Problem 1

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**Solution:** 

a)

$$f(\hat{x}) = f(x+h) = \frac{x+h+2}{x+h+3} = 1 - \frac{1}{x+h+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ Abs error} = f(\hat{x}) - f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x+h+3} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{x+3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x+3} - \frac{1}{x+h+3}$$

$$= \frac{h}{(x+3)(x+h+3)}$$

Choose x = 3, h = 0.2

$$\Rightarrow$$
 Abs error =  $\frac{0.2}{(3+3)\cdot(3+0.2+3)} = \frac{0.2}{6\cdot6.2} \approx 0.0054$ 

b)

relative error = 
$$\frac{\text{Abs error}}{f(x)} = \frac{\frac{h}{(x+3)(x+h+3)}}{\frac{x+2}{x+3}} = \frac{h}{(x+2)(x+h+3)}$$

Choose x = 3, h = 0.2

$$\Rightarrow$$
 relative error  $=\frac{0.2}{(3+2)\cdot(3+0.2+3)}=\frac{0.2}{5\cdot6.2}\approx0.0065$ 

c) Let y = f(x)

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x+2}{x+3} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{x+3} \right) = \frac{1}{(x+3)^2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta y}{y} = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{f(x)} \approx \frac{hf'(x)}{f(x)}, \quad \frac{\Delta x}{x} = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{cond} = \frac{|\Delta y/y|}{|\Delta x/x|} = \frac{\left|\frac{hf'(x)}{f(x)}\right|}{\left|\frac{h}{x}\right|} = \left|\frac{xf'(x)}{f(x)}\right| = \left|\frac{\frac{x}{(x+3)^2}}{\frac{x+2}{x+3}}\right| = \left|\frac{x}{(x+3)(x+2)}\right|$$

d)

Let  $g(x) = \frac{x}{(x+3)(x+2)}$ . In order to make the function well-conditioned, indicating

the condition number is near 1. To find the value such that (cond - 1) is small, we need to find the interval for x whose value of g(x) is greater than -1 and less than 1 and find a value making the condition number is near 1. Of course, (we can find the interval for x whose value of g(x) is greater than 1 or less than -1 and find a value making the condition number is near 1.) In this problem, we choose the first case to illustrate.

Let 
$$\frac{x}{(x+3)(x+2)} \in (-1,1) \Rightarrow x < -\sqrt{3} - 3 \text{ or } x > \sqrt{3} - 3$$

Choose x = -4.74,  $\text{cond} = \left| \frac{-4.74}{-1.74 \cdot (-2.74)} \right| \approx 0.9942$ , the reason for choosing this value is that  $-\sqrt{3} - 3 \approx -4.7321$ .

e)

To find the interval of x whose condition number is highly sensitive, we have to figure out the interval for the function g(x) increasing and decreasing.

$$g'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x}{(x+3)(x+2)} \right) = \frac{(x+3)(x+2) - x(2x+5)}{(x+3)^2(x+2)^2} = \frac{6 - x^2}{(x+3)^2(x+2)^2}$$

Let 
$$g'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{6} \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -\sqrt{6}) \cup (\sqrt{6}, +\infty), g(x)$$
 is decreasing.

Note that  $x \neq -3$  and  $x \neq -2$ . Notice that we cannot determine if g(x) is positive and negative by increasing and decreasing.

Let 
$$g(x) < 0 \Rightarrow x < -3$$
 or  $-2 < x < 0$ ; let  $g(x) > 0 \Rightarrow -3 < x < -2$  or  $x > 0$ 

Thus, when x < -3, condition number is increasing(due to absolute value), and when  $x \to -3$ , condition number is highly sensitive.

When  $-\sqrt{6} < x < -2$ , condition number is increasing, and when  $x \to -2$ , conditional number is highly sensitive.

When -2 < x < 0, condition number is increasing from negative value, indicating that condition is not highly sensitive.

When  $0 < x < \sqrt{6}$ , g(x) > 0 and condition number is increasing but when  $x > \sqrt{6}$ , g(x) > 0 and condition number is decreasing. There is a possibility that  $g\left(\sqrt{6}\right)$  is large. Verify  $g\left(\sqrt{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\left(\sqrt{6} + 3\right)\left(\sqrt{6} + 2\right)} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{12 + 5\sqrt{6}} < 1$ , indicating that the condition number is not highly sensitive.

In conclusion, when  $x \rightarrow -3$  and  $x \rightarrow -2$ , this problem is highly sensitive.

# Problem 2

### **Solution:**

In terms of the formula  $\sigma_i = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum\limits_{j=1}^n e^{z_j}}$ , to avoid the overflow of exponential function to

an entry  $z_i$ , we can find the maximum entry in vector  $\mathbf{z}$ , denoted by m. That is  $m = \max\{z_1, z_2, ..., z_n\}$ . Then subtract m to the entry  $z_i$  and  $z_j$  in the formula, which can prevent the overflow by reducing its power. This procedure outputs the same value as  $\sigma_i$ .

#### Proof:

Denote the new softmax function with subtraction by  $\sigma'$ , where  $\sigma'_i = \frac{e^{z_i - m}}{\sum\limits_{j=1}^n e^{z_j - m}}$ .

We can derive that

$${\sigma'}_i = rac{e^{z_i - m}}{\sum\limits_{j = 1}^n e^{z_j - m}} = rac{rac{1}{e^m} e^{z_i}}{\sum\limits_{j = 1}^n rac{1}{e^m} e^{z_j}} = rac{rac{1}{e^m} e^{z_i}}{rac{1}{e^m} \sum\limits_{j = 1}^n e^{z_j}} = rac{e^{z_i}}{\sum\limits_{j = 1}^n e^{z_j}}, ext{ which equals to the original } \sigma_i.$$

### Problem 3

#### **Solution:**

Denote the given matrix by A.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 5 \\ -5 & 10 & -3 \\ 0 & -8 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \cdot (-5) + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & -10 & 22 \\ 0 & -8 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \cdot \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right) + R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & -10 & 22 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{73}{5} \end{pmatrix} = U$$

Let 
$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{73}{5} \end{pmatrix}$ , divide  $\mathbf{v}_2$  by  $-\frac{1}{10}$  and divide  $\mathbf{v}_3$  by 1, we

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can obtain

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{4}{5} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Problem 4

## **Proof:**

Firstly, we need to know that  $\operatorname{cond}(C) = \|C\|_{\infty} \|C^{-1}\|_{\infty}$ , where  $\|C\|_{\infty} = \max_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} |c_{ij}|$ 

Since  $C\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{h}$  and  $C\hat{\mathbf{g}} = \mathbf{h} + \Delta \mathbf{h}$ , we can derive that

$$\mathrm{C}\big(\hat{\mathbf{g}} - \mathbf{g}\big) = \boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{h} \, \Rightarrow \, \mathrm{C}\boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{g} = \boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{h} \, \Rightarrow \, \boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{g} = \mathrm{C}^{\text{-}1}\boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{h}$$

Thus, based on what we have derived above, we can derive that

$$\frac{\frac{\|\boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{g}\|}{\|\mathbf{g}\|}}{\frac{\|\boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{h}\|}{\mathbf{h}}} = \frac{\|\boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{g}\| \|\mathbf{h}\|}{\|\mathbf{g}\| \|\boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{h}\|} = \frac{\|\mathbf{C}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{h}\| \|\mathbf{C}\mathbf{g}\|}{\|\mathbf{g}\| \|\boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{h}\|} \leqslant \frac{\|\mathbf{C}^{-1}\| \|\boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{h}\| \|\mathbf{C}\| \|\mathbf{g}\|}{\|\mathbf{g}\| \|\boldsymbol{\Delta}\mathbf{h}\|} = \|\mathbf{C}^{-1}\| \|\mathbf{C}\| = \|\mathbf{C}^{-1}\|_{\infty} \|\mathbf{C}\|_{\infty} = \operatorname{cond}(\mathbf{C})$$

Thus, we can derive that  $\frac{\|\mathbf{\Delta}\mathbf{g}\|}{\|\mathbf{g}\|} \leq \operatorname{cond}(C) \frac{\|\mathbf{\Delta}\mathbf{h}\|}{\|\mathbf{h}\|}$