

Numerical Linear Algebra – Fall 2014 – Practise Exam  
Do **4** (four) problems

1. (a) Define the spectral radius  $\rho(A)$  for a square matrix  $A$ .  
(b) Prove that  $\rho(A^k) = \rho(A)^k$  for  $k > 0$ .  
(c) Prove that  $\rho(A) \leq \|A\|$  for any induced matrix norm on  $A$ .  
(d) For any induced norm,  $\|A^k\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if  $\rho(A) < 1$ .
2. Prove that a normal triangular matrix is diagonal.
3. Assume  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m,m}$ 
  - (a) Prove that  $\langle x, y \rangle_A = x^* A y$  is an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^m$  if and only if  $A$  is symmetric and positive definite
  - (b) Assume now that  $A$  is symmetric and positive definite. If  $x_*$  is the solution to  $Ax = b$  and  $\{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^m$  with respect to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_A$  and  $x_* = \sum c_i p_i$ , give a formula for the  $c_i$ .
4. (a) If both  $A$  and  $U$  are in  $\mathbb{C}^{m,m}$  and  $U$  is unitary, prove that  $\|UA\|_2 = \|A\|_2$  and  $\|UA\|_F = \|A\|_F$   
(b) Prove that  $\|A\|_2 = (\rho(A^*A))^{1/2} = \sigma_1$ , where  $\sigma_1$  is the largest singular values of  $A$ .
5. (a) Prove or disprove: If  $A = QBQ^*$  with  $Q$  unitary, then  $A$  and  $B$  have the same singular values  
(b) Prove or disprove: If  $A = CBC^{-1}$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  have the same singular values