

1. (25 points) Consider the fixed point iteration

$$x_{n+1} = (\alpha + 1)x_n - x_n^2, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

where α satisfying $1/2 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ is given.

- (a) Show that the iteration converges for any initial guess x_0 satisfying $\alpha - 1/5 \leq x_0 \leq \alpha + 1/5$.
(b) Assume that the iteration converges, find the value of α for which the method converges quadratically.

2. (25 points)

- (a) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$. Compute the LU factorization of A without pivoting.
(b) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ and assume $a \neq 0$. Let $A = LU$ be the LU factorization of A without pivoting. Show that the pivots of A are positive if and only if A is symmetric positive definite.

3. (25 points) Consider the quadrature of the form

$$\int_{-1}^1 |x| f(x) dx \approx A (f(x_1) + f(x_2)).$$

Determine the constants A , x_1 , and x_2 so that this quadrature has the highest precision with respect to the function $f(x)$. What is the degree of precision?

4. (25 points) Let $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_m = b$ be a mesh on $[a, b]$. Let l_i be defined on $[a, b]$ as follows:

1. l_i is piecewise linear on $[a, b]$,
2. $l_i(x_i) = 1$,
3. $l_i(x_j) = 0$ ($j \neq i$).

- (a) Let $f(x)$ be continuous on $[a, b]$. Determine the values of coefficients c_i such that the function

$$l(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m c_i l_i(x)$$

satisfies $l(x_i) = f(x_i)$.

- (b) Let $h = \max_i \{x_{i+1} - x_i\}$. Let f be twice differentiable on $[a, b]$. Derive an upper bound on $|f(x) - l(x)|$, and show that $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |f(x) - l(x)| = 0$. Here l is the function defined in part a.

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