

# Deepayan Bhadra - hmwk1 Solutions

## Solution to Q1

Hilbert matrices are known for being ill-conditioned. Thus, due to the high condition number, the noise amplifies during reconstruction. The amplification added to the trailing eigen-vector is  $1/\lambda_{min}$

## Solution to Q2

The dual norm of  $\|\cdot\|$  is defined as

$$\|x\|_* = \max_{\|z\| \leq 1} z^T x.$$

We need to prove that the dual norm is indeed a norm. Thus, we need to verify if the dual norm satisfies the properties of a norm as follows:

1.  $\|x\| \geq 0 \forall x \in R^n$ , and  $\|x\| = 0$  iff  $x = 0$  (Non-negativity)
2.  $\|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\| \quad \forall x \in R^n \quad \forall \alpha \in R$  (Homogeneity)
3. Triangle inequality:  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \quad \forall x, y \in R^n$

The first two properties are easy to verify as follows:

1.  $z$  can always be chosen such  $\|x\|_* \geq 0$ . Since  $z$  can also be  $> 0$ ,  $\|x\|_* = 0$  iff  $x = 0$ . Hence.
2.  $\|\alpha x\|_* = \max_{\|z\| \leq 1} z^T(\alpha x) = |\alpha| \max_{\|z\| \leq 1} z^T x = |\alpha| \|x\|_*$
3.  $\|x + y\|_* = \max_{\|z\| \leq 1} (z^T x + z^T y) \leq \max_{\|z\| \leq 1} z^T x + \max_{\|z\| \leq 1} z^T y = \|x\|_* + \|y\|_*$

## Solution to Q3

We have  $\|\hat{x} - x\| = \|A^{-1}\hat{b} - A^{-1}b\| \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|\hat{b} - b\|$

Also,  $\|Ax\| = \|b\| \leq \|A\| \|x\|$

Dividing the first inequality by the latter one yields

$$\frac{\|\hat{x} - x\|}{\|A\| \|x\|} \leq \frac{\|A^{-1}\| \|\hat{b} - b\|}{\|b\|}$$

Condition number of a square nonsingular matrix  $A$  is defined as  $\|A\| \|A\|^{-1}$ . Thus re-arranging the inequality, we get our desired result.

## Solution to Q4

We have

$$p(y|x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^m |\Sigma|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(y - Dx)^T \Sigma^{-1}(y - Dx)\right) p(x) = \prod_i \frac{1}{2b} \exp\left(-\frac{|x_i|}{b}\right) = \frac{1}{(2b)^n} \exp\left(-\frac{\|x\|_1}{b}\right)$$

From Baye's rule, we have

$$p(x|y) \sim p(y|x)p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^m |\Sigma|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(y - Dx)^T \Sigma^{-1}(y - Dx)\right) \frac{1}{(2b)^n} \exp\left(-\frac{\|x\|_1}{b}\right)$$

The log-likelihood (LL) follows by taking log

$$-\frac{m}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log|\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2}(y - Dx)^T \Sigma^{-1}(y - Dx) - n \log(2b) - \frac{1}{b} \|x\|_1$$

The negative log-likelihood (NLL) occurs by multiplying with -1 and re-arranging :

$$\frac{1}{b} \|x\|_1 + \frac{1}{2}(y - Dx)^T \Sigma^{-1}(y - Dx) + \frac{1}{2}(m \log(2\pi) + \log|\Sigma|) + n \log(2b)$$

For minimization, we can ignore the constant terms and simply :

$$\text{Minimize } \frac{1}{b} \|x\|_1 + \frac{1}{2}(y - Dx)^T \Sigma^{-1}(y - Dx).$$

## Solution to Q5: Code from hmwk1.py

```
import numpy as np
def buildmat(m,n,condNumber):
    A = np.random.randn(m, n)
    np.linalg.cond(A)
    U, S, V = np.linalg.svd(A)
    S = np.array([[S[j] if i==j else 0 for j in range(n)] for i in range(m)])
    S[S!=0]= np.linspace(condNumber,1,min(m,n))
    A=U.dot(S).dot(V)
    return A
# For a 3x5 matrix

m,n,condNumber = 3,5,2
print("The 3x5 matrix A and the condition no. are\n")
A = buildmat(m,n,condNumber)
print(np.matrix(A),"\n")
print(np.linalg.cond(A),"\n")

# For a 5x4 matrix

m,n,condNumber = 5,4,4
print("The 5x4 matrix A and the condition no. are\n")
A = buildmat(m,n,condNumber)
print(np.matrix(A),"\n")
print(np.linalg.cond(A),"\n")
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