

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
**Analysis of Numerical Methods I**  
**MATH 6610 – Section 001 – Fall 2019**  
**Homework 3**  
*LU and Cholesky factorizations*

**Due Monday, November 4, 2019 by 11:59pm MT**

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**Submission instructions:**

Create a private repository on `github.com` named `math6610-homework-3`. Add your  $\text{\LaTeX}$  source files and your Matlab/Python code and push to Github. To submit: grant me (username `akilnarayan`) write access to your repository.

You may grant me write access before you complete the assignment. I will not look at your submission until the due date+time specified above. If you choose this route, I will only grade the assignment associated with the last commit before the due date.

All commits timestamped after the due date+time will be ignored.

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**Problem assignment:**

Trefethen & Bau III, Lecture 20: # 20.1

Trefethen & Bau III, Lecture 21: # 21.6

Trefethen & Bau III, Lecture 22: # 22.3

Trefethen & Bau III, Lecture 23: # 23.1

Trefethen & Bau III, Lecture 24: # 24.1, 24.4

Additional problems:

**P1.** Let  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a permutation matrix.

- (a) Prove that  $P^T$  is also a permutation matrix.
- (b) Prove that  $P^T = P^{-1}$ .
- (c) Prove that if  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are both permutation matrices, then  $P_1 P_2$  is also a permutation matrix.
- (d) Is it true in general that  $P^2 = P$ ? If so, prove it. If not, give a counterexample.

**P2.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be invertible. Prove that the  $LU$  decomposition algorithm with partial pivoting always successfully computes  $PA = LU$ .

**P3.** Given  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ , consider a *column-pivoted* QR decomposition, i.e., a factorization of the form,

$$AP = QR,$$

where  $P$  is a permutation matrix that is chosen in the following way: At step  $j$  in the orthogonalization process (say step  $j$  of Gram-Schmidt), the columns  $j, j+1, \dots, n$  are permuted/pivoted so that  $r_{jj}$  will be as large as possible.

Note that the vector  $p$  defined as

$$p := P^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ \vdots \\ n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

has entries that identify the *column pivots*, i.e., the ordered column indices of  $A$  chosen by the pivoting process.

- (a) (Column-pivoted QR decompositions are *rank-revealing*, in a sense.) Prove that the number of nonzero diagonal entries in  $R$  equals the rank of  $A$ .
- (b) (Column-pivoted QR is greedy determinant maximization.) Let  $r = \text{rank}(A)$ . For  $S$  any subset of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , let  $A_S$  denote the  $m \times |S|$  submatrix of  $A$  formed by selected the column indices in  $S$ . Furthermore, let  $G_S \in \mathbb{C}^{|S| \times |S|}$  be defined as

$$G_S = (A_S)^* A_S$$

Consider the following iterative, greedy, determinant maximization:

$$s_j = \operatorname{argmax}_{k \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \det G_{S_{j-1} \cup \{k\}}, \quad S_j := S_{j-1} \cup \{s_j\}.$$

Where  $S_0 := \{\}$ . If each maximization yields a unique  $s_j$ , show that  $p_j = s_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, r$ .

**P4.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ , and let  $r = \text{rank}(A)$ . Show that the LU factorization with partial row pivoting,

$$PA = LU,$$

selects pivots via another kind of greedy determinant maximization. I.e., with  $S$  as in the previous problem, let  ${}_S A$  denote the  $|S| \times n$  matrix formed by selecting the rows with indices  $S$  from  $A$ . Consider the optimization problem

$$s_j = \operatorname{argmin}_{k \in \{1, \dots, m\}} \left| \det {}_{S_{j-1} \cup \{k\}} A_{\{1, \dots, j\}} \right|$$

for  $j \geq 1$  where again  $S_0 = \{\}$ . If each maximization yields a unique  $s_j$ , show that, for  $j = 1, \dots, r$ ,  $s_j$  is the  $j$ th entry of the vector  $p$  defined by

$$p := P \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ \vdots \\ m \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$