

HW3 Pr 1

- What should r_n be in theory?

$$Ax = b$$

$$x = A \backslash b$$

$$x_0 = [1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$$

$$r_n = \|x_0 - x\|$$

r_n should be 0.

- How many orders of magnitude?

17 (± 1) orders of magnitude between $\text{cond}(H_n)$ and r_n .

H_n is a poorly conditioned matrix & the residual grows quickly to 0 as $N \uparrow$ s.

- Hilbert matrices are known to be very poorly conditioned

so as $n \gg 1$,
 $\text{cond}(H_n) \rightarrow \infty$

- Why does condition number plateau at $N \approx 13$?

Because Matlab is not able to handle the number of elements in $\frac{1}{k}$ due to limitations on floats.

The roundoff error actually happens when computing H_n & when taking its inverse. The largest contributor is computing H_n .

