

Math 6610: Analysis of Numerical Methods, I

Linear algebraic preliminaries

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Resources: Trefethen and Bau [1997](#), Lectures 1, 2, 3
Atkinson [1989](#), Sections 7.1, 7.3
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Vectors, matrices, etc:

- $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^n$
- $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$
- linear independence
- rank
- (conjugate) transpose
- determinant
- matrix inverse
- subspaces defined by $\mathbf{A}$: range, kernel, cokernel, corange

Hilbertian structure

$\mathbb{C}^n$ endowed with the standard inner product is a Hilbert space. If $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$,

- $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle, \|\mathbf{u}\|$
- $\angle(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$
- $\mathbf{u} \perp \mathbf{v}$
- $\text{Proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$
- orthogonal and orthonormal sets

All the above is also well-defined in $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Matrices and matrix algebra

An $m \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{A}$ is a tableau of elements (from $\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$):

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}, \quad (A)_{j,k} = a_{j,k}, \quad j \in [m], k \in [n]$$

A matrix is “just” a vector with “2D” indices.

Matrices come with a natural algebra, i.e., sum and product operations involving matrices:

- Product of a scalar and a matrix
- Sum of two matrices (of the same size)
- Product of two matrices (of conforming sizes)

$$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times k} \quad \implies \quad \mathbf{AB} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times k}, \quad (AB)_{j,k} = \sum_{\ell=1}^n a_{j\ell} b_{\ell k}.$$

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Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra)

For any $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$,

$$\begin{array}{lll} n = \dim \text{corange}(\mathbf{A}) + \dim \ker(\mathbf{A}), & \text{corange}(\mathbf{A}) \perp \ker(\mathbf{A}), & \mathbb{C}^n = \text{corange}(\mathbf{A}) \oplus \ker(\mathbf{A}) \\ m = \dim \text{range}(\mathbf{A}) + \dim \text{coker}(\mathbf{A}), & \text{range}(\mathbf{A}) \perp \text{coker}(\mathbf{A}), & \mathbb{C}^m = \text{range}(\mathbf{A}) \oplus \text{coker}(\mathbf{A}) \end{array}$$

Norms

recall: Δ inequality $\Rightarrow \| \theta x + (1-\theta)y \| \leq \theta \|x\| + (1-\theta) \|y\|$

$\Rightarrow \| \cdot \|$ convex.

Metrizing linear spaces is a big business in mathematics.

Given a vector space V , a map $\| \cdot \| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a *norm* if it satisfies all the following properties:

- $\|x\| \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in V$
- $\|x\| = 0$ iff $x = 0$
- $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \quad \forall x, y \in V$
- $\|cx\| = |c| \|x\| \quad \forall x \in V, c \in \mathbb{C}$.

} measures 'size' : get a distance by
of vectors in V .
 $d(x, y) \triangleq \|x - y\|$

We are mostly concerned with standard examples $V = \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n, \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, etc.

recall: $\|x\| = \|x + y - y\| \leq \|x - y\| + \|y\| \Rightarrow \|x\| - \|y\| \leq \|x - y\|$

also, by sym: $\|y\| - \|x\| \leq \|x - y\|$

$\Rightarrow | \|x\| - \|y\| | \leq \|x - y\| \Rightarrow \| \cdot \|$ is cts

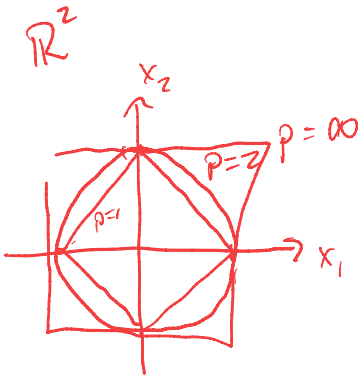
Vector norms

The “standard” examples of vector norms are the ℓ^p norms.

With $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_p^p := \sum_{j \in [n]} |x_j|^p,$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty := \max_{j \in [n]} |x_j|,$$



$p=1$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum |x_i| = |x_1| + |x_2| \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |x_1| = 1 - |x_2|$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 1$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 1 \Rightarrow x_1, x_2 \leq 1$$

Take $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$
 $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots)$

Then

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_p = (1^p + 1^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} = 2^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$p \in [1, \infty)$ But by Δ ineq:

$$p = \infty. \quad \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_p \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p = 2$$

and for $p < 1$, $2^{\frac{1}{p}} > 2$

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Example

Show that $\|\cdot\|_2$ on $\mathbb{C}^n$ is a norm.



First, observe that for $\langle x, y \rangle = y^* x = \sum_i x_i y_i^*$,
we have $\|x\|_2^2 = \langle x, x \rangle$.

Recall that for this Euclidean inner product, we define

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\| \|y\| \cos(\angle(x, y))$$

$$\Rightarrow |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$$

This carries to $\mathbb{C}^n$ as well (and to general Hilbert spaces)
we call this the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$$

WTS $\|\cdot\|_2$ a norm:

recall: $\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_i |x_i|^2}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|x\|_2 \geq 0 \quad \checkmark \\ \|x\|_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \|x\|_2 = 0 \quad \checkmark \\ \|cx\|_2 = |c| \|x\|_2 \quad \checkmark \end{array} \right.$$

for Δ -ineq:

$$\|x+y\|_2^2 = \langle x+y, x+y \rangle$$

$$= \langle x, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle$$

$$= \|x\|_2^2 + \|y\|_2^2 + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle^*$$

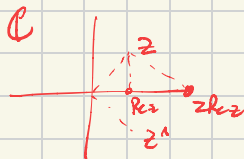
$$= \|x\|_2^2 + \|y\|_2^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\leq \|x\|_2^2 + \|y\|_2^2 + 2 |\langle x, y \rangle|$$

Cauchy-Schwarz

$$\leq \|x\|_2^2 + \|y\|_2^2 + 2 \|x\|_2 \|y\|_2 = (\|x\|_2 + \|y\|_2)^2$$

since $(x, y)^* = (\sum_i x_i y_i)^* = \sum_i x_i^* y_i = \langle y, x \rangle$



$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} z &\leq |z| \\ &= \sqrt{\operatorname{Re}^2 z + \operatorname{Im}^2 z} \end{aligned}$$

□

Matrix norms

One straightforward class of matrix norms consists of "entrywise" norms:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_{p,p} := \|\text{vec}(\mathbf{A})\|_p,$$

where $\text{vec}(\cdot)$ is the *vectorization* function.

convert matrix to
vector by "flattening";
apply vector norm
 $p \in [1, \infty]$

$$\mathbb{C}^{m \times n} \ni \underline{\underline{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{a_1} & \dots & \underline{a_n} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{vec}(\underline{\underline{A}}) = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{a_1} \\ \underline{a_2} \\ \vdots \\ \underline{a_n} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{mn}$$

could also stack across rows; doesn't matter since
vector p norms are permutation invariant.

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$$\begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ a_1 & \dots & a_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \|a_1\|_p \\ \vdots \\ \|a_n\|_p \end{pmatrix} \right\|_q$$

↳ more useful
for applications
where matrices are
data arrays rather
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A particularly useful entrywise norm is the *Frobenius norm*,

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_F := \|\mathbf{A}\|_{2,2}.$$

$$= \sqrt{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})}$$

$$= \sqrt{\sum_i \sigma_i^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A} \rangle}$$

will show up
later later...
keep an
eye on it!

Induced matrix norms

↳ 'natural' norm on linear maps between normed spaces.

A more conceptual collection of matrix norms are *induced* by vector norms.

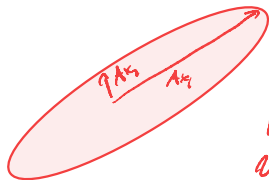
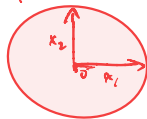
By viewing $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ as the mapping $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$, norms can be defined as the maximum relative "size" of this mapping:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_p := \sup_{\mathbf{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p}, \quad \text{linearity} = \sup_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = 1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_p, \quad p \in [1, \infty].$$

(Note that $\mathbf{A}$ can be rectangular here.)

That these are proper norms is direct from the fact that $\|\cdot\|_p$ is a norm on $\mathbb{C}^m$.

$\|\cdot\|_p$ - unit ball



$\|\mathbf{A}\|_p$ measures
maximal norm amplification
under $\mathbf{A}$.

note for all $\mathbf{x} \in V$
 $\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{A}\|_p \leq \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_p / \|\mathbf{x}\|_p$
 $\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_p \|\mathbf{x}\|_p$
 $\downarrow$
max stretch factor

Norm equivalence

$\| \cdot \|_2, \| \cdot \|_{L^\infty}$
not equivalent on say
 $C([a,b])$.

eg. cannot emphasize enough
that this only holds
for $\dim V < \infty$

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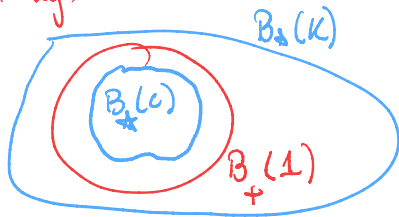
Let V be an n -dimensional vector space, and let $\| \cdot \|_*$ and $\| \cdot \|_+$ be any two norms on this space. Then there are strictly positive constants c and k such that for all $\mathbf{x} \in V$,

$$c\|\mathbf{x}\|_* \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_+ \leq k\|\mathbf{x}\|_* \iff \frac{1}{k}\|\mathbf{x}\|_+ \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_* \leq \frac{1}{c}\|\mathbf{x}\|_+$$

The constants c and k can depend on V (in particular n) and the choice of $\| \cdot \|_*$ and $\| \cdot \|_+$, but not on $\mathbf{x}$.

Note that the above applies equally to spaces containing vectors or matrices.

pictorially:



We say $\| \cdot \|_+$, $\| \cdot \|_*$ induce
same topology on V .
Convergence in one norm implies
convergence in another.

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The good news: Norm equivalence suggests it doesn't matter which norm you pick. $\rightarrow$ theoretically

The bad news: To prove something, it typically matters which norm you pick. $\rightarrow$ practically,

Typically, we like $p = 1, 2, \infty$ for vectors,
and the Frobenius norm or induced $p = 1, 2, \infty$
for matrices.

A zoo of norms, formulas, and equivalences: Vector norm bounds

Example

Compute c and k such that,

$$c\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq k\|\mathbf{x}\|_1, \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

Also, identify examples of vectors $\mathbf{x}$ that achieve the upper and lower bounds above.

for k :

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \sum_i |x_i|^2 \leq \left(\sum_i |x_i| \right)^2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|_1^2$$

Handwritten note: this one picks up non-neg. cross terms

$\Rightarrow k=1$ works.

For $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$, $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = 1 = \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$, so $k=1$ is sharp.

for c :

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_i |x_i| = \left\langle \underbrace{|\underline{x}|}_{\text{vec of } |x_i|}, \underbrace{\underline{1}}_{\text{vec of } 1} \right\rangle \leq \|\underline{x}\|_2 \|\underline{1}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \sqrt{n}$$

Handwritten note: C.S.

Thus $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ works. Sharp for $\underline{x} = \underline{1}$.

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Example Recall: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1$

Compute c and k such that,

$$c\|A\|_1 \leq \|A\|_2 \leq k\|A\|_1,$$

$$\forall A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$$

Also, identify examples of matrices A that achieve the upper and lower bounds above.

Start with c :

$$\|A\|_1 = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_1}{\|x\|_1} \leq \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\sqrt{m} \|Ax\|_2}{1 \cdot \|x\|_2} = \sqrt{m} \|A\|_2$$

$\therefore c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}$ works...

check: sharp w/ $A = e_1 1^*$

For k : $\|A\|_2 = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \leq \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \|x\|_1} \Rightarrow \|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \|A\|_1$

check: sharp for $A = 1 e_1^*$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|A\|_1 \leq \|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \|A\|_1$$

A zoo of norms, formulas, and equivalences: A matrix 2-norm

Example

Compute $\|A\|_2$, where,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|A\|_2 = \sup_{\|x\|_2=1} \|Ax\|_2$$

maximize $\|Ax\|$ with constraint $\|x\|_2 = 1$.

$$\|x\|_2^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x_2 = \pm \sqrt{1 - x_1^2}$$

Then

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2x_1 - x_2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|Ax\|_2^2 &= (-2x_1 - x_2)^2 + (x_1 + 2x_2)^2 = 4x_1^2 + 4x_1x_2 + x_2^2 + x_1^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 4x_2^2 \\ &= 5x_1^2 + 8x_1x_2 + 5x_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

Sub $X_2 = \sqrt{1-x_1^2}$:

$$\|Ax\|_2^2 = 5x_1^2 + 8x_1\sqrt{1-x_1^2} + 5(1-x_1^2)$$

$$= 5 + 8x_1\sqrt{1-x_1^2} =: f(x_1)$$

Then,

since $x_1 \in [0, 1]$ we check: $f(0) = 5$
 $f(1) = 5$

$$\frac{d}{dx_1} f(x_1) = 8\sqrt{1-x_1^2} + 8x_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}(1-x_1^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(-2x_1) \right)$$

$$\text{solve } \frac{d}{dx_1} f(x_1) = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

, take positive for
max f

$$\text{Then } f(1/\sqrt{2}) = 9 \Rightarrow \|A\|_2^2 = 9 \Rightarrow \|A\|_2 = 3.$$

Hilbertian structure

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Other examples: let $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be Hermitian positive definite,

then $\langle x, y \rangle_Q := \langle Qx, y \rangle = y^* Qx$; $\|x\|_Q^2 = \langle Qx, x \rangle$

can show

$$\sqrt{\lambda_{\min} Q} \|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_Q \leq \sqrt{\lambda_{\max} Q} \|x\|_2; \quad \text{standard is } Q = I.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle a\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle &= a\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{x}, a\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z} \rangle &= a^* \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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From this property one can observe that the following geometric structure of elements $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$ is reasonable:

$$\cos(\angle(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) := \frac{|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle|}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|},$$

might be complex valued

$$\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{y} \text{ iff } \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0.$$

we used this for only $\|\cdot\|_2$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$ above, but it holds generally.

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There are Hilbertian norms even for matrices, with a common example being the Frobenius norm:

$$\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle_F := \text{Tr}(\mathbf{B}^* \mathbf{A}), \quad \|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 = \langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A} \rangle_F$$

↳ yields geometry for spaces of matrices

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One of the more useful extensions of this (not apparent from $n = 2$) is: If $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$ are k mutually orthogonal vectors in $\mathbb{C}^n$, then,

$$\left\| \sum_{j \in [k]} \mathbf{x}_j \right\|_2^2 = \sum_{j \in [k]} \|\mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2$$

Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned}\left\| \sum_i \mathbf{x}^i \right\|_2^2 &= \left\langle \sum_i \mathbf{x}^i, \sum_j \mathbf{x}^j \right\rangle = \sum_{i,j} \langle \mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j \rangle = \sum_{i,j} \delta_{ij} \langle \mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j \rangle = \sum_k \langle \mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{x}^k \rangle \\ &= \sum_k \|\mathbf{x}^k\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

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