

**10** Prove in detail the following convergence estimate for the method of steepest descent, which provides a sharp upper bound:

$$\|\mathbf{e}_{(n)}\|_A^2 \leq \|\mathbf{e}_{(n-1)}\|_A^2 \left(1 - \frac{4}{2 + \kappa(A) + 1/\kappa(A)}\right).$$

*Hint:* Note from the lecture that

$$\|\mathbf{e}_{(n)}\|_A^2 = \|\mathbf{e}_{(n-1)}\|_A^2 \left(1 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{r}_{(n-1)}, \mathbf{r}_{(n-1)} \rangle^2}{\langle A^{-1}\mathbf{r}_{(n-1)}, \mathbf{r}_{(n-1)} \rangle \langle \mathbf{r}_{(n-1)}, A\mathbf{r}_{(n-1)} \rangle}\right).$$

**11** Show that

$$\alpha_n = \frac{\langle \mathbf{r}_{(n-1)}, \mathbf{p}_{(n)} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{p}_{(n)}, \mathbf{p}_{(n)} \rangle_A} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{r}_{(n-1)}, \mathbf{r}_{(n-1)} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{p}_{(n)}, \mathbf{p}_{(n)} \rangle_A}$$

minimizes  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_{(n-1)} + \alpha_n \mathbf{p}_{(n)})$  with respect to  $\alpha_n$ , where  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{b}$ .

**12** Prove the following Lemma:

**Lemma 4.1** Let  $A$  be a symmetric positive semidefinite matrix and let  $V_1 \times V_2$  be a splitting of the vector space, which is consistent with a two-by-two block form partitioning of  $A$ . Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 \in V_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 \in V_2$  and let  $\gamma < 1$  satisfy the strengthened Cauchy-Bunyakowski-Schwarz inequality. Then

(a)

$$\gamma^2 = \sup_{\mathbf{v}_2 \in V_2 \setminus \ker(A_{22})} \frac{\mathbf{v}_2^T A_{21} A_{11}^{-1} A_{12} \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2^T A_{22} \mathbf{v}_2}.$$

(b) For any  $\mathbf{v}_2 \in V_2 \setminus \ker(A_{22})$

$$1 - \gamma^2 \leq \frac{\mathbf{v}_2^T S \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2^T A_{22} \mathbf{v}_2} < 1,$$

where  $S$  stands for the Schur complement. The left-hand side inequality is sharp. The right-hand side inequality is sharp if  $\ker(A_{12}) \neq \{0\}$ .