

Conditioning for matrix equations

Consider solving $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$. The input is \vec{b} , and the output is $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$.

Let $\|\vec{b} - \vec{b}'\|$ be small, and $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$, $\vec{x}' = A^{-1}\vec{b}'$,

then $\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\| = \|A^{-1}\vec{b} - A^{-1}\vec{b}'\|$.

$$(*) \quad \leq \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|\vec{b} - \vec{b}'\| \quad \leftarrow \text{induced matrix norm}$$

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Absolute condition number of A

But recall: The absolute condition number tells us nothing about the number of correct digits in the answer, for this we need the relative cond. number:

The previous expression (*) implies that

$$\frac{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \leq \|A^{-1}\| \frac{\|\vec{b} - \vec{b}'\|}{\|\vec{x}\|}$$

$$= \|A^{-1}\| \frac{\|\vec{b} - \vec{b}'\|}{\|\vec{b}\|} \left(\frac{\|\vec{b}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \right) \rightarrow \frac{\|A\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \leq \|A\|$$

$$\leq \underbrace{\|A\| \|A^{-1}\|}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Relative condition number of A} \\ (\text{max} \times \text{min stretching factors})}} \frac{\|\vec{b} - \vec{b}'\|}{\|\vec{b}\|}$$

Now that we've discussed vector/matrix norms,

back to multivariate Newton... solve $f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$
 \vdots
 $f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$

Multivariable Taylor Series

Let f be a scalar-valued function of n variables:

$$f = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ = f(\vec{x})$$

Recall the Taylor series expansion for a function f of one variable:

$$f(x) = ~~f(y)~~ f(y) + f'(y)(x-y) + \frac{f''(y)}{2!}(x-y)^2 + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(j)}(y)}{j!} (x-y)^j$$

assuming f is C^∞ in a neighborhood of y .

Radius of convergence?

If $f = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, then we must incorporate partial derivatives into the expansion:

Linear approximation

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(\vec{y}) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(\vec{y})(x_1 - y_1) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(\vec{y})(x_2 - y_2) + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}(\vec{y})(x_1 - y_1)(x_2 - y_2) + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2}(\vec{y})(x_1 - y_1)^2 + \dots$$

Quadratic terms.

The general formula is slightly more complicated,

but can be written out as:

$$f(\vec{x}) = f(\vec{y}) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k}(\vec{y})(x_k - y_k) + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_k \partial x_l}(\vec{y})(x_k - y_k)(x_l - y_l) + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3!} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x_k \partial x_l \partial x_m}(\vec{y})(x_k - y_k)(x_l - y_l)(x_m - y_m) + \dots$$

3rd-order terms

Multivariable vector-valued Taylor series

Now, consider a vector-field $\vec{f} = \vec{f}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \vec{f}(\vec{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$f(\vec{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

We can expand each component f_i in a multivariable Taylor series:

$$f_i(\vec{x}) = f_i(\vec{y}) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_k}(\vec{y})(x_k - y_k) + \dots$$

If we stack these expansions into the vector \vec{f} , then we can collect terms and write this in the form:

$$\vec{f}(\vec{x}) = \vec{f}(\vec{y}) + \underbrace{\mathbf{J}(\vec{y})}_{\substack{\text{matrix} \\ \text{Jacobian}}} (\vec{x} - \vec{y}) + \frac{(\vec{x} - \vec{y})^T}{2!} \underbrace{\mathbf{Q}(\vec{y})}_{\text{TENSOR}} (\vec{x} - \vec{y}) + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{J}(\vec{y}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & & & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix} (\vec{y})$$

$\mathbf{Q}(\vec{y})$ is defined so that the i^{th} -entry of

$$\frac{(\vec{x} - \vec{y})^T \mathbf{Q}(\vec{y}) (\vec{x} - \vec{y})}{2!} \quad \text{is given by} \quad \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{k,l} \frac{\partial^2 f_i}{\partial x_k \partial x_l} (x_k - y_k)(x_l - y_l)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\vec{x} - \vec{y})^T \underbrace{\mathbf{H}_i(\vec{y})}_{\substack{\text{matrix} \\ \text{Hessian}}} (\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

- Higher order terms in this expression become much more complicated, and require "multi-index" notation.

this is an $n \times n$ matrix called the Hessian of f_i .

Multivariate Newton's Method

Recall: A system of nonlinear equations is of the form:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \vec{f}(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}.$$

In general, determining whether this has one, none, or many solutions is exceedingly difficult.

If we approximate \vec{f} near the root $\vec{\zeta}$ (assuming that such a root exists) then we have that:

$$\vec{f}(\vec{x}) \approx \vec{f}(\vec{x}_0) + \vec{J}(\vec{x}_0)(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0) \quad \leftarrow \text{truncated vector-valued multivariable Taylor expansion.}$$

~~The~~ Evaluating the above expression at $\vec{\zeta}$ gives:

$$\vec{0} \approx \vec{f}(\vec{x}_0) + \vec{J}(\vec{x}_0)(\vec{\zeta} - \vec{x}_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\zeta} \approx \vec{x}_0 - \vec{J}^{-1}(\vec{x}_0) \vec{f}(\vec{x}_0)$$

And the resulting Newton iteration is:

$$\boxed{\vec{x}_{k+1} = \vec{x}_k - \vec{J}^{-1}(\vec{x}_k) \vec{f}(\vec{x}_k)}$$

It can be shown that convergence is also quadratic:

$$\|\vec{x}_{k+1} - \vec{s}\|_2 \approx \|\vec{x}_k - \vec{s}\|_2^2$$

What may go wrong? Much like Newton fails if $f'(s)=0$, we may have a ~~zero~~ singular Jacobian $J(\vec{x}_k)$.

Other commonly seen form is:

$$J(\vec{x}_k) (\vec{x}_{k+1} - \vec{x}_k) = f(\vec{x}_k)$$

or

$$\text{solve } J(\vec{x}_k) \vec{s}_k = f(\vec{x}_k)$$

$$\text{set } \vec{x}_{k+1} = \vec{x}_k + \vec{s}_k$$

↑ step on iteration k .

} will revisit this when we talk about optimization,