

Norm of a finite square matrix

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Let $B \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$. Then let

$$A = B^* B \text{ where } B^* = \overline{B}^t$$

Then

$$A^* = (B^* B)^* = B^* (B^*)^* = B^* B = A$$

So A is self adjoint.

By a Theorem from 1st year (why is this true):

There exists $K \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ with $K K^* = I$ and

$$K A K^{-1} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n).$$

Proposition (a) $\|A\| = \|K A K^{-1}\|$

(b) If λ is the largest eigenvalue of A then $\|A\| = \sqrt{\lambda}$.

Proof (1) If $x \in V$ then, since $K^* K = I$ (K is unitary)

$$\|Kx\|^2 = \langle Kx, Kx \rangle = \langle x, K^* Kx \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle = \|x\|^2.$$

$$\text{So } \|Kx\| = \|x\|$$

(2) If $x \in V$ then

$$\|K A K^{-1} x\| = \|A K^{-1} x\| \leq \|A\| \|K^{-1} x\| = \|A\| \|x\|$$

$$\text{So } \|K A K^{-1}\| \leq \|A\|.$$

Since $\|K^{-1} (K A K^{-1}) K\| \leq \|K A K^{-1}\|$ then

$$\|A\| \leq \|K A K^{-1}\|$$

$$\text{So } \|K A K^{-1}\| = \|A\|.$$

(3) If $x \in V$ and $Ax = \lambda x$ then

$$\|Bx\|^2 = \langle Bx, Bx \rangle = \langle x, B^* Bx \rangle = \langle x, \lambda x \rangle = \lambda \|x\|^2$$

Since $\|Bx\|^2 \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ and $\|x\|^2 \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ then $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

and

$$\|Bx\| = \sqrt{\lambda} \|x\|. \quad \text{So } \|B\| \geq \sqrt{\lambda}.$$

(4) If $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ is a basis of eigenvectors of A and

$$x = x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n$$

is a vector in V then

$$\|Bx\|^2 = \langle Bx, Bx \rangle = \langle x, B^* Bx \rangle$$

$$= \langle x, A(x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n) \rangle$$

$$= \langle x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n, x_1 \lambda_1 a_1 + \dots + x_n \lambda_n a_n \rangle$$

$$= \lambda_1 |x_1|^2 + \lambda_2 |x_2|^2 + \dots + \lambda_n |x_n|^2$$

$$\leq \max\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\} (|x_1|^2 + \dots + |x_n|^2)$$

$$= \max\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\} \langle x, x \rangle$$

$$= \max\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\} \|x\|^2 = \gamma \|x\|^2.$$

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Fredholm's Theorem Let H be a Hilbert space and let $T: H \rightarrow H$ be a compact linear operator.

Then

$\lambda - K$ is injective if and only if $\lambda - K$ is surjective.

Theorem 13.3 Let H be a Hilbert space and let $T: H \rightarrow H$ be a bounded self adjoint operator.

Let

$$m = \inf \{ \langle Tu, u \rangle \mid \|u\|=1 \}$$

$$M = \sup \{ \langle Tu, u \rangle \mid \|u\|=1 \}.$$

Then $\|T\| = \max \{ -m, M \}.$

Proof Assume $|m| \leq M$ (otherwise replace T by $-T$).

To show: (a) $\|T\| \geq M$

(b) $\|T\| \leq M.$

(a) Assume $u \in H$ and $\|u\|=1$. Then, by Cauchy-Schwarz,

$$|\langle Tu, u \rangle| \leq \|Tu\| \|u\| \leq \|T\| \|u\| \|u\| = \|T\|.$$

So $M \leq \|T\|.$

Proposition Let H be a Hilbert space and let $T: H \rightarrow H$ be a bounded self adjoint operator.

Let $M = \|T\|$. Then

$M - \|T\|$ is not invertible.

Proof Since $M = \sup \{ \langle Tu, u \rangle \mid \|u\| = 1 \}$, let $u_n \in H$ with $\|u_n\| = 1$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Tu_n, u_n \rangle = M.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tu_n - Mu_n\|^2 &= \langle Tu_n - Mu_n, Tu_n - Mu_n \rangle \\ &= \langle Tu_n, Tu_n \rangle - 2 \langle Tu_n, u_n \rangle M + M^2 \langle u_n, u_n \rangle \\ &= \|Tu_n\|^2 - 2M \langle Tu_n, u_n \rangle + M^2 \\ &\leq \|T\|^2 - 2M \langle Tu_n, u_n \rangle + M^2 \\ &= 2M^2 - 2M \langle Tu_n, u_n \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since the right hand side approaches 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$ then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Tu_n - Mu_n\|^2 = 0.$$

So $T - M$ is not invertible.

Theorem Let H be a Hilbert space and let

$T: H \rightarrow H$ be a compact selfadjoint operator.

Let $M = \|T\|$. Then there exists an eigenvector y of T with eigenvalue M .

Proof Let $u_n \in H$ with $\|u_n\| = 1$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Tu_n, u_n \rangle = M$$

Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Tu_n - Mu_n\|^2 = 0$.

Let y be a cluster point of $Tu_1, Tu_2, \dots$

Then $Tu_{n_k}, Tu_{n_{k+1}}, \dots$ converges to y , so

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|Tu_{n_k} - y\| = 0$$

Then $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y - Mu_{n_k}\| \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y - Tu_{n_k}\| + \|Tu_{n_k} - Mu_{n_k}\|$
 $= 0 + 0 = 0$.

$$\text{So } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Mu_{n_k} = y.$$

$$\text{So } \|y\| = M \text{ and } y \neq 0$$

$$\text{and } \|Ty - My\| = 0 \text{ so that } Ty = My.$$