# ECSE 343 Numerical Methods in Engineering

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#### Forward vs Backward Error



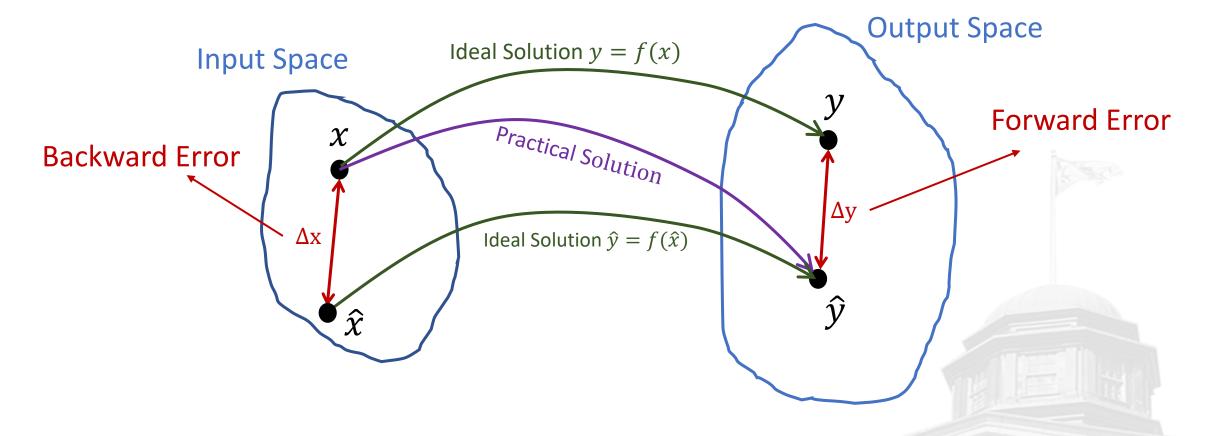
- Problem: Find the root of f(x) = 0
- Actual solution is  $x_o \Longrightarrow f(x_o) \equiv 0$
- Computed (inexact) solution is  $\hat{x}$  such that  $f(\hat{x}) = \epsilon$
- Forward error:  $|x_o \hat{x}|$

■ Backward error:  $|f(x_o) - f(\hat{x})| = |f(\hat{x})| = |\epsilon|$ 

#### Forward vs Backward Error



Problem: Compute y = f(x)



## Ax = b



Problem: Find the root of f(x) = Ax - b

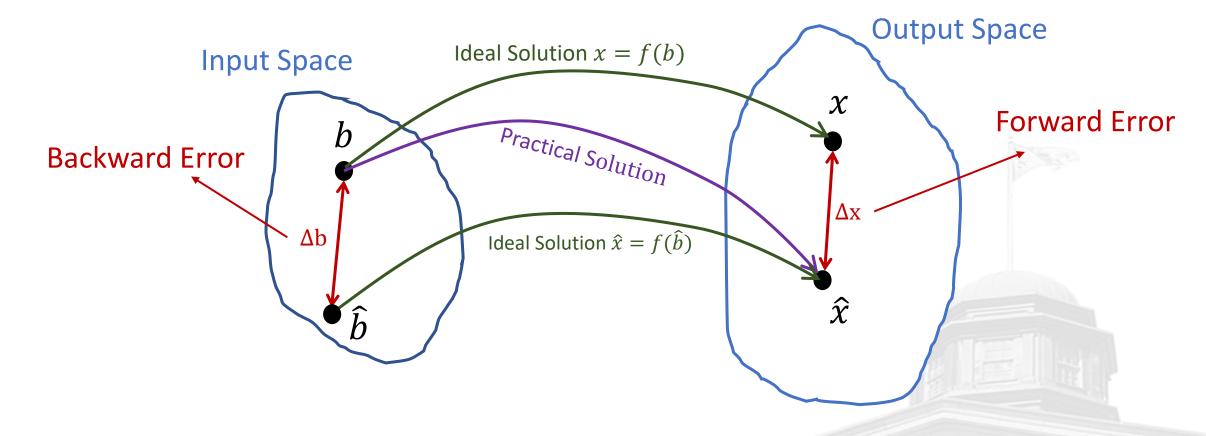
Problem: Find x such that Ax = b

Problem:  $x = f(b) = A^{-1}b$ 

### Condition Number for Ax = b



Problem:  $x = f(b) = A^{-1}b$ 



#### Forward vs Backward Error



- Problem: Find the root of f(x) = Ax b = 0
- Actual solution is  $x_o \Longrightarrow f(x_o) \equiv Ax_0 b = 0$
- Computed (inexact) solution is  $\hat{x}$  such that  $f(\hat{x}) = A\hat{x} b = \epsilon$
- Forward error:  $|x_o \hat{x}|$
- But:  $A\hat{x} \hat{b} \equiv 0$  and therefore  $A\hat{x} \equiv \hat{b}$
- Backward error:  $|f(x_o) f(\hat{x})|$

$$= |f(\widehat{x})| = |A\widehat{x} - b| = |\widehat{b} - b| = |\epsilon|$$

#### Condition Number for Ax = b



Problem: 
$$x = f(b) = A^{-1}b$$

$$J = \frac{df}{db} = A^{-1}$$

$$\kappa = \|A^{-1}\| \frac{\|b\|}{\|A^{-1}b\|} = \frac{\|A^{-1}\|\|b\|}{\|A^{-1}b\|} \ge 1$$



### Condition Number for Ax = b



$$\kappa = \|A^{-1}\| \frac{\|b\|}{\|A^{-1}b\|}$$

$$\frac{\|b\|}{\|A^{-1}b\|} = \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|} < \|A\|$$

$$\kappa \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|A\|$$

Condition Number of matrix A  $\kappa(A)$ 

Recall

$$||A|| \equiv \max_{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{||A\boldsymbol{x}||}{||\boldsymbol{x}||}$$
$$||\boldsymbol{x}|| \neq 0$$

#### Inner Product



$$\langle u, v \rangle = u^T v \qquad u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Generalize for complex vectors  $\langle u,v\rangle=u^*v$   $u,v\in\mathbb{C}^n$   $u^*$  is the conjugate transpose of u.

$$m{u} = egin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \qquad m{u}^* = egin{bmatrix} \overline{u}_1 & \overline{u}_2 & \cdots & \overline{u}_n \end{bmatrix} \\ \overline{u}_n \text{ is the complex conjugate of } u_n \end{bmatrix}$$

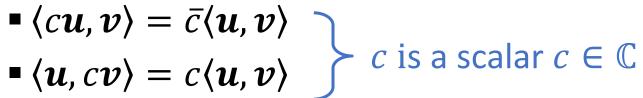
## Properties of Inner Product



$$\blacksquare \langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle}$$

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$$\blacksquare \langle u, u \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0$$



### Inner Product and Hermitian Matrices

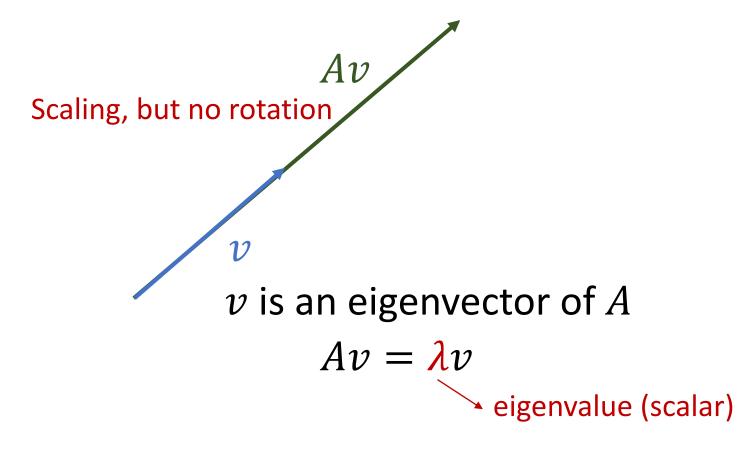


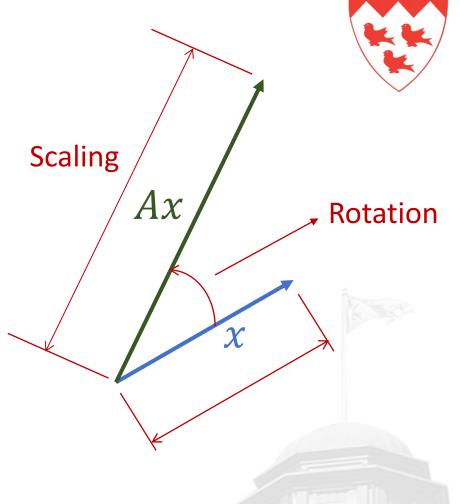
If  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is Hermitian (i.e  $A^* = A$ ) then  $\langle Au, v \rangle = \langle u, Av \rangle$ .

Recall:  $\langle u, v \rangle = u^* v$ 

$$\langle Au, v \rangle = (Au)^*v = u^*A^*v = u^*Av = u^*(Av) = \langle u, Av \rangle$$

## Eigenvalues / Eigenvectors





## Characteristic Polynomial



 $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of A



$$Av = \lambda v = \lambda Uv$$

$$(A - \lambda U)v = 0$$

$$v \neq 0$$

 $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of A iff  $(A - \lambda U)$  is singular.

 $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of A iff  $\det(A - \lambda U) = 0$  is singular.

Characteristic polynomial of of  $\mathbf{A}$  is:  $p_A(\lambda) = \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{U})$ .

## Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors



- Eigenvalues of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are the roots of the its characteristic polynomial.
- $\blacksquare$  The order of the characteristic polynomial is n.
- We cannot have closed form expressions for roots of polynomials of order  $\geq 5$  (Abel-Ruffini theorem).
- We cannot have closed form expressions for eigenvalues of matrices of size  $n \ge 5$ .
- The determinant method is useful from a theoretical standpoint but is not used in numerical algorithms (CPU cost, numerical conditioning).

## Diagonalization



Consider a full rank matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with distinct eigen values  $\lambda_i$  and corresponding eigenvectors  $v_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ .

$$Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$$
  $Av_2 = \lambda_1 v_2$   $\cdots$   $Av_n = \lambda_n v_n$ 

$$A[v_1 \quad v_2 \quad \cdots \quad v_n] = [\lambda_1 v_1 \quad \lambda_2 v_2 \quad \cdots \quad \lambda_n v_n] = V\Gamma$$

$$A\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Gamma}$$
  $\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix}$   $\mathbf{\Gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix}$   $\mathbf{V}^{-1}A\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{\Gamma}$   $A = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Gamma}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$ 

## Application: Powers of A



$$A = \mathbf{V}\Gamma V^{-1}$$

$$A^{2} = (\mathbf{V}\Gamma V^{-1}) (\mathbf{V}\Gamma V^{-1}) = \mathbf{V}\Gamma (V^{-1}V) \Gamma V^{-1} = \mathbf{V}\Gamma^{2}V^{-1}$$

$$A^{m} = \mathbf{V}\Gamma^{m}V^{-1}$$

$$oldsymbol{\Gamma} = egin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^m & & & & \ & \lambda_1^m & & & \ & & \ddots & \ & & \lambda_n^m \end{bmatrix}$$

## Eigenvalues/Eigenvector of a Hermitian Matrix



If  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is Hermitian (i.e  $A^* = A$ ) then:

- A has real eigenvalues.
- The eigenvectors of *A* are orthogonal to each other.
- (As a consequence, the matrix of eigenvectors can be chosen to be unitary)

## Eigenvalues of a Hermitian Matrix



 $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of A with corresponding eigenvector v then  $Av = \lambda v$ 

$$A$$
 is Hermitian then  $\langle Av, v \rangle = \langle v, Av \rangle$ .

$$\langle \lambda \boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{v} \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{v}, \lambda \boldsymbol{v} \rangle$$

$$\bar{\lambda}\langle \boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{v}\rangle = \lambda\langle \boldsymbol{v}, \lambda \boldsymbol{v}\rangle$$

$$\bar{\lambda} = \lambda$$

 $\lambda$  is real.

A has real eigenvalues

## Eigenvectors of a Hermitian Matrix



Let x and y be eigenvectors of a Hermitian matrix A corresponding to eigenvalues  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  ( $\lambda \neq \mu$ ). Note that  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are real.

$$Ax = \lambda x$$
 ,  $Ay = \mu y$ 

$$A$$
 is Hermitian then  $\langle Ax,y\rangle=\langle x,Ay\rangle$ .  $\langle \lambda x,y\rangle=\langle x,\mu y\rangle$   $\lambda \langle x,y\rangle=\mu \langle x,y\rangle$  Recall that  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are real.  $(\lambda-\mu)\langle x,y\rangle=0$  Recall that  $\lambda\neq\mu$   $\langle x,y\rangle=0$ 

A has orthogonal eigenvectors

## Diagonalization of a Hermitian Matrix



Consider a full rank Hermitian matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with distinct real eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  and corresponding eigenvectors  $v_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ ,  $||v_i|| = 1$ 

$$A\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Gamma}$$
  $\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix}$   $\mathbf{\Gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$  Unitary matrix  $\mathbf{V}^*\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{U}$ 

$$A = V\Gamma V^*$$
  $V^*AV = \Gamma$ 

#### Similar Matrices



- A and B are similar matrices iff:  $A = MBM^{-1}$
- Similar Matrices share the same eigenvalues

$$\boldsymbol{B} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Gamma} \mathbf{V}^{-1}$$

$$A = MBM^{-1} = MV\Gamma V^{-1}M^{-1}$$

### $\boldsymbol{AB}$ and $\boldsymbol{BA}$



- A and B are two invertible matrices.
- In general,  $AB \neq BA$
- AB and BA are similar matrices:  $AB = B^{-1}(BA)B$
- AB and BA Share the same eigen values.



Induced norm ||A|| of a matrix A based on a vector norm  $||\cdot||$ 

$$||A|| = \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{||Ax||}{||x||}$$
$$||x|| \neq 0$$

$$||A|| = \max ||Ax||$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

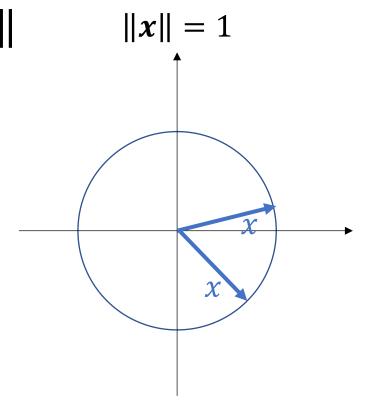
$$||x|| = 1$$

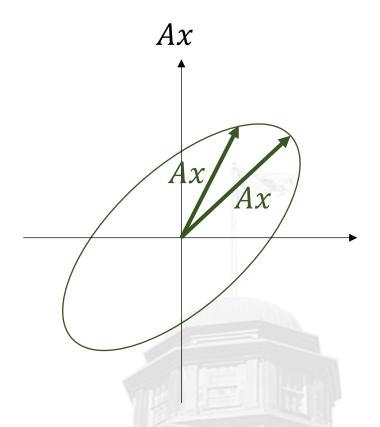


$$||A|| = \max ||Ax||$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$||x|| = 1$$







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$$||x|| = 1$$

$$\boldsymbol{B} = \boldsymbol{A}^* \boldsymbol{A}$$
 is Hermitian  $\boldsymbol{B} = \mathbf{V} \boldsymbol{\Gamma} \mathbf{V}^*$ 

$$||Ax||^2 = (Ax)^*(Ax) = x^*A^*Ax = x^*V\Gamma V^*x = z^*\Gamma z$$

$$||Ax||^2 = \langle x | Bx \rangle$$

$$||z|| = 1$$

$$||Ax||^2 = \langle x, Bx \rangle$$



$$||Ax||^2 = \mathbf{z}^* \mathbf{\Gamma} \mathbf{z} = [\bar{z}_1 \quad \bar{z}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \bar{z}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Note: } \bar{z}_i z_i = |z_i|^2$$

$$||Ax||^2 = z^* \Gamma z = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i |z_i|^2$$
 Recall:  $||z||^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^2 = 1$ 

 $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \cdots > \lambda_n > 0$ 

## Singular Values



$$\|\boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{x}\|^2 = \boldsymbol{z}^*\boldsymbol{\Gamma}\boldsymbol{z} = [\bar{z}_1 \quad \bar{z}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \bar{z}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 \\ & \sigma_2^2 \\ & & \ddots \\ & & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix}$$
 Note:  $\bar{z}_i z_i = |z_i|^2$ 

$$\sigma_1^2 > \sigma_2^2 > \dots > \sigma_n^2 > 0$$

Singular Values 
$$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$$

$$||Ax||^2 = z^* \Gamma z = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 |z_i|^2$$
 Recall:  $||z||^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^2 = 1$ 

$$||Ax||^2 = z^* \Gamma z = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 |z_i|^2$$

$$\max ||Ax||^2 = \sigma_1^2 \qquad \text{Occurs when } z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Spectral Norm  $||A|| = \sigma_1$  $\sigma_1$  is the largest singular value of A

#### Condition Number for Ax = b



$$\kappa = \|A^{-1}\| \frac{\|b\|}{\|A^{-1}b\|}$$

$$\frac{||b||}{||A^{-1}b||} = \frac{||Ax||}{||x||} < ||A||$$

$$\kappa \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|A\|$$

Condition Number of matrix A  $\kappa(A)$ 

#### Recall

$$||A|| \equiv \max_{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{||A\boldsymbol{x}||}{||\boldsymbol{x}||}$$
$$||\boldsymbol{x}|| \neq 0$$

## Singular Values



The singular values  $\sigma_n$  of A are the square roots of the eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$  of  $A^*A$ 



$$(A^{-1})^* \text{vs } (A^*)^{-1} \to A^{-*}$$



$$A^{-1}A = U$$

$$A^*(A^*)^{-1} = U$$

$$A^*(A^{-1})^* = U A^*(A^*)^{-1} = U$$

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$$(A^{-1})^* = (A^*)^{-1}$$

$$(A^{-1})^* = (A^*)^{-1} = A^{-*}$$

## Norm of $A^{-1}$



- The singular values of  $A^{-1}$  are the square roots of the eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$  of  $A^{-*}$   $A^{-1}$
- Note:  $(A^{-1})^* = (A^*)^{-1} = A^{-*}$
- $\blacksquare A^{-*} A^{-1}$  and  $A^{-1} A^{-*}$  are similar and thus share the same eigenvalues.
- $A^{-1}A^{-*} = (A^*A)^{-1}$
- The singular values of  $A^{-1}$  are the inverse of the singular values of A

## Singular Values



- The singular values  $\sigma_i$  of A are the square roots of the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $A^*A$
- $\bullet \sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \cdots > \sigma_n > 0$
- The singular values of  $A^{-1}$  are  $1/\sigma_i$
- $\|A\| = \sigma_1$  (largest singular value of A)
- $\|A^{-1}\| = 1/\sigma_n$  (largest singular value of  $A^{-1}$ )

## Condition Number for matrix A



cond(A) = 
$$||A^{-1}|| ||A|| = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_n}$$

Ratio of largest and smallest singular values of  $\cal A$ 



## Condition Number – Singular Matrix



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \operatorname{cond}(A) = 4$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3.9 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \operatorname{cond}(A) = 332.1$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3.99 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \operatorname{cond}(A) = 3,392$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3.999 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \operatorname{cond}(A) = 33,992$$

Large condition number means the matrix is close to singular

## Determinant – Singular Matrix



- If A is singular, then det(A) = 0.
- Is A close to singular when  $det(A) \rightarrow 0$ ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3999 \end{bmatrix}$$
  $\longrightarrow$   $\det(A) = 0.001$ 

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0.1 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \det(A) = 0.0001$$

$$\operatorname{cond}(A) = 1$$