

# Matrix Inverse Condition Number Roundoff Error

Homework 2 Due Thursday

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= b \\ \text{inverse} \rightarrow A^{-1}b &= x \\ AA^{-1}b &= Ax = b \\ AA^{-1}b &= b \\ AA^{-1} &= I \\ &\quad (3 \times 3) \end{aligned}$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^{-1} \\ a_{21}^{-1} \\ a_{31}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A \begin{bmatrix} a_{12}^{-1} \\ a_{22}^{-1} \\ a_{32}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A \begin{bmatrix} a_{13}^{-1} \\ a_{23}^{-1} \\ a_{33}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Matrix Inverse via LU factorization

input :  $n \times n$  matrix  $[A]$

output:  $[A]^{-1}$

$[L], [U] \leftarrow \text{lu\_decompose}([A])$

for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do

$\{e_k\} \leftarrow$  unit vector with 1 at element  $k$ ; 0 elsewhere  
     $A^{-1}[:, k] \leftarrow \text{lu\_solve}([L], [U], \{e_k\})$

end

What can go wrong?

from APPM 2360

$Ax=b$   
does not  
have a unique  
solution

$\Leftrightarrow A$  is singular  $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) = 0 \Leftrightarrow A$  is not full rank  $\Leftrightarrow A^{-1}$  does not exist

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

not full rank

What if  $A$  is almost singular?

$$\text{cond}(A) = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|$$

large cond  $\Rightarrow$  nearly singular

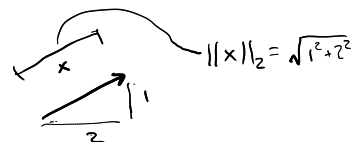
$\| \|$  means "norm"

Book covers many types of norms

For now  $\| \| = \| \|_2$  "2-norm"

For a vector  $x$ ,  $\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$ , "length" of  $x$

For a matrix  $A$ ,  $\|A\|_2 = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2} = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}}$   
"The most  $A$  can elongate a vector"  $\nwarrow$  max eigenvalue



Key property of cond:

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

relative error  
in result

relative error in  
matrix

# Roundoff Errors

Computer uses only 3 significant figures

747 takeoff mass

$3.97 \times 10^5$  kg

burns 4.21 kgs fuel

$$\begin{array}{r} 397,000 \text{ kg} \\ - 4.21 \text{ kg} \\ \hline 396,995.71 \end{array} \rightarrow 3 \text{ sig figs} \rightarrow 3.97 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}$$

How computers store numbers: bits (1 or 0)

Humans think in decimal digits  
0, ..., 9

Unsigned  
Integers

3

137

43

| 1000 | 100 | 10 | 1 |
|------|-----|----|---|
| 0    | 0   | 0  | 3 |
| 0    | 1   | 3  | 7 |
| 0    | 0   | 4  | 3 |

Scientific  
Notation

$$\pm s \times 10^e$$

↑ significand      ↗ exponent

Computers think in Binary  
0, 1

1 byte

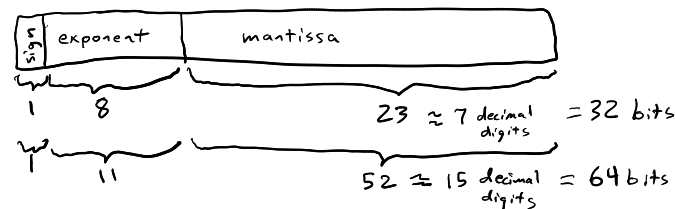
| 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0   | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Floating Point  
IEEE 754

$$\pm (1+f) \times 2^{(e-127)}$$

↑ mantissa      ↗ exponent

precision  
single  
double



matlab/julia  $\text{eps}(x)$  distance to next floating point number above  $x$

$$\frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|} \approx \text{eps}(1.0)$$

$$\frac{\|\Delta x\|}{\|x\|} \lesssim \text{cond}(A) \epsilon$$