

E2 212: Homework - 3

1 Topics

- Matrix Norms
- Condition number

2 Problems

Notation: M_n denotes an $n \times n$ matrix over a field of complex (or real) numbers, i.e. $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ (or $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$). Note that “triple-bar” norms $\| \cdot \|$ denote vector induced matrix norms while “double-bar” norms $\| \cdot \|$ denote vector norms (possibly, on matrices).

1. Show that, for any $\mathbf{A} \in M_n$, the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \mathbf{A}^k$ converges if there is a matrix norm $\| \cdot \|$ on M_n such that the numerical series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k| \| \mathbf{A} \|^k$ converges. (Hint: What does convergence of a series mean?)
2. If $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in M_n$, if \mathbf{A} is invertible, and if $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ is singular, show that $\| \mathbf{B} \| \geq 1 / \| \mathbf{A}^{-1} \|$ for any matrix norm $\| \cdot \|$. Thus there is an intrinsic limit to how well a non-singular matrix can be approximated by a singular one. (Hint: $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B})$.)
3. Show that if \mathbf{B} is an idempotent matrix then $\| \mathbf{B} \| \geq 1$ for any matrix norm $\| \cdot \|$.
4. Give an example of a vector norm on matrices for which $\| \mathbf{I} \| < 1$.
5. Show that:

$$\| \mathbf{A} \|_2 = \max_{\| \mathbf{x} \|_2 = 1} \| \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \|_2 = \max_{\| \mathbf{x} \|_2 = \| \mathbf{y} \|_2 = 1} | \mathbf{y}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} |$$

6. Prove the following:

- (a) $\| \mathbf{A} \|_1 \leq \| \mathbf{A} \|_1 \leq n \| \mathbf{A} \|_{\infty}$. Here $\| \cdot \|_1$ denotes the operator (matrix) norm induced by l_1 -vector norm and $\| \cdot \|_1$ is the l_1 vector norm for matrices (sum of absolute values of entries of matrix).
 - (b) $\| \mathbf{A} \|_1 \leq \sqrt{n} \| \mathbf{A} \|_2$
7. Show that $\kappa(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \kappa(\mathbf{A})\kappa(\mathbf{B})$ always, where $\kappa(\cdot)$ is the condition number for a given matrix. Is $\kappa(\cdot)$ a matrix or a vector norm?
 8. Let \mathbf{A} be a unitary matrix. Prove that $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = 1$ with respect to the spectral norm.

Hint: You do not need eigenvalues for this problem! Use the following properties of unitary matrices. If \mathbf{A} is unitary matrix, then:

- (a) $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^H = \mathbf{I}$, i.e., it's hermitian is it's inverse.
- (b) $\| \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \|_2 = \| \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{x} \|_2 = \| \mathbf{x} \|_2$, i.e., it preserves the Euclidean norm.