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- Sensitivity of linear eqns ~~to~~ $Ax=b$ to
 - perturbations in b
 - perturbations in A .

⇒ Sensitivity analysis provides a worst-case scenario.

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~~⇒ the bound~~
⇒ we may want to ask if the bound can be attained.

Condition of a problem:

Given data d_1, d_2 and solns $s(d_1), s(d_2)$, then the condition or condition number of a problem with exact soln $s(d)$ is

$$\max_{\|d_1 - d_2\| \text{ "small"}} \frac{\|s(d_1) - s(d_2)\|}{\|d_1 - d_2\|}$$

A problem is called "ill conditioned" if $\frac{\|s(d_1) - s(d_2)\|}{\|d_1 - d_2\|}$ is "large"

for "small" $\|d_1 - d_2\|$.

ex: Sensitivity of linear eqns $Ax = b$; consider $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ invertible

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Data: A, b

Perturbed data: $\tilde{A} = A + \Delta A, \tilde{b} = b + \Delta b$

Soln: x

Perturbed soln: $\tilde{x} = x + \Delta x$

Perturbed problem:

$$(A + \Delta A)(x + \Delta x) = b + \Delta b$$

(i) If only b (or A) is perturbed (e.g., measurement error)

$$A(x + \Delta x) = b + \Delta b \Rightarrow Ax + A\Delta x = b + \Delta b \Rightarrow A\Delta x = \overbrace{b - Ax}^0 + \Delta b$$
$$\Delta x = A^{-1}\Delta b$$

$$\frac{\|\tilde{x} - x\|}{\|x\|} = \frac{\|\Delta x\|}{\|x\|} = \frac{\|A^{-1}\Delta b\|}{\|x\|} \quad \text{and } b = Ax \Rightarrow \|b\| \leq \|A\|\|x\| \Rightarrow \|x\| \geq \frac{\|b\|}{\|A\|}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\|\Delta x\|}{\|x\|} = \frac{\|A^{-1}\Delta b\|}{\|x\|} \leq \|A\| \frac{\|A^{-1}\Delta b\|}{\|\Delta b\|} \leq \|A^{-1}\|\|A\| \frac{\|\Delta b\|}{\|b\|}$$

$$\frac{\| \Delta a \|}{\| a \|} \leq \underbrace{\| A^{-1} \| \| A \|}_{\text{mag. fac. part of } b} \underbrace{\frac{\| \Delta b \|}{\| b \|}}_{\text{data part.}}$$

\Rightarrow rel. part. of b is magnified by $\| A^{-1} \| \| A \|$, called the condition number of A .

$\text{cond}(A) = \| A^{-1} \| \| A \|$ w.r.t norm $\| \cdot \|$, for invertible matrix A .

\Rightarrow For any subdomain matrix norm:

$$1 = \| I \| = \| A^{-1} A \| \leq \| A^{-1} \| \| A \| = \text{cond}(A) \Rightarrow \text{cond}(A) \geq 1.$$

More general: $\text{cond}(A) = \| A^+ \| \| A \|$, where A^+ is the pseudoinverse of A .

• 2-norm: $\| A \|_2 = \sigma_1$

$$A = U \Sigma V^* \Rightarrow A^{-1} = V \Sigma^{-1} U^*, \quad \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1/\sigma_n \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \sigma_{\max}(A^{-1}) = 1/\sigma_1$$

$$\circ \circ \text{cond}_2(A) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_n} \quad \left| \text{If } \text{rank}(A) = p, \text{cond}_2(A) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_p} \right.$$

Is the bound ^{attained} relative? \Rightarrow yes!

$$A(a + \Delta a) = b + \Delta b \Rightarrow \Delta a = A^{-1} \Delta b$$

Let $b = u_1$, $\Delta b = \epsilon u_n$ (u_i 1st singular vector)

$$a = A^{-1} b = V \Sigma^{-1} U^* u_1 = V \Sigma^{-1} e_1 = 1/\sigma_1 v_1$$

$$\Delta a = A^{-1} \Delta b = \epsilon V \Sigma^{-1} U^* u_n = \epsilon \Sigma^{-1} e_n = \epsilon/\sigma_n v_n$$

$$\text{thm } \frac{\| \Delta a \|_2}{\| a \|_2} = \frac{\| A^{-1} \Delta b \|_2}{\| a \|_2} = \frac{\epsilon \sigma_1}{\sigma_n} \frac{\| v_n \|_2}{\| v_1 \|_2} = \epsilon \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_n} = \epsilon \text{cond}_2(A) = \frac{\| \Delta b \|_2}{\| b \|_2} \text{cond}_2(A)$$

Perturbations to A :

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$$(A + \Delta A)(x + \Delta x) = b \Rightarrow \overbrace{(A + \Delta A)\Delta x}^b = b - Ax - \Delta Ax \Rightarrow (A + \Delta A)\Delta x = -\Delta Ax$$

bound Δx :

$$(A + \Delta A)\Delta x = -\Delta Ax \Rightarrow A(I + A^{-1}\Delta A)\Delta x = -\Delta Ax \\ (I + A^{-1}\Delta A)\Delta x = -A^{-1}\Delta Ax$$

$$\text{let } E = A^{-1}\Delta A \Rightarrow (I + E)\Delta x = -E x$$

Useful result:

Let $\|\cdot\|$ be a subordinate matrix norm.*

If E is $n \times n$ with $\|E\| < 1$, then $I + E$ is nonsingular with

$$\|(I + E)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \|E\|}$$

proof: let $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$

$$\|(I + E)x\| = \|x + Ex\| \geq \|x\| - \|Ex\|$$

$$\text{Since } \|Ex\| \leq \|E\|\|x\|$$

$$\|x\| - \|Ex\| \geq \|x\| - \|E\|\|x\| = \|x\|(1 - \|E\|)$$

$$\text{so } \|x\|(1 - \|E\|) \leq \|(I + E)x\|$$

Since $\|E\| < 1$, $(I + E)x = 0$ only for $x = 0$ so $I + E$ is nonsingular.

Next, let $C = (I + E)^{-1} \Rightarrow (I + E)C = I$ then

$$I = \|I\| = \|(I + E)C\| = \|C + EC\| \geq \|C\| - \|EC\|$$

$$\text{Again, } \|EC\| \leq \|C\|\|E\|, \text{ so}$$

$$1 \geq \|C\| - \|EC\| \geq \|C\| - \|C\|\|E\| = \|C\|(1 - \|E\|)$$

$$\text{so } \|C\| = \|(I + E)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \|E\|}$$

* (result actually holds in any matrix norm)

Back to our problem:

$$(I+E)\Delta x = -Ex, \text{ with } E = A^{-1}\Delta A$$

Assume the perturbation is small meaning $\|A^{-1}\|\|\Delta A\| < 1$

$$\text{Thus: } \|E\| < 1 \text{ and } I+E \text{ is invertible with } \|(I+E)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{1-\|E\|}$$

$$\text{So: } \Delta x = -(I+E)^{-1}Ex$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|\Delta x\|}{\|x\|} &\leq \frac{1}{1-\|E\|} \|E\|\|x\| \leq \frac{\|A^{-1}\|\|\Delta A\|}{1-\|A^{-1}\|\|\Delta A\|} = \frac{\frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|} \|A^{-1}\|\|A\|}{1 - \frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|} \|A^{-1}\|\|A\|} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|} \text{cond}(A)} \cdot \frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|} \text{cond}(A). \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

(c) let $\epsilon = \frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|}$, rel. pert. in A , with $\epsilon \text{cond}(A) < 1/2$, then:

$$\frac{\|\Delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq 2 \text{cond}(A) \cdot \epsilon$$

(c) Can bound ^(*) be attained? \Leftrightarrow yes.

$$\text{let } \Delta A = -\epsilon \|A\|_2 u_n v_n^*, \quad b = \delta u_n.$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{\|\Delta A\|_2}{\|A\|_2} = \epsilon$$

$$x = A^{-1}b = \delta (V \Sigma^{-1} U^*) u_n = \delta V \Sigma^{-1} e_n = \frac{\delta}{\sigma_n} v_n$$