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  1. Enter the matrix  $K_5$  by the MATLAB command `toeplitz([2 -1 0 0 0])`.
  2. Compute the determinant and the inverse by `det(K)` and `inv(K)`. For a neater answer compute the determinant times the inverse.
  3. Find the  $L, D, U$  factors of  $K_5$  and verify that the  $i, j$  entry of  $L^{-1}$  is  $j/i$ .
- 4 The vector of pivots for  $K_4$  is  $d = [\frac{2}{1} \frac{3}{2} \frac{4}{3} \frac{5}{4}]$ . This is  $d = (2:5)./(1:4)$ , using MATLAB's counting vector  $i : j = (i, i+1, \dots, j)$ . The extra `.` makes the division act *a component at a time*. Find  $\ell$  in the MATLAB expression for  $L = \text{eye}(4) - \text{diag}(\ell, -1)$  and multiply  $L * \text{diag}(d) * L'$  to recover  $K_4$ .
- 5 If  $A$  has pivots 2, 7, 6 with no row exchanges, what are the pivots for the upper left 2 by 2 submatrix  $B$  (without row 3 and column 3)? Explain why.
- 6 How many entries can you choose freely in a 5 by 5 symmetric matrix  $K$ ? How many can you choose in a 5 by 5 diagonal matrix  $D$  and lower triangular  $L$  (with ones on its diagonal)?
- 7 Suppose  $A$  is rectangular ( $m$  by  $n$ ) and  $C$  is symmetric ( $m$  by  $m$ ).
  1. Transpose  $A^T C A$  to show its symmetry. What shape is this matrix?
  2. Show why  $A^T A$  has no negative numbers on its diagonal.
- 8 Factor these symmetric matrices into  $A = LDL^T$  with the pivots in  $D$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 9 The **Cholesky** command  $A = \text{chol}(K)$  produces an upper triangular  $A$  with  $K = A^T A$ . The square roots of the pivots from  $D$  are now included on the diagonal of  $A$  (so Cholesky *fails* unless  $K = K^T$  and the pivots are positive). Try the `chol` command on  $K_3$ ,  $T_3$ ,  $B_3$ , and  $B_3 + \text{eps} * \text{eye}(3)$ .
- 10 The all-ones matrix `ones(4)` is positive *semidefinite*. Find all its pivots (zero not allowed). Find its determinant and try `eig(ones(4))`. Factor it into a 4 by 1 matrix  $L$  times a 1 by 4 matrix  $L^T$ .
- 11 The matrix  $K = \text{ones}(4) + \text{eye}(4)/100$  has all 1's off the diagonal, and 1.01 down the main diagonal. Is it positive definite? Find the pivots by `lu(K)` and eigenvalues by `eig(K)`. Also find its  $LDL^T$  factorization and `inv(K)`.
- 12 The matrix  $K = \text{pascal}(4)$  contains the numbers from the Pascal triangle (tilted to fit symmetrically into  $K$ ). Multiply its pivots to find its determinant. Factor  $K$  into  $LL^T$  where the lower triangular  $L$  also contains the Pascal triangle!
- 13 The Fibonacci matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is *indefinite*. Find its pivots. Factor it into  $LDL^T$ . Multiply  $(1, 0)$  by this matrix 5 times, to see the first 6 Fibonacci numbers.

- 14 If  $A = LU$ , solve by hand the equation  $Ax = f$  without ever finding  $A$  itself. Solve  $Lc = f$  and then  $Ux = c$  (then  $LUx = Lc$  is the desired equation  $Ax = f$ ).  $Lc = f$  is forward elimination and  $Ux = c$  is back substitution:

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ 3 & 1 & \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 & 0 \\ & 3 & 5 \\ & & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad f = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 15 From the multiplication  $LS$  show that

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ \ell_{21} & 1 & \\ \ell_{31} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{is the inverse of} \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ -\ell_{21} & 1 & \\ -\ell_{31} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$S$  subtracts multiples of row 1 from lower rows.  $L$  adds them back.

- 16 Unlike the previous exercise, which eliminated only one column, show that

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ \ell_{21} & 1 & \\ \ell_{31} & \ell_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{is not the inverse of} \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ -\ell_{21} & 1 & \\ -\ell_{31} & -\ell_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Write  $L$  as  $L_1 L_2$  to find the correct inverse  $L^{-1} = L_2^{-1} L_1^{-1}$  (notice the order):

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ \ell_{21} & 1 & \\ \ell_{31} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & \ell_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad L^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & -\ell_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ -\ell_{21} & 1 & \\ -\ell_{31} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 17 By trial and error, find examples of 2 by 2 matrices such that

1.  $LU \neq UL$
2.  $A^2 = -I$ , with real entries in  $A$
3.  $B^2 = 0$ , with no zeros in  $B$
4.  $CD = -DC$ , not allowing  $CD = 0$

- 18 Write down a 3 by 3 matrix with row 1  $- 2 \times$  row 2  $+ \text{row } 3 = 0$  and find a similar dependence of the columns—a combination of columns that gives zero.

- 19 Draw these equations in their *row* form (two intersecting lines) and find the solution  $(x, y)$ . Then draw their *column* form by adding two vectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{has column form} \quad x \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 20 True or false: Every matrix  $A$  can be factored into a lower triangular  $L$  times an upper triangular  $U$ , with *nonzero diagonals*. Find  $L$  and  $U$  when possible:

$$\text{When is } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & d \end{bmatrix} = LU? \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = LU?$$

Here is one of the most useful formulas in linear algebra (it extends to  $T - UV^T$ ):

**Woodbury-Sherman-Morrison**  
Inverse of  $K = T - uv^T$

$$K^{-1} = T^{-1} + \frac{T^{-1}uv^T T^{-1}}{1 - v^T T^{-1}u} \quad (21)$$

The proof multiplies the right side by  $T - uv^T$ , and simplifies to  $I$ .

Problem 1.1.7 displays  $T^{-1} - K^{-1}$  when the vectors have length  $n = 4$ :

$$v^T T^{-1} = \text{row 1 of } T^{-1} = [4 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1] \quad 1 - v^T T^{-1}u = 1 + 4 = 5.$$

For any  $n$ ,  $K^{-1}$  comes from the simpler  $T^{-1}$  by subtracting  $w^T w / (n+1)$  with  $w = n: -1:1$ .

### Problem Set 1.4

- 1 For  $-u'' = \delta(x - a)$ , the solution must be linear on each side of the load. What four conditions determine  $A, B, C, D$  if  $u(0) = 2$  and  $u(1) = 0$ ?

$$u(x) = Ax + B \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq a \quad \text{and} \quad u(x) = Cx + D \quad \text{for } a \leq x \leq 1.$$

- 2 Change Problem 1 to the free-fixed case  $u'(0) = 0$  and  $u(1) = 4$ . Find and solve the four equations for  $A, B, C, D$ .

- 3 Suppose there are *two* unit loads, at the points  $a = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $b = \frac{2}{3}$ . Solve the fixed-fixed problem in two ways: First combine the two single-load solutions. The other way is to find six conditions for  $A, B, C, D, E, F$ :

$$u(x) = Ax + B \quad \text{for } x \leq \frac{1}{3}, \quad Cx + D \quad \text{for } \frac{1}{3} \leq x \leq \frac{2}{3}, \quad Ex + F \quad \text{for } x \geq \frac{2}{3}.$$

- 4 Solve the equation  $-d^2u/dx^2 = \delta(x - a)$  with **fixed-free** boundary conditions  $u(0) = 0$  and  $u'(1) = 0$ . Draw the graphs of  $u(x)$  and  $u'(x)$ .

- 5 Show that the same equation with **free-free** conditions  $u'(0) = 0$  and  $u'(1) = 0$  has no solution. The equations for  $C$  and  $D$  cannot be solved. This corresponds to the singular matrix  $B_n$  (with 1, 1 and  $n, n$  entries both changed to 1).

- 6 Show that  $-u'' = \delta(x - a)$  with **periodic** conditions  $u(0) = u(1)$  and  $u'(0) = u'(1)$  cannot be solved. Again the requirements on  $C$  and  $D$  cannot be met. This corresponds to the singular circulant matrix  $C_n$  (with 1,  $n$  and  $n, 1$  entries changed to  $-1$ ).

- 7 A *difference* of point loads,  $f(x) = \delta(x - \frac{1}{3}) - \delta(x - \frac{2}{3})$ , does allow a free-free solution to  $-u'' = f$ . Find *infinitely many* solutions with  $u'(0) = 0$  and  $u'(1) = 0$ .

- 8 The difference  $f(x) = \delta(x - \frac{1}{3}) - \delta(x - \frac{2}{3})$  has zero total load, and  $-u'' = f(x)$  can also be solved with periodic boundary conditions. Find a particular solution  $u_{\text{part}}(x)$  and then the complete solution  $u_{\text{part}} + u_{\text{null}}$ .

- 9 The distributed load  $f(x) = 1$  is the integral of loads  $\delta(x - a)$  at all points  $x = a$ . The free-fixed solution  $u(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - x^2)$  from Section 1.3 should then be the integral of the point-load solutions ( $1 - x$  for  $a \leq x$ , and  $1 - a$  for  $a \geq x$ ):

$$u(x) = \int_0^x (1-x) da + \int_x^1 (1-a) da = (1-x)x + (1-\frac{1^2}{2}) - (x-\frac{x^2}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2. \text{ YES!}$$

Check the fixed-fixed case  $u(x) = \int_0^x (1-x)a da + \int_x^1 (1-a)x da = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

- 10 If you add together the columns of  $K^{-1}$  (or  $T^{-1}$ ), you get a “discrete parabola” that solves the equation  $Ku = f$  (or  $Tu = f$ ) with what vector  $f$ ? Do this addition for  $K_4^{-1}$  in Figure 1.9 and  $T_4^{-1}$  in Figure 1.10.

Problems 11–15 are about delta functions and their integrals and derivatives.

- 11 The integral of  $\delta(x)$  is the step function  $S(x)$ . The integral of  $S(x)$  is the ramp  $R(x)$ . Find and graph the next two integrals: the quadratic spline  $Q(x)$  and the cubic spline  $C(x)$ . Which derivatives of  $C(x)$  are continuous at  $x = 0$ ?
- 12 The cubic spline  $C(x)$  solves the fourth-order equation  $u'''' = \delta(x)$ . What is the complete solution  $u(x)$  with four arbitrary constants? Choose those constants so that  $u(1) = u''(1) = u(-1) = u''(-1) = 0$ . This gives the bending of a uniform *simply supported beam* under a point load.

- 13 The defining property of the delta function  $\delta(x)$  is that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) g(x) dx = g(0) \quad \text{for every smooth function } g(x).$$

How does this give “area = 1” under  $\delta(x)$ ? What is  $\int \delta(x-3) g(x) dx$ ?

- 14 The function  $\delta(x)$  is a “weak limit” of very high, very thin square waves  $SW$ :

$$SW(x) = \frac{1}{2h} \quad \text{for } |x| \leq h \quad \text{has} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} SW(x) g(x) dx \rightarrow g(0) \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0.$$

For a constant  $g(x) = 1$  and every  $g(x) = x^n$ , show that  $\int SW(x) g(x) dx \rightarrow g(0)$ . We use the word “weak” because the rule depends on *test functions*  $g(x)$ .

- 15 The derivative of  $\delta(x)$  is the *doublet*  $\delta'(x)$ . Integrate by parts to compute

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \delta'(x) dx = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (?) \delta(x) dx = (??) \quad \text{for smooth } g(x).$$



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- 5 Construct  $B = B_6$  and  $[Q, E] = \text{eig}(B)$  with  $B(1, 1) = 1$  and  $B(6, 6) = 1$ . Verify that  $E = \text{diag}(e)$  with eigenvalues  $2 * \text{ones}(1, 6) - 2 * \cos([0 : 5] * \pi/6)$  in  $e$ . How do you adjust  $Q$  to produce the (highly important) Discrete Cosine Transform with entries  $\text{DCT} = \cos([.5 : 5.5]' * [0 : 5] * \pi/6) / \text{sqrt}(3)$ ?
- 6 The free-fixed matrix  $T = T_6$  has  $T(1, 1) = 1$ . Check that its eigenvalues are  $2 - 2 \cos [(k - \frac{1}{2})\pi/6.5]$ . The matrix  $\cos([.5 : 5.5]' * [.5 : 5.5] * \pi/6.5) / \text{sqrt}(3.25)$  should contain its unit eigenvectors. Compute  $Q' * Q$  and  $Q' * T * Q$ .
- 7 The columns of the Fourier matrix  $F_4$  are eigenvectors of the circulant matrix  $C = C_4$ . But  $[Q, E] = \text{eig}(C)$  does not produce  $Q = F_4$ . What combinations of the columns of  $Q$  give the columns of  $F_4$ ? Notice the double eigenvalue in  $E$ .
- 8 Show that the  $n$  eigenvalues  $2 - 2 \cos \frac{k\pi}{n+1}$  of  $K_n$  add to the trace  $2 + \dots + 2$ .
- 9  $K_3$  and  $B_4$  have the same nonzero eigenvalues because they come from the same  $4 \times 3$  backward difference  $\Delta_-$ . Show that  $K_3 = \Delta_-^T \Delta_-$  and  $B_4 = \Delta_- \Delta_-^T$ . The eigenvalues of  $K_3$  are the squared **singular values**  $\sigma^2$  of  $\Delta_-$  in 1.7.

Problems 10–23 are about diagonalizing  $A$  by its eigenvectors in  $S$ .

- 10 Factor these two matrices into  $A = SAS^{-1}$ . Check that  $A^2 = SA^2S^{-1}$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 11 If  $A = SAS^{-1}$  then  $A^{-1} = ( \quad ) ( \quad ) ( \quad )$ . The eigenvectors of  $A^3$  are (the same columns of  $S$ )(different vectors).
- 12 If  $A$  has  $\lambda_1 = 2$  with eigenvector  $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\lambda_2 = 5$  with  $x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , use  $SAS^{-1}$  to find  $A$ . No other matrix has the same  $\lambda$ 's and  $x$ 's.
- 13 Suppose  $A = SAS^{-1}$ . What is the eigenvalue matrix for  $A + 2I$ ? What is the eigenvector matrix? Check that  $A + 2I = ( \quad ) ( \quad ) ( \quad )^{-1}$ .
- 14 If the columns of  $S$  ( $n$  eigenvectors of  $A$ ) are linearly independent, then
  - (a)  $A$  is invertible
  - (b)  $A$  is diagonalizable
  - (c)  $S$  is invertible
- 15 The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is not diagonalizable because the rank of  $A - 3I$  is \_\_\_\_\_.  $A$  only has one line of eigenvector. Which entries could you change to make  $A$  diagonalizable, with two eigenvectors?
- 16  $A^k = SA^kS^{-1}$  approaches the zero matrix as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if every  $\lambda$  has absolute value less than \_\_\_\_\_. Which of these matrices has  $A^k \rightarrow 0$ ?

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} .6 & .4 \\ .4 & .6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} .6 & .9 \\ .1 & .6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A_3 = K_3.$$

- 25 The rabbit and wolf populations show fast growth of rabbits (from  $6r$ ) but loss to wolves (from  $-2w$ ). Find  $A$  and its eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = 6r - 2w \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dw}{dt} = 2r + w.$$

If  $r(0) = w(0) = 30$  what are the populations at time  $t$ ? After a long time, is the ratio of rabbits to wolves 1 to 2 or is it 2 to 1?

- 26 Substitute  $y = e^{\lambda t}$  into  $y'' = 6y' - 9y$  to show that  $\lambda = 3$  is a repeated root. This is trouble; we need a second solution after  $e^{3t}$ . The matrix equation is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -9 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show that this matrix has  $\lambda = 3, 3$  and only one line of eigenvectors. *Trouble here too.* Show that the second solution is  $y = te^{3t}$ .

- 27 Explain why  $A$  and  $A^T$  have the same eigenvalues. Show that  $\lambda = 1$  is always an eigenvalue when  $A$  is a Markov matrix, because each row of  $A^T$  adds to 1 and the vector \_\_\_\_\_ is an eigenvector of  $A^T$ .
- 28 Find the eigenvalues and unit eigenvectors of  $A$  and  $T$ , and check the trace:

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

- 29 Here is a quick "proof" that the eigenvalues of all real matrices are real:

$$Ax = \lambda x \quad \text{gives} \quad x^T Ax = \lambda x^T x \quad \text{so} \quad \lambda = \frac{x^T Ax}{x^T x} \quad \text{is real.}$$

Find the flaw in this reasoning—a hidden assumption that is not justified.

- 30 Find all 2 by 2 matrices that are orthogonal and also symmetric. Which two numbers can be eigenvalues of these matrices?

- 31 To find the eigenfunction  $y(x) = \sin k\pi x$ , we could put  $y = e^{ax}$  in the differential equation  $-u'' = \lambda u$ . Then  $-a^2 e^{ax} = \lambda e^{ax}$  gives  $a = i\sqrt{\lambda}$  or  $a = -i\sqrt{\lambda}$ . The complete solution  $y(x) = Ce^{i\sqrt{\lambda}x} + De^{-i\sqrt{\lambda}x}$  has  $C + D = 0$  because  $y(0) = 0$ . That simplifies  $y(x)$  to a sine function:

$$y(x) = C(e^{i\sqrt{\lambda}x} - e^{-i\sqrt{\lambda}x}) = 2iC \sin \sqrt{\lambda}x.$$

$y(1) = 0$  yields  $\sin \sqrt{\lambda} = 0$ . Then  $\sqrt{\lambda}$  must be a multiple of  $k\pi$ , and  $\lambda = k^2\pi^2$  as before. Repeat these steps for  $y'(0) = y'(1) = 0$  and also  $y'(0) = y(1) = 0$ .