

Numerical Linear Algebra Qualifying Exam – May, 2018
Do 4 (four) problems

1. (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.
(c) If q_1, \dots, q_n is an orthonormal basis for the subspace $V \subset \mathbb{C}^m$ with $m > n$, prove that the orthogonal projector onto V is QQ^* , where Q is the matrix whose columns are the q_j .
2. Assume $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$.
(a) Prove that $\|A\|_2 = (\rho(A^*A))^{1/2} = \sigma_1$, where σ_1 is the largest singular value of A and ρ is the spectral radius.
(b) Let $\kappa_2(A)$ be the two-norm condition number of the square, non-singular A . Prove that
$$\kappa_2(A) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_m}$$
where σ_1 and σ_m are the largest and smallest singular values of A , respectively.
(c) Show that $\kappa_2(A) = 1$ if and only if $A = rQ$ with $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and Q unitary.
3. (a) Given $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ with $m \geq n$, show that A^*A is nonsingular if and only if A has full rank.
(b) If $u, v \in \mathbb{C}^m$ and $A = uv^*$, show that $\|A\|_2 = \|u\|_2 \|v\|_2$.
4. (a) Prove that every square matrix A has a Schur factorization.
(b) If A is normal (so $A^*A = AA^*$) show that the triangular matrix in its Schur factorization is diagonal.
5. Assume $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m,m}$
(a) Prove that $\langle x, y \rangle_A = x^*Ay$ is an inner product on \mathbb{R}^m if and only if A is symmetric and positive definite
(b) Assume now that A is symmetric and positive definite. If x_* is the solution to $Ax = b$ and $\{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$ is an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^m with respect to $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_A$ and $x_* = \sum c_i p_i$, give a formula for the c_i .