

From the matrix perturbation theory:

Let us solve the system

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \quad (8)$$

where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are given and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is unknown. Suppose, A is given with an error $\tilde{A} = A + \delta A$. Perturbed solution satisfies the system of linear equations

$$(A + \delta A)(\mathbf{x} + \delta \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}. \quad (9)$$

Theorem 5.1. Let A be nonsingular and δA be sufficiently small, such that

$$\|\delta A\|_\infty \|A^{-1}\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{2}. \quad (10)$$

Then $(A + \delta A)$ is nonsingular and

$$\frac{\|\delta \mathbf{x}\|_\infty}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty} \leq 2\kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta A\|_\infty}{\|A\|_\infty}, \quad (11)$$

where $\kappa(A) = \|A\|_\infty \|A^{-1}\|_\infty$ is the condition number.

Proof of the theorem.

Subtracting (8) from the system of equations (9) we get $(A + \delta A)\delta \mathbf{x} = -\delta A \mathbf{x}$. Multiplying it with expression $(A + \delta A)^{-1}$ and taking norms, we get

$$\|\delta \mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \|(A + \delta A)^{-1} \delta A \mathbf{x}\|_\infty \leq \{ \|(A + \delta A)^{-1}\|_\infty \|A\|_\infty \} \frac{\|\delta A\|_\infty}{\|A\|_\infty} \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty.$$

To end the proof we need to show that the expression in the brackets $\{\cdot\}$ can be estimated with expression $2\kappa(A)$, or equivalently,

$$\|(A + \delta A)^{-1}\|_\infty \leq 2\|A^{-1}\|_\infty. \quad (12)$$

To check the validity of estimation (12) we notice first, that if X is an arbitrary $n \times n$ matrix with real values satisfying the criteria $\|X\|_\infty < 1$, then $\|X^n\|_\infty \leq \|X\|_\infty^n \rightarrow 0$ with $n \rightarrow \infty$. It follows that,

$$(I - X)(I + X + X^2 + \dots + X^n) = I - X^{n+1} \rightarrow I, \text{ with } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore $(I - X)^{-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} X^j$ and

$$\|(I - X)^{-1}\|_\infty \leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|X^j\|_\infty \leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|X\|_\infty^j = (1 - \|X\|_\infty)^{-1}. \quad (13)$$

We can write

$$(A + \delta A) = [I + \delta A A^{-1}] A. \quad (14)$$

Let's take $X = -\delta A A^{-1}$. Assuming (10), $\|X\|_\infty \leq 1/2 < 1$ we can apply (13) to show that $(I + \delta A A^{-1})$ is nonsingular and

$$\|(I + \delta A A^{-1})^{-1}\|_\infty \leq (1 - \|\delta A A^{-1}\|_\infty)^{-1} \leq 2.$$

Therefore (14) gives that $A + \delta A$ nonsingular and

$$\|(A + \delta A)^{-1}\|_\infty = \|A^{-1}(I + \delta A A^{-1})^{-1}\|_\infty \leq 2\|A^{-1}\|_\infty$$

and (12) follows.