

Numerical Linear Algebra Exam – August, 2017

Do 4 (four) problems

1. Assume that  $A$  is Hermitian and all its eigenvalues are distinct and nonzero.
  - (a) Show that each pair of distinct eigenvectors of  $A$  are orthogonal.
  - (b) If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with eigenvector  $x$  with  $\|x\|_2 = 1$ , then  $B = A - \lambda xx^*$  has the same eigenvectors as  $A$  while  $B$ 's eigenvalues are the same as those of  $A$  except  $\lambda$  is replaced with zero.
2. (a) If  $P$  is a projector, prove that  $\text{null}(P) \cap \text{range}(P) = \emptyset$  and  $\text{null}(P) = \text{range}(I - P)$ .  
 (b) Prove that  $P$  is an orthogonal projector if and only if it is Hermitian.
3. (a) If both  $A$  and  $U$  are in  $\mathbb{C}^{m,m}$  and  $U$  is unitary, prove that  $\|UA\|_F = \|AU\|_F = \|A\|_F$ .  
 (b) If both  $A$  and  $U$  are in  $\mathbb{C}^{m,m}$  and  $U$  is unitary, prove that  $\|UA\|_2 = \|AU\|_2 = \|A\|_2$ .  
 (c) Prove that  $\|A\|_2 = (\rho(A^*A))^{1/2} = \sigma_1$ , where  $\sigma_1$  is the largest singular value of  $A$ .
4. (a) If  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m,n}$  with  $m \geq n$ , prove that  $A^*A$  is invertible if and only if  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ .  
 (b) Give an explicit formula for  $\det(\lambda I - ww^*)$  when  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $I$  is the  $m \times m$  identity matrix and  $w \in \mathbb{C}^m$ .
5. Assume that  $T$  is tridiagonal and symmetric with the diagonal entries given by  $a_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$  and the super- and sub-diagonal entries by  $b_j$  for  $j = 1 \dots m - 1$ . Let  $p_k$  be the characteristic polynomial of the  $k \times k$  matrix in the upper left hand corner of  $A$ . Prove that

$$p_k(x) = (a_k - x)p_{k-1}(x) - b_{k-1}^2 p_{k-2}(x).$$