

1. Prove the Hölder inequality: If $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we then have

$$|x^T y| \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_q$$

where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Note that Cauchy-Schwarz is a special case of this.

2. Norm equivalence: Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

- $\|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n} \|x\|_2$
- $\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \|x\|_\infty$

3. Show that adding two positive numbers is a well-conditioned problem, i.e., if $f(a, b) = a + b$, where $a, b > 0$, obtain the condition number (in two norm) and the range of values it can take.

4. Prove that $\|AB\|_p \leq \|A\|_p \|B\|_p$, where $\|\cdot\|_p$ is the matrix norm induced by vector norm.

5. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & -5 \\ 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$. Compute the following norms. (i) $\|A\|_1$, (ii) $\|A\|_2$, (iii) $\|A\|_\infty$, (iv) $\|A\|_{1*}$, (v) $\|A\|_{2*}$, (vi) $\|A\|_{\infty*}$

6. (**Trefethen and Bau: Exercise 12.3**) The goal of this problem is to explore some properties of random matrices. Your job is to a laboratory scientist, performing experiments that lead to conjectures and more refined experiments. Do not try to prove anything. Do produce well-designed plots, which are worth a thousand numbers.

Define a *random matrix* to be a $m \times m$ matrix whose entries are independent samples from the real normal distribution with mean zero and standard deviation $\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}$. The factor \sqrt{m} is introduced to make the limiting behavior clean as $m \rightarrow \infty$.

- (a) What do the eigenvalues of a random matrix look like? What happens, say, if you take 1000 random matrices and superimpose all their eigenvalues in a single plot? If you do this for $m = 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256$, what pattern is suggested? How does the maximum eigenvalue (in absolute sense, denoted by ρ) of the matrix behave as $m \rightarrow \infty$?
- (b) What about norms? How does the 2-norm of a random matrix behave as $m \rightarrow \infty$? Of course, we must have $\rho(A) \leq \|A\|$, for induced norm on the matrix A . Does this inequality appear to approach equality as $m \rightarrow \infty$?
- (c) What about condition numbers or more simply the smallest singular value σ_{\min} ? Even for fixed m this question is interesting. What proportions of random matrices in $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ seem to have $\sigma_{\min} \leq \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \dots$? In other words, what does the tail of the probability distribution of smallest singular values look like? How does the scale of all this change with m ?
- (d) How do the answers to (a) – (c) change if we consider random triangular instead of full matrices, i.e., upper-triangular matrices whose entries are samples from the same distribution as above?