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Ramp Up Mathematics — Numerical Analysis Ramp Up for Data Science

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Reviewing and Comparing Numerical Methods

1. *Efficiency*: computational amount of work, memory consumption, parallelization
2. *Reliability and fault resilience*: how do failures of parts of the method influence the overall method (e.g., poor approximation, approximation failures, ...)
3. *Accuracy*: all possible errors and their influence on the computed result
 - *Round off errors*: ✓
 - *Method based errors*: depends on the method (e.g., linear approximation of a nonlinear function)
 - *Data errors*: input data typically inaccurate.

Solving a problem refers to evaluation of a function $F : D \longrightarrow W$.

Instead of an exact value x we have a perturbed \tilde{x} .

resulting output error in when evaluation the function: $F(\tilde{x}) - F(x)$.



Conditioning

perturbed input data: $\tilde{x}_1 = x_1 + \Delta x_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n = x_n + \Delta x_n$,

Determine output error $F(\tilde{x}) - F(x)$ using Taylor expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} F(\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n) &= F(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \frac{\partial F(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_1} \Delta x_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial F(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_n} \Delta x_n \\ &\quad + \text{higher order terms (h.o.t.)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{|F(\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n) - F(x_1, \dots, x_n)|}{|F(x_1, \dots, x_n)|}}_{\text{rel. output error}} &\leq \frac{|\frac{\partial F(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_1} \Delta x_1| + \dots + |\frac{\partial F(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_n} \Delta x_n|}{|F(x_1, \dots, x_n)|} + \text{h.o.t.} \\ &\leq \max_{i=1, \dots, n} |\Delta x_i| \cdot \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |\frac{\partial F(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_i}|}{|F(x_1, \dots, x_n)|} + \text{h.o.t.} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{\|\Delta x\|_\infty}{\|x\|_\infty}}_{\text{rel. input error}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\|x\|_\infty \sum_{i=1}^n |\frac{\partial F(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_i}|}{|F(x_1, \dots, x_n)|}}_{\text{amplification factor}} + \text{h.o.t.} \end{aligned}$$



Conditioning

We conclude for a differentiable function $F : D \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow W \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ that

$$\frac{\|\vec{F}(\tilde{\vec{x}}) - \vec{F}(\vec{x})\|}{\|\vec{F}(\vec{x})\|} \leq \frac{\left\| \frac{\partial \vec{F}(\vec{x})}{\partial \vec{x}} \right\| \cdot \|\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{F}(\vec{x})\|} \cdot \frac{\|\tilde{\vec{x}} - \vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} + \text{h.o.t.}$$

relative output error $\frac{\|\vec{F}(\tilde{\vec{x}}) - \vec{F}(\vec{x})\|}{\|\vec{F}(\vec{x})\|}$ essentially described by the size of the derivative
Suppose that

$$\frac{\left\| \frac{\partial \vec{F}(\vec{x})}{\partial \vec{x}} \right\| \cdot \|\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{F}(\vec{x})\|} \leq C \text{ for all } \vec{x},$$

then we obtain

$$\frac{\|\vec{F}(\tilde{\vec{x}}) - \vec{F}(\vec{x})\|}{\|\vec{F}(\vec{x})\|} \approx C \cdot \frac{\|\tilde{\vec{x}} - \vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|}$$

Conclusion: In this case we conclude that $\vec{F}(\vec{x})$ is well conditioned

Condition

Definition 1.1

Given a function $F : D \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow W \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ we define $\kappa(\vec{F})$ as smallest possible number such that

$$\frac{\|\vec{F}(\tilde{\vec{x}}) - \vec{F}(\vec{x})\|}{\|\vec{F}(\vec{x})\|} \lesssim \kappa(\vec{F}) \cdot \frac{\|\tilde{\vec{x}} - \vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|}$$

Suppose that F is differentiable. If its partial derivative satisfies $\frac{\|\frac{\partial \vec{F}(\vec{x})}{\partial \vec{x}}\| \cdot \|\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{F}(\vec{x})\|} \leq C$, then it follows that $\kappa(\vec{F}) \leq C$

Example 1.1 (Sum)

$$F(x, y) = x + y \Rightarrow \frac{|F(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) - F(x, y)|}{|F(x, y)|} = \leq$$

Error Analysis of Numerical Methods

- Investigate the implementation of our algorithm on a computer
 - Instead of a function $F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ our implementation on a computer yields $\tilde{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ including round off errors
1. *Forward analysis:* track errors step by step, determine bounds for parts of the computation. What we get at the end is

$$\tilde{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = F(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \delta,$$

where δ refers to the accumulated error.

2. *Backward analysis:* rewrite the accumulated error as *exact evaluation of perturbed input data*, i.e.,

$$\tilde{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = F(\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n)$$

with perturbed input data $\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n$.

well-conditioned problem plus stable algorithm \implies reliable result



Error Analysis

Example 1.2

Consider

$$F(x_1, x_2) = x_1 + x_2, \quad \tilde{F}(x_1, x_2) = x_1 \oplus x_2.$$

forward analysis

$$x_1 \oplus x_2 = \underbrace{x_1 + x_2}_{F(x_1, x_2)} + \underbrace{\varepsilon(x_1 + x_2)}_{\delta} \quad |\varepsilon| \leq \epsilon, \\ |\delta| \leq \epsilon(|x_1| + |x_2|).$$

backward analysis

$$x_1 \oplus x_2 = \underbrace{x_1(1 + \varepsilon) + x_2(1 + \varepsilon)}_{\tilde{F}(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2)} \quad |\varepsilon| \leq \epsilon.$$

