
Computational Linear Algebra - MA 703
Problem Sheet 9

1. Show that if $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has rank p , then there exists an $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$ and a $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ such that $A = XY^T$, where $\text{rank}(X)=\text{rank}(Y)=p$.

2. Suppose $A(\alpha) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$ and $B(\alpha) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$ are matrices whose entries are differentiable functions of the scalar α . Show

$$\frac{d}{d\alpha}[A(\alpha)B(\alpha)] = \left[\frac{d}{d\alpha}A(\alpha) \right] B(\alpha) + A(\alpha) \left[\frac{d}{d\alpha}B(\alpha) \right].$$

3. Suppose $A(\alpha) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has entries that are differentiable functions of the scalar α . Assuming $A(\alpha)$ is always nonsingular, show

$$\left[\frac{d}{d\alpha}A(\alpha)^{-1} \right] = -A(\alpha)^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{d\alpha}A(\alpha) \right] A(\alpha)^{-1}.$$

4. Suppose $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and that $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - x^T b$. Show that the gradient ϕ is given by $\nabla\phi(x) = \frac{1}{2}(A^T + A)x - b$.

5. Assume that both A and $A + uv^T$ are nonsingular where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that if x solves $(A + uv^T)x = b$, then it also solves a perturbed right hand side problem of the form $Ax = b + \alpha u$. Give an expression for α in terms of A, u , and v .

6. Show that if $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|x\|_p = \|x\|_\infty$.

7. Prove the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality by considering the inequality

$$0 \leq (ax + by)^T(ax + by)$$

for suitable scalars a and b .

8. Verify that $\|\cdot\|_1$, $\|\cdot\|_2$, and $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ are vector norms.

9. For $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ verify the following inequalities. When is equality achieved in each result?

(a) $\|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n}\|x\|_2$

(b) $\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n}\|x\|_\infty$

(c) $\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_1 \leq n\|x\|_\infty$.

10. Show that in \mathbb{R}^n , $x^{(i)} \rightarrow x$ if and only if $x_k^{(i)} \rightarrow x_k$ for $k = 1 : n$.

11. Show that any vector norm on \mathbb{R}^n is uniformly continuous by verifying the inequality

$$\left| \|x\| - \|y\| \right| \leq \|x - y\|.$$

12. Let $\|\cdot\|$ be a vector norm on \mathbb{R}^m and assume $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Show that if $\text{rank}(A)=n$, then $\|x\|_A = \|Ax\|$ is a vector norm on \mathbb{R}^n .

13. Let x and y be in \mathbb{R}^n and define $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $\psi(\alpha) = \|x - \alpha y\|_2$. Show that ψ is minimized when $\alpha = x^T y / y^T y$.
14. (a) Verify that $\|x\|_p = (|x_1|^p + \cdots + |x_n|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ is a vector norm on \mathbb{C}^n .
 (b) Show that if $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ then $\|x\|_p \leq c(\|\operatorname{Re}(x)\|_p + \|\operatorname{Im}(x)\|_p)$.
 (c) Find a constant c_n such that $c_n(\|\operatorname{Re}(x)\|_2 + \|\operatorname{Im}(x)\|_2) \leq \|x\|_2$ for all $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$.

15. Prove or disprove:

$$v \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow \|v\|_1 \|v\|_\infty \leq \frac{1 + \sqrt{n}}{2} \|v\|_2.$$

16. Show $\|AB\|_p \leq \|A\|_p \|B\|_p$ where $1 \leq p \leq \infty$.

17. Let B be any submatrix of A . Show that $\|B\|_p \leq \|A\|_p$.

18. Show that if $D = \operatorname{diag}(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with $k = \min\{m, n\}$, then $\|D\|_p = \max |\mu_i|$.

19. For $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ verify the following inequalities. Here $\|\cdot\|_F$ refers the Frobenius norm.

- (a) $\|Ax\|_2 \leq \|A\|_F \leq \sqrt{n} \|A\|_2$
 (b) $\max_{i,j} |a_{ij}| \leq \|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{mn} \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$
 (c) $\|A\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}|$
 (d) $\|A\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$
 (e) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \|A\|_\infty \leq \|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{m} \|A\|_\infty$
 (f) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|A\|_1 \leq \|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \|A\|_1$.

20. Show that if $0 \neq s \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $E \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, then

$$\left\| E \left(I - \frac{ss^T}{s^T s} \right) \right\|_F^2 = \|E\|_F^2 - \frac{\|E_s\|_2^2}{s^T s}.$$

21. Suppose $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Show that if $E = uv^T$ then $\|E\|_F = \|E\|_2 = \|u\|_2 \|v\|_2$ and that $\|E\|_\infty \leq \|u\|_\infty \|v\|_1$.

22. Suppose $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$, and $0 \neq s \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Show that

$$E = (y - As)s^T / s^T s$$

has the smallest 2-norm of all $m \times n$ matrices E that satisfy $(A + E)s = y$.