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Cauchy–Schwarz inequality: $|x^*y| \le ||x||_2 ||y||_2$.

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The sequence $\{v^{(k)}\}$ of vectors in \mathbb{C}^n converges to $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ with respect to $\|\cdot\|$ iff $\lim_{k\to\infty} \|v^{(k)} - v\| = 0$.

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Matrix norms subordinate to vector norms:

$$||A|| := \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{||Ax||}{||x||}.$$

• matrix *p*-norm: induced by the vector *p*-norm: $||A||_p := \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{||Ax||_p}{||x||_p}.$

Matrix *p*-norms

Theorem (Thm. 1)

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$. Then

$$\begin{split} \|A\|_{1} &= \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_{1}}{\|x\|_{1}} = \max_{1 \le j \le n} \sum_{i=1}^{m} |a_{ij}|, \quad \text{``max column sum",} \\ \|A\|_{\infty} &= \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_{\infty}}{\|x\|_{\infty}} = \max_{1 \le i \le m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_{ij}| = \|A^{T}\|_{1}, \text{``max row sum",} \\ \|A\|_{2} &= \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_{2}}{\|x\|_{2}} = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^{*}A)}, \quad \text{spectral norm,} \end{split}$$

where λ_{max} denotes the largest eigenvalue.

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The "mixed" norm

$$\|A\|_{1,\infty} := \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_1}{\|x\|_\infty} = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$$

is a matrix norm but is not consistent. If $A = B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ then $\|AB\|_{1,\infty} = 2 > \|A\|_{1,\infty} \|B\|_{1,\infty} = 1 \times 1 = 1$.

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For a general, nonsingular similarity transformation

$$X(A+E)X^{-1}=XAX^{-1}+G,$$

 $||G||_2 = ||XEX^{-1}||_2 \le \kappa_2(X) ||E||_2$, where $\kappa_2(X) = ||X||_2 ||X^{-1}||_2$ is the **condition number** of *X* and can be arbitrarily large.



Semyon Aranovich Gershgorin (1901–1933)

Theorem (Thm. 4, Gershgorin (1931))

The eigenvalues of $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ lie in the union of the n discs in the complex plane

$$D_i = \Big\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - a_{ii}| \leq \sum_{j=1 \atop j \neq i}^n |a_{ij}| \Big\}, \qquad i = 1, \ldots, n.$$

Example

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 10 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$. What can be said about the location of *A*'s eigenvalues?