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Chapter 1

基本矩陣分析

1.3 線性系統的靈敏度

1.3.1 Forward Error

Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Consider the problem: Solve x of the linear system

$$Ax = b$$
.

Lemma 1.3.1 (Invertibility of an Invertible Matrix Under Perturbation). Suppose A is invertible. Then A + E is invertible if $||A^{-1}E|| = r < 1$. Moreover,

$$\|(A+E)^{-1}-A^{-1}\| \le \frac{\|E\|\cdot\|A^{-1}\|^2}{1-r}.$$

Theorem 1.3.2 (Forward Error Estimation). Suppose

$$\begin{cases} Ax = b, \\ (A + \Delta A)y = b + \Delta b, \end{cases}$$
 (1.3.1)

where $\|\Delta A\| \leq \delta \|A\|$ and $\|\Delta b\| \leq \delta \|b\|$. If

$$\delta \cdot \kappa(A) = r < 1,$$

then $A + \Delta A$ is also nonsingular and

$$\frac{\|y\|}{\|x\|} \le \frac{1+r}{1-r}$$
, and $\frac{\|x-y\|}{\|x\|} \le \frac{2r}{1-r}$. (1.3.2)

where

$$\kappa(A) := ||A|| \cdot ||A^{-1}||.$$

Definition 1.3.1 (Condition Number). The **condition number** [條件數] of a nonsingular matrix A is defined by

$$\kappa(A) := ||A|| \cdot ||A^{-1}||. \tag{1.3.3}$$

1.3.2 Backward Error

Suppose

$$\begin{cases} Ax = b, \\ (A + \Delta A)y = b + \Delta b. \end{cases}$$

- Forward Error = ||y x||. This one considers the error between the real solution x and the computed solution y.
- Backward Error:
 - (i) If we put the computed solution y to the original equation Ax b = 0, this one considers the difference from the equality.

Backward Error =
$$||Ay - b||$$
. (1.3.4)

Equivalently, how large should $\widetilde{\Delta b}$ be for the following equation

$$Ay = b + \widetilde{\Delta b}.$$

So

Backward Error =
$$\|\widetilde{\Delta b}\|$$
.

Equivalently, how must should we adjust the the coefficients in the original equation Ax = b to make y be a real solution.

(ii) Similarly, the backward error can be thought as how large should $\widetilde{\Delta A}$ be for the following equation

$$(A + \widetilde{\Delta A})y = b.$$

So

Backward Error =
$$\|\widetilde{\Delta A}\|$$

(iii) In general, we may define

$$\text{Backward Error} = \min \left\{ \epsilon \mid (A + \widetilde{\Delta A}) y = b + \widetilde{\Delta b}, \ \|\widetilde{\Delta A}\| < \epsilon \|A\|, \ \|\widetilde{\Delta b}\| < \epsilon \|b\| \right\}. \tag{1.3.5}$$

Theorem 1.3.3 (Backward Error Estimation). Suppose

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Ax = b, \\ (A + \Delta A)y = b + \Delta b. \end{array} \right.$$

Then

Backward Error =
$$\frac{\|b - Ay\|}{\|A\| \cdot \|y\| + \|b\|}$$
. (1.3.6)