

and the matrix

$$\Delta A = \beta I$$

satisfy the equations

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= b \\ (A + \Delta A)(x + \Delta x) &= b \\ \|\Delta x\| &= |\beta| \|A^{-1}w\| = \|\Delta A\| \|A^{-1}\| \|x + \Delta x\|. \end{aligned}$$

Finally we can pick β so that $-\beta$ is not equal to any of the eigenvalues of A , so that $A + \Delta A = A + \beta I$ is invertible and b is nonzero.

If $\|\Delta A\| < 1/\|A^{-1}\|$, then

$$\|A^{-1}\Delta A\| \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|\Delta A\| < 1,$$

so by Proposition 9.11, the matrix $I + A^{-1}\Delta A$ is invertible and

$$\|(I + A^{-1}\Delta A)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \|A^{-1}\Delta A\|} \leq \frac{1}{1 - \|A^{-1}\| \|\Delta A\|}.$$

Recall that we proved earlier that

$$\Delta x = -A^{-1}\Delta A(x + \Delta x),$$

and by adding x to both sides and moving the right-hand side to the left-hand side yields

$$(I + A^{-1}\Delta A)(x + \Delta x) = x,$$

and thus

$$x + \Delta x = (I + A^{-1}\Delta A)^{-1}x,$$

which yields

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x &= ((I + A^{-1}\Delta A)^{-1} - I)x = (I + A^{-1}\Delta A)^{-1}(I - (I + A^{-1}\Delta A))x \\ &= -(I + A^{-1}\Delta A)^{-1}A^{-1}(\Delta A)x. \end{aligned}$$

From this and

$$\|(I + A^{-1}\Delta A)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \|A^{-1}\| \|\Delta A\|},$$

we get

$$\|\Delta x\| \leq \frac{\|A^{-1}\| \|\Delta A\|}{1 - \|A^{-1}\| \|\Delta A\|} \|x\|,$$

which can be written as

$$\frac{\|\Delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq \text{cond}(A) \frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \|A^{-1}\| \|\Delta A\|} \right),$$

which is the kind of inequality that we were seeking. □