

Condition Numbers and Backward Error of a Matrix Polynomial Equation Arising in Stochastic Models

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Abstract We consider a matrix polynomial equation (MPE) $A_n X^n + A_{n-1} X^{n-1} + \cdots + A_0 = 0$, where $A_n, A_{n-1}, \ldots, A_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ are the coefficient matrices, and $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is the unknown matrix. A sufficient condition for the existence of the minimal nonnegative solution is derived, where minimal means that any other solution is componentwise no less than the minimal one. The explicit expressions of normwise, mixed and componentwise condition numbers of the matrix polynomial equation are obtained. A backward error of the approximated minimal nonnegative solution is defined and evaluated. Some numerical examples are given to show the sharpness of the three kinds of condition numbers.

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1 Introduction

We consider a matrix polynomial equation (MPE) of the following form

$$A_n X^n + A_{n-1} X^{n-1} + \dots + A_0 = 0, (1.1)$$

where $A_n, A_{n-1}, \ldots, A_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ are the coefficient matrices, and $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is the unknown matrix.

Matrix polynomial equations often arise in queueing problems, differential equations, system theory, stochastic theory and many other areas [2,3,12,18,21,27]. Different techniques have been studied for finding the minimal nonnegative solution. For the case n = 2, the MPE (1.1) is the well-known quadratic matrix equation (QME). In [10,11,20,28], the structured

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QME, which is called the unilateral quadratic matrix equation (UQME), was studied. The authors showed that an algebraic Riccati equation XCX - AX - XD + B = 0 can be transformed into a UQME. Bini et al. [11] proposed an algorithm by complementing the transformation with the shrink-and-shift technique of Ramaswami for finding the solution of the UQME. Larin [29] generalized the Schur and doubling methods to the UQME. For the unstructured QME, which has a wide application in the quasi-birth-death process [6,30], the minimal nonnegative solution is of importance. Davis [14,15] considered Newton's method for solving the unstructured QME. Higham and Kim [23,24] studied the dominant and minimal solvent of the unstructured QME and they improved the global convergence properties of Newton's method by incorporating an exact line searches. The logarithmic reduction method with quadratic convergence is introduced in [31].

For the case $n = +\infty$, the MPE (1.1) is called power series matrix equation and often arises in Markov chains. For a given M/G/1-type matrix *S*, the computation of the probability invariant vector associated with *S* is strongly related to the minimal nonnegative solution of the MPE (1.1) with $n = +\infty$. Latouche [6,30] proved that Newton's method could be applied to solve the power series matrix equation, and the matrix sequence obtained by Newton's method converges to the minimal nonnegative solution. Bini et al. [5] solved the matrix polynomial equations by devising some new iterative techniques with quadratic convergence.

For the general case ($n \ge 2$), the cyclic reduction method [7–9], the invariant subspace algorithm [1] and the doubling technique [33] have been proposed for finding the minimal nonnegative solution of the MPE (1.1). Kratz and Stickel [26] proved that Newton's method could also be applied to solve this general case. See and Kim [38] studied the relaxed Newton's method for finding the minimal nonnegative solution of the MPE (1.1) and they also proved that the relaxed Newton's method could work more efficiently than the general Newton's method.

Since the minimal nonnegative solution of the MPE (1.1) is of practical importance and there is little work about the perturbation analysis for the MPE (1.1), this paper is devoted to the condition numbers of the MPE (1.1), which play an important role in perturbation analysis. We investigate three kinds of normwise condition numbers for Eq. (1.1). Note that the normwise condition number ignores the structure of both input and output data, so when the data are badly scaled or sparse, using norms to measure the relative size of the perturbation on its small or zero entries does not suffice to determine how well the problem is condition numbers called mixed and componentwise condition numbers, respectively, which are developed by Gohberg and Koltracht [17], and we refer to [16,22,34,35,39–43] for more details of these two kinds of condition numbers.

We also apply the theory of mixed and componentwise condition numbers to the MPE (1.1) and present local linear perturbation bounds for its minimal nonnegative solution by using mixed and componentwise condition numbers.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sect. 2, we give a sufficient condition for the existence of the minimal nonnegative solution. In Sect. 3, we investigate three kinds of normwise condition numbers and derive explicit expressions for them. In Sect. 4, we obtain explicit expressions and upper bounds for the mixed and componentwise condition numbers. In Sect. 5, we define a backward error of the approximate minimal nonnegative solution and derive an elegant upper and lower bound. In Sect. 6, we give some numerical examples to show the sharpness of these three kinds of condition numbers.

We begin with the notation used throughout this paper. $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ stands for the set of $m \times m$ matrices with elements in field \mathbb{R} . $\|\cdot\|_2$ and $\|\cdot\|_F$ are the spectral norm and the

Frobenius norm, respectively. For $X = (x_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $||X||_{\max}$ is the max norm given by $||X||_{\max} = \max_{i,j}\{|x_{ij}|\}$ and |X| is the matrix whose elements are $|x_{ij}|$. For a vector $v = (v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$, diag(v) is the diagonal matrix whose diagonal is given by a vector v and $|v| = (|v_1|, |v_2|, \ldots, |v_m|)^T$. For a matrix $A = (a_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ and a matrix B, vec(A) is a vector defined by vec(A) = $(a_1^T, \ldots, a_m^T)^T$ with a_i as the *i*-th column of A, $A \otimes B = (a_{ij}B)$ is the Kronecker product. For matrices X and Y, we write $X \ge 0$ (X > 0) and say that X is nonnegative (positive) if $x_{ij} \ge 0$ ($x_{ij} > 0$) holds for all i, j, and $X \ge Y$ (X > Y) is used as a different notation for $X - Y \ge 0$ (X - Y > 0).

2 Existence of the Minimal Nonnegative Solution

In this section, we give a sufficient condition for the existence of the minimal nonnegative solution of the MPE (1.1). Some basic definitions are stated as follows.

Definition 2.1 [25] Let *F* be a matrix function from $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ to $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Then a nonnegative (positive) solution *S*₁ of the matrix equation *F*(*X*) = 0 is a minimal nonnegative (positive) solution if for any nonnegative (positive) solution *S* of *F*(*X*) = 0, it holds that *S*₁ ≤ *S*.

Definition 2.2 [19] A matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is an *M*-matrix if A = sI - B for some nonnegative matrix *B* and *s* with $s \ge \rho(B)$ where ρ is the spectral radius; it is a singular *M*-matrix if $s = \rho(B)$ and a nonsingular *M*-matrix if $s > \rho(B)$.

Theorem 2.3 Assume that the coefficient matrices A_k 's of the MPE (1.1) are nonnegative except A_1 and $-A_1$ is a nonsingular M-matrix. Then, there exists the unique minimal nonnegative solution to the MPE (1.1) if

$$B = -\sum_{k=0}^{n} A_k \text{ is a nonsingular, or a singular irreducible M-matrix.}$$
(2.1)

Proof We define a matrix function by

$$G(X) = -A_1^{-1} \left(\sum_{k=2}^n A_k X^k + A_0 \right),$$

where the A_k 's are coefficients of the MPE (1.1) and $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$.

Consider the sequence $\{X_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ defined by

$$X_{i+1} = G(X_i),$$

with $X_0 = 0$.

By Theorems A.16 and A.19 in [4], there exists a vector v > 0 such that Bv > 0 if B is a nonsingular *M*-matrix, or Bv = 0 if B is a singular irreducible *M*-matrix, i.e.,

$$\left(-\sum_{k=0}^n A_k\right)v \ge 0.$$

Since $-A_1$ is a nonsingular *M*-matrix, it follows that

$$v \ge -A_1^{-1} \left(\sum_{k=2}^n A_k + A_0 \right) v \ge 0.$$
 (2.2)

We show that

$$X_i \le X_{i+1} \quad \text{and} \quad X_i v < v, \tag{2.3}$$

hold for all i = 0, 1, ...

Clearly,

$$X_1 = -A_1^{-1}A_0 \ge 0 = X_0$$
 and $X_0v = 0 < v$.

Hence, (2.3) holds for i = 0.

Suppose that (2.3) holds for i = l. Then,

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$$X_{l+2} - X_{l+1} = -A_1^{-1} \sum_{k=2}^n A_k \left(X_{l+1}^k - X_l^k \right) \ge 0.$$

On the other hand, it follows from (2.2) that

$$X_{l+1}v = -A_1^{-1}\left(\sum_{k=2}^n A_k X_l^k + A_0\right)v < -A_1^{-1}\left(\sum_{k=2}^n A_k + A_0\right)v \le v.$$

So, (2.3) holds for i = l + 1. By induction, (2.3) holds for all i = 0, 1, ..., which implies that $\{X_i\}$ converges to a nonnegative matrix.

Let *S* be the nonnegative matrix to which $\{X_i\}$ converges and let *Y* be a nonnegative solution of the MPE (1.1). It is trivial that $X_0 \leq Y$. Suppose that $X_l \leq Y$. Then,

$$Y - X_{l+1} = -A_1^{-1} \left(\sum_{k=2}^n A_k Y^k + A_0 \right) + A_1^{-1} \left(\sum_{k=2}^n A_k X_l^k + A_0 \right)$$
$$= -A_1^{-1} \sum_{k=2}^n A_k \left(Y^k - X_l^k \right) \ge 0.$$

By induction, $X_i \leq Y$ for all i = 0, 1, ... Therefore, $S \leq Y$ for any nonnegative solution Y of the MPE (1.1), i.e., S is the minimal nonnegative solution of the MPE (1.1).

Remark 2.4 From the proof of Theorem 2.3, we can see that the sequence $\{X_i\}$ generated by $X_{i+1} = G(X_i)$ is monotonically increasing and convergent. So if $X_i > 0$ for some $i \ge 0$, then the matrix sequence $\{X_i\}$ monotonically converges to the minimal positive solution of the MPE (1.1).

Corollary 2.5 Under the assumption of Theorem 2.3, if

$$B = -\sum_{k=0}^{n} A_k \text{ is a nonsingular, or a singular irreducible } M\text{-matrix}$$

and one of the following conditions holds true:

- (i) Both A_0 and A_1 are irreducible matrices;
- (ii) A_0 is a positive matrix.

Then, the MPE (1.1) *has a minimal positive solution.*

Proof Note that if A_0 and A_1 are irreducible matrices, or if A_0 is a positive matrix, we get $X_1 = -A_1^{-1}A_0 > 0$, where X_1 is generated by iteration $X_{i+1} = G(X_i)$ in the proof of Theorem 2.3. According to Remark 2.4, the existence of minimal positive solution of the MPE (1.1) can be proved by using the same technique listed in the proof of Theorem 2.3. \Box

3 Normwise Condition Number

In this section, we investigate three kinds of normwise condition numbers of the MPE (1.1). The perturbed equation of the MPE (1.1) is

$$(A_n + \Delta A_n)(X + \Delta X)^n + \dots + (A_1 + \Delta A_1)(X + \Delta X) + (A_0 + \Delta A_0) = 0.$$
(3.1)

For the notation simplification, we introduce the recursion function $\Phi : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \to \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ as defined in [38]:

where \mathbb{N} is the set of natural numbers and $\mathbb{N}^+ = \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$. It can be easily shown that

$$\Phi(0,0)(X,Y)=I_m,$$

and

$$\Phi(n, 1)(X, Y) = \sum_{p=0}^{n} X^{n-p} Y X^{p}.$$

Using the function Φ , we can write the MPE (1.1) as

$$\sum_{p=0}^{n} A_p \Phi(p, 0)(X, Y) = 0.$$

Lemma 3.1 (Theorem 2.1, [38]) If X and Y are $m \times m$ matrices and Φ is the recursion function defined by (3.2), then we have

$$(X+Y)^p = \sum_{i=0}^p \Phi(p-i,i)(X,Y), \quad p \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By Lemma 3.1, Eq. (3.1) can be rewritten as

$$0 = \sum_{p=0}^{n} (A_{p} + \Delta A_{p}) \sum_{q=0}^{p} \Phi(p - q, q)(X, \Delta X)$$

$$= \sum_{q=0}^{n} \sum_{p=q}^{n} (A_{p} + \Delta A_{p}) \Phi(p - q, q)(X, \Delta X)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{p=0}^{n} (A_{p} + \Delta A_{p}) \Phi(p, 0) + \sum_{p=1}^{n} (A_{p} + \Delta A_{p}) \Phi(p - 1, 1)\right) (X, \Delta X)$$

$$+ \sum_{q=2}^{n} \sum_{p=q}^{n} (A_{p} + \Delta A_{p}) \Phi(p - q, q)(X, \Delta X).$$
(3.3)

Dropping the high order terms in (3.3) yields

$$\sum_{p=1}^{n} A_p \Phi(p-1,1)(X,\Delta X) \approx -\sum_{p=0}^{n} \Delta A_p \Phi(p,0)(X,\Delta X),$$

that is,

$$\sum_{p=1}^{n} \sum_{q=0}^{p-1} A_p X^{p-1-q} \Delta X X^q \approx -\sum_{p=0}^{n} \Delta A_p X^p.$$
(3.4)

Applying the vec expression to (3.4) gives

$$P \operatorname{vec}(\Delta X) \approx Lr,$$
 (3.5)

where

$$P = \sum_{p=1}^{n} \left[\sum_{q=0}^{p-1} (X^{q})^{T} \otimes (A_{p}X^{p-1-q}) \right],$$

$$L = \left[-(X^{n})^{T} \otimes I_{m}, -(X^{n-1})^{T} \otimes I_{m}, \dots, -I_{m^{2}} \right],$$

$$r = \left[\operatorname{vec}(\Delta A_{n})^{T}, \operatorname{vec}(\Delta A_{n-1})^{T}, \dots, \operatorname{vec}(\Delta A_{0})^{T} \right]^{T}.$$
(3.6)

Under certain conditions, usually satisfied in the applications, the matrix P is a nonsingular matrix as showed in [38]. We suppose that P is nonsingular in the remainder of this paper.

We define the following mapping

$$\varphi: (A_n, A_{n-1}, \dots, A_0) \mapsto \operatorname{vec}(X), \tag{3.7}$$

where X is the minimal nonnegative solution of the MPE (1.1).

Three kinds of normwise condition numbers are defined by

$$k_i(\varphi) = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \sup_{\Delta_i \le \epsilon} \frac{\|\Delta X\|_F}{\epsilon \|X\|_F}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3,$$
(3.8)

where

$$\Delta_{1} = \left\| \left[\frac{\|\Delta A_{n}\|_{F}}{\delta_{n}}, \frac{\|\Delta A_{n-1}\|_{F}}{\delta_{n-1}}, \dots, \frac{\|\Delta A_{0}\|_{F}}{\delta_{0}} \right] \right\|_{2},$$

$$\Delta_{2} = \max \left\{ \frac{\|\Delta A_{n}\|_{F}}{\delta_{n}}, \frac{\|\Delta A_{n-1}\|_{F}}{\delta_{n-1}}, \dots, \frac{\|\Delta A_{0}\|_{F}}{\delta_{0}} \right\},$$

$$\Delta_{3} = \frac{\|[\|\Delta A_{n}\|_{F}, \|\Delta A_{n-1}\|_{F}, \dots, \|\Delta A_{0}\|_{F}]\|_{2}}{\|[\|A_{n}\|_{F}, \|A_{n-1}\|_{F}, \dots, \|A_{0}\|_{F}]\|_{2}}.$$
(3.9)

The nonzero parameters δ_k in Δ_1 and Δ_2 provide some freedom in how to measure the perturbations. Generally, δ_k is chosen as the functions of $||A_k||_F$, and $\delta_k = ||A_k||_F$ is most often taken for k = 0, 1, ..., n.

Theorem 3.2 Using the notations given above, the explicit expressions and upper bounds for the three kinds of normwise condition numbers at X of the MPE (1.1), where X is a solution to the MPE (1.1), are

$$k_1(\varphi) \approx \frac{\|P^{-1}L_1\|_2}{\|X\|_F},$$
(3.10)

$$k_2(\varphi) \lesssim \min\left\{\sqrt{n}k_1(\varphi), \, \mu/\|X\|_F\right\},\tag{3.11}$$

$$k_3(\varphi) \approx \frac{\|P^{-1}L\|_2 \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^n \|A_i\|_F^2}}{\|X\|_F},$$
(3.12)

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where

$$L_1 = L \operatorname{diag}\left(\left[\delta_n, \delta_{n-1}, \dots, \delta_0\right]^T\right),$$
$$\mu = \sum_{k=0}^n \delta_k \left\| P^{-1} \left((X^k)^T \otimes I_m \right) \right\|_2.$$

Proof It follows from (3.5) that

$$\operatorname{vec}(\Delta X) \approx P^{-1}L_1 r_1, \tag{3.13}$$

where

$$L_{1} = \left[-\delta_{n}(X^{n})^{T} \otimes I_{m}, \quad -\delta_{n-1}(X_{n-1})^{T} \otimes I_{m}, \dots, -\delta_{0}I_{m^{2}}\right],$$

$$r_{1} = \left(\frac{\operatorname{vec}(\Delta A_{n})^{T}}{\delta_{n}}, \quad \frac{\operatorname{vec}(\Delta A_{n-1})^{T}}{\delta_{n-1}}, \dots, \quad \frac{\operatorname{vec}(\Delta A_{0})^{T}}{\delta_{0}}\right)^{T}.$$

It yields

$$\|\Delta X\|_F = \|\operatorname{vec}(\Delta X)\|_2 \approx \|P^{-1}L_1r_1\|_2 \le \|P^{-1}L_1\|_2\|r_1\|_2.$$
(3.14)

Note that $||r_1||_2 = \Delta_1 \le \epsilon$, and it follows from (3.8) (when i = 1) and inequality (3.14) that (3.10) holds.

According to (3.5), we get

$$\|\Delta X\|_F = \|\operatorname{vec}(\Delta X)\|_2 \lesssim \|P^{-1}L\|_2 \|r\|_2.$$
(3.15)

Since $||r||_2 = \Delta_3 \cdot ||[||A_n||_F, ||A_{n-1}||_F, \dots, ||A_0||_F]||_2 \le \epsilon \sqrt{\sum_{k=0}^n ||A_k||_F^2}$, then by (3.8) (when i = 3) and inequality (3.15) we arrive at (3.12).

Let $\epsilon = \Delta_2$. It follows from (3.13) that

$$\begin{split} \|\Delta X\|_F \lesssim \|P^{-1}L_1\|_2 \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{\|\Delta A_i\|_F^2}{\delta_i^2}} \\ &\leq \epsilon \sqrt{n} \|P^{-1}L_1\|_2 \\ &\lesssim \epsilon \sqrt{n} \|X\|_F k_1(\varphi). \end{split}$$
(3.16)

On the other hand, (3.13) can be rewritten as

$$\operatorname{vec}(\Delta X) \approx -\sum_{k=0}^{n} \delta_k P^{-1} ((X^k)^T \otimes I_m) \frac{\operatorname{vec}(\Delta A_k)}{\delta_k},$$

from which it is easy to get

$$\|\Delta X\|_F \lesssim \sum_{k=0}^n \delta_k \left\| P^{-1} ((X^k)^T \otimes I_m) \right\|_2 \frac{\|\Delta A_k\|_F}{\delta_k} \le \epsilon \mu,$$
(3.17)

where $\mu = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \delta_k \|P^{-1}((X^k)^T \otimes I_m)\|_2$. Then, (3.11) is obtained according to inequalities (3.16) and (3.17).

Now we study another sensitivity analysis for the MPE (1.1). Consider the parameter perturbation of A_p : $A_p(\tau) = A_p + \tau E_p$ and the equation

$$\sum_{p=0}^{n} A_{p}(\tau) X^{p} = 0, \qquad (3.18)$$

where $E_p \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ and τ is a real parameter.

Let $Q(X, \tau) = \sum_{p=0}^{n} A_p(\tau) X^p$ and let X_+ be any solution of the MPE (1.1) such that P is nonsingular. Then

- (i) $Q(X_+, 0) = 0$
- (ii) $Q(X, \tau)$ is differentiable arbitrarily many times in the neighborhood of $(X_+, 0)$, and

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial X}\Big|_{(X_{+},0)} = \sum_{p=1}^{n} (I_m \otimes A_p) \sum_{q=0}^{p-1} (X_{+}^q)^T \otimes X_{+}^{p-1-q}$$
$$= \sum_{p=1}^{n} \sum_{q=0}^{p-1} (X_{+}^q)^T \otimes (A_p X_{+}^{p-1-q}).$$

Note that $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial X}|_{(X_+,0)}$ is exactly *P* in (3.6) and is nonsingular under our assumption. By the implicit function theory [36], there exists $\delta > 0$ for $\tau \in (-\delta, \delta)$, there is a unique $X(\tau)$ satisfying:

- (i) $Q(X(\tau), \tau) = 0, X(0) = X_+;$
- (ii) $X(\tau)$ is differentiable arbitrarily many times with respect to τ .

For

$$\sum_{p=0}^{n} A_{p}(\tau) X^{p}(\tau) = 0, \qquad (3.19)$$

taking derivative for both sides of (3.19) with respect to τ at $\tau = 0$ gives

$$\sum_{p=1}^{n} A_p \sum_{q=0}^{p-1} X_+^q \dot{X}(0) X_+^{p-1-q} + \sum_{p=0}^{n} E_p X_+^p = 0.$$
(3.20)

Applying the vec operator to (3.20) yields

$$T \operatorname{vec}(\dot{X}(0)) = Mr,$$

where

$$T = \sum_{p=1}^{n} \sum_{q=0}^{p-1} \left(X_{+}^{p-1-q} \right)^{T} \otimes A_{p} X_{+}^{q},$$

$$M = \left[- \left(X_{+}^{n} \right)^{T} \otimes I_{m}, \dots, -X_{+}^{T} \otimes I_{m}, -I_{m^{2}} \right],$$

$$r = \left[\operatorname{vec}(E_{n})^{T}, \operatorname{vec}(E_{n-1})^{T}, \dots, \operatorname{vec}(E_{0})^{T} \right]^{T}.$$

According to [37], we can derive the Rice condition number of X_+ :

$$k_{X_{+}} = \lim_{\tau \to 0^{+}} \sup_{\substack{E_{p} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \\ p=0,1,\dots,n}} \left\{ \frac{\|\dot{X}(\tau) - X_{+}\|_{F}}{\|X_{+}\|_{F}} / \left(\frac{\tau \|[E_{n},\dots,E_{0}]\|_{F}}{\|[A_{n},\dots,A_{0}]\|_{F}} \right) \right\}$$
$$= \sup_{\substack{E_{p} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \\ p=0,1,\dots,n}} \left\{ \frac{\|\dot{X}(0)\|_{F}}{\|(E_{n},\dots,E_{0})\|_{F}} \cdot \frac{\|[A_{n},\dots,A_{0}]\|_{F}}{\|X_{+}\|_{F}} \right\}$$
$$= \sup_{\substack{E_{p} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \\ p=0,1,\dots,n}} \left\{ \frac{\|T^{-1}Mr\|_{2}}{\|r\|_{2}} \cdot \frac{\|[A_{n},\dots,A_{0}]\|_{F}}{\|X_{+}\|_{F}} \right\}$$
$$= \|T^{-1}M\|_{2} \cdot \frac{\|[A_{n},\dots,A_{0}]\|_{F}}{\|X_{+}\|_{F}}$$
$$= \|T^{-1}M\|_{2} \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{p=0}^{n} \|A_{p}\|_{F}^{2}}}{\|X_{+}\|_{F}}.$$

4 Mixed and Componentwise Condition Number

In this section, we investigate the mixed and componentwise condition numbers of the MPE (1.1). Explicit expressions to these two kinds of condition numbers are derived. We first introduce some well-known results. To define mixed and componentwise condition numbers, the following distance function is useful. For any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^m$, define $\frac{a}{b} = [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m]^T$ as

$$c_i = \begin{cases} a_i/b_i, & \text{if } b_i \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } a_i = b_i = 0, \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then we define

$$d(a,b) = \left\|\frac{a-b}{b}\right\|_{\infty} = \max_{i=1,2,\dots,m} \left\{ \left|\frac{a_i-b_i}{b_i}\right| \right\}.$$

Consequently for matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, we define

$$d(A, B) = d(\operatorname{vec}(A), \operatorname{vec}(B)).$$

Note that if $d(a, b) < \infty$, $d(a, b) = \min\{v \ge 0 : |a_i - b_i| \le v |b_i| \text{ for } i = 1, 2, ..., m\}$.

In the sequel, we assume $d(a, b) < \infty$ for any pair (a, b). For $\epsilon > 0$, we set $B^0(a, \epsilon) = \{x | d(x, a) \le \epsilon\}$. For a vector-valued function $F : \mathbb{R}^p \to \mathbb{R}^q$, Dom(F) denotes the domain of F.

The mixed and componentwise condition numbers introduced by Gohberg and Koltracht [17] are listed as follows:

Definition 4.1 [17] Let $F : \mathbb{R}^p \to \mathbb{R}^q$ be a continuous mapping defined on an open set $\text{Dom}(F) \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ such that $0 \notin \text{Dom}(F)$ and $F(a) \neq 0$ for a given $a \in \mathbb{R}^p$.

(1) The mixed condition number of F at a is defined by

$$m(F,a) = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \sup_{\substack{x \neq a \\ x \in B^0(a,\epsilon)}} \frac{\|F(x) - F(a)\|_{\infty}}{\|F(a)\|_{\infty}} \frac{1}{d(x,a)}.$$

(2) Suppose $F(a) = [f_1(a), f_2(a), \dots, f_q(a)]^T$ such that $f_j(a) \neq 0$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, q$. The componentwise condition number of F at a is defined by

$$c(F,a) = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \sup_{\substack{x \in B^0(a,\epsilon) \\ x \neq a}} \frac{d(F(x), F(a))}{d(x,a)}.$$

The explicit expressions of the mixed and componentwise condition numbers of F at a are given by the following lemma [13,17].

Lemma 4.2 Suppose F is Fréchet differentiable at a. We have

(1) if
$$F(a) \neq 0$$
, then

$$m(F,a) = \frac{\|F'(a)diag(a)\|_{\infty}}{\|F(a)\|_{\infty}} = \frac{\||F'(a)||a|\|_{\infty}}{\|F(a)\|_{\infty}};$$

(2) if
$$F(a) = [f_1(a), f_2(a), \dots, f_q(a)]^T$$
 such that $f_j(a) \neq 0$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, q$, then

$$c(F, a) = \|diag^{-1}(F(a))F'(a)diag(a)\|_{\infty} = \left\|\frac{|F'(a)||a|}{|F(a)|}\right\|_{\infty}.$$

Theorem 4.3 Let $m(\varphi)$ and $c(\varphi)$ be the mixed and componentwise condition numbers of the *MPE* (1.1), we have

$$m(\varphi) \approx \frac{\|T\|_{\infty}}{\|X\|_{\max}}$$
 and $c(\varphi) \approx \left\|\frac{T}{|\operatorname{vec}(X)|}\right\|_{\infty}$,

where

$$T = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left| P^{-1} \left((X^k)^T \otimes I_m \right) \right| \operatorname{vec}(|A_k|).$$

Furthermore, we have two simple upper bounds for $m(\varphi)$ *and* $c(\varphi)$ *as follows:*

$$m_U(\varphi) := \frac{\|P^{-1}\|_{\infty} \|\sum_{k=0}^n |A_k| |X^k| \|_{\max}}{\|X\|_{\max}} \gtrsim m(\varphi),$$

and

$$c_U(\varphi) := \left\| diag^{-1} \left(\operatorname{vec}(X) \right) P^{-1} \right\|_{\infty} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^n |A_k| |X^k| \right\|_{\max} \gtrsim c(\varphi).$$

Proof It follows from (3.5) that $vec(\Delta X) \approx P^{-1}Lr$, which implies that the Fréchet derivative of φ is

$$\varphi'(A_n, A_{n-1}, \ldots, A_0) \approx P^{-1}L,$$

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where φ is defined by (3.7). Let $v = [\operatorname{vec}(A_n)^T, \operatorname{vec}(A_{n-1})^T, \dots, \operatorname{vec}(A_0)^T]^T$. From (1) of Lemma 4.2, we obtain

$$m(\varphi) \approx \frac{\left\| |P^{-1}L||v| \right\|_{\infty}}{\|\operatorname{vec}(X)\|_{\infty}} = \frac{\left\| |P^{-1}L||v| \right\|_{\infty}}{\|X\|_{\max}} = \frac{\|T\|_{\infty}}{\|X\|_{\max}},$$

where

$$T = |P^{-1}L||v|$$

= $\sum_{k=0}^{n} |P^{-1}((X^k)^T \otimes I_m)| \operatorname{vec}(|A_k|).$

It holds that

$$\|T\|_{\infty} \leq \||P^{-1}||L||v|\|_{\infty}$$

$$\leq \|P^{-1}\|_{\infty}\||L||v|\|_{\infty}$$

$$\leq \|P^{-1}\|_{\infty}\left\|\sum_{k=0}^{n}|A_{k}||X^{k}|\right\|_{\max}$$

Therefore,

$$m(\varphi) \lesssim \frac{\left\|P^{-1}\right\|_{\infty} \left\|\sum_{k=0}^{n} |A_k| |X^k|\right\|_{\max}}{\|X\|_{\max}}.$$

From (2) of Lemma 4.2, we obtain

$$c(\varphi) \approx \left\| \frac{|P^{-1}L||v|}{|\operatorname{vec}(X)|} \right\|_{\infty} = \left\| \frac{T}{|\operatorname{vec}(X)|} \right\|_{\infty}.$$

Similarly, it holds that

$$c(\varphi) \lesssim \left\| \frac{|P^{-1}||L||v|}{|\operatorname{vec}(X)|} \right\|_{\infty}$$

$$\leq \left\| \operatorname{diag}^{-1} \left(\operatorname{vec}(X) \right) P^{-1} \right\|_{\infty} \left\| |L||v| \right\|_{\infty}$$

$$= \left\| \operatorname{diag}^{-1} \left(\operatorname{vec}(X) \right) P^{-1} \right\|_{\infty} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{n} |A_{k}||X^{k}| \right\|_{\max}$$

5 Backward Error

In this section, we investigate the backward error of an approximate solution Y to the MPE (1.1). The backward error is defined by

$$\theta(Y) = \min\left\{\epsilon : \sum_{p=0}^{n} (A_p + \Delta A_p) Y^p = 0, \left\| \left[\delta_n^{-1} \Delta A_n, \dots, \delta_0^{-1} \Delta A_0 \right] \right\|_F \le \epsilon \right\}.$$
 (5.1)

Let

$$S = \sum_{p=0}^{n} A_p Y^p,$$

then we can write the equation in (5.1) as

$$-S = \sum_{p=0}^{n} \Delta A_p Y^p$$
$$= \left[\delta_n^{-1} \Delta A_n, \delta_{n-1}^{-1} \Delta A_{n-1}, \dots, \delta_0^{-1} \Delta A_0 \right] \begin{pmatrix} \delta_n Y^n \\ \delta_{n-1} Y^{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_0 Y^0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{5.2}$$

from which we get

$$\theta(Y) \ge \frac{\|S\|_F}{\left(\sum_{p=0}^n \delta_p^2 \|Y^p\|_F^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

Applying the vec operator to (5.2) yields

$$-\operatorname{vec}(S) = \left[\delta_n(Y^n)^T \otimes I_m, \delta_{n-1}(Y^{n-1})^T \otimes I_m, \dots, \delta_0 I_{m^2}\right] \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{vec}(\Delta A_n)/\delta_n \\ \operatorname{vec}(\Delta A_{n-1})/\delta_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ \operatorname{vec}(\Delta A_0)/\delta_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(5.3)

For convenience, we write (5.3) as

$$Ha = s, \quad H \in \mathbb{R}^{m^2 \times (n+1)m^2},\tag{5.4}$$

where

$$H = \left[\delta_n (Y^n)^T \otimes I_m, \delta_{n-1} (Y^{n-1})^T \otimes I_m, \dots, \delta_0 I_{m^2}\right],$$

$$a = \left[\operatorname{vec}(\Delta A_n)^T / \delta_n, \dots, \operatorname{vec}(\Delta A_0)^T / \delta_0\right]^T,$$

$$s = -\operatorname{vec}(S).$$

We assume that H is of full rank. This guarantees that (5.3) has a solution and the backward error is finite.

From (5.4), an upper bound for $\theta(Y)$ is obtained

$$\theta(Y) \le ||H^+||_2 ||s||_2 = \frac{||s||_2}{\sigma_{\min}(H)},$$

where H^+ is the pseudoinverse of H, and $\sigma_{\min}(H)$ is the minimal singular value of H which is nonzero under the assumption that H is of full rank.

Note that

$$\sigma_{\min}^{2}(H) = \lambda_{\min}(HH^{*})$$

$$= \lambda_{\min}\left(\sum_{p=0}^{n} \delta_{p}^{2} (Y^{p})^{T} \bar{Y}^{p} \otimes I_{m}\right)$$

$$= \lambda_{\min}\left(\sum_{p=0}^{n} \delta_{p}^{2} (Y^{p})^{*} Y^{p} \otimes I_{m}\right)$$

$$\geq \sum_{p=0}^{n} \delta_{p}^{2} \lambda_{\min}((Y^{p})^{*} Y^{p})$$

$$= \sum_{p=0}^{n} \delta_{p}^{2} \sigma_{\min}^{2}(Y^{p}).$$

Thus

$$\theta(Y) \leq \frac{\|S\|_F}{\left(\sum_{p=0}^n \delta_p^2 \sigma_{\min}^2(Y^p)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

6 Numerical Examples

In this section, we give three numerical examples to show the sharpness of the normwise, mixed and componentwise condition numbers. All computations are made in MATLAB 7.10.0 with the unit roundoff being $u \approx 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$.

Example 6.1 We consider the matrix polynomial equation $\sum_{k=0}^{9} A_k X^k = X$ with $A_k = D^{-1}\bar{A}_k$ for k = 0, 1..., 9, where $\bar{A}_k = rand(10)$ with *rand* as the random function in MATLAB. The matrix *D* is a diagonal matrix whose entries are the row sums of $\sum_{i=0}^{9} \bar{A}_k$ so that $(\sum_{k=0}^{9} A_k)\mathbf{1}_m = \mathbf{1}_m$. We rewrite the matrix polynomial as

$$A_9 X^9 + A_8 X^8 + \dots + (A_1 - I_m) X + A_0 = 0.$$
(6.1)

Note that $I_m - A_1$ is a nonsingular *M*-matrix and $I_m - \sum_{k=0}^{9} A_k$ is a singular irreducible *M*-matrix. From Theorem 2.3, we know the minimal nonnegative solution *S* of Eq. (6.1) exists.

Suppose that the perturbations in the coefficient matrices are

$$\tilde{A}_k = A_k - 10^{-s} * rand(10) \circ A_k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, 9,$$

where s is a positive integer and \circ is the Hadamard product. Note that $I_m - \tilde{A}_1$ and $I_m - \sum_{k=0}^{9} \tilde{A}_k$ are also nonsingular *M*-matrices. Hence the corresponding perturbed equation has a unique minimal nonnegative solution \tilde{S} .

We use the Newton's method proposed in [38] to compute the minimal nonnegative solution *S* and \tilde{S} . Choose $\delta_k = ||A_k||_F$, from Theorem 3.2 we get three kinds of local normwise perturbation bounds: $||\Delta S||_F / ||S||_F \leq k_i(\varphi)\Delta_i$ for i = 1, 2, 3. Denote $k_2^U = \sqrt{n}k_1(\varphi)$ and $k_2^M(\varphi) = \mu/||S||_F$, we compare the above approximate perturbation bounds with the exact

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s	$\frac{\ \tilde{S} - S\ _F}{\ S\ _F}$	$k_1(\phi)\Delta_1$	$k_2^U(\phi)\Delta_2$	$k_2^M(\varphi)\Delta_2$	$k_3(\varphi)\Delta_3$
2	5.6691e-003	6.1051e-002	6.8600e-002	2.7279e-002	1.9290e-002
4	5.6153e-005	6.2693e-004	7.3782e-004	2.9340e-004	1.9556e-004
6	4.3596e-007	5.8501e-006	6.5001e-006	2.5848e-006	1.8432e-006
8	4.7863e-009	5.8329e-008	6.7070e-008	2.6671e-008	1.8298e-008

 Table 1
 Comparison of exact relative error with local normwise perturbation bounds

relative error $\|\tilde{S} - S\|_F / \|S\|_F$. Table 1 shows that our estimates of the three normwise perturbation bounds are close to the exact relative error $\|\tilde{S} - S\|_F / \|S\|_F$. It also shows that the perturbation bound given by $k_3(\varphi)\Delta_3$ is sharper than the other two bounds.

Example 6.2 This example is taken from [32]. Consider the matrix polynomial equation $A_0 + A_1X + A_2X^2 = 0$. The coefficient matrices $A_0, A_1, A_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ with m = 8 are given by $A_0 = M_1^{-1}M_0, A_1 = I, A_2 = M_1^{-1}M_2$, where $M_0 = \text{diag}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m), M_2 = \rho \cdot \text{diag}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$ and

$$(M_1)_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } j = (i \mod m) + 1, \\ -1 - \rho \alpha_i - \beta_i, & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere,} \end{cases}$$

where $\alpha = (0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 13, 1, 1, 0.2), \beta_i = 2$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$ and $\rho = 0.99$.

This example represents a queueing system in a random environment, where periods of severe overflows alternate with periods of low arrivals. Note that in this example, both A_0 and A_2 are nonpositive. A_1 itself is a nonsingular *M*-matrix. Consider the following equation

$$-A_0 - A_1 X - A_2 X^2 = 0. (6.2)$$

Then Eq. (6.2) has same solutions as equation $A_0 + A_1X + A_2X^2 = 0$, and the coefficients matrices in (6.2) satisfy the conditions in Corollary 2.5, then Eq. (6.2) has a minimal positive solution X. For k = 0, 1, 2, let $\Delta A_k = rand(m) \circ A_k \times 10^{-s}$, where s is a positive integer, then $\tilde{A}_k = A_k + \Delta A_k$ is the perturbed coefficient matrix of the corresponding perturbed equation. Similarly, the minimal positive solution \tilde{X} of the perturbed matrix polynomial equation exists and can be obtained by using the Newton's method in [38].

Let

$$\gamma_k = \frac{\|\Delta X\|_F}{\|X\|_F}, \quad \gamma_m = \frac{\|\Delta X\|_{\max}}{\|X\|_{\max}}, \quad \gamma_c = \left\|\frac{\Delta X}{X}\right\|_{\max},$$

and

$$\epsilon_0 = \min\{\epsilon : |\Delta A_k| \le \epsilon |A_k|, k = 0, 1, \dots, n\}.$$

Table 2 shows that the mixed and componentwise analysis give more tighter and revealing bounds than the normwise perturbation bounds.

Example 6.3 We consider the matrix differential equation

$$y^{(3)} + A_2 y^{(2)} + A_1 y' + A_0 y = 0.$$

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Table 2 Linear asymptotic bounds	S	9	11	13
	γ_k	5.4144e-008	3.2531e-010	2.4755e-012
	$k_1(\varphi)\Delta_1$	1.9035e-006	1.4150e-008	1.1672e-010
	$k_2^U(\varphi)\Delta_2$	2.0841e-006	1.5608e-008	1.3120e-010
	$k_2^M(\varphi)\Delta_2$	1.9122e-006	1.4320e-008	1.2038e-010
	$k_3(\varphi)\Delta_3$	1.9896e-006	1.5281e-008	1.0180e-010
	γ_m	8.0699e-008	4.8234e-010	3.6687e-012
	$m(\varphi)\epsilon_0$	9.3239e-007	9.3283e-009	9.3537e-011
	γ_c	4.1963e-007	2.5081e-009	1.9077e-011
	$c(\varphi)\epsilon_0$	4.8484e-006	4.8507e-008	4.8639e-010

Such equations may occur in connection with vibrating system. The characteristic polynomial is

$$P_3(X) = X^3 + A_2 X^2 + A_1 X + A_0 = 0.$$

Let

$$A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1.600 & 1.280 & 2.890\\ 1.280 & 0.840 & 0.413\\ 2.890 & 0.413 & 0.725 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -20 & 5\\ 5 & -20 & 5\\ 5 & -20 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2.660 & 2.450 & 2.100 \\ 0.230 & 1.040 & 0.223 \\ 0.600 & 0.756 & 0.658 \end{pmatrix}$$

The coefficient matrices of $P_3(X) = 0$ satisfy the condition in Corollary 2.5, so there is a minimal positive solution X_* such that $P_3(X_*) = 0$.

Let *s* be a positive integer and suppose the coefficient matrices are perturbed by ΔA_i (*i* = 0, 1, 2), where

$$\Delta A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7922 & 0.0357 & 0.6787\\ 0.9595 & 0.8491 & 0.7577\\ 0.6557 & 0.9340 & 0.7431 \end{pmatrix} \times 10^{-s}, \quad \Delta A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & -0.2 & 0.1\\ 0.1 & -0.2 \end{pmatrix} \times 10^{-s}$$

and

$$\Delta A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9649 & 0.9572 & 0.1419 \\ 0.1576 & 0.4854 & 0.4218 \\ 0.9706 & 0.8003 & 0.9157 \end{pmatrix} \times 10^{-s}.$$

Using the notations listed in Examples 6.1 and 6.2, the perturbation bounds obtained by the normwise, mixed and componentwise condition numbers are listed in Table 3. Table 3 shows that our estimated perturbation bounds are sharp. Moreover, we observe that the simple upper bounds $m_U(\varphi)$ and $c_U(\varphi)$ of the mixed and componentwise condition numbers $m(\varphi)$ and $c(\varphi)$, which are obtained in Theorem 4.3, are also tight.

s	4	6	8	10
γ _k	6.4743e-005	6.4741e-007	6.4741e-009	6.4741e-011
$k_1(\varphi)\Delta_1$	4.8793e-004	4.8793e-006	4.8793e-008	4.8793e-010
$k_2^U(\varphi)\Delta_2$	8.4512e-004	8.4512e-006	8.4512e-008	8.4512e-010
$k_2^M(\varphi)\Delta_2$	5.6409e-004	5.6409e-006	5.6408e-008	5.6409e-010
$k_3(\varphi)\Delta_3$	1.0562e-004	1.0562e-006	1.0562e-008	1.0562e-010
γ_m	5.4848e-005	5.4847e-007	5.4847e-009	5.4847e-011
$m(\varphi)\epsilon_0$	7.6634e-004	7.6633e-006	7.6634e-008	7.6634e-010
$m_U(\varphi)\epsilon_0$	9.8003e-004	9.8003e-006	9.8003e-008	9.8003e-010
γ_c	1.7192e-004	1.7191e-006	1.7192e-008	1.7192e-010
$c(\varphi)\epsilon_0$	1.1041e-003	1.1041e-005	1.1041e-007	1.1041e-010
$c_U(\varphi)\epsilon_0$	3.2018e-003	3.2018e-005	3.2018e-007	3.2018e-010

 Table 3
 Comparison of the relative error with out estimates

7 Conclusion

In this paper, one sufficient condition for the existence of the minimal nonnegative solution of a matrix polynomial equation is given. Three kinds of normwise condition numbers of the matrix polynomial equation are investigated. The explicit expressions and upper bounds for the mixed and componentwise condition numbers are derived. A backward error is defined and evaluated.

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