

# Homework 6 Solutions, CPSC 303, 2024

(2) (a) Subtract Row 1 from Rows 2 and 3

gives:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 4\epsilon + \epsilon^2 \\ 0 & -\epsilon & -4\epsilon + \epsilon^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 - y_0 \\ y_2 - y_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

adding row 2 to row 3 gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 4\epsilon + \epsilon^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2\epsilon^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 - y_0 \\ y_2 - y_0 + (y_1 - y_0) \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$2\epsilon^2 c_2 = y_2 + y_1 - 2y_0$$

So

$$c_2 = \frac{y_2 + y_1 - 2y_0}{2\epsilon^2}$$

(b) So

$$c_2(\epsilon) = \frac{f(2-\epsilon) + f(2+\epsilon) - 2f(2)}{2\epsilon^2}$$

taking  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , using L'Hôpital's Rule

we differentiate the numerator and denominator separately and find:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} C_2(\varepsilon) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{-f'(z-\varepsilon) + f'(z+\varepsilon) - 0}{4\varepsilon}$$

and other application of L'Hôpital's rule gives that this limit

$$= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f''(z-\varepsilon) + f''(z+\varepsilon)}{4} = \frac{2f''(z)}{4} = \frac{f''(z)}{2}$$

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Alternative: By Taylor's theorem we have

$$f(z+\varepsilon) = f(z) + \varepsilon f'(z) + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} f''(z) + O(\varepsilon^3)$$

$$f(z-\varepsilon) = f(z) - \varepsilon f'(z) + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} f''(z) + O(\varepsilon^3)$$

So

$$f(z+\varepsilon) + f(z-\varepsilon) = 2f(z) + \varepsilon^2 f''(z) + O(\varepsilon^3)$$

So

$$f(z+\varepsilon) + f(z-\varepsilon) - 2f(z) = \varepsilon^2 f''(z) + O(\varepsilon^3)$$

Hence

$$\frac{f(z+\varepsilon) + f(z-\varepsilon) - 2f(z)}{2\varepsilon^2} = \frac{f''(z)}{2} + O(\varepsilon)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} C_2(\varepsilon) &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+\varepsilon) + f(z-\varepsilon) - 2f(z)}{2\varepsilon^2} \\ &= \frac{f''(z)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3(a) \quad |ax_1 + bx_2| &\leq |ax_1| + |bx_2| \leq |a|m + |b|m \\ &\leq m(|a| + |b|) \end{aligned}$$

$$3(b) \quad \text{Similarly } |cx_1 + dx_2| \leq m(|c| + |d|),$$

So

$$\|Ax\|_{\infty} = \max(|ax_1 + bx_2|, |cx_1 + dx_2|)$$

$$\leq m \max(|a| + |b|, |c| + |d|)$$

$$= \|\vec{x}\|_{\infty} \max(|a| + |b|, |c| + |d|)$$

3(c)  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+b \\ c+d \end{bmatrix}$ , so if  $a, b$  are both positive or zero or negative we have  $|a+b| = |a|+|b|$ , so

$$\|A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\|_{\infty} \geq |a+b| = |a|+|b|.$$

If  $a, b$  have opposite signs, then

$$|a-b| = |a|+|b|, \text{ and}$$

$$\|A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\|_{\infty} = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} a-b \\ c-d \end{bmatrix} \right\|_{\infty} \geq |a|+|b|.$$

(d) Similarly we have

$$\|A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\|_{\infty} \text{ or } \|A \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\|_{\infty} \geq |c|+|d|.$$

Since  $\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \|_{\infty} = \| \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \|_{\infty} = 1$ , it follows

that for  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  we have

$$\|A \vec{x}\|_{\infty} \geq \max(|a|+|b|, |c|+|d|) \|\vec{x}\|_{\infty}.$$

So this and 3(b) implies

$$\|A\|_{\infty} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max_{\vec{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|A\vec{x}\|_{\infty}}{\|\vec{x}\|_{\infty}}$$

$$= \max(|a|+|b|, |c|+|d|)$$

4. We have

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right\|_1 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^T \right\|_{\infty}$$

$$= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} \right\|_{\infty}$$

$$= \max(|a|+|c|, |b|+|d|)$$

(Which agrees with the formula in Section 6 of the handout).

5 (a) Since  $x_0 = 2$ ,  $x_1 = 2 + \varepsilon$ ,  $x_2 = 2 - \varepsilon$ ,  
the bottom right entry of  $A^{-1}$

is

$$\frac{1}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_1 - x_0)} = \frac{1}{(-\varepsilon)(-2\varepsilon)} = \frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2}$$

Hence

$$\|A^{-1}\|_{\infty} \geq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2}.$$

(b) We have for  $A = A(\varepsilon)$ ,

$$A \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(by multiplying both sides by  $A^{-1}$  on the left)

hence

$$c_2 = \left( \text{bottom row of } A^{-1} \right) \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since

$$C_2 = \frac{y_1 + y_2 - 2y_0}{2\varepsilon^2} = \frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2} [-2 \ 1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have

$$[\text{bottom row of } A^{-1}] = \frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2} [-2 \ 1 \ 1]$$

So, indeed, the bottom right entry of

$$A^{-1} \text{ is } \frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2}.$$

(c) Since  $A$  has an entry equal to 4,

we have  $\|A\|_\infty \geq 4$ , and hence

$$\|A(\varepsilon)\|_\infty \|A^{-1}(\varepsilon)\|_\infty \geq 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2} \geq 2\varepsilon^2.$$

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Note: we can get a better estimate  
using the fact that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so } \|A\|_\infty \geq 1+2+4=7$$

and that

$$A^{-1}(\varepsilon) = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -1/\varepsilon^2 & 1/2\varepsilon^2 & 1/2\varepsilon^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

to see that

$$\|A^{-1}(\varepsilon)\|_{\infty} \geq \left| \frac{-1}{\varepsilon^2} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2} \right| = \frac{2}{\varepsilon^2}.$$

Hence

$$\|A(\varepsilon)\|_{\infty} \|A^{-1}(\varepsilon)\|_{\infty} \geq 7 \cdot \frac{2}{\varepsilon^2} = \frac{14}{\varepsilon^2}.$$

In any event

$$K_{\infty}(A) = \|A(\varepsilon)\|_{\infty} \|A^{-1}(\varepsilon)\|_{\infty}$$

tends to  $\infty$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , at least

as fast as  $14/\varepsilon^2$  tends to  $\infty$ .