

Consider the linear system $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$ where the coefficient matrices and the solution vector are as follows.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.500 & 0.625 & 0.875 \\ 0.500 & 0.875 & 0.625 \\ -0.500 & -0.125 & -0.375 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let us find the norms of these matrices and vectors.

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\|_1 &= 6. & \|A\|_2 &= 5.12 & \|A\|_\infty &= 6. & \|A\|_F &= 5.83 & \|b\|_1 &= 17. & \|b\|_2 &= 11. & \|b\|_\infty &= 9. \\ \|A^{-1}\|_1 &= 1.88 & \|A^{-1}\|_2 &= 1.75 & \|A^{-1}\|_\infty &= 2.00 & \|A^{-1}\|_F &= 1.79 & \|x\|_1 &= 6. & \|x\|_2 &= 3.74 & \|x\|_\infty &= 3. \end{aligned}$$

Let the right side \mathbf{b} change to $\mathbf{b} + \Delta\mathbf{b}$, and thus the new solution becomes $(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x})$ such that $A(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b} + \Delta\mathbf{b}$

$$\Delta b = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Delta b + b = \begin{bmatrix} -12 \\ 9 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad x + \Delta x \equiv (A^{-1}) (\Delta b + b) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Delta x = \begin{bmatrix} 2.12 \\ 2.38 \\ 0.375 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, the relative errors and the condition numbers $c_1 = \|A\|_1 \|A^{-1}\|_1$, $c_2 = \|A\|_2 \|A^{-1}\|_2$, $c_\infty = \|A\|_\infty \|A^{-1}\|_\infty$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|\Delta b\|_1}{\|b\|_1} &= 0.471 & \frac{\|\Delta b\|_2}{\|b\|_2} &= 0.426 & \frac{\|\Delta b\|_\infty}{\|b\|_\infty} &= 0.333 & \frac{\|\Delta x\|_1}{\|x\|_1} &= 0.813 & \frac{\|\Delta x\|_2}{\|x\|_2} &= 0.858 & \frac{\|\Delta x\|_\infty}{\|x\|_\infty} &= 0.792 \\ c_1 &= 11.3 & c_2 &= 8.94 & c_\infty &= 12.0 \end{aligned}$$

Note that the inequality $\|\Delta\mathbf{x}\| / \|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|\Delta\mathbf{b}\| / \|\mathbf{b}\|$ is satisfied for all the norms.

$$\frac{\|\Delta x\|_1}{\|x\|_1} \leq \left(\frac{c_1 \|\Delta b\|_1}{\|b\|_1} = 5.32 \right), \frac{\|\Delta x\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \leq \left(\frac{c_2 \|\Delta b\|_2}{\|b\|_2} = 3.81 \right), \frac{\|\Delta x\|_\infty}{\|x\|_\infty} \leq \left(\frac{c_\infty \|\Delta b\|_\infty}{\|b\|_\infty} = 4.00 \right)$$

Also, let the matrix A change to $A + \Delta A$, and thus the new solution becomes $(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x})$ such that $(A + \Delta A)(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}$. Then, change in the solution $\Delta\mathbf{x}$ is found as follows.

$$\Delta A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A + \Delta A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & -4 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad x + \Delta x \equiv ((A + \Delta A)^{-1}) b = \begin{bmatrix} -9. \\ -10. \\ 4. \end{bmatrix} \quad \Delta x = \begin{bmatrix} -10. \\ -12. \\ 1. \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, the relative errors are computed as follows.

$$\frac{\|\Delta A\|_1}{\|A\|_1} = 0.500 \quad \frac{\|\Delta A\|_2}{\|A\|_2} = 0.478 \quad \frac{\|\Delta A\|_\infty}{\|A\|_\infty} = 0.500 \quad \frac{\|\Delta x\|_1}{\|x + \Delta x\|_1} = 1.00 \quad \frac{\|\Delta x\|_2}{\|x + \Delta x\|_2} = 1.12 \quad \frac{\|\Delta x\|_\infty}{\|x + \Delta x\|_\infty} = 1.20$$

Note that the inequality $\|\Delta\mathbf{x}\| / \|\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|\Delta A\| / \|A\|$ is satisfied for all the norms.

$$\frac{\|\Delta x\|_1}{\|x + \Delta x\|_1} \leq \left(\frac{c_1 \|\Delta A\|_1}{\|A\|_1} = 5.65 \right), \frac{\|\Delta x\|_2}{\|x + \Delta x\|_2} \leq \left(\frac{c_2 \|\Delta A\|_2}{\|A\|_2} = 4.28 \right), \frac{\|\Delta x\|_\infty}{\|x + \Delta x\|_\infty} \leq \left(\frac{c_\infty \|\Delta A\|_\infty}{\|A\|_\infty} = 6.00 \right)$$