

Assignment 23

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The link to the solution is

<https://github.com/Adarsh1310/EE5609>

Abstract—This documents solves a problem based on Lagrange Interpolation

1 PROBLEM

Let \mathbf{A} be an $n \times n$ self-adjoint matrix with eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. Let,

$$\|\mathbf{X}\|_2 = \sqrt{|\mathbf{X}_1|^2 + \dots + |\mathbf{X}_n|^2}$$

for $\mathbf{X}=(\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$. If

$$p(\mathbf{A}) = a_0\mathbf{I} + a_1\mathbf{A} + \dots + a_n\mathbf{A}^n$$

then $\sup_{\|\mathbf{X}\|_2=1} \|p(\mathbf{A})\|_2$ is equal to

2 SOLUTION

We know that \mathbf{A} is a self adjoint matrix and hence $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^*$ with eigen values $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$. Now as we are given,

$$p(\mathbf{A}) = a_0\mathbf{I} + a_1\mathbf{A} + \dots + a_n\mathbf{A}^n \quad (2.0.1)$$

then,

$$(p(\mathbf{A}))^* = a_0\mathbf{I}^* + a_1\mathbf{A}^* + \dots + a_n(\mathbf{A}^*)^n \quad (2.0.2)$$

Since, $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^*$ we can state that,

$$p(\mathbf{A})(p(\mathbf{A}))^* = p((\mathbf{A}))^*p(\mathbf{A}) \quad (2.0.3)$$

Hence $p(\mathbf{A})$ is a normal matrix. Now using spectral theorem for a normal matrix,

$$\|p(\mathbf{A})\|_2 = \rho(p(\mathbf{A})) \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$= \max\{|\alpha| : \alpha \text{ is the eigen value of } p(\mathbf{A})\} \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$= \max\{|p(\lambda_j)| : j = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$= \max\{|a_0 + a_1\lambda_j + \dots + a_n\lambda_j^n| : j = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \quad (2.0.7)$$