

Math 685.

Lecture 2.

Linear systems.

$Ax = b$

Ex. $\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 = 1 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 = 2 \end{cases}$ $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\det A = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 - 4 = -3 \neq 0$
nonsingular

$2 \times \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \sim \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right) \uparrow$

Gaussian elimination

backsubstitution

$-3 \cdot x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0$

$x_1 + 2 \cdot 0 = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1$

Solution: $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\text{Ker } A = \{ \vec{x} \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \}$

$\text{Span } A = \{ A\vec{x} \mid \forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \}$

$\mathbb{R}^n = \text{Ker}(A) \oplus \text{Span}(A)$

direct sum

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \exists ! \begin{cases} x_1 \in \text{Ker}(A) \\ x_2 \in \text{Span}(A) \end{cases}$

s.t. $x = x_1 + x_2$

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rank(A) < n

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rank(A) = n

Ex. 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \alpha \delta \ll 1 \\ \delta < \frac{\epsilon_{mach}}{2}$$

Machine answer by Gaussian elimination
w/o pivoting:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} \delta & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - \frac{1}{\delta} & -\frac{1}{\delta} \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 1 \end{matrix}$$

Exact answer: $\begin{cases} x_1 = -\frac{1}{1-\delta} \\ x_2 = \frac{1}{1-\delta} \end{cases}$ $x_2 = \frac{-\frac{1}{\delta}}{1-\frac{1}{\delta}} = 1$

Chose an unstable algorithm to work
on an a well-conditioned problem.
(Stability problem).

With pivoting:

$$\delta \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \delta & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\delta & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

good
accurate
answer

$$\begin{matrix} x_2 = \frac{1}{1-\delta} \\ x_1 = -\frac{1}{1-\delta} \end{matrix}$$

Ex. 4 $\begin{bmatrix} 0.661 & 0.991 \\ 0.5 & 0.75 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.330 \\ 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$

True solution: $x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex. 2 $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{matrix}$

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$$\|A\|_1 = \max\{\text{col. sums}\} = 6$$

$$\|A\|_\infty = \max\{\text{row sums}\} = 7$$

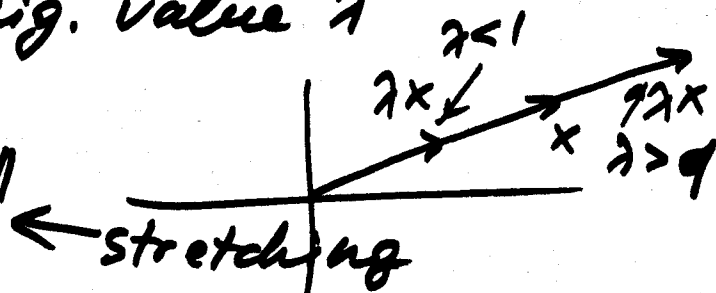
$$\|A\| = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|} - \text{stretching of a vector by } A$$

Consider x - eig. vector of A
with eig. value λ

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

$$\|Ax\| = \lambda \cdot \|x\|$$

$$A^{-1}x = \frac{1}{\lambda} x \leftarrow \text{shrinking}$$



$$\text{cond } A = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\| = \text{ratio of stretching vs shrinking}$$

$$A = I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \|A\| = \|A^{-1}\| = 1$$

$$\text{cond } A = 1$$

Otherwise $\text{cond}(A) > 1$.

Gaussian elimination with pivoting, in 3-sign. digit precision, we get $\tilde{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.47 \\ 0.647 \end{bmatrix}$

$$r = \cancel{A} A \tilde{x} - b = \begin{bmatrix} -0.00507 \\ -0.00025 \end{bmatrix}$$

Residual is very small, but error is still big due to ill-conditioning of the problem.