

Course 19.155120.0 “Scientific Computing”  
test  $T_3$

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**Question 1 (35 points)** Sylvester equation  $AX - XB = C$  is solved for given  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$  and unknown  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ .

Q1a (10 p) Specify  $(\text{vec}(X))^T$  in terms of its columns  $x_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ :  
 $(\text{vec}(X))^T = \dots$

Q1b (10 p) The Sylvester equation is transformed into an equivalent linear system  $\mathcal{A} \text{vec}(X) = \text{vec}(C)$ . Specify, without proof, the missing terms in the following formula (here  $I_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is the identity matrix):

$$\mathcal{A} = \dots - B^T \otimes I_n$$

Q1c (15 p) Write down the matrix  $\mathcal{A}$  for  $A$  and  $B$  given below:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{A} =$$

**Question 2 (30 points)** A nonlinear system of equation  $F(x) = 0$  is solved by an inexact Newton method, where  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a smooth mapping.

Q2a (10 p) Complete the formula below for the matrix free multiplication of the Jacobian times a vector  $w \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (here  $\delta > 0$  is a small parameter and  $x_c \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the current solution vector):

$$F'(x_c)w \approx \frac{1}{\delta}(F(x_c + \delta w) - \dots). \quad (1)$$

Q2b (10 p) Estimate accuracy of approximation (1) above, i.e. prove that the approximation error is  $\mathcal{O}(\delta^\ell)$  and specify  $\ell$ .

Q2c (10 p) How could we improve the accuracy of approximation (1)?

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**Question 3 (35 points)** Consider the Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno (BFGS) update, for given  $B_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and vectors  $x_k, x_{k+1}, y_k$ :

$$B_{k+1} = B_k + \frac{y_k y_k^T}{y_k^T (x_{k+1} - x_k)} - \frac{B_k (x_{k+1} - x_k) (B_k (x_{k+1} - x_k))^T}{(x_{k+1} - x_k)^T B_k (x_{k+1} - x_k)}$$

Q3a (10 p) What is the rank of the matrix  $y_k y_k^T$ ? Motivate your answer.

Q3b (10 p) What is the rank of the matrix  $B_{k+1} - B_k$ ? Motivate your answer.

Q3c (15 p) Simplify

$$B_{k+1} (x_{k+1} - x_k) = \dots$$