



18085 Homework 1

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- 5 The inverses of K_3 and K_4 (please also invert K_2) have fractions $\frac{1}{\det} = \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}$:

$$K_3^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad K_4^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

First *guess* the determinant of $K = K_5$. Then compute $\det(K)$ and $\text{inv}(K)$ and $\det(K) * \text{inv}(K)$ —any software is allowed.

- 6 (Challenge problem) Find a *formula* for the i, j entry of K_4^{-1} below the diagonal ($i \geq j$). Those entries grow linearly along every row and up every column. (Section 1.4 will come back to these important inverses.) Problem 7 below is developed in the Worked Example of Section 1.4.

- 7 A column u times a row v^T is a rank-one matrix uv^T . All columns are multiples of u , and all rows are multiples of v^T . $T_4^{-1} - K_4^{-1}$ has rank 1:

$$T_4^{-1} - K_4^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 12 & 8 & 4 \\ 12 & 9 & 6 & 3 \\ 8 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Write $K_3 - T_3$ in this special form uv^T . Predict a similar formula for $T_3^{-1} - K_3^{-1}$.

- 8 (a) Based on Problem 7, predict the i, j entry of $T_5^{-1} - K_5^{-1}$ below the diagonal.
(b) Subtract this from your answer to Problem 1 (the formula for T_5^{-1} when $i \geq j$). This gives the not-so-simple formula for K_5^{-1} .

- 9 Following Example 1.1 A with C instead of B , show that $e = (1, 1, 1, 1)$ is perpendicular to each column of C_4 . Solve $Cu = f = (1, -1, 1, -1)$ with the singular matrix C by $u = \text{pinv}(C) * f$. Try $u = C \backslash e$ and $C \backslash f$, before and after adding a fifth equation $0 = 0$.

- 10 The “hanging matrix” H in Worked Example 1.1 B changes the last entry of K_3 to $H_{33} = 1$. Find the inverse matrix from $H^{-1} = JT^{-1}J$. Find the inverse also from $H = UU^T$ (check upper times lower triangular!) and $H^{-1} = (U^{-1})^T U^{-1}$.

- 11 Suppose U is any upper triangular matrix and J is the reverse identity matrix in 1.1 B. Then JU is a “southeast matrix”. What geographies are UJ and JUJ ? By experiment, a southeast matrix times a northwest matrix is _____.

- 12 Carry out elimination on the 4 by 4 circulant matrix C_4 to reach an upper triangular U (or try $[L, U] = \text{lu}(C)$ in MATLAB). Two points to notice: The last entry of U is _____ because C is singular. The last column of U has new nonzeros. Explain why this “fill-in” happens.

- 13 By hand, can you factor the circulant C_4 (with three nonzero diagonals, allowing wraparound) into circulants L times U (with two nonzero diagonals, allowing wraparound so not truly triangular)?
- 14 Gradually reduce the diagonal 2, 2, 2 in the matrix K_3 until you reach a singular matrix M . This happens when the diagonal entries reach _____. Check the determinant as you go, and find a nonzero vector that solves $Mu = 0$.

Questions 15–21 bring out important facts about matrix multiplication.

- 15 How many individual multiplications to create Ax and A^2 and AB ?

$$A_{n \times n} x_{n \times 1} \quad A_{n \times n} A_{n \times n} \quad A_{m \times n} B_{n \times p} = (AB)_{m \times p}$$

- 16 You can multiply Ax by rows (the usual way) or **by columns** (more important). Do this multiplication both ways:

$$\text{By rows} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{inner product using row 1} \\ \text{inner product using row 2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{By columns} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{combination} \\ \text{of columns} \end{bmatrix}$$

- 17 The product Ax is a **linear combination of the columns of A** . The equations $Ax = b$ have a solution vector x exactly when b is a _____ of the columns.

Give an example in which b is *not in the column space* of A . There is no solution to $Ax = b$, because b is not a combination of the columns of A .

- 18 Compute $C = AB$ by multiplying the matrix A times each column of B :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & * \\ 14 & * \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, $A * B(:,j) = C(:,j)$.

- 19 You can also compute AB by multiplying each row of A times B :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 * \text{row 1} + 3 * \text{row 2} \\ 4 * \text{row 1} + 5 * \text{row 2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 16 \\ * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

A solution to $Bx = 0$ is also a solution to $(AB)x = 0$. Why? From

$$Bx = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{how do we know} \quad ABx = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 16 \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}?$$

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- 20 The four ways to find AB give numbers, columns, rows, and matrices:
- 1 (rows of A) times (columns of B) $C(i,j) = A(i,:) * B(:,j)$
 - 2 A times (columns of B) $C(:,j) = A * B(:,j)$
 - 3 (rows of A) times B $C(i,:) = A(i,:) * B$
 - 4 (columns of A) times (rows of B) for $k = 1:n$, $C = C + A(:,k) * B(k,:)$;
end

Finish these 8 multiplications for **columns times rows**. How many for n by n ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

- 21 Which *one* of these equations is true for all n by n matrices A and B ?

$$AB = BA \quad (AB)A = A(BA) \quad (AB)B = B(BA) \quad (AB)^2 = A^2B^2$$

- 22 Use $n = 1000$; $e = \text{ones}(n, 1)$; $K = \text{spdiags}([-e, 2 * e, -e], -1:1, n, n)$; to enter K_{1000} as a sparse matrix. Solve the sparse equation $Ku = e$ by $u = K \backslash e$. Plot the solution by $\text{plot}(u)$.
- 23 Create 4-component vectors u, v, w and enter $A = \text{spdiags}([u, v, w], -1:1, 4, 4)$. Which components of u and w are left out from the -1 and 1 diagonals of A ?
- 24 Build the sparse identity matrix $I = \text{sparse}(i, j, s, 100, 100)$ by creating vectors i, j, s of positions i, j with nonzero entries s . (You could use a `for` loop.) In this case `speye(100)` is quicker. Notice that `sparse(eye(10000))` would be a disaster, since there isn't room to store `eye(10000)` before making it sparse.
- 25 The only solution to $Ku = 0$ or $Tu = 0$ is $u = 0$, so K and T are invertible. For proof, suppose u_i is the largest component of u . If $-u_{i-1} + 2u_i - u_{i+1}$ is zero, this forces $u_{i-1} = u_i = u_{i+1}$. Then the next equations force every $u_j = u_i$. At the end, when the boundary is reached, $-u_{n-1} + 2u_n$ only gives zero if $u = 0$. Why does this "diagonally dominant" argument fail for B and C ?
- 26 For which vectors v is `toeplitz(v)` a circulant matrix (cyclic diagonals)?
- 27 (Important) Show that the 3 by 3 matrix K comes from $A_0^T A_0$:

$$A_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a "difference matrix"}$$

Which column of A_0 would you remove to produce A_1 with $T = A_1^T A_1$? Which column would you remove next to produce A_2 with $B = A_2^T A_2$? The difference matrices A_0, A_1, A_2 have 0, 1, 2 boundary conditions. So do the "second differences" K, T , and B .

Problem Set 1.2

- 1 What are the second derivative $u''(x)$ and the second difference $\Delta^2 U_n$? Use $\delta(x)$.

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} Ax & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ Bx & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad U_n = \begin{cases} An & \text{if } n \leq 0 \\ Bn & \text{if } n \geq 0 \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} -2A \\ -A \\ 0 \\ B \\ 2B \end{bmatrix}$$

$u(x)$ and U are piecewise linear with a corner at 0.

- 2 Solve the differential equation $-u''(x) = \delta(x)$ with $u(-2) = 0$ and $u(3) = 0$. The pieces $u = A(x+2)$ and $u = B(x-3)$ meet at $x = 0$. Show that the vector $U = (u(-1), u(0), u(1), u(2))$ solves the corresponding matrix problem $KU = F = (0, 1, 0, 0)$.

Problems 3–12 are about the “local accuracy” of finite differences.

- 3 The h^2 term in the error for a centered difference $(u(x+h) - u(x-h))/2h$ is $\frac{1}{6}h^2 u'''(x)$. Test by computing that difference for $u(x) = x^3$ and x^4 .
- 4 Verify that the inverse of the backward difference matrix Δ_- in (28) is the sum matrix in (29). But the centered difference matrix $\Delta_0 = (\Delta_+ + \Delta_-)/2$ might not be invertible! Solve $\Delta_0 u = 0$ for $n = 3$ and $n = 5$.
- 5 In the Taylor series (2), find the number a in the next term $ah^4 u''''(x)$ by testing $u(x) = x^4$ at $x = 0$.
- 6 For $u(x) = x^4$, compute the second derivative and second difference $\Delta^2 u / (\Delta x)^2$. From the answers, predict c in the leading error in equation (9).
- 7 Four samples of u can give fourth-order accuracy for du/dx at the center:

$$\frac{-u_2 + 8u_1 - 8u_{-1} + u_{-2}}{12h} = \frac{du}{dx} + bh^4 \frac{d^5 u}{dx^5} + \dots$$

1. Check that this is correct for $u = 1$ and $u = x^2$ and $u = x^4$.
 2. Expand u_2, u_1, u_{-1}, u_{-2} as in equation (2). Combine the four Taylor series to discover the coefficient b in the h^4 leading error term.
- 8 *Question* Why didn't I square the centered difference for a good Δ^2 ?
Answer A centered difference of a centered difference stretches too far:

$$\frac{\Delta_0 \Delta_0}{2h \cdot 2h} u_n = \frac{u_{n+2} - 2u_n + u_{n-2}}{(2h)^2}$$

The second difference matrix now has **1, 0, -2, 0, 1** on a typical row. The accuracy is no better and we have trouble with u_{n+2} at the boundaries.

Can you construct a fourth-order accurate centered difference for $d^2 u / dx^2$, choosing the right coefficients to multiply $u_2, u_1, u_0, u_{-1}, u_{-2}$?