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## Homework 2

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# 1 Problem 1

First, let's assume that there exist two problems described by:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\mathbf{b}} \quad (1)$$

By subtracting both:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}) = \mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}} \quad (3)$$

$$\rightarrow (\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}) = \mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}) \quad (4)$$

Considering  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{x}\|$

$$\|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}})\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\| = \|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}})\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|\|\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}\| \quad (5)$$

Thus:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|\|\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}\| = \kappa(\mathbf{A})\|\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}\| \quad (6)$$

Also, it can be established that  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{u}\|$ , and therefore  $\frac{\|\mathbf{b}\|}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|$

By multiplying both by  $\|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\|$

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{b}\|}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}\|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\| \quad (7)$$

Therefore, by using equation 6 and equation 7:

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{b}\|}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}\|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\| \leq \kappa(\mathbf{A})\|\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}\| \quad (8)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\|}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \leq \kappa(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\|\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} \quad (9)$$

2)

From equation 3:

$$\|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}})\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\| \rightarrow \|\mathbf{r}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{e}\| \quad (10)$$

And also as  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ , then:

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \quad (11)$$

By multiplying 10 by 11:

$$\|\mathbf{r}\| \|\mathbf{u}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\| \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \|\mathbf{e}\| \quad (12)$$

$$\|\mathbf{r}\| \|\mathbf{u}\| \leq \kappa(\mathbf{A}) \|\mathbf{b}\| \|\mathbf{e}\| \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{1}{\kappa(\mathbf{A})} \frac{\|\mathbf{r}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{e}\|}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \quad (14)$$

And as  $\|\mathbf{e}\| = \|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\|$  that means:

$$\frac{1}{\kappa(\mathbf{A})} \frac{\|\mathbf{r}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{e}\|}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \leq \kappa(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\|\mathbf{r}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} \quad (15)$$

## 2 Problem 2

If  $\mathbf{v}_j = \sin(j\pi x_i)$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ , it should happen that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_j = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_j$

$$(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_j)_i = \frac{1}{h^2}(-v^{i-1} + 2v^i - v^{i+1}) \quad (16)$$

$$= \frac{1}{h^2}(-\sin(j\pi(i-1)h) + 2\sin(j\pi(i)h) - \sin(j\pi(i+1)h)) \quad (17)$$

Lets redefine as the arguments as sums of angles  $\theta = j\pi ih$  and  $\phi = j\pi h$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_j)_i &= \frac{1}{h^2}(-\sin(\theta - \phi) + 2\sin(\theta) - \sin(\theta + \phi)) \\ &= \frac{1}{h^2}(-\sin(\theta)\cos(\phi) + \sin(\phi)\cos(\theta) + 2\sin(\theta) - \sin(\theta)\cos(\phi) - \sin(\phi)\cos(\theta)) \\ &= \frac{1}{h^2}(-2\sin(\theta)\cos(\phi) + 2\sin(\theta)) \\ &= \frac{1}{h^2}(2\sin(\theta)(1 - \cos(\phi))) \end{aligned}$$

And  $1 - \cos(\phi) = 2 \sin^2(\frac{\phi}{2})$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_j)_i &= \frac{4}{h^2}(\sin^2(\frac{\phi}{2})) \sin(\theta) = \frac{4}{h^2}(\sin^2(\frac{j\pi h}{2})) \sin(j\pi i h) = \frac{4}{h^2}(\sin^2(\frac{j\pi h}{2})) \sin(j\pi x_i) \\ &= \frac{4}{h^2}(\sin^2(\frac{j\pi h}{2})) \mathbf{v}_j \end{aligned}$$

That  $(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_j)_i$  is the eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$

2) The corresponding eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is the value in front of the eigenvector.

$$(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_j)_i = \frac{4}{h^2}(\sin^2(\frac{j\pi h}{2})) \mathbf{v}_j = \lambda_j \mathbf{v}_j$$

Then:

$$\lambda_j = \frac{4}{h^2} \sin^2(\frac{j\pi h}{2}) = 4m^2 \sin^2(\frac{j\pi}{2m}) \quad (18)$$

For  $j = 1, \dots, m-1$  (not including boundary conditions, where  $\lambda$  should be zero)

3) If  $m \rightarrow \infty$ :

- For  $j=1$  is the lowest eigenvalue:  $\frac{\pi}{2m}$  is small, then  $\sin(\frac{\pi}{2m}) \approx \frac{\pi}{2m}$ . Then

$$\lambda_{min} \approx 4m^2(\frac{\pi}{2m})^2 = \pi \quad (19)$$

- For  $j=m-1$  is the lowest eigenvalue:  $\frac{(m-1)\pi}{2m} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2m} \approx \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$ . Then:

$$\lambda_{max} \approx 4m^2(1)^2 = 4m^2 \quad (20)$$

Finally:

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) \approx \frac{4m}{\pi} = O(m^2) \quad (21)$$

3)

$$u(x) = \sin(k\pi x) + c(x - \frac{1}{2})^3 \quad (22)$$

$$u'(x) = k\pi \cos(k\pi x) + 3c(x - \frac{1}{2})^2 \quad (23)$$

$$u''(x) = -k^2\pi^2 \sin(k\pi x) + 6c(x - \frac{1}{2}) \quad (24)$$

Then, by substituting in  $-u'' + \gamma u = f(x)$

$$k^2\pi^2 \sin(k\pi x) - 6c(x - \frac{1}{2}) + \gamma(\sin(k\pi x) + c(x - \frac{1}{2})^3) = f(x) \quad (25)$$

$$(k^2\pi^2 + \gamma) \sin(k\pi x) + \gamma c(x - \frac{1}{2})^3 - 6c(x - \frac{1}{2}) = f(x) \quad (26)$$

### 3 Problem 3

For this problem, the code was created and its name is 'bvp.c'. Is added in the main file HW2. The file was made from tri.c code, and modified by adding the term  $\gamma u$ , thus the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has the form:

$$\mathbf{A}_i = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 + \gamma & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (27)$$

And vector  $b = f(x_i)$

By using