

Partial Differential Equations

Chapter VI - Numerical Linear Algebra

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VI.1. Introduction

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The matrix A_h can be very large:
Solving $A_h u_h = b_h$ can be an issue.

This requires developing strategies.

VI.2. Norms on a matrix

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Recall the definition of a norm from the first lecture of CIP:

Definition VI.2.1

*Let E be a \mathbb{K} -linear space. A **norm** $N: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is a mapping satisfying:*

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- $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{K}, \forall x \in E, N(\lambda x) = |\lambda|N(x)$ (**homogeneity**);
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Definition-Proposition VI.2.5

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is a norm on the linear space $\mathcal{M}_{q \times p}(\mathbb{K})$ called the **induced norm**. It depends on the norm defined on the linear space \mathbb{K} : different norms on \mathbb{K} will produce different induced norms on $\mathcal{M}_{q \times p}(\mathbb{K})$

Remark VI.2.6

The induced norm is subordinated: $\|Ax\| \leq \|A\| \|x\|$.

Proposition VI.2.7

The induced norm is submultiplicative.

Induced norms

Let $q = p$ and $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$.

Example

Consider the norm $\|\cdot\|_1$ on \mathbb{R}^q :

For $x = (x_1, \dots, x_q) \in \mathbb{R}^q$, $\|x\| = \sum_{i=1}^q |x_i|$.

The induced matrix norm $\|\cdot\|_1$ is given by

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The induced matrix norm $\|\cdot\|$ is given by

$$\|A\|_2 = \sigma_{\max}(A)$$

which is the largest singular value of the matrix A .

(Reminder: the singular values of A are the square roots of the eigenvalues of $A^ A$).*

The Frobenius norm

Definition VI.2.8 (The Frobenius inner product)

$\mathcal{M}_{q \times p}(\mathbb{R})$ can be endowed with the inner product:

$$\langle A, B \rangle_F = \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^q A_{ij} B_{ij}$$

It is called the **Frobenius inner product**.

It can also be defined on $\mathcal{M}_{q \times p}(\mathbb{C})$ by conjugating A_{ij} .

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Definition VI.2.9 (The Frobenius norm)

*The norm deriving from the Frobenius inner product is the **Frobenius norm**. It is defined by*

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^q A_{ij}^2}$$

It can also be defined on $\mathcal{M}_{q \times p}(\mathbb{C})$ by replacing A_{ij}^2 by $|A_{ij}|^2$.

Proposition VI.2.10

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Proposition VI.2.11

Let $\|\cdot\|_2$ be the norm induced by the norm $\|\cdot\|_2$ on \mathbb{R}^p and \mathbb{R}^q ,
 Let $\|\cdot\|_F$ be the Frobenius norm,
 Then

$$\|\cdot\|_2 \leq \|\cdot\|_F$$

The Frobenius norm is easy to compute. This gives a simple way to estimate a bound of $\|Ax\|_2$.

$$\|Ax\|_2 \leq \|A\|_F \|x\|_2$$

Conditioning

Definition VI.2.12 (Condition number)

Let $\|\cdot\|$ be a norm on \mathbb{K}^q and $\|\cdot\|$ be the induced norm on $\mathcal{M}_{q \times p}(\mathbb{K})$.

Let $A \in \mathcal{M}_{q \times p}(\mathbb{K})$ be a non-singular matrix.

The **condition number** of A relative to $\|\cdot\|$ is defined by

$$\kappa(A) = \|A\| \|A^{-1}\|$$

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In other words, the error on solution x to $Ax = b$ is of the same order of magnitude as the error on b multiplied by $\kappa(A)$.

Conditioning

Example

With the matrix A from the previous example, a relative variation of 0.1 on b can lead to a relative variation of up to 161.8 on the solution.

The condition number is always greater or equal to 1.

When solving a linear system of equation, we hope for the condition number to be as small as possible (as close to 1 as possible).

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For a non-singular matrix A , the best preconditioner is $P = A^{-1}$ but if A^{-1} is known, the problem was solved in the first place.

Finding a suitable P is often a trade-off.

Conditioning

Proposition VI.2.15

Let $A \in \mathcal{M}_q(\mathbb{R})$ be a positive definite symmetric matrix with eigenvalues $0 < \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_q$.

The condition number κ_2 relative to the matrix norm induced by $\|\cdot\|_2$ is given by

$$\kappa_2(A) = \frac{\lambda_q}{\lambda_1}$$

VI.3. Spectral Properties

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Definition VI.3.1 (Schur)

Let $A \in \mathcal{M}_q$. Then, there exist

- *an upper triangular matrix T*
- *a unitary matrix U*

such that $A = UTU^{-1}$.

(Reminder: U is unitary iff $U^ = U^{-1}$)*

Finding the spectrum

Computing the eigenvalues of $A \in \mathcal{M}_q$ has a complexity in q^3 .

Recent algorithms can bring down the complexity to $q^{2.3}$.

A “brute force” direct computation is rarely achieved on a large matrix.

It is a difficult problem.

Finding the spectrum: The Gershgorin circle theorem

Let $A \in \mathcal{M}_q(\mathbb{C})$.

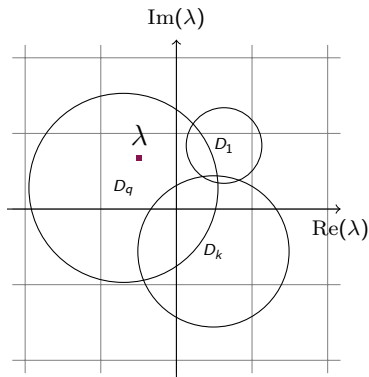
We denote A_{ij} the components of A .

Definition VI.3.2 (Gershgorin discs)

For $i \in \{1, \dots, q\}$, let $R_i = \sum_{j \neq i} |A_{ij}|$.
 The closed disc $D_i = B(a_{ii}, R_i) \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is
 called a Gershgorin disc.

Theorem VI.3.3 (Gershgorin)

$$\text{Sp}(A) \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^q D_k$$



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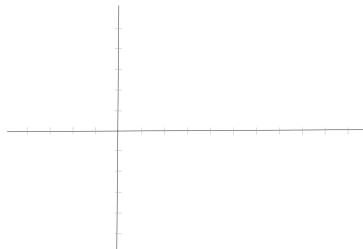
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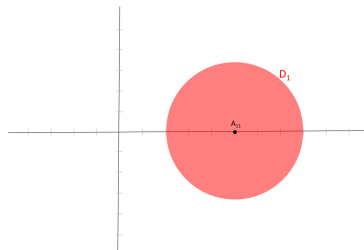
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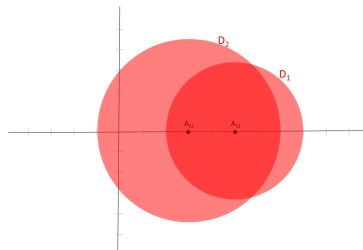
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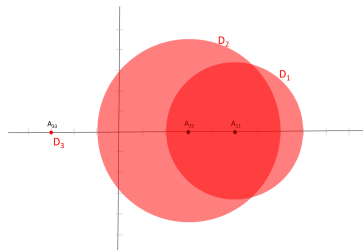
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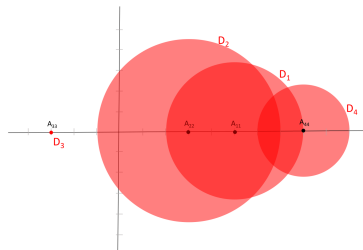
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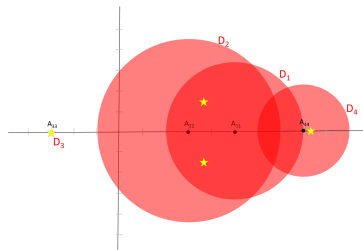
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Furthermore if A is symmetric positive definite then $\|A\| = \rho(A)$.

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$$x_{n+1} = \frac{Ax_n}{\|Ax_n\|}$$

Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Ax_n\| = \rho(A)$.

We start with a vector x which has a non-zero component in the direction of an eigenvector associated e_1 . We apply A to x and we normalize it. Intuitively, the dominant eigenvalue λ_1 will “pull” x toward the direction of e_1 .

Spectral radius: The Power Method (example)

```
import numpy as np

A = np.array([
    [ 5, 2, 0, 1],
    [-1, 3, 2, 1],
    [ 0, 0,-2, 0],
    [ 1,-1, 1, 8]])

x = np.random.rand(A.shape[1])

nb_iterations = 10

for n in range(nb_iterations):
    Ax = np.dot(A, x)
    Ax_norm = np.linalg.norm(Ax)
    x = Ax / Ax_norm;
    print (" ||Ax(%d)|| = %f"%(n, Ax_norm));
```

Spectral radius: The Power Method (example)

Example

With the previous matrix A

$$\|Ax(0)\| = 3.383218$$

$$\|Ax(1)\| = 7.280632$$

$$\|Ax(2)\| = 8.182650$$

$$\|Ax(3)\| = 8.184859$$

$$\|Ax(4)\| = 8.249779$$

$$\|Ax(5)\| = 8.258322$$

$$\|Ax(6)\| = 8.263641$$

$$\|Ax(7)\| = 8.263286$$

$$\|Ax(8)\| = 8.262592$$

$$\|Ax(9)\| = 8.261866$$

VI.4. Iteration Matrix

Linear Recurrence Relation

Definition VI.4.1 (Linear recurrence relation)

Let $M \in \mathcal{M}_q(\mathbb{K})$ and $b, x_0 \in \mathbb{K}^q$. The sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ defined by

$$x_{n+1} = M x_n + b$$

is called a **linear recurrence relation**.

The matrix M is called the **iteration matrix**.

Linear Recurrence Relation

Definition VI.4.2

Consider a linear recurrence relation with the iteration matrix M and a non-empty set of possible initial conditions $C \subset \mathbb{K}^q$.

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in C \\ \forall n \geq 0, \quad x_{n+1} = M x_n + b \end{cases}$$

The sequence is a **convergent numerical method** if for all $b \in \mathbb{K}^q$, $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges.

Convergence error

Definition VI.4.3

Consider a convergent numerical method $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Let $x = \lim x_n$ and $e_n = x_n - x$ pour tout $n \geq 0$.

*The **convergence rate** of $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a measure of the decline of $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ toward 0.*

Linear Recurrence Relation

Example

Let $q = 1$ and $m \in \mathbb{C}$.

m is a 1×1 matrix.

Consider

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in \mathbb{C} \\ \forall n \geq 0, \quad x_{n+1} = mx_n. \end{cases}$$

This numerical method converges iff $|m| < 1$ or $m = 1$.

If $|m| < 1$, we have $e_n = m^n x_0$.

The convergence rate is $|m|$.

Convergence of numerical methods

Theorem VI.4.4

Let $M \in \mathcal{M}_q(\mathbb{K})$.

These statements are equivalent:

- i) $\forall x \in \mathbb{K}^q$, the sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ defined by $x_0 = x$ and $\forall n \geq 0$ $x_{n+1} = Mx_n$ converges toward 0
- ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M^n = 0$
- iii) $\rho(M) < 1$
- iv) There exists an induced norm $\|\cdot\|$ s.t. $\|M\| < 1$

Applications

Two main applications of iteration matrices will be considered:

- Solving linear systems (next section)
- Parabolic PDEs (chapter VIII)

VI.5. Solving Linear Systems

VI.5.1. Introduction

There are two main types of methods to solve $Ax = b$.

- **The direct methods:**

A is decomposed in $A = BC$

$Ax = b$ is replaced by $Cy = b$ and $Bx = y$

Examples: LU and QR

- **The iterative methods:**

We build a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ that converges toward x .

Examples: Jacobi, Gauß-Seidel, Conjugate gradient

VI.5.2. Direct methods

LU decomposition

Definition VI.5.1

Let $A \in GL_q(\mathbb{K})$.

A has a **LU decomposition** if there exist

- a lower triangular matrix L with 1 on the diagonal
- an upper triangular matrix U

such that $A = LU$

This works using the Gaussian elimination.

If you are not familiar with the method watch the video by Gilbert Strang at cagnol.link/fact

LU decomposition

- Pros:
 - Very useful if we have to solve $Ax = b$ for several b .
 - Sparse matrices stay sparse in the process.
- Cons: the complexity is q^3 .

Remark VI.5.2

We solve the system $Ax = b$. We do not inverse A .

Theorem VI.5.3

There exists a LU decomposition if the gauss elimination works out. In this case it is unique.

Cholesky decomposition

Theorem VI.5.4

Let $A \in GL_q(\mathbb{R})$ symmetric positive definite.

There exists a lower triangular matrix B with with positive diagonal terms such that $B B^ = A$.*

This applies to the QR decomposition (Gram-Schmidt)

Theorem VI.5.5 (Decomposition QR)

Every matrix $A \in GL_q(\mathbb{R})$ can be uniquely decomposed

$$A = QR$$

where $Q \in O_q(\mathbb{R})$ and R are upper triangular matrices with positive terms on the diagonal.

VI.5.3. Iterative Methods

Definition VI.5.6

Solving a linear system using an iterative method consists of

- *decomposing A in $A = M - N$ where M is a non-singular matrix.*
- *considering the numerical method*

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in \mathbb{K}^q \\ \forall n \geq 0, \quad Mx_{n+1} = Nx_n + b. \end{cases}$$

Remark VI.5.7

At each iteration, one needs to solve a system. The matrix M needs to be chosen so this system is simple.

Theorem VI.5.8

If $\rho(M^{-1}N) < 1$, the numerical method converges.

Jacobi

Definition VI.5.9 (Jacobi)

Consider $M = \text{diag}(A)$ and $N = -A + \text{diag}(A)$

Gauß-Seidel

Definition VI.5.10 (Gauß-Seidel)

For

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Define

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N = - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Conjugate Gradient

Definition VI.5.11

Let $A \in \mathcal{M}_q$ be symmetric and positive definite. Consider

- The sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ that will converge toward the solution
- The sequence $(r_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of “residuals” ($r_n = b - Ax_n$)
- The sequence $(p_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of “directions”

We initialize with any $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^q$ (if possible, close to the solution to be found) and $r_0 = b - Ax_0$ and $p_0 = b - Ax_0$. Then, for $n \geq 0$:

- $x_{n+1} = x_n + \alpha_n p_n$
- $r_{n+1} = r_n - \alpha_n A p_n$
- $p_{n+1} = r_{n+1} + \beta_n p_n$

Where α_n and β_n are numbers: $\alpha_n = \frac{\|r_n\|^2}{A p_n \cdot p_n}$ and $\beta_n = \frac{\|r_{n+1}\|^2}{\|r_n\|^2}$.