

AMSC/CNSC 460  
MIDTERM #1 - SOLUTIONS

- 1) a) If we have an LU decomposition of  $A$ , i.e.  $A=LU$  with  $L$  = lower triangular and  $U$  = upper triangular, solving  $Ax=b$  is equivalent to solving  $LUx=b$ . We set  $y=Ux$  and solve  $Ly=b$  for  $y$ . Since  $L$  is lower triangular,  $Ly=b$  can be easily solved using forward substitution. With the computed  $y$ , we can then solve  $Ux=y$  for  $x$ , which can be easily done using backward substitution.

b)

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{5}{4} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 10 & 12 \\ 0 & \frac{15}{2} & 15 \\ 0 & 0 & 52 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) Write the previous  $U$  as a product of a diagonal matrix and a unit upper triangular matrix:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 10 & 12 \\ 0 & \frac{15}{2} & 15 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{15}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{5}{4} & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now break the diagonal matrix into the product of two identical diagonal matrices:

$$A = LU = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{5}{4} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{8} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\frac{15}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Define as } L} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{8} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\frac{15}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{5}{4} & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Define as } U = L^T}$$

i.e.

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{8} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{5}{4}\sqrt{8} & \sqrt{\frac{15}{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{8} & 2\sqrt{\frac{15}{2}} & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

1. d. With scaled row pivoting, we have to decide in each step of the Gaussian elimination which row to use as the pivot row.

Starting with

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 8 & 10 & 12 & 8 \\ 10 & 20 & 30 & 10 \\ 12 & 30 & 100 & 20 \end{array} \right)$$

we compute the ratio between the elements in the 1<sup>st</sup> column and the maximum value in each row (all in absolute values)

These values are  $\frac{8}{12}$ ,  $\frac{10}{30}$ ,  $\frac{12}{100}$ . Since  $\frac{8}{12}$  is the largest, we keep the 1<sup>st</sup> row as the pivot row and perform the

1<sup>st</sup> stage of the elimination:  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - \frac{10}{8}R_1$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - \frac{12}{8}R_1$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 8 & 10 & 12 & 8 \\ 0 & \frac{15}{2} & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 15 & 82 & 8 \end{array} \right)$$

We check for the next pivot row. Since  $\frac{15}{2} > \frac{15}{82}$

We keep the 2<sup>nd</sup> row as the pivot row, and compute

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 8 & 10 & 12 & 8 \\ 0 & \frac{15}{2} & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 52 & 8 \end{array} \right)$$

The solution can now be obtained with back substitution.

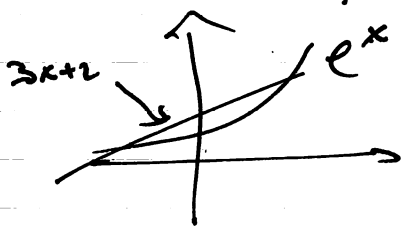
2. a.  $f(x) = e^x - 3x - 2$ .

$f(x)$  is continuous.

$f(0) = 1 - 2 < 0$ ,  $f(10) > 0 \Rightarrow$  by the intermediate value theorem

there exists at least one root between 0 and 10.

b. A root of  $f(x)$  satisfies  $e^x = 3x + 2$



These functions intersect twice  
but only once for positive  $x$ 's  
 $\Rightarrow$  Exactly one positive root.

c. Newton's method: Choose  $x_0$ .

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{e^{x_n} - 3x_n - 2}{e^{x_n} - 3}$$

d. The secant method: Choose  $x_0, x_1$ .

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{\frac{f(x_n) - f(x_{n-1})}{x_n - x_{n-1}}} = x_n - \frac{(x_n - x_{n-1})(e^{x_n} - 3x_n - 2)}{(e^{x_n} - 3x_n - 2) - (e^{x_{n-1}} - 3x_{n-1} - 2)}$$

The secant method does not require to compute the derivative of  $f(x)$ . It has a slower convergence rate than Newton's method.

3. a. 25 in binary is  $11001 = 2^0 + 2^3 + 2^4 = 1 + 8 + 16$

0.22 in binary:

$$\begin{aligned} .22 \times 2 &= .44 \\ .44 \times 2 &= .88 \\ .88 \times 2 &= 1.76 \\ .76 \times 2 &= 1.52 \\ .52 \times 2 &= 1.04 \\ .04 \times 2 &= .08 \\ .08 \times 2 &= .16 \\ .16 \times 2 &= .32 \\ .32 \times 2 &= .64 \\ .64 \times 2 &= 1.28 \\ &\text{and so on...} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (25.22)_2 = 11001.0011100001\dots$$

b. Approach I: Use the leading bit for the sign:  $10011001$

Approach II: 2's complement:  $(-25)_2 = 11100111$

$$c. (25.22)_2 = 1.10010011100001\dots \times 2^4 \quad \leftarrow E$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \mid 00000100 \mid 10010011100001\dots$$

E=4

Sign  $\nearrow$