

Condition number and error analysis for linear systems

Write a Python script `ErrorAnalysis.py` that builds a matrix \mathbf{A} with the following elements:

$$A_{ij} = \frac{(-1)^{i+j}}{i+2j}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N$$

and let \mathbf{c} be the first column of \mathbf{A} .

In the same script, compute the condition number of \mathbf{A} , for $N = 2, \dots, 10$, and solve

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{c}$$

using LUP-decomposition (you can use `scipy.linalg.solve` function). The exact solution of this system of equations is $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{e}_1$ (check, without solving the system explicitly, that this indeed must be the case). Compute the relative residual and error for all matrix sizes $N = 2, \dots, 10$.

Plot the relative error along with the maximal relative error (according to the theoretical upper bound discussed in Lecture 7) on a semilogarithmic scale (use `matplotlib`).

Push your Python script to your GitHub Classroom repository.

For discussion:

1. What happens to the condition number for increasing N ? Is that bad news or good news when we are solving linear systems?
2. What happens to the relative errors and residuals for increasing N ?
3. Up to what matrix size does the numerically obtained solution make sense?

One member of your group should post your group's discussion with figure on the Slack `#tutorial-4` channel.