

1. Using the code of the `lupiv` function in the NMM toolbox (directory `-linalg`) solve for  $x$  when  $Ax = b$  when

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & -3 \\ -3 & -3 & 8 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Provide the commands used by you in your answer.

2. Using code of the `cholesky` function in the NMM toolbox (directory `-linalg`) solve for  $x$  when  $Ax = b$  when

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Provide the commands used by you in your answer.

3. Use the function `linefit` in the NMM toolbox and fit a line to the following data:

x	1	2	4	5
y	1	2	2	3

Calculate the value of the  $R^2$  statistic and decide if this is a good fit or not. Further plot data and the line obtained on one grid using the `plot` command.

4. The following three files, `cucon1.dat`, `cucon2.dat`, `cucon3.dat` have data with measured values of thermal conductivity  $k$  versus temperature  $T$  for three different samples of copper. The mathematical model for  $k$  vs  $T$  is widely believed to be

$$k(T) = \frac{1}{\frac{c_1}{T} + c_2 T^2}$$

Let  $\gamma(T) = \frac{1}{k(T)}$ . Use `fitnorm` and `cuconBasis1` to find the best possible  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  for  $\gamma$  versus  $T$ . Suppose we tweak the model to be

$$\gamma(T) = \frac{c_1}{T} + c_2 T^2 + c_3 T,$$

using `fitnorm` can you find the best possible fit. Compare the above two plots.

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- Starting with the code `GEshow` in the NMM toolbox develop a `GErectangular` function that performs Gaussian elimination *only* for a  $m \times n$  matrix. The function should return  $\tilde{A}$ , the triangularised augmented matrix.

**Bonus Question**<sup>1</sup> : Write a general program in OCTAVE, `GEgeneral`, which solves a linear  $m \times n$  system of equations.

- Centrifugal pumps are common devices used to move liquid through piping systems. The key question there is to determine the pressure head  $h$  of the pump given  $q$  the flow rate. Start with the model specified in `pumpcurve` code in the NMM toolbox.

(a) Consider  $q$  and  $h$  from the following table:

$q(m^3/s)$	0.0001	0.00025	0.0008	0.001	0.0014
$h(m)$	115	114.2	110	105.5	92.5

Using the first three data points, write down the equation you get between  $h$  and  $q$ .

- Modify the `pumpcurve` function to accept  $q$  and  $h$  vectors of arbitrary length as input. Using all data points (above) except the fourth, use your function to find the cubic polynomial interpolant. Also find the condition number of  $A$ . Let  $c$  be the coefficients of the polynomial.
- Replace the second point to 114 from 114.2. Do as in previous part to get  $\tilde{c}$ .
- Find the relative difference vector  $d = \frac{\tilde{c}-c}{c}$  for all  $i$ .
- Plot  $h$  vs  $q$ , and find the largest difference in the value of  $h$  from 100 points between  $\min(q)$  and  $\max(q)$  in both the cases.
- Discuss the practical significance on the perturbation of  $h$  values on the coefficient  $c$  and the values of  $h$  obtained by the interpolation function.

3. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Compute the condition number of  $A$  using the 1 norm or  $\infty$  norm.
- Deduce that the matrix is ill-conditioned for small  $\epsilon$ .
- Let  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\delta b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \epsilon \end{bmatrix}$  Show that

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} = \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|}$$

- The function  $y = \frac{x}{c_1x+c_2}$  can be transformed into a linear relationship  $z = c_1w + c_2$  with the change of variable  $z = \frac{1}{y}$ ,  $w = \frac{1}{x}$ . Write an `xlinxFit` function that calls `linefit` to fit data to  $y = \frac{x}{c_1+c_2x}$ . Test your function by fitting the following sets of data:

x	2.2500	2.5417	2.8333	3.1250	3.4167	3.7083	4.000
y	2.8648	1.936	1.0823	0.8842	0.7677	0.6910	0.6366

<sup>1</sup>Eventual Prize: Carrot Cake at end of semester

x	0.7000	1.0714	1.4429	1.8143	2.1857	2.5571	2.9286	3.3000
y	-0.1714	-0.3673	-0.8243	-3.1096	3.7463	1.4610	1.0039	0.8080

5. Consider the following table:

$x$	$y$
0.24	19.9
0.52	28.8
1.93	48.7
3.26	59.0
15.0	106.5

- (a) Construct a new table with  $\log_{10} x$  and  $\log_{10} y$ .  
 (b) Assume that data in your table is close to satisfying

$$\log_{10} y = \alpha \log_{10} x + \beta$$

- (c) Construct and solve the normal equations.  
 (d) Plot the transformed data and the least-square line on the same axes.  
 (e) Calculate the  $R^2$  statistic. Plot the residual  $r$  as function of  $x$ .

6. Write a function to fit data to  $y = c_1 x^5 + c_2 x^3 + c_3 x + c_4$  without calling `polyfit`, `fitnorm` or `fitqr`. Your function should take two column vectors `x` and `y` as input and return the coefficient vector. Test your solution with the following data:

x	-3.0000	-1.8571	-0.7143	0.4286	1.5714	2.7143	3.8571	5.0000
y	-4.9262	-4.4720	-3.3136	-2.9396	-2.6697	-1.3906	-0.8669	-3.3823

7. **A QR Algorithm** Let  $c, s$  be two real numbers such that  $c^2 + s^2 = 1$ . For each  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , define the  $Q_{ij}$  as the matrix whose entries are given by:

$$q_{kl} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \neq k = l \neq i \\ c & \text{if } k = l = j \text{ or } k = l = i \\ -s & \text{if } k = i, l = j \text{ or } k = j, l = i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Verify that  $Q_{ij}$  is an orthogonal matrix.  
 (b) Let  $x_{n \times 1}$  be given. Find  $c, s$  such that  $c^2 + s^2 = 1$  and  $j$ -th entry of  $Q_{ij}x$  is 0 (*Observe that all other row entries except the  $i$ -th row remain unchanged*).  
 (c) Let  $n = 2$  and  $A_{2 \times 2}$  be given a matrix of rank 2. Can you now construct an orthogonal matrix  $Q_{2 \times 2}$  such that  $A = QR$  where  $R_{2 \times 2}$  is upper triangular.  
 (d) Let  $n = 3$  and  $A_{3 \times 3}$  be given a matrix of rank 3. Can you now construct an orthogonal matrix  $Q_{3 \times 3}$  such that  $A = QR$  where  $R_{3 \times 3}$  is upper triangular ?  
 (e) Now for any general  $A_{m \times n}$  of full column rank, construct an orthogonal matrix  $Q_{n \times n}$  such that  $A = QR$  where  $R_{m \times n}$  matrix whose first  $n$  rows form an upper-triangular matrix and the last  $m - n$  rows are 0.

8. Consider the  $2 \times 2$  non-linear system given by

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 - 3 &= 0 \\ x_1^2 - 20x_1 - x_2 + 5 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Identify  $A(x), b(x)$  such that the above can be written as  $A(x)x = b(x)$ . Modify `demoSSub` to obtain a solution of the same. Use 10 iterations and find two initializing vectors that give you the two solutions.
- (b) Identify  $f$  such that the above can be written as  $f(x) = 0$ . Modify `demoNewtonSys` to obtain a solution of the same. Use 10 iterations and find two initializing vectors that give you the two solutions.

9. Consider the matrices

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10^{-6} \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.1 & 10^6 \\ 0.2 & -0.1 & 10^6 \\ 0.1 & 0.2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 + 10^6 \\ 0.1 + 10^6 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Using OCTAVE and the  $\infty$  norm, compute (exactly)  $\kappa(A)$ . Decide whether the matrix  $A$  is ill-conditioned or not.
- (b) Using the `\` operator in OCTAVE, solve  $Ax = b$ .
- (c) Perturb  $a_{13}$  to get another matrix  $A + \delta A$  such that  $\frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \sim 10^{-6}$ . Using the `\` operator in OCTAVE, solve  $(A + \delta A)\hat{x} = b$ .
- (d) Compute  $\frac{\|x - \hat{x}\|}{\|x\|}$
- (e) Let  $\tilde{A} = AW$ . Do parts (a) -(d) for  $\tilde{A}$ . Conclude that this matrix  $A$  was an “artificially” ill-conditioned matrix.

At the end of this chapter you should be able to

1. Describe the most efficient procedures for solving  $Lx = b$  or  $Ux = b$  when  $L$  is lower triangular and  $U$  is upper triangular.
2. Name the solution algorithm most commonly used for solving  $Ax = b$ .
3. Write the equation that defines the residual vector.
4. Describe the significance of  $\kappa(A)$  on the reliability of the numerical solution to  $Ax = b$ .
5. Describe the reason for pivoting. Is pivoting a remedy for ill-conditioned systems?
6. Estimate the number of correct significant digits in the numerical solution to  $Ax = b$  given values of  $\epsilon_m$  and  $\kappa(A)$ .
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8. State conditions required for a successful LU factorization of  $A$ . Write (describe) a procedure for solving  $Ax = b$  given an LU factorization of  $A$ .
9. State conditions required for a successful Cholesky factorization of  $A$ . Write (describe) a procedure for solving  $Ax = b$  given a Cholesky factorization of  $A$ .
10. Use OCTAVE and the LU factorization of  $A$  to solve several systems of equations that have the same  $A$  and a sequence of different  $b$ .
11. Use OCTAVE and a Cholesky factorization of  $A$  to solve several systems of equations that have the same  $A$  and a sequence of different  $b$ .
12. List the order of magnitude work estimates for Gaussian elimination with back substitution, LU factorization, and Cholesky factorization.
13. Use the `linefit` function in the NMM Toolbox to obtain a least squares line fit to data and to linearized transformations of  $y = c_1 e^{c_2 x}$  and  $y = c_1 x^{c_2}$ .
14. Use the built-in `polyfit` function to obtain a least squares fit to a polynomial in  $x$ . Use the built-in `polyval` function to evaluate the polynomial obtained from `polyfit` at any  $x$ .
15. Plot a comparison of a least squares fit and the data used to obtain the fit.
16. Use the `fitnorm` and `fitQR` functions from the NMM Toolbox to obtain least squares fits to linear combinations of arbitrary basis functions.
17. Assign the elements of the matrix  $A$  of the overdetermined system for a given choice of basis functions. Given this matrix and a vector of  $y$  data, obtain the coefficients of the fit by solving the normal equations.
18. Given the matrix of the overdetermined system for the fit, and a vector of  $y$  data values, use the `\` operator to obtain the coefficients that minimizes  $\|r\|_2$  for the overdetermined system.