

Math 170A, Fall 2023 HOMEWORK #3 due Friday, Oct. 27

Homework problems that will be graded (Q1 - Q5, 30pts in total):

Q1. Let $A = \alpha I$ be a multiple of the $n \times n$ identity matrix, with $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha \neq 0$, and consider $\|\cdot\|$ to be an induced matrix norm. Calculate $\|A\|$, $\|A^{-1}\|$, $\det(A)$, and $\kappa_{\|\cdot\|}(A)$.

Q2. Let A be a non-singular $n \times n$ matrix.

- a) Show that, in any norm, $\kappa(A) = \kappa(A^{-1})$.
- b) By rewriting $Ax = b$ as $A^{-1}b = x$, use the proof template we did in class to show the so-called **companion inequality**:

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

Q3. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and let $b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

- a) Calculate the norms $\|A\|_1$, $\|A\|_\infty$, $\|A\|_F$.
- b) Compute the condition numbers $\kappa_1(A)$, $\kappa_\infty(A)$, $\kappa_F(A)$ with respect to the 1-norm, ∞ -norm, Frobenius-norm respectively.
- c) Let $\delta b = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Consider the linear systems $Ax = b$, $A\hat{x} = b + \delta b$ and let $\delta x = \hat{x} - x$. Estimate the relative error from above and below through condition numbers, for norms 1, ∞ , and Frobenius. (see Q2 for the lower bound).

Q4. (Exercise 3, Page 94 in the textbook) What is wrong with the following reasoning?

Changing b by 1% means multiplying it by 1.01. If $Ax = b$, then $A(1.01x) = 1.01b$, by linearity. So a 1% change of b , from b to $1.01b$, causes a 1% change in x , from x to $1.01x$. So forget the whole story about condition numbers—a 1% change in b always causes a 1% change in x .

Q5. (similar to Exercise 4, Page 94 in the textbook) This is a MATLAB exercise.

Write a code that does the following.

- Pick a random 500 by 500 matrix A with the command $A = \text{randn}(500)$.
Note the use of **randn**, not **rand**; this produces normally distributed, rather than uniformly distributed, variables. (If you don't know what that means, it won't matter for this problem.)
- Pick a random right-hand side $b = \text{randn}(500, 1)$.
- Solve $Ax = b$ using the backslash command $x = A \backslash b$.
- Then create a small perturbation, δb , of b using this command:

$$\text{delta_b} = 10^{(-3)} * \text{randn}(500, 1)$$

- Solve $A\tilde{x} = b + \text{delta_b}$ using the backslash. You can name your new variable \tilde{x} , x_tilde .
- Compute $\text{rel_error_sol} = \|x_tilde - x\|_1 / \|x\|_1$; you can compute the 1 norm of a vector z by using the MATLAB command $\text{norm}(z, 1)$.
- Compute $\text{rel_error_b} = \|\text{delta_b}\|_1 / \|b\|_1$.
- Finally, let $q = \frac{\text{rel_error_sol}}{\text{cond}(A, 1) * \text{rel_error_b}}$; here $\text{cond}(A, 1)$ is using the command to compute the condition number of A in norm 1, in MATLAB.
- Now, repeat this 50 times, so you get $q(1), q(2), \dots, q(50)$. Plot the vector $y = \log_{10}(q)$ by using the commands $y = \log_{10}(q)$ and $\text{plot}(y)$.
- Explain how the picture agrees with the theory we learned in class (which predicts $q(i)$ will be less than 1.)

Please turn in a screenshot of the code, the picture, and your explanation.