

## LECTURE 5: NORMS FOR VECTORS AND MATRICES

**Problem:** Measure size of vector or matrix.  
What is “small” and what is “large”?



**Problem:** Measure distance between vectors or matrices.  
When are they “close together” or “far apart”?

*Answers are given by norms.*

**Also:** Tool to analyze convergence and stability of algorithms.

### VECTOR NORMS

**Definition:** Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $\mathbf{F}$  ( $\mathbf{R}$  or  $\mathbf{C}$ ).  
A function  $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a vector norm if for all  $x, y \in V$

- (1)  $\|x\| \geq 0$  nonnegative
- (1a)  $\|x\| = 0$  iff  $x = 0$  positive
- (2)  $\|cx\| = |c| \|x\|$  for all  $c \in \mathbf{F}$  homogeneous
- (3)  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$  triangle inequality



A function not satisfying (1a) is called a vector *seminorm*.

**Answers:** Size of vector.

## INNER PRODUCTS

**Definition:** Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $\mathbf{F}$  ( $\mathbf{R}$  or  $\mathbf{C}$ ).  
A function  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$  is an inner product if for all  $x, y, z \in V$ ,



- (1)  $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$  nonnegative
- (1a)  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$  iff  $x = 0$  positive
- (2)  $\langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$  additive
- (3)  $\langle cx, y \rangle = c \langle x, y \rangle$  for all  $c \in \mathbf{F}$  homogeneous
- (4)  $\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$  Hermitian property

**Answers:** “Angle” (distance) between vectors.

### CONNECTIONS BETWEEN NORM AND INNER PRODUCTS

**Corollary:** If  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product, then  $\|x\| = (\langle x, x \rangle)^{1/2}$  is a vector norm.

Called: *Vector norm derived from an inner product*.

Satisfies parallelogram identity (Necessary and sufficient condition):

$$\frac{1}{2}(\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2) = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$$



**Theorem (Cauchy-Schwarz inequality):**

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

We have equality iff  $x = cy$  for some  $c \in \mathbf{F}$  (i.e., linearly dependent)

## EXAMPLES

The *Euclidean norm* ( $l_2$ ) on  $\mathbf{C}^n$ :

$$\|x\|_2 = (|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 + \dots + |x_n|^2)^{1/2}.$$



The *sum norm* ( $l_1$ ), also called one-norm or Manhattan norm:

$$\|x\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_n|.$$

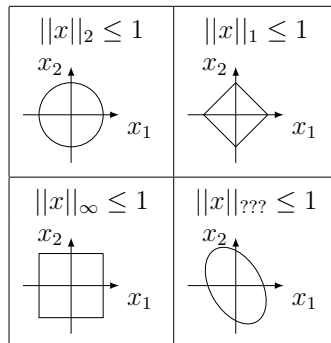
The *max norm* ( $l_\infty$ ):

$$\|x\|_\infty = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_n|\}$$

Only Euclidean norm derived from inner product.

## UNIT BALLS FOR DIFFERENT NORMS

Shape of unit ball characterizes the norm.



**Properties:** Convex and compact (for finite dimension) around origin.

## EXAMPLES CONT'D

The  $l_p$ -norm on  $\mathbf{C}^n$  is ( $p \geq 1$ ):

$$\|x\|_p = (|x_1|^p + |x_2|^p + \dots + |x_n|^p)^{1/p}$$

Norms may also be constructed from others, e.g.,:

$$\|x\| = \max\{\|x\|_{p_1}, \|x\|_{p_2}\}$$

or let nonsingular  $T \in M_n$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  be a given, then

$$\|x\|_T = \|Tx\|.$$

Norms on infinite-dimensional vector spaces (e.g., all continuous functions on an interval  $[a, b]$ ):

“similarly” defined (sums become integrals)



## CONVERGENCE

**Assume:** Vector space  $V$  over  $\mathbf{R}$  or  $\mathbf{C}$ .

**Definition:** The sequence  $\{x^{(k)}\}$  of vectors in  $V$  converges to  $x \in V$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|$  iff

$$\|x^{(k)} - x\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$



Infinite dimension:

- Sequence can converge in one norm, but not another.
- Important to state choice of norm.

## CONVERGENCE: FINITE DIMENSION

**Corollary:** For any vector norms  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$  and  $\|\cdot\|_\beta$  on a finite-dimensional  $V$ , there exists  $0 \leq C_m < C_M < \infty$  such that

$$C_m \|x\|_\alpha \leq \|x\|_\beta \leq C_M \|x\|_\alpha \quad \forall x \in V$$



**Conclusion:** Convergence in one norm  $\Rightarrow$  convergence in all norms.

Note: Result also holds for *pre-norms*, without the triangle inequality.

**Definition:** Two norms are *equivalent* if convergence in one of the norms always implies convergence in the other.

**Conclusion:** All norms are equivalent in the finite dimensional case.

## CONVERGENCE: CAUCHY SEQUENCE

**Definition:** A sequence  $\{x^{(k)}\}$  in  $V$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $\|\cdot\|$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $N_\epsilon > 0$  such that

$$\|x^{(k_1)} - x^{(k_2)}\| \leq \epsilon$$

for all  $k_1, k_2 \geq N_\epsilon$ .



**Theorem:** A sequence  $\{x^{(k)}\}$  in a finite dimensional  $V$  converges to a vector in  $V$  iff it is a Cauchy sequence.

## DUAL NORMS

**Definition:** The dual norm of  $\|\cdot\|$  is

$$\|y\|^D = \max_{x:\|x\|=1} \operatorname{Re} y^* x = \max_{x:\|x\|=1} |y^* x| = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{|y^* x|}{\|x\|}$$



**Examples:**

Norm	Dual norm
$\ \cdot\ _2$	$\ \cdot\ _2$
$\ \cdot\ _1$	$\ \cdot\ _\infty$
$\ \cdot\ _\infty$	$\ \cdot\ _1$

- Dual of dual norm is the original norm.
- Euclidean norm is its own dual.
- Generalized Cauchy-Schwarz:  $|y^* x| \leq \|x\| \|y\|^D$

## VECTOR NORMS APPLIED TO MATRICES

$M_n$  is a vector space (of dimension  $n^2$ )

**Conclusion:** We can apply vector norms to matrices.

**Examples:**

The  $l_1$  norm:  $\|A\|_1 = \sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$ .

The  $l_2$  norm (Euclidean/Frobenius norm):  $\|A\|_2 = (\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2)^{1/2}$ .

The  $l_\infty$  norm:  $\|A\|_\infty = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$ .

**Observation:** Matrices have certain properties (e.g., multiplication). May be useful to define particular *matrix norms*.



## MATRIX NORM AXIOMS

**Definition:**  $\|\cdot\| : M_n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a matrix norm if for all  $A, B \in M_n$ ,

- (1)  $\|A\| \geq 0$  nonnegative
- (1a)  $\|A\| = 0$  iff  $A = 0$  positive
- (2)  $\|cA\| = |c| \|A\|$  for all  $c \in \mathbf{C}$  homogeneous
- (3)  $\|A + B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$  triangle inequality
- (4)  $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \|B\|$  submultiplicative



### Observations:

- All vector norms satisfy (1)-(3), some may satisfy (4).
- *Generalized matrix norm* if not satisfying (4).

## WHICH VECTOR NORMS ARE MATRIX NORMS?

$\|A\|_1$  and  $\|A\|_2$  are matrix norms.

$\|A\|_\infty$  is not a matrix norm (but a generalized matrix norm).

However,  $\|A\| = n\|A\|_\infty$  is a matrix norm.



## INDUCED MATRIX NORMS

**Definition:** Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be a vector norm on  $\mathbf{C}^n$ . The matrix norm

$$\|A\| = \max_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|$$

is *induced* by  $\|\cdot\|$ .

**Properties** of induced norms  $\|\cdot\|$ :

- $\|I\| = 1$ .
- The only matrix norm  $N(A)$  with  $N(A) \leq \|A\|$  for all  $A \in M_n$  is  $N(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|$ .

Last property called *minimal matrix norm*.



## EXAMPLES

The maximum column sum (induced by  $l_1$ ):

$$\|A\|_1 = \max_j \sum_i |a_{ij}|$$

The spectral norm (induced by  $l_2$ ):

$$\|A\|_2 = \max\{\sqrt{\lambda} : \lambda \in \sigma(A^*A)\}$$

The maximum row sum (induced by  $l_\infty$ ):

$$\|A\|_\infty = \max_i \sum_j |a_{ij}|$$



## APPLICATION: COMPUTING SPECTRAL RADIUS

**Recall:** Spectral radius:  $\rho(A) = \max\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(A)\}$ .

Not a matrix norm, but very related.

**Theorem:** For any matrix norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $A \in M_n$ ,

$$\rho(A) \leq \|A\|.$$



**Lemma:** For any  $A \in M_n$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $\|\cdot\|$  such that

$$\rho(A) \leq \|A\| \leq \rho(A) + \epsilon$$

**Corollary:** For any matrix norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $A \in M_n$ ,

$$\rho(A) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|A^k\|^{1/k}$$

## APPLICATION: CONVERGENCE OF $A^k$

**Lemma:** If there is a matrix norm with  $\|A\| < 1$  then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^k = 0$ .

**Theorem:**  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^k = 0$  iff  $\rho(A) < 1$ .

Matrix extension of  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^k = 0$  iff  $|x| < 1$ .



## APPLICATION: POWER SERIES

**Theorem:**  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k A^k$  converges if there is a matrix norm such that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|a_k\| \|A\|^k$  converges.

**Corollary:** If  $\|A\| < 1$  for some matrix norm, then  $I - A$  is invertible and

$$(I - A)^{-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A^k$$

Matrix extension of  $(1 - x)^{-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k$  for  $|x| < 1$ .

Useful to compute “error” between  $A^{-1}$  and  $(A + E)^{-1}$ .



## UNITARILY INVARIANT AND CONDITION NUMBER

**Definition:** A matrix norm is unitarily invariant if  $\|UAV\| = \|A\|$  for all  $A \in M_n$  and all unitary matrices  $U, V \in M_n$ .

**Examples:** Frobenius norm  $\|\cdot\|_2$  and spectral norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .

**Definition:** Condition number for matrix inversion with respect to the matrix norm  $\|\cdot\|$  of nonsingular  $A \in M_n$  is

$$\kappa(A) = \|A^{-1}\| \|A\|$$

Frequently used in perturbation analysis in numerical linear algebra.

**Observation:**  $\kappa(A) \geq 1$  (from submultiplicative property).

**Observation:** For unitarily invariant norms:  $\kappa(UAV) = \kappa(A)$ .

