

CS 450: Numerical Analysis¹

Linear Systems

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Vector Norms

- ▶ **Properties of vector norms**

- ▶ **A norm is uniquely defined by its unit sphere:**

- ▶ **p -norms**

Inner-Product Spaces

- ▶ **Properties of inner-product spaces:** Inner products $\langle x, y \rangle$ must satisfy

$$\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \iff x = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$$

$$\langle x, y + z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle$$

$$\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$$

- ▶ **Inner-product-based vector norms and Cauchy-Schwartz**

Matrix Norms

► **Properties of matrix norms:**

$$\|\mathbf{A}\| \geq 0$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\|\alpha\mathbf{A}\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|\mathbf{A}\|$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| + \|\mathbf{B}\| \quad (\textit{triangle inequality})$$

► **Frobenius norm:**

► **Operator/induced/subordinate matrix norms:**

Induced Matrix Norms

- ▶ **Interpreting induced matrix norms (amplification and reduction):**

Matrix Condition Number

Demo: Conditioning of 2x2 Matrices

Demo: Condition number visualized

- ▶ **Matrix condition number definition:** $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|$ is the ratio of the maximum \mathbf{A} can amplify a vector and the minimum to which it can reduce the norm when applied to a unit-norm vector.
- ▶ **Derivation from perturbations:**

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \max_{\text{inputs}} \max_{\text{perturbations in input}} \left| \frac{\text{relative perturbation in output}}{\text{relative perturbation in input}} \right|$$

since a matrix is a linear operator, we can decouple its action on the input x and the perturbation δx since $\mathbf{A}(x + \delta x) = \mathbf{A}x + \mathbf{A}\delta x$, so

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \left| \frac{\overbrace{\max_{\text{perturbations in input}} \text{relative perturbation growth}}^{\|\mathbf{A}\|}}{\underbrace{\max_{\text{inputs}} \text{relative input reduction}}_{1/\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|}} \right|$$

Matrix Conditioning

- ▶ The matrix condition number $\kappa(\mathbf{A})$ is the ratio between the max and min distance from the surface to the center of the unit ball transformed by $\kappa(\mathbf{A})$:

- ▶ The matrix condition number bounds the worst-case amplification of error in a matrix-vector product:

Norms and Conditioning of Orthogonal Matrices

- ▶ **Orthogonal matrices:**

- ▶ **Norm and condition number of orthogonal matrices:**

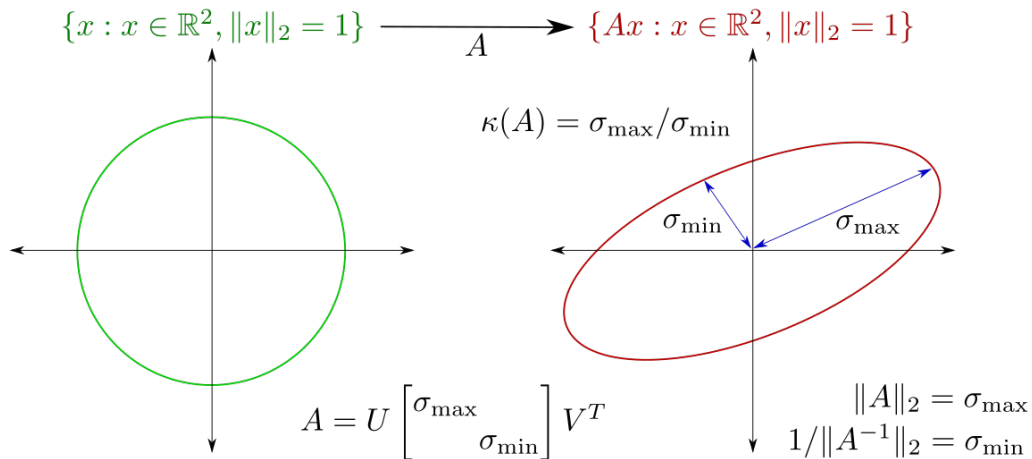
Singular Value Decomposition

- ▶ **The singular value decomposition (SVD):**

Norms and Conditioning via SVD

- ▶ **Norm and condition number in terms of singular values:**

Visualization of Matrix Conditioning



Existence of SVD

- ▶ **Consider any maximizer $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\|x_1\|_2 = 1$ to $\|Ax_1\|_2$**

Conditioning of Linear Systems

- ▶ **Lets now return to formally deriving the conditioning of solving $Ax = b$:**

Conditioning of Linear Systems II

- ▶ Consider perturbations to the input coefficients $\hat{A} = A + \delta A$:

Solving Basic Linear Systems

- ▶ Solve $Dx = b$ if D is diagonal
- ▶ Solve $Qx = b$ if Q is orthogonal
- ▶ Given SVD $A = U\Sigma V^T$, solve $Ax = b$

Solving Triangular Systems

- ▶ $Lx = b$ if L is lower-triangular is solved by forward substitution:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} l_{11}x_1 = b_1 & & x_1 = \\ l_{21}x_1 + l_{22}x_2 = b_2 & \Rightarrow & x_2 = \\ l_{31}x_1 + l_{32}x_2 + l_{33}x_3 = b_3 & & x_3 = \\ & & \vdots \\ & & \vdots \end{array}$$

- ▶ Algorithm can also be formulated recursively by blocks:

Solving Triangular Systems

- ▶ **Existence of solution to $Lx = b$:**
- ▶ **Uniqueness of solution:**
- ▶ **Computational complexity of forward/backward substitution:**

Properties of Triangular Matrices

▶ $Z = XY$ is lower triangular if X and Y are both lower triangular:

▶ L^{-1} is lower triangular if it exists:

LU Factorization

- ▶ An ***LU factorization*** consists of a unit-diagonal lower-triangular ***factor*** L and upper-triangular factor U such that $A = LU$:

- ▶ Given an LU factorization of A , we can solve the linear system $Ax = b$:

Gaussian Elimination Algorithm

- ▶ **Algorithm for factorization is derived from equations given by $A = LU$:**

- ▶ **The computational complexity of LU is $O(n^3)$:**

Existence of LU Factorization

- ▶ **The LU factorization may not exist:** Consider matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

- ▶ **Permutation of rows enables us to transform the matrix so the LU factorization does exist:**

Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting

- ▶ ***Partial pivoting*** permutes rows to make divisor u_{ii} maximal at each step:

- ▶ A row permutation corresponds to an application of a ***row permutation matrix*** $P_{jk} = I - (e_j - e_k)(e_j - e_k)^T$:

Partial Pivoting Example

- ▶ Lets consider again the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Round-off Error in LU

▶ Lets consider factorization of $\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ where $\epsilon < \epsilon_{\text{mach}}$:

▶ Permuting the rows of A in partial pivoting gives $PA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Error Analysis of LU

- ▶ **The main source of round-off error in LU is in the computation of the Schur complement:**

- ▶ **When computed in floating point, absolute backward error δA in LU (so $\hat{L}\hat{U} = A + \delta A$) is $|\delta a_{ij}| \leq \epsilon_{\text{mach}}(|\hat{L}| \cdot |\hat{U}|)_{ij}$**

Helpful Matrix Properties

- ▶ Matrix is ***diagonally dominant***, so $\sum_{i \neq j} |a_{ij}| \leq |a_{ii}|$:
- ▶ Matrix is ***symmetric positive definite (SPD)***, so $\forall \mathbf{x} \neq 0, \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$:
- ▶ Matrix is symmetric but indefinite:
- ▶ Matrix is ***banded***, $a_{ij} = 0$ if $|i - j| > b$:

Solving Many Linear Systems

- ▶ Suppose we have computed $A = LU$ and want to solve $AX = B$ where B is $n \times k$ with $k < n$:

- ▶ Suppose we have computed $A = LU$ and now want to solve a perturbed system $(A - uv^T)x = b$:
Can use the *Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury* formula

$$(A - uv^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} + \frac{A^{-1}uv^T A^{-1}}{1 - v^T A^{-1}u}$$