

36 + 3.6 = 39.6

I. Can we compute root with absolute accuracy $< 10^{-6}$ by bisection method

No, we can't. Because $128 = (10000000)_2 = (1.0000000)_2 \times 2^7$ takes up 8 digits with 24 digits. As a result, the minimum number can be denoted is $\min = 2^{7-23} = 2^{-16} \approx 15.26 \times 10^{-6}$ so that $\epsilon_u = \frac{2^n}{2} = 7.63 \times 10^{-6} > 10^{-6}$. In other word, we can't compute roots with absolute accuracy $< 10^{-6}$.

II. What are condition numbers of following functions? Where are they large?

a. $(x-1)^\alpha$,

$$\text{cond}_f(x) = \left| \frac{\alpha x(x-1)^{\alpha-1}}{(x-1)^\alpha} \right| = \left| \frac{\alpha x}{x-1} \right|, \text{ when } x \rightarrow 1, \text{cond}_f(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

b. $\ln x$,

$$\text{cond}_f(x) = \left| \frac{x \cdot \frac{1}{x}}{\ln x} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{\ln x} \right|, \text{ when } x \rightarrow 1, \text{cond}_f(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

c. e^x ,

$$\text{cond}_f(x) = \left| \frac{x e^x}{e^x} \right| = |x|, \text{ when } x \rightarrow \infty, \text{cond}_f(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

d. $\arccos x$

$$\text{cond}_f(x) = \left| \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2} \arccos x} \right|, \text{ when } x \rightarrow 1 \text{ or } x \rightarrow -1, \text{cond}_f(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

III. Repeat Example 1.25 for $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{1+\cos x}$ on $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

We can know that

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+\cos x} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{cond}_f(x) = \left| \frac{x}{\sin x} \right| \quad (2)$$

By theorem 1.29,

$$f_A(x) = \frac{(1+\delta_1)\sin x}{(1+\delta_3)(1+(1+\delta_2)\cos x)}(1+\delta_4) \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{\sin x}{1+\cos x} \left(1+\delta_1+\delta_4-\delta_3 - \frac{\delta_2 \cos x}{1+(1+\delta_2)\cos x} \right) \quad (4)$$

where $|\delta_i| < \epsilon_u$, consequently, $\varphi(x) = 3 + \frac{\cos x}{1+\cos x}$. Finally,

$$\text{cond}_A(x) \leq \frac{\sin x}{x} \left(3 + \frac{\cos x}{1+\cos x} \right) \quad (5)$$

IV. Consider function $f(x) = 1 - e^{-x}$ for $x \in [0, 1]$

a. Show that $\text{cond}_f(x) \leq 1$ for $x \in [0, 1]$

Because $\text{cond}_f(x) = \left| \frac{x e^{-x}}{1-e^{-x}} \right| = \frac{x}{e^x-1}$ on $(0, 1]$ and $\text{cond}_f(0) = 1$ by L'Hospital theorem. Besides, we know that $e^x > 1+x$, therefore, $\text{cond}_f(x) < 1$ on $(0, 1]$ and $\text{cond}_f(x) \leq 1$ on $[0, 1]$. Hence proved.

b. Estimate $\text{cond}_A(x)$ for $x \in [0, 1]$

We can know that

$$f_A(x) = (1+\delta_2)(1-(1+\delta_1)e^{-x}) \quad (6)$$

$$= (1-e^{-x})(1+\delta_1+\delta_2+\delta_1\delta_2 - \frac{\delta_1(1+\delta_2)}{1-e^{-x}}) \quad (7)$$

where $|\delta_i| < \epsilon_u$, consequently, $\varphi(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{1-e^{-x}}$. Therefore, for $x \in (0, 1]$

$$\text{cond}_A(x) \leq \frac{e^x - 1}{x} \left(2 + \frac{1}{1 - e^{-x}} \right) \quad (8)$$

c. Plot $\text{cond}_f(x)$ and $\text{cond}_A(x)$ as function of x on $[0, 1]$

$$\frac{e^x}{x}$$

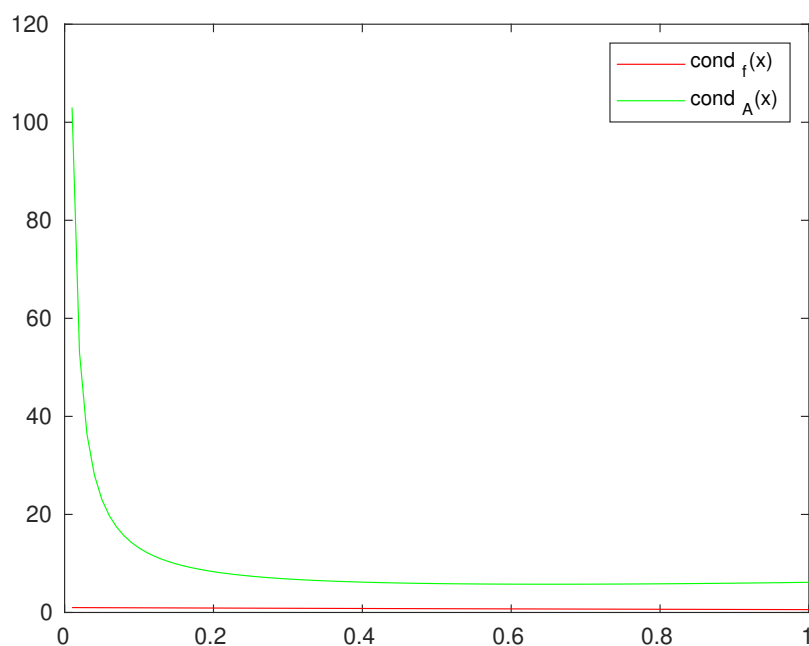


Figure 1: comparison between $\text{cond}_f(x)$ and $\text{cond}_A(x)$

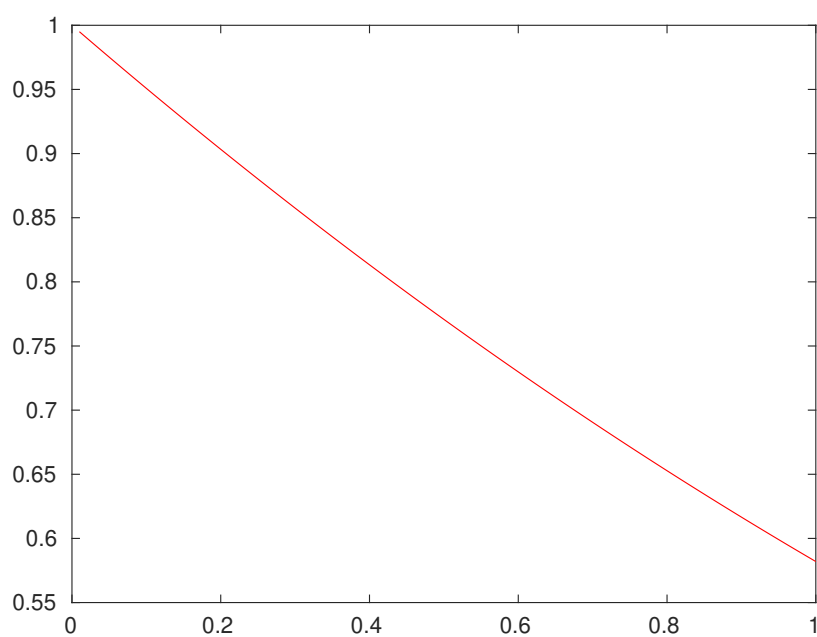


Figure 2: $\text{cond}_f(x)$

These two figures differ from each other totally. I think one of reasons is that $cond_A$ figure just shows a upper bound rather than explicit expression. Besides, relative error of $f_A \rightarrow \infty$ when $x \rightarrow 0^+$, so $cond_A \rightarrow \infty$ as result.

V. For Wilkinson example, compute condition number and compare result

Assume $q(r) = 0$, namely,

$$q(r) = a_0 + a_1 r + \cdots + a_{n-1} r^{n-1} + r^n = 0 \quad (9)$$

We can take equation as a function f of a_i , denoted by

$$r = f(a_0, a_1, \cdots, a_{n-1}) \quad (10)$$

Also, let $F(a_0, a_1, \cdots, a_{n-1}, r) = f(a_0, a_1, \cdots, a_{n-1}) - r$. Consequently, we can get

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial a_i} = -\frac{r^i}{a_1 + 2a_2 r + \cdots + (n-1)a_{n-1} r^{n-2} + n r^{n-1}} \quad (11)$$

by

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial r} = a_1 + 2a_2 r + \cdots + (n-1)a_{n-1} r^{n-2} + n r^{n-1} \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial a_i} = x^i, \forall i = 0, 1, \cdots, n-1 \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial a_i} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial a_i}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial r}} \quad (14)$$

According to definition 1.45, let $cond_f(\vec{x}) = \|A(\vec{x})\|$, where $A = [a_{1i}(\vec{x})]$, $\vec{x} = (a_0, a_1, \cdots, a_{n-1})$. To be specific,

$$a_{1i}(\vec{x}) = \left| \frac{x_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}}{f(\vec{x})} \right| = \left| \frac{a_i}{r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial a_i} \right| = \left| \frac{a_i r^{i-1}}{a_1 + 2a_2 r + \cdots + (n-1)a_{n-1} r^{n-2} + n r^{n-1}} \right| \quad (15)$$

Therefore,

$$cond_f(\vec{x}) = \|A(\vec{x})\| = \max_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} \left| \frac{a_i r^{i-1}}{a_1 + 2a_2 r + \cdots + (n-1)a_{n-1} r^{n-2} + n r^{n-1}} \right| \quad (16)$$

$$= \max_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} \{|a_i r^{i-1}|\} \left| \frac{1}{a_1 + 2a_2 r + \cdots + (n-1)a_{n-1} r^{n-2} + n r^{n-1}} \right| \quad (17)$$

As for Wilkinson Example, namely, take $f(x) = \prod_{k=1}^p (x - k)$ into (17) and we can know that

$$cond_f(\vec{x}) = \left| \frac{p^{n-2}}{a_1 + 2a_2 p + \cdots + (n-1)a_{n-1} p^{n-2} + n p^{n-1}} \right| \quad (18)$$

The comparison reveals that componentwise condition number of vector function is a better way to measure how is a function sensitive to variation than condition number.