

lecture 22

Conditioning

How sensitive a problem is to changes in the input

Sensitivity

How 'good' is my algorithm for the problem.

Suppose $\text{Alg}(x) \approx f(x)$

Forward Error

$$\frac{|\text{Alg}(x) - f(x)|}{|f(x)|}$$

Backward Error

$\text{Alg}(x) = f(x + \delta x)$
for δx small
or the Alg is Correct for a nearby input.

Example
 $a \oplus b = (a + b)(1 + \delta_1)$
 $= a(1 + \delta_1) + b(1 + \delta_1)$
 $= \tilde{a} + \tilde{b}$

$$x^T y = \left(\sum x_i \otimes y_i \right)$$

An Alg is backwards stable for f if
 $\text{Alg}(x) = f(x + \delta x)$

Matrix Norms

$$|\alpha| = \max |\alpha x| \text{ where } |x| = 1$$

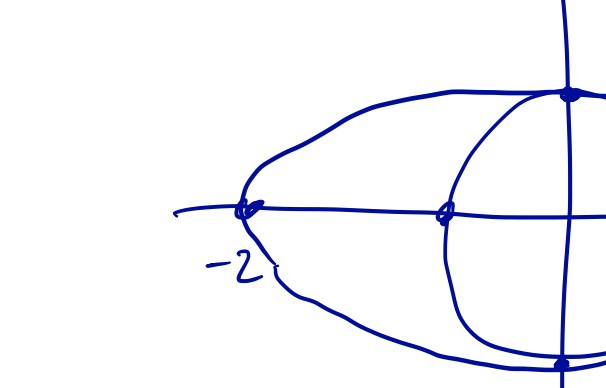
Matrix Norm via Vector norms

$$\|A\|_2 = \max \|Ax\|_2 \text{ when } \|x\|_2 = 1$$

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbb{R}^2



Answers

$$\bullet 2$$

$$\bullet \sqrt{5}$$

In general \mathbb{R}^2



$\|Ax\| = 2$ -norm! for this x

$$\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^T A)}$$

$$= \sigma_{\max}(A)$$

$$A^T A \text{ for } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_{\max}(A^T A) = 4 \Rightarrow$$

$$\|A\|_2 = 2.$$

Properties of Matrix Norms

$$\bullet \|A\|_2 = 0 \text{ only if } A = 0$$

$$\bullet \|A\|_2 > 0 \text{ if } A \neq 0$$

$$\bullet \|cA\| = |c| \cdot \|A\|$$

$$\bullet \|A+B\|_2 \leq \|A\|_2 + \|B\|_2$$

$$\bullet \|AB\|_2 \leq \|A\|_2 \|B\|_2$$

Condition of $Ax = b$

$$\text{Condition \# of } f(x) = \frac{|x f'(x)|}{|f(x)|}$$

$$Ax = b$$

$$A \tilde{x} = \tilde{b} \text{ w/ } \tilde{b} \approx b$$

Assume A is exact!

Goal

$$\frac{\|x - \tilde{x}\|}{\|x\|} \leq \frac{\|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|}{\|b\|} \|b - \tilde{b}\|$$

$$\frac{\|b\|}{\|x\|} = \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|} \leq \frac{\|A\| \cdot \|x\|}{\|x\|}$$

$$\kappa(A) = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\| \text{ is the Condition \# of a matrix!}$$