
CS 450: HOMEWORK 3

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Question 1

To begin, some prerequisite definitions:

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \vec{x} \tag{1}$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \cdot \|\vec{x}\|_2 \tag{2}$$

To begin, we take the 2-norm of Eq. 1:

$$\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2 = \|\vec{x}\|_2 \tag{3}$$

substituting in \mathbf{A}^{-1} in for \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{A}\vec{x}$ for \vec{x} in Eq. 2, we obtain the following inequality:

$$\|\vec{x}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2 \|\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2 \tag{4}$$

and simply rearranging:

$$\frac{\|\vec{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2} \leq \|\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2 \tag{5}$$

Question 2

To begin, add and subtract $\|\mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2$ from some arbitrary norm $\|\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2$ and apply a total absolute value to the equation:

$$|\|\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2| = |\|\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2 - \|\mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2| \quad (6)$$

Then applying the triangle-rule, pulling out $\|\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2$ and $-\|\mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2$:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2 \leq |\|\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2 - \|\mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2| + \|\mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2 \quad (7)$$

note the absolute value bars dropped from the two standalone norms, this is because a norm is always positive. Next, the 'inverse' triangle rule (Page 53 in textbook) is:

$$|\|\vec{x}\|_2 - \|\vec{y}\|_2| \leq \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|_2 \quad (8)$$

applying this to Eq. 7, we obtain:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2 \leq |\|\mathbf{A}\vec{x} - \mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2| + \|\mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2 \quad (9)$$

And then pulling out \vec{x} from the large chunk, and then because A-B linearly scales vector \vec{x} , we can pull that out of the norm (maintaining a norm on it):

$$\|\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_2 \cdot \|\vec{x}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2 \quad (10)$$

Question 3

To begin, we assume the following condition to be true:

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2} < \frac{1}{\kappa_2(\mathbf{A})} \quad (11)$$

If we multiply the L.H.S. by $\frac{\|\vec{x}\|_2}{\|\vec{x}\|_2}$ (1):

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2} \cdot \frac{\|\vec{x}\|_2}{\|\vec{x}\|_2} < \frac{1}{\kappa_2(\mathbf{A})} \quad (12)$$

And then applying a similar method used at the end of the previous question:

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{A}\vec{x}\|_2 - \|\mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \|\vec{x}\|_2} < \frac{1}{\kappa_2(\mathbf{A})} \quad (13)$$

And because we know \mathbf{A} is invertible / non-singular, we can utilize Eq. 5:

$$\frac{\frac{\|\vec{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2} - \|\mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \|\vec{x}\|_2} < \frac{1}{\kappa_2(\mathbf{A})} \quad (14)$$

substituting in the definition for a matrix conditioning number, $\kappa = \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2 \|\mathbf{A}\|_2$, and rearranging:

$$\frac{\|\vec{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2} - \|\mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2 < \frac{\|\vec{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2} \quad (15)$$

and further, subtracting out the fraction:

$$\|\mathbf{B}\vec{x}\|_2 > 0 \quad (16)$$

Because the norm of $\mathbf{B}\vec{x}$ is non-zero, we know it is non-zero. Assuming that $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and that \vec{x} is a non-zero vector, then we know that \mathbf{B} 's Null space must only contain the null vector, and is therefore not-singular.