

Theorem (*Relative error bound III*). Let A be nonsingular, $b \neq 0$, and $Ax = b$. If $(A + \delta A)(x + \delta x) = b + \delta b$, and

$$\frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} < \frac{1}{\kappa(A)},$$

then

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq \frac{\kappa(A) \left(\frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} + \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|} \right)}{1 - \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|}}.$$

Remark (a). Consider the quantity $q = \frac{a}{b}$, $b \neq 0$. If $c \leq b$, then

$$q = \frac{a}{b} \leq \frac{a}{c}.$$

Proof. Suppose for a moment that A nonsingular, $b \neq 0$, $Ax = b$, and $(A + \delta A)(x + \delta x) = b + \delta b$. Then, it's immediately obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} & (A + \delta A)(x + \delta x) = b + \delta b \\ \implies & Ax + A\delta x + \delta Ax + \delta A\delta x = b + \delta b \\ \implies & A\delta x + \delta Ax + \delta A\delta x = \delta b \\ \implies & A\delta x = \delta b - (\delta Ax + \delta A\delta x) \\ \implies & A\delta x = \delta b - \delta A(x + \delta x) \\ \implies & \delta x = A^{-1}\delta b - A^{-1}\delta A(x + \delta x) \\ \implies & \|\delta x\| = \|A^{-1}\delta b - A^{-1}\delta A(x + \delta x)\| \\ & \leq \|A^{-1}\delta b\| + \|A^{-1}\delta A(x + \delta x)\| \\ & = \|A^{-1}\delta b\| + \|A^{-1}\delta A(x + \delta x)\| \\ & \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta b\| + \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta A\| (\|x + \delta x\|) \\ & \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta b\| + \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta A\| (\|x\| + \|\delta x\|) \\ & = \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta b\| + \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta A\| \|x\| + \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta A\| \|\delta x\| \\ \implies & \|\delta x\| - \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta A\| \|\delta x\| \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta b\| + \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta A\| \|x\| \\ \implies & \|\delta x\| (1 - \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta A\|) \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta b\| + \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta A\| \|x\| \\ \implies & \frac{\|A\|}{\|A\|} \|\delta x\| (1 - \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta A\|) \leq \frac{\|A\|}{\|A\|} (\|A^{-1}\| \|\delta b\| + \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta A\| \|x\|) \\ \implies & \|\delta x\| \left(1 - \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \right) \leq \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|A\|} + \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \|x\| \\ \implies & \|\delta x\| \left(1 - \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \right) \leq \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|A\|} + \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \|x\| \\ \implies & \frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \left(1 - \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \right) \leq \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|A\| \|x\|} + \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|}. \end{aligned}$$

From here, we use

$$\begin{aligned} & Ax = b \\ \implies & \|Ax\| = \|b\| \\ \implies & \|Ax\| \leq \|A\| \|x\| \\ \implies & \|b\| \leq \|A\| \|x\| \end{aligned}$$

and remark (a) to see that

$$\kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|A\| \|x\|} + \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \leq \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|} + \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|}.$$

Thus, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \left(1 - \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \right) &\leq \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|A\| \|x\|} + \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \\ &\leq \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|} + \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \\ &= \kappa(A) \left(\frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|} + \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \right) \\ \therefore \frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} &\leq \frac{\kappa(A) \left(\frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} + \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|} \right)}{1 - \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|}}. \end{aligned}$$

As desired. ■