

Lidskii's Theorem

A beautiful result for finite dimensions ...

Theorem

Let X be a Hilbert space and $A \in L(X)$ be a trace-class operator with eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$. Then

$$\text{Tr } A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n.$$

... extended to infinite dimensions.

Reference

For $\dim X < \infty$ i.e. $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ with eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ we know

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = \lambda^n - \text{tr } A \cdot \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + (-1)^n \det A = (\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_n)$$

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Generalized Eigenspaces

Theorem (c.f. Werner)

Let X be a Banach space, $A \in K(X)$, $0 \neq \lambda \in \sigma(A)$.

Then $\exists N = N(\lambda), R = R(\lambda)$ subspaces of X with

- a) $\dim N < \infty$
- b) $X = N \oplus R$
- c) $A(N) \subset N, A(R) \subset R$
- d) $\lambda \in \sigma(A|N), \lambda \notin \sigma(A|R)$.

Idea

Use a concept from linear algebra (Jordan canonical form):

$$S = \lambda I - A$$

$$N_0 = \{0\}, N_m = \ker S^m$$

$$R_0 = X, R_m = \text{ran } S^m$$

Lemma

$$\dim N_m < \infty \quad \forall m$$

proof

$$S^m = (\lambda I - A)^m$$

$$= \lambda^m (I - \frac{1}{\lambda} A)^m$$

$$= \lambda^m \left(I - \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^m \binom{m}{k} \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^k A^k}_{\text{compact}} \right)$$

Riesz-Schauder $\Rightarrow \dim N_m < \infty$ and N_m, R_m closed.

$$S = \lambda I - A$$

$$N_0 = \{0\}, \quad N_m = \ker S^m$$

$$R_0 = X, \quad R_m = \text{ran } S^m$$

Lemma

$$\exists p \in \mathbb{N} : N_p = N_{p+1} = N_{p+2} = \dots$$

$$\exists q \in \mathbb{N} : R_q = R_{q+1} = R_{q+2} = \dots$$

proof

For contradiction, assume $N_0 \subsetneq N_1 \subsetneq N_2 \subsetneq \dots$.

$$R_0 \supsetneq R_1 \supsetneq R_2 \supsetneq \dots$$

Fischer-Riesz gives us

$$(x_n)_n : \|x_n\|=1, d(x_n, N_m) > \frac{1}{2} \quad \forall n > m.$$

$$(x_n)_n : \|x_n\|=1, d(x_n, R_m) > \frac{1}{2} \quad \forall n < m.$$

But then

$$\|Ax_m - Ax_n\| = \left\| \underbrace{Ax_m - Ax_n}_{Sx_m \in N_m} + \underbrace{Ax_n}_{N_m} - \underbrace{Ax_n + Ax_n - Ax_n}_{-Sx_n \in N_{n-1}} - \underbrace{Ax_n}_{N_n} \right\| > \frac{1}{2}.$$

$m < n \Rightarrow N_m \subset N_{n-1}$

$$\|Ax_m - Ax_n\| = \left\| \underbrace{Ax_m - Ax_n}_{Sx_m \in R_{m+1}} + \underbrace{Ax_n}_{R_m} - \underbrace{Ax_n + Ax_n - Ax_n}_{-Sx_n \in R_{n+1}} - \underbrace{Ax_n}_{R_n} \right\| > \frac{1}{2}.$$

$n < m \Rightarrow R_m \subset R_n$

\Rightarrow No convergent subseq. of $(Ax_n)_n$ $\xrightarrow{\text{?}} \text{to compactness}$

Hence

$$\exists p : N_p = N_{p+1}. \text{ For } x \in N_{p+2},$$

$$\exists q : R_q = R_{q+1}. \text{ For } x \in R_{q+2},$$

$$S = \lambda I - A$$

$$N_0 = \{0\}, \quad N_m = \ker S^m$$

$$R_0 = X, \quad R_m = \text{ran } S^m$$

$$\begin{aligned} Sx \in N_{p+1} = N_p &\Rightarrow 0 = S^p(Sx) = S^{p+1}x \\ &\Rightarrow x \in N_{p+1} \leftarrow N_{p+1} = \ker S^{p+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\exists y \in X : S^{q+2}y = x \Rightarrow x = S^{q+1}Sy \in R_{q+1} = R_q$$

$$\text{so } N_{p+2} = N_{p+1}. \text{ Analogously } N_{p+2} = N_{p+3} = \dots.$$

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We can now write $r = \max\{p, q\}$,

$$N = N_r, \quad R = R_r.$$

Then a) follows from

Riesz-Schauder and b), c), d)
are (essentially) finite-dimensional
linear algebra.

For X as a Hilbert space we can
define

$$P_\lambda : X \rightarrow N$$

the orthogonal projection into N .

$$S = \lambda I - A$$

$$N_0 = \{0\}, \quad N_m = \ker S^m$$

$$R_0 = X, \quad R_m = \text{ran } S^m$$

Lemma
 $N \cap R = \{0\}$

proof

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } u \in N \cap R. \quad \xrightarrow{\text{u} \in R} \\ & \Rightarrow u = S^r y \text{ for some } y \in X \\ & \Rightarrow u = S^r u = S^{r+r} y \\ & \in N_r \quad N_r = N_{r+1} = N_{r+2} = \dots \\ & \Rightarrow y \in N_{r+1} = N_r \quad \xrightarrow{\text{u}} \\ & \Rightarrow u = S^r y = u. \quad \xrightarrow{\text{u}} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma
 $A(N) \subset A(R) \subset R$

proof

$$\begin{aligned} S(N_r) &= (\lambda I - A)(N_r) \subset N_{r+1} \subset N_r \quad \xrightarrow{N_0 \subset N_1 \subset \dots} \\ S(R_r) &= (\lambda I - A)(R_r) \subset R_{r+1} = R_r \quad \xrightarrow{A(N_r) \subset N_r} \\ &\quad \xrightarrow{A(R_r) \subset R_r} \end{aligned}$$

$\because \lambda I \text{ keeps all subspaces invariant}$

Lemma
 $I \circ \sigma(A|N), \quad \lambda I \circ \sigma(A|R)$

proof

By construction $E_\lambda = \bigcup_m \ker S^m \subset N$ and
 N, R are invariant.

Lemma
 $X = N \oplus R$

proof

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{For } x \in X, \quad \xrightarrow{R = R_m + R_{m+1} + \dots} \\ & \quad \xrightarrow{S^r x \in R_m = R_{m+1}} \\ & \quad \Rightarrow \exists y \in X : S^r x = S^{2r} y. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \quad \xrightarrow{S^r(x - S^r y) = 0} \\ & x = (x - S^r y) + S^r y \in N \oplus R. \end{aligned}$$

A Singular Value Inequality

We will always assume X is a Hilbert space with inner product (\cdot, \cdot) , and $A \in L(X)$ is trace-class.

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ (resp. s_1, s_2, \dots) are the eigenvalues (resp. singular values) of A in descending order

$$Av_j = \lambda_j v_j, \quad |\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots, \quad s_1 \geq s_2 \geq \dots .$$

A can be decomposed as $A = U|A|$ where U is unitary and $|A|$ is positive and self-adjoint.

Spectral theory \Rightarrow ONB of $\overline{\text{ran } A}$ $\{z_j\}_j$ with $|A|z_j = s_j z_j$.

If X is separable, write $w_j = Uz_j$

$$\Rightarrow A = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} s_j (\cdot, z_j) w_j .$$

"singular value decomposition"

Theorem (Loeser - Schur - Weyl)

For any $N \in \mathbb{N}$, $\prod_{j=1}^N |\lambda_j| \leq \prod_{j=1}^N s_j$.

proof

Consider

$$E_N = \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_N\},$$

$P_N : X \rightarrow E_N$ on projection,

$$A_N := A|_{E_N} : E_N \rightarrow E_N. \quad \text{finite-dimensional matrix!}$$

$$\text{Then } A_N = \cup_N |A_N|.$$

$$\xrightarrow[\text{unitary}]{} \det A_N = \det |A_N| \xrightarrow[\text{finite dims}]{} \prod_{j=1}^N \lambda_j(A_N) = \prod_{j=1}^N s_j(A_N). \quad \lambda_j(|B|) = s_j(B)$$

$$\text{We have } AP_N|_{E_N} = A_N, \quad AP_N|_{E_N^\perp} = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_j(A_N) = \lambda_j(AP_N), \quad s_j(A_N) = s_j(AP_N) \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, N.$$

$$\text{But clearly } s_j(AP_N) \leq s_j(A).$$

Corollary

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} s_j$$

Operator Determinants (Preview)

Many definitions:

Fredholm

$$\det(I + zA) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 + zd_j)$$

Gohberg - Krein

$$\det(I + zA) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k \cdot \text{Tr } \Lambda^k(A)$$

Dunford - Schwarz

$$\det(I + \mu A) = \exp \circ \text{Tr} \circ \log (I + \mu A)$$

for $|\mu| \ll 1$ + analytic continuation

Lidskii's theorem will show
they are all equivalent!

Antisymmetric Tensor Products

Definition

For $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$, let $(x_1 \otimes x_2 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n) : X \times X \times \dots \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the multilinear map

$$x_1 \otimes x_2 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n : (y_1, \dots, y_n) \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^n (x_i, y_i).$$

The span of such $(x_1 \otimes x_2 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n)$'s can be given an inner product

$$\langle x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n, y_1 \otimes \dots \otimes y_n \rangle = \prod_{i=1}^n (x_i, y_i).$$

The (metric) completion of this span is a Hilbert space, denoted $X \otimes \dots \otimes X$.

In general, If
 $U = \text{span } B_U$, $W = \text{span } B_W$,
 $U \otimes W$ is spanned by the maps
 $B_U \times B_W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which have
finitely many nonzero values.
- But that's precisely
 $\{(x, y) \mapsto \langle x, u \rangle \cdot \langle y, w \rangle \mid u \in B_U, w \in B_W\}$

Example

$X = L^2(I)$, $I = [-1, 1]$. What is $X \otimes X$?

$$f \otimes g : (\phi, \psi) \mapsto \langle f, \phi \rangle_{L^2(I)} \cdot \langle g, \psi \rangle_{L^2(I)}$$

$$= \int_I \overline{f(x)} \phi(x) dx \int_I \overline{g(y)} \psi(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{I^2} \underbrace{\overline{f(x)g(y)}}_{=: u(x,y)} \underbrace{\phi(x)\psi(y)}_{=: v(x,y)} d(x,y)$$

$$= \langle u, v \rangle_{L^2(I^2)}$$

$\Rightarrow f \otimes g \mapsto u$ induces an isometric isomorphism $X \otimes X \cong L^2(I^2)$.

{ only "induces" an iso since product-type functions do not form all of $L^2(I^2)$: only the closure!

Definition

Operators $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in L(X)$ induce a map $X \otimes \dots \otimes X \rightarrow$

$$(A_1 \otimes \dots \otimes A_n)(\ell) : (y_1, \dots, y_n) \xrightarrow{X \otimes \dots \otimes X} \ell(A_1^* y_1, \dots, A_n^* y_n)$$

which obeys

$$(A_1 \otimes \dots \otimes A_n)(x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n) = (A_1 x_1) \otimes \dots \otimes (A_n x_n).$$

In general: $A_1 \otimes A_2$ is the unique linear map that satisfies $(A_1 \otimes A_2)(x \otimes y) = A_1 x \otimes A_2 y$. The universal property of the tensor product yields uniqueness.

Write $\Lambda^n(A) = A \otimes \dots \otimes A$. Directly from the definition we have $\Lambda^n(AB) = \Lambda^n(A)\Lambda^n(B)$.

If $\{e_i\}_i$ is an orthonormal basis (ONB) of X , then $\{e_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{i_n}\}_{i_1 < \dots < i_n}$ is an ONB of $X \otimes \dots \otimes X$.

Definition

$$\text{Def } x \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{\pi \in S_n} (-1)^{\text{sign of the permutation}} x_{\pi(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\pi(n)}.$$

"antisymmetrization"

$\{ \text{symmetric group on } \{1, \dots, n\} \}$

$$\Lambda^n(X) := \overline{\text{span}} \{ x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n : x_1, \dots, x_n \in X \}. \leftarrow \text{"exterior algebra"}$$

Again, an ONB $\{e_i\}_i$ induces an ONB $\{e_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{i_n}\}_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_n}$ of $\Lambda^n(X)$. $\Lambda^0(X) := \mathbb{C}$.

We have

$$\langle x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n, y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_n \rangle = \det((x_i, y_j)_{i,j=1,\dots,n}).$$

Example

If $\dim X = d < \infty$, then $\Lambda^d(X) = \mathbb{C}$:

$\{e_1, \dots, e_d\}$ ONB of X

$\Rightarrow e_1 \wedge \dots \wedge e_d$ is the only element of the basis of $\Lambda^d(X)$.

Further,

$$\text{Tr}(\Lambda^d(A))$$

$$= \langle \Lambda^d(A)(e_1 \wedge \dots \wedge e_d), (e_1 \wedge \dots \wedge e_d) \rangle$$

$$= \det((Ae_i, e_j)_{i,j=1,\dots,d})$$

$$= \det A.$$

Combined with $\Lambda^d(AB) = \Lambda^d(A)\Lambda^d(B)$, this creates a simple proof that $\det AB = \det A \cdot \det B$.

Operator Determinants

Motivation

For $\dim X = d < \infty$,

$$\sigma(A) = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N\} \rightarrow \sigma(\Lambda^k(A)) = \{\lambda_{i_1} \cdot \dots \cdot \lambda_{i_k}\}_{i_1 < \dots < i_k}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^N \text{Tr } \Lambda^k(A) = \sum_{k=0}^N \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_k} \lambda_{i_1} \cdot \dots \cdot \lambda_{i_k} = \prod_{n=1}^N (1 + \lambda_n)$$

Definition

For a trace-class $A \in K(X)$ in a Hilbert space X ,

$$\det(I + zA) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k \cdot \text{Tr } \Lambda^k(A)$$

Theorem

$\Lambda^k(A)$ is trace-class in $\Lambda^k(X)$ with

$$\|\Lambda^k(A)\|_{\text{Tr}} \leq \frac{\|A\|_{\text{Tr}}^k}{k!}.$$

In particular, $\det(I + zA)$ is well-defined.

proof

A calculation shows $|\Lambda^k(A)| = \Lambda^k(|A|)$ so that $\Lambda^k(A)$ has singular values $s_{l_1} \cdots s_{l_k}$ for $l_1 < \dots < l_k$.

$$\Rightarrow \|\Lambda^k(A)\|_{\text{Tr}} = \sum_{l_1 < \dots < l_k} s_{l_1} \cdots s_{l_k}.$$

But

$$\|A\|_{\text{Tr}}^k = \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} s_j \right)^k = k! \sum_{l_1 < \dots < l_k} s_{l_1} \cdots s_{l_k} + [\dots].$$

Cauchy product

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RTP: } |\Lambda^k(A)| &= \Lambda^k(|A|) \\ |A\Lambda^k(A)| &\Rightarrow |\Lambda^k(A)|^2 \text{ or } |\Lambda^k(A)| = \Lambda^k(A) \Lambda^k(A) \\ |\Lambda^k(A)| &= \Lambda^k(A) \\ &= (\Delta^k(\Lambda)) \otimes \dots \otimes (\Delta^k(\Lambda)) \otimes \dots \otimes (\Delta^k(\Lambda)) \\ &= ((A \#) \otimes \dots \otimes (A \#), (A \#) \otimes \dots \otimes (A \#)) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^k (A \#) \otimes (A \#) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^k (A \# A \#) \\ &= (\Delta(A) \# \Delta(A)) \otimes \dots \otimes (\Delta(A) \# \Delta(A)) \end{aligned}$$

rest terms

Properties of the Determinant

Ideally we would want

$$\det(I + zA) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 + \lambda_j z).$$

How best to show this?

Lemma

Let f be an entire function with $f(0) = 1$.

Write $f^{-1}(0) = \{z_1, z_2, \dots\}$.

Suppose $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |z_n|^{-1} < \infty$ and

zeros "run away"

bounded by exponentials

$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \exists C > 0 : |f(z)| \leq C \exp(\varepsilon |z|) \ \forall z.$

Then

$$f(z) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z}{z_n}\right).$$

We need to show:

a) $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists C > 0 : |\det(I + zA)| \leq C \exp(|z| \epsilon) \quad \forall z,$

b) Eigenvalues λ_j are precisely zeros $z_j = -\frac{1}{\lambda_j}$ of $\det(I + zA)$.

proof of a)

Let $\epsilon > 0$. choose $N \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} s_j \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\det(I + zA)| &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |z|^k \|A^k(A)\|_{T_F} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{1 \leq \dots \leq N+k} |z|^k s_1 \cdots s_{N+k} \\ &\leq \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 + |z| s_j) \\ &= \underbrace{\prod_{j=1}^N (1 + |z| s_j)}_{\text{const.}} \underbrace{\prod_{j=N+1}^{\infty} (1 + |z| s_j)}_{(*)} \\ &\leq \text{const.} \cdot \exp(|z| \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma

$A \mapsto \det(I+A)$ is continuous in the trace-class.

proof

Let A, B be trace-class.

Consider $g(z) = \det(I + \frac{1}{2}(A+B) + z(A-B))$. g is analytic.

given by a
power series

$$|\det(I+A) - \det(I+B)|$$

$$= |g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - g\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)| \quad) \text{ mean value theorem}$$

$$\leq \sup_{-\frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}} |g'(t)| \quad) \text{ Cauchy integral theorem}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{R} \cdot \underbrace{\sup_{|z| \leq R + \frac{1}{2}} |g(z)|}_{\circ} \quad) \text{ choose } R = \frac{1}{\|A-B\|_{T_p}}$$

$$\leq \|A-B\|_{T_p} \cdot \text{const}$$

Corollary

$$\leftarrow (I+A)(I+B)$$

$$\det(I+A+B+AB) = \det(I+A)\det(I+B) \quad (*)$$

proof

Let $(A_n)_n \rightarrow A$, $(B_n)_n \rightarrow B$ in $\mathcal{L}(H_F)$, $\dim \text{ran } A_n = \dim \text{ran } B_n < \infty$.
Then $(*)$ for A_n, B_n is just finite-dimensional determinants.
 $\det(I+\cdot)$ is continuous.

→ given by truncated SVD

Corollary

If $I+A$ is invertible, $\det(I+A) \neq 0$.

proof

Let $B = -A(I+A)^{-1}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} I+A - A(I+A)^{-1} - AA(I+A)^{-1} \\ = I+A - A(I+A)(I+A)^{-1} \\ = I \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(I+A)\det(I+B) = \det(I+A+B+AB) = \det I = 1.$$

Theorem

Let λ be an eigenvalue of A with (algebraic) multiplicity n .
Then $\det(I + zA)$ has a root of order n at $z_0 = -\frac{1}{\lambda}$.

proof

Recall $P_\lambda : X \rightarrow N$ from theorem 1. We have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{P_\lambda} & N \\ (I - P_\lambda)AP_\lambda & \downarrow & \downarrow A \\ 0 & \xleftarrow{I - P_\lambda} & N \end{array}$$

$\neq 0$ since $\lambda \notin \sigma(A | \mathbb{R})$

$I + zA$
 $= I + zA + zAP - zAP$
 $= I + zA(I - P) + zAP$
 $= I + zA(I - P) + zAP + zA(I - P)AP$

$\Rightarrow \det(I + zA) = \underbrace{\det(I + zAP_\lambda)}_{= (1 - z_0^{-1}z)^\lambda} \underbrace{\det(I + zA(I - P_\lambda))}_{\text{finite-dimensional determinant}}.$

Now we can put it all together...

Theorem

$$\det(I + zA) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 + z\lambda_j)$$

proof

Let $f(z) = \det(I + zA)$. f has zeros $z_j = -\frac{1}{\lambda_j}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots$.

Clearly, $f(0) = 1$.

Lalesco-Schur-Weyl $\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |z_j|^{-1} < \infty$. checked earlier

$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists C > 0 : |\det(I + zA)| \leq C \exp(\epsilon |z|) \quad \forall z$.

\Rightarrow The expansion $f(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 - \frac{z}{z_j}) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 + \lambda_j z)$ is valid.

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Corollary

$$\text{Tr } A = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j.$$

proof

$$\lambda'(A) = A$$

$$\det(I + zA) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k \text{Tr } \lambda^k(A) = 1 + z \text{Tr } A + O(z^2)$$

$$\det(I + zA) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 + \lambda_j z) = 1 + z \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \right) + O(z^2)$$

Proof by comparing coefficients.