

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 $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$ must satisfy

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq 0$$

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

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle$$

$$\langle \alpha \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \alpha \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

- ▶ **Inner-product-based vector norms**

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:**

- ▶ **General induced matrix norms:**

Matrix Condition Number

Demo: Conditioning of 2x2 Matrices

Demo: Condition number visualized

- ▶ **Definition:** $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|$ is the ratio between the shortest/longest distances from the unit-ball center to any point on the surface.
- ▶ **Intuitive derivation:**

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

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

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

Norms and Conditioning of Orthogonal Matrices

- ▶ **Orthogonal matrices:**

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

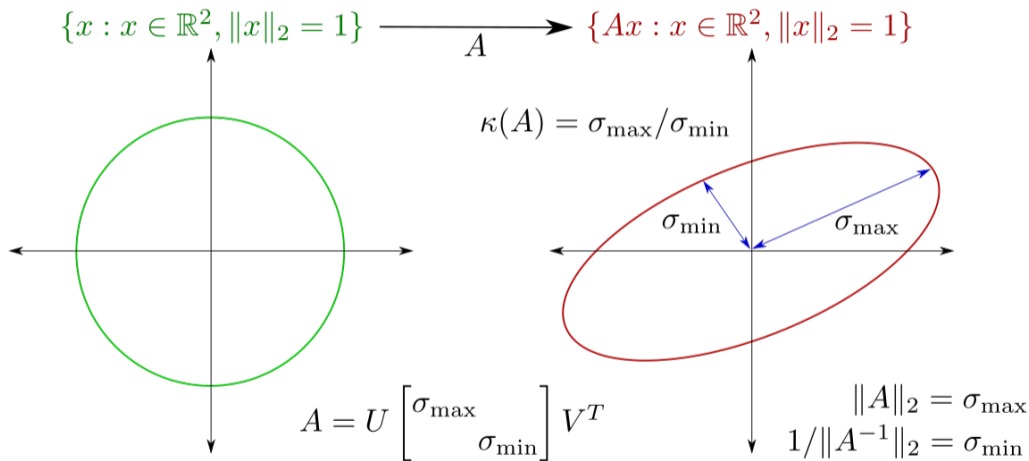
Singular Value Decomposition

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

Norms and Conditioning via SVD

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

Visualization of Matrix Conditioning



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 $Ax = b$:

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:**

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 $PA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

Demo: Sherman-Morrison

Activity: Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury Formula

- ▶ 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

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