

**Math 1080: Spring 2011**  
**Homework #7 (due March 16)**

**Problem 1:**

Show that if  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \mathbf{w}^T \\ \mathbf{w} & \mathbf{K} \end{bmatrix}$  is symmetric and positive definite, then  $a_{11} > 0$  and both  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{K} - \mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^T / a_{11}$  are symmetric and positive definite.

(Hint: Use the definition of positive definite matrix. Assume  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix}$ . Make an appropriate choice of  $x_1$ .)

**Problem 2:**

Solve the following system of equations by Cholesky factorization (if the coefficient matrix is positive definite) or by Gaussian elimination (otherwise)

$$\begin{aligned} 4x_1 + 2x_2 & & -2x_4 & = 6 \\ 2x_1 + 10x_2 - 6x_3 + 2x_4 & = 36 \\ & -6x_2 + 8x_3 & & = -30 \\ -2x_1 + 2x_2 & & +4x_4 & = 6 \end{aligned}$$

**Computer Assignment 5:**

- a) Write a MATLAB function `[R]=cholesky(A)` that computes the Cholesky factorization of a square  $m \times m$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . The output variable is a lower triangular  $m \times m$  matrix  $\mathbf{R}$ .
- b) For the following matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & -1 & -3 & -9 \\ 3 & 6 & -5 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & -5 & 9 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & -3 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ -9 & -1 & -1 & 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

compute two LU factorizations: (1) using Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting `gausspivot` and (2) Using the Cholesky factorization. Compute the relative accuracy of each method and compare them :

$$\text{Delta1} = \text{norm}(L*U-P*A) / \text{norm}(A) ; \quad \text{in case (1)}$$

$$\text{Delta2} = \text{norm}(R'*R - A) / \text{norm}(A) ; \quad \text{in case (2)}$$