

Matrix Norm

Definition

To say that $|||\cdot||| : M_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a *matrix norm* means that it satisfies the following five properties $\forall A, B \in M_n$ and $\forall c \in \mathbb{C}^n$:

- 1). Nonnegativity: $|||A||| \geq 0$
- 2). Positivity: $|||A||| = 0 \iff A = 0$
- 3). Homogeneity: $|||cA||| = |c| |||A|||$
- 4). Subadditivity: $|||A + B||| \leq |||A||| + |||B|||$
- 5). Submultiplicativity: $|||AB||| \leq |||A||| |||B|||$

Some matrix norms are just extensions of the vector norms by placing the matrix columns end-to-end to form a giant vector. These norms can still use the double-bar notation. Since these norms already satisfy the first four norm properties, only submultiplicativity needs to be checked.

1). ℓ_1 Matrix Norm

$$\|A\|_1 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|AB\|_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |(AB)_{ij}| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n |a_{ik} b_{kj}| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |a_{ik}| \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |b_{kj}| \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n |a_{ik}| \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n |b_{kj}| \right) \\ &= \|A\|_1 \|B\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

2). ℓ_2 (Frobenius) Matrix Norm

$$\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2} = \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^*A)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|AB\|_2^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |(AB)_{ij}|^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj} \right|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n |a_{ik}|^2 |b_{kj}|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |a_{ik}|^2 \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |b_{kj}|^2 \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n |a_{ik}|^2 \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n |a_{kj}|^2 \right) \\ &= \|A\|_2 \|B\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

3). ℓ_∞ Matrix Norm

$$\|A\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i,j \leq n} |a_{ij}|$$

This is NOT a matrix norm. Consider the following counterexample:

$$A = B = J_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|A\|_\infty = \|B\|_\infty = 1, \text{ so } \|A\|_\infty \|B\|_\infty = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|AB\|_\infty = 3 \neq 1$$