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**N.B.** The files mentioned in the exercises (if any) are available on the course homepage.

1. (a) Show that for a square matrix  $a$ , if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $a$  (i.e. for some  $x \neq 0, ax = \lambda x$ ), then  $\lambda + c$  is an eigenvalue of  $a + c * I$  where  $I$  is the identity matrix of the same size as  $a$ .

(b) Let  $a_1$  be a random  $n \times n$  matrix,  $a = a_1 + a_1^T$ , and define  $t$  to be the least eigenvalue of  $a$  if it is  $< 0$  and  $= 0$  otherwise. Show that  $a - tI$  has nonnegative eigenvalues and that it is symmetric.

(c) Generate with (b) symmetric square matrices  $a$  with nonnegative eigenvalues and show that if  $[u, s, v] = svd(a)$  and  $ss = sqrt(s), w = u * ss$ , then  $a = w * w^T$ .

2. The vertices of a quadrilateral are  $(0, 0), (p_1, p_2), (1, 0), (q_1, q_2)$ , where  $p_2 < 0, q_2 > 0$ . Generate such quadrilaterals and compute their areas. Show that Bretschneider's formula for the area holds:

$$K = \sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d) - abcd \cos^2 \alpha}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the mean value of the angles at  $p$  and  $q$  and  $a, b, c, d$  are the sides,  $2s = a + b + c + d$ . Hint: Use polyarea to check the formula.

3. Let  $B$  and  $C$  be  $m \times n$  matrices with real entries and let  $A = B + iC$ . Relate the singular values of  $A$  to those of

$$\begin{bmatrix} B & -C \\ C & B \end{bmatrix}.$$

Observe this gives an idea to reduce the computation of the SVD of complex  $m \times n$  matrices to the case of real  $2m \times 2n$  matrices.

4. Recall from linear algebra that if  $\Delta \equiv ad - bc \neq 0$ , then

$$\Delta \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consider the Newton method  $x_{n+1} = x_n - J_f(x_n)^{-1} f(x_n)$  to solve the system

$$\begin{cases} x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1 & = 0 \\ x_1^2 - x_2^2 & = 0 \end{cases}$$

with the initial point  $(0.5, 0.5)$ . Use standard methods from linear algebra and multidimensional calculus, such as the above formula for matrix inverse, to compute the following expressions analytically and to print the numerical values  $J_f(x_n)$ ,  $J_f(x_n)^{-1}$ ,  $T(x_n) \equiv J_f(x_n)^{-1} f(x_n)$  for the first three iteration steps.

5. For  $t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , the pseudo-inverse is defined by  $t^+ = 1/t$  and we set  $0^+ = 0$ . If  $s$  is a  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix let  $s^+$  be the  $n \times m$  diagonal matrix obtained by applying this operation elementwise:  $(s^+)_{i,j} = s_{i,j}^+$ . For an  $m \times n$  matrix  $a$  with a SVD  $a = usv^T$  we define  $a^+ = vs^+u^T$ . Check for a number of random matrices whether and how well  $a^+$  agrees with the MATLAB pseudo-inverse  $\text{pinv}(a)$ .

6. Finding the root of a linear  $n \times n$  system  $ax = b$  can be considered as a minimization problem for the function  $g(x) = |a*x - b| = \text{norm}(a*x - b)$ . Use this idea to solve the problem  $a*x = b$  when  $a$  is  $n \times n$  Hilbert matrix. Report for each  $n = 2 : 9$  the residual  $|ax - b|$  and  $|x_{\text{num}} - \text{exact}|$  when  $\text{exact} = \text{ones}(n,1)$  and  $b = a * \text{exact}$ .