

Numerical Analysis

Chapter Three: Solution of Nonlinear Equations

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4.4.1 Vector Norms

- On a vector space V , a **norm** is a function $\| \cdot \|$ from V to the set of nonnegative reals that obeys these postulates:

$$\| x \| > 0 \text{ if } x \neq 0, x \in V \quad (1)$$

$$\| \lambda x \| = |\lambda| \| x \| \text{ if } \lambda \in R, x \in V \quad (2)$$

$$\| x + y \| \leq \| x \| + \| y \| \text{ if } x, y \in V \quad (3)$$

4.4.1 Vector Norms

- **Euclidean l_2 -norm**

$$\|x\|_2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{where } x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$$

- **l_∞ -norm**

$$\|x\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$$

- **l_1 -norm**

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

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4.4.2 Matrix Norms

THEOREM 1 (Theorem on Subordinate Matrix Norm)

If $\| \cdot \|$ is any norm on R^n , then the equation

$$\| A \| = \sup_{\|u\|=1} \{ \| Au \| : u \in R^n \}$$

defines a norm on the linear space of all $n \times n$ matrices.

4.4.2 Matrix Norms

Proof.

We shall verify the **three** axioms for a norm.

- **First**, if $A \neq 0$, then A has at least one nonzero column, say, $A^{(j)} \neq 0$.

Consider the vector x having 1 as its j th component and 0's elsewhere; that is, $x = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)^T$.

Obviously, $x \neq 0$ and the vector $v = x / \|x\|$ is of norm 1.

$$\text{Hence, } \|A\| \geq \|Av\| = \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|} = \frac{\|A^{(j)}\|}{\|x\|} > 0$$



4.4.2 Matrix Norms

Proof.

- **Next**, from Property (2) of the vector norm, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\| \lambda A \| &= \sup\{\| \lambda Au \| : \| u \| = 1\} \\ &= |\lambda| \sup\{\| Au \| : \| u \| = 1\} = |\lambda| \| A \|\end{aligned}$$



Proof.

- **Finally**, for the triangle inequality

$$\begin{aligned}\| A + B \| &= \sup\{\| (A + B)u \| : \| u \| = 1\} \\ &\leq \sup\{\| Au \| + \| Bu \| : \| u \| = 1\} \\ &\leq \sup\{\| Au \| : \| u \| = 1\} + \sup\{\| Bu \| : \| u \| = 1\} = \| A \| + \| B \|\end{aligned}$$



4.4.2 Matrix Norms

$$\|Ax\| \leq \|A\| \|x\| \quad (x \in R^n)$$

Proof

It is true for $x = 0$.

If $x \neq 0$, then the vector $v = x / \|x\|$ is of norm 1.

Hence,

$$\|A\| \geq \|Av\| = \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|}$$

4.4.2 Matrix Norms

THEOREM 2 (Theorem on Infinity Matrix Norm)

If the vector norm $\| \cdot \|_\infty$ is defined by

$$\| x \|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$$

then its subordinate matrix norm is given by

$$\| A \|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$$

4.4.2 Matrix Norms

Proof.

Au is a $n \times 1$ matrix.

$$\begin{aligned}\|A\|_{\infty} &= \sup_{\|u\|_{\infty}=1} \|Au\|_{\infty} \\&= \sup_{\|u\|_{\infty}=1} \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |(Au)_i| \right\} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \sup_{\|u\|_{\infty}=1} |(Au)_i| \right\} \\&= \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \sup_{\|u\|_{\infty}=1} \left| \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} u_j \right| \right\} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|\end{aligned}$$



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4.4.3 Condition Number

EXAMPLE 1

Consider an equation $Ax = b$, where A is an $n \times n$ matrix. Suppose that A is invertible. Suppose that the vector b is perturbed to obtain a vector \tilde{b} . If x and \tilde{x} satisfy $Ax = b$ and $A\tilde{x} = \tilde{b}$, by how much do x and \tilde{x} differ, in absolute and relative terms?

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - \tilde{x}\| &= \|A^{-1}b - A^{-1}\tilde{b}\| = \|A^{-1}(b - \tilde{b})\| \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|b - \tilde{b}\| \\ &= \|A^{-1}\| \|Ax\| \frac{\|b - \tilde{b}\|}{\|b\|} \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|A\| \|x\| \frac{\|b - \tilde{b}\|}{\|b\|} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{\|x - \tilde{x}\|}{\|x\|} \leq \kappa(A) \frac{\|b - \tilde{b}\|}{\|b\|} \quad \text{where} \quad \kappa(A) \equiv \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|$$

The number $\kappa(A)$ is called a **condition number** of the matrix A .

4.4.3 Condition Number

- If we solve a system of equations $Ax = b$ numerically, we obtain not the exact solution but an approximate solution \tilde{x} .
- One can test \tilde{x} by forming $A\tilde{x}$ to see whether it is close to b .
- Thus, we obtain the **residual vector** $r = b - A\tilde{x}$
- The difference between the exact solution x and the approximate solution \tilde{x} is called the **error vector** $e = x - \tilde{x}$
- The following relationship $Ae = r$ between the error vector and the residual vector is of fundamental importance.

4.4.3 Condition Number

THEOREM 3 (Theorem on Bounds Involving Condition Number)

In solving systems of equations $Ax = b$, the condition number $\kappa(A)$, the residual vector r , and the error vector e satisfy the following inequality:

$$\frac{1}{\kappa(A)} \frac{\|r\|}{\|b\|} \leq \frac{\|e\|}{\|x\|} \leq \kappa(A) \frac{\|r\|}{\|b\|}$$

Proof.

Since $\|e\| \|b\| = \|A^{-1}r\| \|Ax\| \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|r\| \|A\| \|x\|$

Thus $\frac{\|e\|}{\|x\|} \leq \kappa(A) \frac{\|r\|}{\|b\|}$

Similarly $\|r\| \|x\| = \|Ae\| \|A^{-1}b\| \leq \|A\| \|e\| \|A^{-1}\| \|b\|$

And thus $\frac{1}{\kappa(A)} \frac{\|r\|}{\|b\|} \leq \frac{\|e\|}{\|x\|}$



4.4.3 Condition Number

- A matrix with a large condition number is said to be **ill conditioned**. For an illconditioned matrix A , there will be cases in which the solution of a system $Ax = b$ will be very sensitive to small changes in the vector b .
- In other words, to attain a certain precision in the determination of x , we shall require significantly higher precision in b . If the condition number of A is of moderate size, the matrix is said to be **well conditioned**.

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4.5 Neumann Series and Iterative Refinement

The concept of convergence in a vector space

If a vector space V is assigned a norm $\| \cdot \|$, then the pair $(V, \| \cdot \|)$ is a **normed linear space**. The notion of a convergence sequence of vectoes $v^{(1)}, v^{(2)}, \dots$ is then defined as follows: We say that the given sequence **converges** to a vector v if

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \| v^{(k)} - v \| = 0$$

4.5 Neumann Series and Iterative Refinement

THEOREM 1 (Theorem on Neumann Series)

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix such that $\|A\| < 1$, then $I - A$ is invertible, and

$$(I - A)^{-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A^k \quad (4)$$

Proof.

First, we shall show that $I - A$ is invertible. If it is not invertible, then it is singular, and there exists a vector x satisfying $\|x\| = 1$ and

$$(I - A)x = 0$$

$$\text{Then } 1 = \|x\| = \|Ax\| \leq \|A\| \|x\| = \|A\|$$

which contradicts the hypothesis that $\|A\| < 1$. □

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Proof.

Next, we shall show that the partial sums of the Neumann series converge to $(I - A)^{-1}$: $\sum_{k=0}^m A^k \rightarrow (I - A)^{-1}$ (as $m \rightarrow \infty$)
It will suffice to prove that

$$(I - A) \sum_{k=0}^m A^k \rightarrow I \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty \quad (5)$$

The left-hand side can be written as

$$(I - A) \sum_{k=0}^m A^k = \sum_{k=0}^m (A^k - A^{k+1}) = A^0 - A^{m+1} = I - A^{m+1}$$

Since $\|A^{m+1}\| \leq \|A\|^{m+1} \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$, this establishes (5). □

4.5 Neumann Series and Iterative Refinement

THEOREM 2 (Theorem on Invertible Matrices)

If A and B are $n \times n$ matrices that $\|I - AB\| < 1$, then A and B are invertible. Furthermore, we have

$$A^{-1} = B \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (I - AB)^k \quad \text{and} \quad B^{-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (I - AB)^k A$$

Proof.

$$(AB)^{-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (I - AB)^k$$

Hence, $A^{-1} = BB^{-1}A^{-1} = B(AB)^{-1} = B \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (I - AB)^k$
 $B^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}A = (AB)^{-1}A = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (I - AB)^k A$ □

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4.5.1 Iterative Refinement

- If $x^{(0)}$ is an approximate solution of the equation $Ax = b$ then the precise solution x is given by

$$x = x^{(0)} + A^{-1}(b - Ax^{(0)}) = x^{(0)} + e^{(0)}$$

where $e^{(0)} = A^{-1}(b - Ax^{(0)})$ is called the **error vector**.

- The **residual vector** corresponding to the approximate solution $x^{(0)}$ is $r^{(0)} = b - Ax^{(0)}$. It is computable. Of course, we do not want to compute A^{-1} , but the vector $e^{(0)} = A^{-1}r^{(0)}$ can be obtained by solving the equation

$$Ae^{(0)} = r^{(0)}$$

These remarks lead to a numerical procedure called **iterative improvement** or **iterative refinement**.

4.5.1 Iterative Refinement

- To analyze this algorithm theoretically, we adopt the point of view that our solution $x^{(0)}$ is obtained by the formula $x^{(0)} = Bb$
- where B is an approximate inverse of A . The iterative process then can be written

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} + B(b - Ax^{(k)}) \quad (k \geq 0) \quad (6)$$

- We interpret the loose expression “ B is an approximate inverse of A ” to mean that $\|I - AB\| < 1$. By Theorem 2, A^{-1} is given by

$$A^{-1} = B \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (I - AB)^k \quad (7)$$

- Thus, the exact solution of the equation $Ax = b$ is

$$x = B \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (I - AB)^k b \quad (8)$$

4.5.1 Iterative Refinement

THEOREM 3 (Theorem on Iterative Improvement)

If $\|I - AB\| < 1$, then the method of iterative improvement given by Equation(6) produces the sequence of vectors

$$x^{(m)} = B \sum_{k=0}^m (I - AB)^k b \quad (m \geq 0)$$

These are the partial sums in Equation(8) and therefore converge to x .

4.5.1 Iterative Refinement

Proof.

We use induction. Since $x^{(0)} = Bb$, the case $m = 0$ is true. If the m th case is assumed true, then the $(m + 1)$ st case is true since

$$\begin{aligned}x^{(m+1)} &= x^{(m)} + B(b - Ax^{(m)}) \\&= B \sum_{k=0}^m (I - AB)^k b + Bb - BAB \sum_{k=0}^m (I - AB)^k b \\&= B \left\{ b + (I - AB) \sum_{k=0}^m (I - AB)^k b \right\} = B \sum_{k=0}^{m+1} (I - AB)^k b\end{aligned}$$

