

**Qualifying Exam**  
**Analysis of Numerical Methods I, January 2022**

**Instructions:** This exam is closed book, no notes, and no electronic devices or calculators are allowed. You have two hours and you will be graded on work for only 3 out of the 4 questions below. All questions have equal weight and a cumulative score of 65% or more on your 3 graded questions is considered a pass. A cumulative score of 80% or greater is considered a high pass. Indicate clearly the work and the 3 questions that you wish to be graded.

Problem 1. (**Rank-One Perturbation of the Identity**).

If  $u$  and  $v$  are  $n$ -vectors, the matrix  $B = I + uv^*$  is known as a *rank-one perturbation of the identity*. Show that if  $B$  is nonsingular, then its inverse has the form  $B^{-1} = I + \beta uv^*$  for some scalar  $\beta$ , and give an expression for  $\beta$ .

For what  $u$  and  $v$  is  $B$  singular? If it is singular, what is  $null(B)$ ?

Problem 2. (**Properties via SVD**).

- a) Consider  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ . Define what we mean by the singular value decomposition of  $A$ .
- b) Show that the rank of  $A$  is  $r$ , the number of nonzero singular values.
- c) Show that the largest singular value of  $A$ , call it here  $\sigma_{max}(A)$ , satisfies the relation

$$\sigma_{max}(A) = \max_{y \in \mathbb{C}^m, x \in \mathbb{C}^n} \frac{|y^* Ax|}{\|x\|_2 \|y\|_2}.$$

Problem 3. (**Properties of Projectors**).

Prove algebraically:

- a) Show that if  $P \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  is a nonzero projector, then  $\|P\|_2 \geq 1$ .
- b) Show that if  $P$  is an orthogonal projector, then  $I - 2P$  is unitary.

Problem 4. (**Hadamard's Inequality**).

Prove algebraically:

Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  and let  $\mathbf{a}_j$  denote the  $j^{th}$  column of  $A$ . Then, show that,

$$|\det(A)| \leq \prod_{j=1}^m \|\mathbf{a}_j\|_2.$$