

## City University of Hong Kong

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Instructions to candidates:

- Attempt all **SEVEN** questions.
- Start each question on a new page.
- Show all working.

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Materials, aids & instruments permitted to be used during examination:

- Non-programmable portable battery operated calculator.
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1. Consider the function

$$f(x) = x^2 + \frac{1}{x} - 3x.$$

- (a) (5 marks) Is there a solution of  $f(x) = 0$  in the interval  $(0.5, 1)$ ? Why?
- (b) (5 marks) If Newton's method is used to solve  $f(x) = 0$  with the initial guess  $x_0 = 1$ , find  $x_1$ .
- (c) (5 marks) If the secant method is used to solve  $f(x) = 0$  with the initial guesses  $x_0 = 1$  and  $x_1 = 0.5$ , find  $x_2$ .

2. (15 marks) Find the LU decomposition with *partial pivoting* for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 6 \\ -1 & 4/3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. (15 marks) The following numerical integration formula

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} f(x) dx \approx c_0 f(0) + c_1 f(x_1)$$

always uses the value of  $f$  at  $x = 0$  and it is exact when  $f$  is any polynomial of degree less than or equal to 2. Find  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$  and  $x_1$ .

4. (10 marks) Let  $P_{10}(x)$  be the polynomial (degree  $\leq 10$ ) interpolating the eleven points  $(x_j, y_j)$  given in the following table:

$x_j$	0	1	2	...	9	10
$y_j$	$0^2$	$1^2$	$2^2$	...	$9^2$	101

Find  $P_{10}(11)$ .

5. (15 marks) Let  $A$  be a  $5 \times 3$  matrix with full column rank (i.e.  $rank(A) = 3$ ) and it has a QR factorization:  $A = QR$ , where

$$Q = I - \frac{2}{v^T v} v v^T, \quad v = [1, 0, -1, 0, 1]^T.$$

For the column vector  $b = [1, 2, 3, 2, 1]^T$ , find

$$\min_{x \in R^3} \|Ax - b\|.$$

6. (15 marks) Let us assume that we know  $\alpha_j, \beta_j$  for  $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$ . They are related to  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_7$  as follows:

$$\alpha_j = c_0 + c_2\omega_4^j + c_4\omega_4^{2j} + c_6\omega_4^{3j}, \quad \beta_j = c_1 + c_3\omega_4^j + c_5\omega_4^{2j} + c_7\omega_4^{3j},$$

where  $\omega_4 = e^{i2\pi/4} = i$ . Next, we define  $\hat{f}_k$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}_0 &= 2c_0, & \hat{f}_1 &= c_0 + c_1 \\ \hat{f}_2 &= 2c_2, & \hat{f}_3 &= c_2 + c_3, \\ \hat{f}_4 &= 2c_4, & \hat{f}_5 &= c_4 + c_5, \\ \hat{f}_6 &= 2c_6, & \hat{f}_7 &= c_6 + c_7. \end{aligned}$$

Find the formulas for

$$f_j = \sum_{k=0}^7 \hat{f}_k e^{i2\pi jk/8} \quad \text{for } j = 0, 1, \dots, 7,$$

in terms of  $\alpha_j$  and  $\beta_j$ .

7. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and we assume that  $A$  has a LU decomposition. Thus,  $A = LU$  for a unit lower triangular matrix  $L$  and an upper triangular matrix  $U$ . Let  $\hat{A}$  be the matrix given as  $\hat{A} = UL$ .

- (a) (8 marks) Show that the eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $\hat{A}$  are the same.
- (b) (7 marks) If the  $(3, 1)$  entry of  $A$  is zero, show that the  $(3, 1)$  entry of  $\hat{A}$  is also zero.