

Lab Session 5

Errors and backward stability

1. Your task is to generate test matrices having pre-specified condition numbers. Write a matlab function to generate an n -by- n matrix with 2-norm condition number **ka**:

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function A = matgen(n, ka)
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To obtain such a matrix proceed as follows. Choose random orthogonal matrices U and V from QR factorization of random matrices: $[U, R] = \text{qr}(\text{rand}(n))$ and $[V, R] = \text{qr}(\text{rand}(n))$. Generate a diagonal matrix $D = \text{diag}(d_i)$ with $d_i := \text{ka}^{-(i-1)/(n-1)}$ and then set $A := UDV^*$. Then the 2-norm condition number of A is equal to **ka**.

Check that the matrix A generated by your function **matgen** has the condition number **ka** (call MATLAB function **cond(A)** to compute the condition number of A).

2. Test the stability of algorithms specified below and analyze the accuracy of solutions returned by them. For this purpose, proceed as follows:
 1. For each $\text{ka} = 10^4, 10^8, 10^{12}, 10^{16}$, use your **matgen** function to generate a random matrix A of size $n = 100$ with condition number **ka**.
 2. Compute $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{ones}(n, 1)$. Then $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{ones}(n, 1)$ is the solution of $Ax = b$.

Now consider the following algorithms:

1. **ALG1**: Solve $Ax = b$ using backslash command (**GEPP**)
2. **ALG2**: Solve $Ax = b$ using **GECP**
3. **ALG3**: Solve $Ax = b$ using **GENP**
4. **ALG4**: Solve $Ax = b$ by $A^{-1}b$ (MATLAB command **inv** computes inverse of a matrix).

For each of the above algorithms, prepare a table giving values of the following quantities:

ka, bkerr, err, errbd

where

- **bkerr** - is the backward error ($= \|Ax - b\|_2 / \|A\|_2 \|x\|_2$)
- **err** - is the relative error in the solution
- **errbd** - is the relative error bound of the solution. [If $r = b - Ax$ then $(A + E)x = b$ where $E = rx^* / \|x\|_2^2$. Now for error bound, invoke perturbation theory.]

Based on your results comment on the backward stability of **ALG1**, **ALG2**, **ALG3**, **ALG4**, and the accuracy of the solutions returned by these methods. Use the MATLAB command **cputime** (type **help cputime** for more information) to determine the time taken by each of these methods to solve the problems.

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