T\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}$ ,  $\mathbf{Z}^T\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{I}$ , and  $\mathbf{B}$  is zero except in its main diagonal and superdiagonal. (You need not show that this  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  are the same as those from 2a.) Show that the singular values of  $\mathbf{C}$  are equal to the singular values of  $\mathbf{B}_n$ . Write down the recurrences for an algorithm for approximating the singular values and singular vectors of  $\mathbf{C}$  by computing the first  $k$  columns of the relations and applying an SVD algorithm to  $\mathbf{B}_k$ .

2c. (10) Implement your algorithm from 2b in Matlab and try it on the matrix from `load('west0479.mat')`. Compare the singular values computed for  $k = 100$  to the true values computed using `svd(full(west0479))`. Discuss the results.