

Homework #1
Due Monday, Sept 24th in lecture

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1. Prove that any linear map $\mathcal{L} : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ can be written as an $m \times n$ matrix. You can assume the existence of the canonical basis set $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ where $e_1 = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0]^*$, etc.
2. Prove that $\|AB\|_p \leq \|A\|_p \|B\|_p$.
3. Prove that $\|A\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|a_j\|_1$ where $\{a_j\}$ are the columns of the $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$.
4. If u and v are m -vectors the matrix $A = I + uv^*$ is known as a *rank-one perturbation of the identity*. Show that if A is nonsingular, then its inverse has the form $A^{-1} = I + \alpha uv^*$ for some scalar α , and give an expression for α . For what u and v is A singular? If it is singular, what is $\text{null}(A)$? (Trefethen exercise 2.6).
5. Use the SVD to prove that a real symmetric matrix has a complete set of orthogonal eigenvectors with non-negative eigenvalues. What does this tell you about the relation between the SVD and the eigenvalue problem for real symmetric matrices?
6. Use the SVD to prove that any matrix in $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ is the limit of a sequence of matrices of full rank. In other words, prove that the set of full-rank matrices is a dense subset of $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$. Use the 2-norm in your proof. (Trefethen exercise 5.2. This one sounds fancy but is very simple.)

These problems are intended to develop or exercise your understanding of basis sets, matrix norms, and singular versus nonsingular matrices. Problems 1, 2, and 4 are representative of the kind of analysis we'll need for the development of our main numerical linear algebra algorithms.

Note that a couple of these proofs are outlined verbally in the text. You can look at these proofs and follow the general strategy. But see if you can improve on the presentation.