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This talk is about improving the solution $x = A^{-1}b$ to an ill conditioned linear system $Ax = b$. We extend the classical the iterative refinement/improvement algorithm to the matrix equation $CW = U$ and compute $W = C^{-1}U$ in $I_r - V^H C^{-1}U$ using the following algorithm.

$$\begin{aligned} W_i &\leftarrow fl(C^{-1}U_i) = C^{-1}U_i - E_i \\ U_{i+1} &\leftarrow U_i - CW_i \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$, $U = U_0$ and $C(W_0 + \dots + W_k) = U - CE_k$. we proved that if $\frac{\|C^{-1}F_k\|}{1 - \|C^{-1}F_k\|} < 1$, where $F_k = C_k - C$, $X_k = W_0 + \dots + W_k$ and $X = W$, then $\|X_k - X\| \leq \mathcal{O}(\bar{u})$. By applying forward error analysis, we proved that $\frac{\|X_k - X\|}{\|X\|} \leq \mathcal{O}(u)$, and by applying backward error analysis we proved that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|U_k - CW_k\|}{\|C\| \|W_k\|} = \frac{4c_1(k)}{1 - c'_1(k) \text{cond}_2 C u} \bar{u}$, where $c_1(k)$ and $c'_1(k)$ are linear functions in k . In this talk we show how we improve the bound $\frac{4c_1(k)}{1 - c'_1(k) \text{cond}_2 C u} \bar{u}$ and use it to prove the convergence of the error matrix $-E_k$ to zero as $k \rightarrow \infty$ in the equation $C(W_0 + \dots + W_k) = U - CE_k$. (Received September 22, 2010)