

Problem Set #3, Spectral Theory

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Exercise 4.2

Observe that we can write any element of $L^2([0, 1]; \mathbb{R})$ as $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$, and thus can represent $p(x)$ by the vector $[a_0, a_1, a_2]$. Then, the derivative operator can be written as,

$$D[p](x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = a_1 + 2a_2x \quad (1)$$

Then, the characteristic polynomial of $D[p](x)$ is given by,

$$\det(\lambda I - D[p](x)) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^3 \quad (2)$$

Therefore, $D[p](x)$ has one eigenvalue $\lambda = 0$, which has an algebraic multiplicity of 3. To find the eigenspace, observe that an eigenvalue must have $a_1 = a_2 = 0$, but a_0 is free to be anything. Therefore, the eigenspace is simply the span of $[1, 0, 0]$. This has a geometric multiplicity of 1.

Exercise 4.4

Claim 1. An Hermitian 2x2 matrix has only real eigenvalues.

Proof. Let $A \in M_2(\mathbb{F})$ be an Hermitian 2x2 matrix. By definition, $A^H = A$. This leads to a restriction on the entries of A . By inspection, we find that A must take the form,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & c + di \\ c - di & b \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$. That is, the diagonal elements of A must be real, and the off-diagonal elements of A must be the complex conjugate of each other. Next, recall that the characteristic polynomial of any 2x2 matrix is the form $p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - \text{tr}(A)\lambda + \det(A)$. Thus, the characteristic polynomial of A is,

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - (a + b)\lambda + (ab - (c^2 + d^2)) \quad (4)$$

Equation (4) is a quadratic equation in λ , and therefore has real roots if and only if the discriminant is positive. That is, if $(a + b)^2 - 4(ab - (c^2 + d^2))$ is positive. However,

$$(a + b)^2 - 4(ab - (c^2 + d^2)) = (a - b)^2 + 4(c^2 + d^2) \quad (5)$$

Observe that the expression in (5) is a sum of squares and therefore always positive. Thus, the characteristic polynomial of A has real roots. Therefore, A has real eigenvalues. Our choice of A represented an arbitrary Hermitian 2x2 matrix, so that an Hermitian 2x2 matrix has only real eigenvalues. \square

Claim 2. A skew-Hermitian 2x2 matrix only has imaginary eigenvalues.

Proof. Let $A \in M_2(\mathbb{F})$ be a skew-Hermitian 2x2 matrix. By definition, $A^H = -A$. This leads to a restriction on the entries of A . By inspection, we find that A must take the form,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} ai & c + di \\ -c + di & bi \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$. The characteristic polynomial of A is,

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - i(a + b)\lambda - ab + c^2 + d^2 \quad (7)$$

This equation is quadratic in λ , and therefore has imaginary roots if and only if the discriminant is negative. The discriminant of this quadratic equation is,

$$(-i(a + b))^2 - 4(ab + c^2 + d^2) = -(a - b)^2 - 4c^2 - 4d^2 \quad (8)$$

Observe that the above equation is a difference of squares, and therefore is weakly negative. Then, the characteristic polynomial will have imaginary roots so that all eigenvalues of A are imaginary. Our choice of A represented an arbitrary skew-Hermitian 2x2 matrix, so that a skew-Hermitian 2x2 matrix has only imaginary eigenvalues. \square

Exercise 4.6

Claim 3. The diagonal entries of an upper-triangular (or lower-triangular matrix) are its eigenvalues.

Proof. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ be an upper-triangular matrix. Fix $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Observe that $\lambda I - A$ is also an upper-triangular matrix. Recall that the determinant of an upper-triangular matrix is the product of the elements on the diagonal. Therefore, we find the characteristic polynomial of A is,

$$p(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A) = \prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda - a_{ii}) \quad (9)$$

The roots of this equation are precisely the diagonal elements of A , so that the diagonal entries of an upper-triangular are its eigenvalues. The proof is analogous for a lower-diagonal matrix since the determinant of a lower-diagonal matrix is also the product of its diagonal elements. \square

Exercise 4.8

Part (i) Let V be the span of the set $S = \{\sin(x), \cos(x), \sin(2x), \cos(2x)\}$ in the vector space $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{R})$.

Claim 4. S is a basis for V .

Proof. Clearly, by the definition of V , S spans V . Therefore, we must show that S is linearly independent. For the sake of contradiction, assume that S is linearly dependent. Then, there exist $a, b, c, d, \in \mathbb{R}$ not all zero such that $a \sin(x) + b \cos(x) + c \sin(2x) + d \cos(2x) = 0$ for all x . Now, let us consider special cases of this condition to pin down the values of the constants. First, suppose $x = 0$. Then, we find that $b + d = 0$. Next, suppose $x = \pi$. Then, we find that $-b + d = 0$. These two equations imply that $b = d = 0$. Now, consider $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$. This implies that $a = 0$. Next, suppose that $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$. This in turn implies that $d = 0$. Therefore, we have arrived at a contradiction, and it must be that S is indeed a linearly independent set. Therefore, S is a basis for V . \square

Part (ii) Let D be the derivative operator. Since S is a basis for V , we may write any element of V as a linearly combination of the elements of S . We order the space as follows: $v(x) = a \sin(x) + b \cos(x) + c \sin(2x) + d \cos(2x)$. Then,

$$D[v](x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = a \cos(x) - b \sin(x) + 2c \cos(2x) - 2d \sin(2x) \quad (10)$$

Part (iii) Consider the subspaces $U = \{\sin(x), \cos(x)\}$ and $V = \{\sin(2x), \cos(2x)\}$. We show that these are two complementary D -invariant subspaces in V . Consider $u(x) = a \sin(x) + b \cos(x)$. Then, $D[u](x) = a \cos(x) - b \sin(x) \in U$. Similarly, consider $v(x) = a \sin(2x) + b \cos(2x)$. Then, $D[v](x) = 2a \cos(2x) - 2b \sin(2x) \in V$. Therefore, U and V are D -invariant. Clearly, U and V are complementary.

Exercise 4.13

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} .8 & .4 \\ .2 & .6 \end{bmatrix}$. The characteristic polynomial of A is $p(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - \frac{2}{5})$. Thus, the eigenvalues are $\lambda = 1, \frac{2}{5}$. By direct computation, the corresponding eigenvectors are $[2, 1]^T$ and $[-1, 1]^T$ respectively. Then, the matrix $P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ causes $P^{-1}AP$ to be diagonal. Indeed, it follows by direct calculation that,

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{5} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} .8 & .4 \\ .2 & .6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = P^{-1}AP \quad (11)$$

Exercise 4.15

Claim 5. If $(\lambda_i)_{i=1}^n$ are the eigenvalues of a semisimple matrix $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ and $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$ is a polynomial, then $(f(\lambda_i))_{i=1}^n$ are the eigenvalues of $f(A) = a_0I + a_1A + \cdots + a_nA^n$.

Proof. Let A be a semisimple matrix, then A is diagonalizable. Thus, $A = PDP^{-1}$, where the columns of P are the eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalues of A

and D is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal elements are the eigenvalues of A . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) &= f(PDP^{-1}) = a_0I + a_1PDP^{-1} + \cdots + a_n(PDP^{-1})^n \\ &= a_0I + a_1PDP^{-1} + \cdots + a_nPD^nP^{-1} \\ &= P(a_0I + a_1D + \cdots + a_nD^n)P^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Let $\hat{D} = a_0I + a_1D + \cdots + a_nD^n$. Thus, $f(A)$ is similar to \hat{D} , so they have the same eigenvalues. The eigenvalues of \hat{D} are $(f(\lambda_i))_{i=1}^n$, the diagonal elements of \hat{D} . Thus, the eigenvalues of $f(A)$ are $(f(\lambda_i))_{i=1}^n$. \square

Exercise 4.16

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} .8 & .4 \\ .2 & .6 \end{bmatrix}$. Let P and D be as in Exercise 4.13.

Part (i)

$$\begin{aligned} A^k &= PD^kP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{5} \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 + .4^k & 2 - 2 * .4^k \\ 1 - .4^k & 1 + 2 * .4^k \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

And,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} PD^nP^{-1} = P \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^n \right) P^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{5} \end{bmatrix} \right) \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$A^k - B = \begin{bmatrix} .4^k & -2 * .4^k \\ -.4^k & 2 * .4^k \end{bmatrix}$$

The 1-norm of a matrix is the largest column sum. Clearly, $A^k - B$ converges with respect to the 1-norm since the columns both sum to 0.

Part (ii) The ∞ -norm of matrix is the largest row sum. However, clearly $-.4^k + 2 * .4^k \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, the same matrix B works. Next,

$$\begin{aligned} \|A^k - B\|_F &= \sqrt{\text{tr} \left(\begin{bmatrix} .4^k & -.4^k \\ -2 * .4^k & 2 * .4^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} .4^k & -2 * .4^k \\ -.4^k & 2 * .4^k \end{bmatrix} \right)} \\ &= \sqrt{\text{tr} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 * .4^{2k} & -4 * .4^{2k} \\ -4 * .4^{2k} & 8 * .4^{2k} \end{bmatrix} \right)} \\ &= \sqrt{10 * .4^{2k}} \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $\sqrt{10 * .4^{2k}}$ goes to 0 as k goes to infinity. Therefore, $\|A^k - B\|_F \rightarrow 0$. Thus, convergence does not appear to depend on the choice of norm.

Part (iii) By Theorem 4.3.12, we know that $(f(\lambda_i))_{i=1}^2$ are the eigenvalues of $f(A) = 3I + 5A + A^3$, where $f(x) = 3 + 5x + x^3$. Therefore, the eigenvalues of $f(A)$ are $f(1) = 9$ and $f(.4) = 5.064$.

Exercise 4.18

Claim 6. If λ is an eigenvalue of $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F}^n)$, then there exists a nonzero row vector x^T such that $x^T A = \lambda x^T$.

Proof. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F}^n)$. First note that A and A^T have the same eigenvalues. Indeed, A and A^T have the same characteristic polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned} p_A(z) &= \det(zI - A) \\ &= \det((zI - A)^T) \\ &= \det(zI - A^T) \\ &= p_{A^T}(z) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if λ is an eigenvalue of A , then λ is an eigenvalue of A^T . Thus, suppose λ is an eigenvalue of A (and hence A^T). Then there exists some nonzero $y \in \mathbb{F}^n$ such that $A^T y = \lambda y$. Taking the transpose of both sides of this equation, observe that $y^T A = \lambda y^T$. Thus, there exists a nonzero row vector y^T such that $y^T A = \lambda y^T$. \square

Exercise 4.20

Claim 7. If A is Hermitian and orthonormally similar to B , then B is also Hermitian.

Proof. Let $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{F}^n)$, A be Hermitian, and A be orthonormally similar to B . Therefore, $A = A^H$ there exists an orthonormal matrix U such that $B = U^H A U$. Consider taking the transpose of each side of this equation. We see that $B^H = (U^H A U)^H = U^H A^H U = U^H A U = B$. Therefore, $B = B^H$, so that B is Hermitian. \square

Exercise 4.24

Claim 8. Given $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}^n)$, define the Rayleigh quotient as

$$\rho(x) = \frac{\langle x, Ax \rangle}{\|x\|^2} \quad (12)$$

The Rayleigh quotient can only take on real values for Hermitian matrices and only imaginary values for skew-Hermitian matrices.

Proof. First, suppose that $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}^n)$ is Hermitian, so that $A^H = A$. Fix $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Then,

$$\langle x, Ax \rangle = x^H Ax = x^H A^H x = (Ax)^H x = \langle Ax, x \rangle = \overline{\langle x, Ax \rangle} \quad (13)$$

Where the second inequality follows because A is Hermitian and the final inequality follows by the conjugate symmetry of the inner product. Therefore, we have that $\langle x, Ax \rangle = \overline{\langle x, Ax \rangle}$. Therefore, $\langle x, Ax \rangle$ must be a real number as it equals its complex conjugate. Also observe that $\|x\|^2$ is by definition a real number. Therefore, $\rho(x) = \frac{\langle x, Ax \rangle}{\|x\|^2}$ can only take on real values when A is Hermitian.

Next, suppose $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}^n)$ is skew-Hermitian, so that $A^H = -A$. Fix $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Then,

$$\langle x, Ax \rangle = x^H Ax = (A^H x)^H x = (-Ax)^H x = -(Ax)^H x = -\langle Ax, x \rangle = -\overline{\langle x, Ax \rangle} \quad (14)$$

Therefore, we have that $\langle x, Ax \rangle = -\overline{\langle x, Ax \rangle}$. However, for this equality to hold, it must be that the real part of this number is 0, or that $\langle x, Ax \rangle$ is imaginary. To see this more clearly, suppose $\langle x, Ax \rangle = a + bi$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Now, $\langle x, Ax \rangle = -\overline{\langle x, Ax \rangle}$ implies that $a + bi = -a + bi$. Matching up the real and imaginary parts implies that $a = -a$, or that $a = 0$. Thus, $\langle x, Ax \rangle$ is imaginary; and therefore, $\rho(x) = \frac{\langle x, Ax \rangle}{\|x\|^2}$ can only take on real values when A is skew-Hermitian. \square

Exercise 4.25

Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}^n)$ be a normal matrix with eigenvalues $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ and corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors $[x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

Claim 9. The identity matrix can be written as $I = x_1 x_1^H + \dots + x_n x_n^H$.

Proof. Let $x_j \in [x_1, \dots, x_n]$. Observe that $(x_1 x_1^H + \dots + x_n x_n^H) x_j = x_j x_j^H x_j = x_j = I x_j$. The second and third equalities follow because $[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is an orthonormal set (so $x_i^H x_j = 0$ for all $i \neq j$ and $x_j^H x_j = 1$). Thus, it follows by the final equality that $x_1 x_1^H + \dots + x_n x_n^H = I$. \square

Claim 10. A can be written as $A = \lambda_1 x_1 x_1^H + \dots + \lambda_n x_n x_n^H$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} A &= AI \\ &= A(x_1 x_1^H + \dots + x_n x_n^H) && \text{(by the above claim)} \\ &= A x_1 x_1^H + \dots + A x_n x_n^H \\ &= \lambda_1 x_1 x_1^H + \dots + \lambda_n x_n x_n^H && \text{(because } A x_i = \lambda_i x_i) \end{aligned}$$

\square

Exercise 4.27

Claim 11. If $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F}^n)$ is positive definite, then all its diagonal entries are real and positive.

Proof. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F}^n)$ be positive definite. By definition, A is Hermitian. Note that all Hermitian matrices must have real elements on the diagonal. This follows because if A is Hermitian, then entry $a_{ii} = \overline{a_{ii}}$, which implies that a_{ii} is real. Thus, positive definite matrices have real diagonal entries.

Now, consider the canonical basis vector e_i (i.e. an $n \times 1$ vector of zeros with a 1 in position i). Let A be written in terms of its columns as $A = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$. Since A is positive definite, we have that,

$$0 < \langle e_i, Ae_i \rangle = e_i^T Ae_i = e_i^T a_i = a_{ii} \quad (15)$$

Therefore, $a_{ii} > 0$ so that the diagonal elements of A are both real and positive. \square

Exercise 4.28

Claim 12. Let $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ be positive semidefinite. Then,

$$0 \leq \text{tr}(AB) \leq \text{tr}(A)\text{tr}(B) \quad (16)$$

Then, $\|\cdot\|_F$ is a matrix norm.

Proof. Since A and B are positive semidefinite matrices, there exist matrices S and T such that $A = S^H S$ and $B = T^H T$. Thus,

$$\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(S^H S T^H T) = \text{tr}(T S^H (T S^H)^H) = \text{tr}((T S^H)^H T S^H). \quad (17)$$

Then, $(T S^H)^H T S^H$ is a positive semidefinite. By Exercise 4.26, we know that positive semidefinite matrices have nonnegative diagonal elements, so the trace is weakly positive. Therefore, $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}((T S^H)^H T S^H) \geq 0$. Next, we diagonalize A and B as $A = P D P^{-1}$ and $B = Q E Q^{-1}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(AB) &= \text{tr}(P D P^{-1} Q E Q^{-1}) \\ &= \text{tr}(P P^{-1} Q D E Q^{-1}) \\ &= \text{tr}(Q Q^{-1} D E) \\ &= \text{tr}(D E) \\ &= \sum_i \lambda_i \mu_i \quad (\text{where } \lambda_i \text{ and } \mu_i \text{ are the eigenvalues of } A \text{ and } B) \\ &\leq \sum_i \lambda_i \sum_i \mu_i \\ &= \text{tr}(A) \text{tr}(B) \end{aligned}$$

We now verify the properties required of a matrix norm.

(Positivity) Note that $\|A\|_F = \text{tr}(A^H A)$. $A^H A$ is a positive semidefinite matrix, so that its diagonal elements are weakly positive, which implies its trace is weakly positive. Thus, $\|A\|_F \geq 0$. Conversely, suppose $\|A\|_F = 0$. Since the diagonal entries of $A^H A$ are weakly positive, it must be that they are all 0 for $\|A\|_F = 0$. This in turn implies that the singular values of A are all 0. Then, it must be that A is the zero matrix.

(Scale preservation) Fix $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Observe that,

$$\|\alpha A\|_F = \sqrt{\text{tr}((\alpha A)^H(\alpha A))} = \sqrt{\alpha^2 \text{tr}(A^H A)} = \alpha \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^H A)} = \alpha \|A\|_F \quad (18)$$

(Triangle Inequality)

$$\|A + B\|_F^2 = \text{tr}((A + B)^H(A + B)) = \text{tr}(A^H A + A^H B + B^H A + B^H B) = \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|A + B\|_F^2 &= \text{tr}((A + B)^H(A + B)) = \text{tr}(A^H A + A^H B + B^H A + B^H B) \\ &= \text{tr}(A^H A) + \text{tr}(A^H B) + \text{tr}(B^H A) + \text{tr}(B^H B) \\ &= \text{tr}(A^H A) + \text{tr}(B^H B) + 2\text{tr}(A^H B) \\ &\leq \|A\|_F^2 + \|B\|_F^2 + 2\|A\|\|B\| \quad (\text{by Cauchy-Schwarz}) \\ &= (\|A\|_F + \|B\|_F)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\|A + B\|_F \leq \|A\|_F + \|B\|_F$.

(Submultiplicativity) This is implied by the inequality $0 \leq \text{tr}(AB) \leq \text{tr}(A)\text{tr}(B)$. Therefore, $\|\cdot\|_F$ is a matrix norm. \square

Exercise 4.31

Let $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$, where A is not identically zero.

Claim 13. $\|A\|_2 = \sigma_1$, where σ_1 is the largest singular value of A .

Proof. Let $A = U\Sigma V^H$ be the singular value decomposition of A .

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\|_2 &= \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \\ &= \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|U\Sigma V^H x\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \\ &= \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|\Sigma V^H x\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \quad (\text{because } U \text{ orthonormal}) \\ &= \sup_{y \neq 0} \frac{\|\Sigma y\|_2}{\|Vy\|_2} \quad (\text{change of variables}) \\ &= \sup_{y \neq 0} \frac{\|\Sigma y\|_2}{\|y\|_2} \quad (\text{because } V \text{ orthonormal}) \\ &= \|\Sigma\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

Observe that Σ is a diagonal matrix, and it is well known that $\|\Sigma\|_2 = \sigma_1$, the largest diagonal element. However, we prove this fact here for completeness.

Lemma 14. Let $B \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ be a diagonal matrix with diagonal entries b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n . Then $\|B\|_2$ is equal to the largest diagonal element.

Proof. We provide a lower and upper bound on $\|B\|_2$, and show that these are both equal to the largest diagonal element of B . Without loss of generality, suppose that b_k is the largest diagonal element.

Upper bound:

$$\begin{aligned}\|B\|_2^2 &= \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Bx\|_2^2}{\|x\|_2^2} \\ &= \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{b_1^2 x_1^2 + \cdots + b_n^2 x_n^2}{x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2} \\ &\leq \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{b_k^2 (x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)}{x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2} \\ &= b_k^2\end{aligned}$$

Lower bound: Let y be a vector of zeros, with a 1 in entry k . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\|B\|_2^2 &= \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Bx\|_2^2}{\|x\|_2^2} \\ &\geq \frac{\|By\|_2^2}{\|y\|_2^2} \\ &= b_k^2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\|B\|_2 = b_k$, the largest diagonal element. □

Therefore, by the above lemma, $\|A\|_2 = \sigma_1$. □

Claim 15. If A is invertible, then $\|A^{-1}\|_2 = \sigma_n^{-1}$.

Proof. Suppose A is invertible, and let $A = U\Sigma V^H$ be the singular value decomposition of A . Then, $A^{-1} = (V^H)^{-1}\Sigma^{-1}U^{-1}$. Observe that this is also a singular value decomposition, because $(V^H)^{-1} = V$ and $U^{-1} = U^H$, because U and V are orthonormal matrices. Note that the largest singular value of Σ^{-1} is now $\frac{1}{\sigma_n}$. Therefore, by the first claim in this problem, we have that $\|A^{-1}\|_2 = \sigma_n^{-1}$. □

Claim 16. $\|A^H\|_2^2 = \|A^T\|_2^2 = \|A^H A\|_2 = \|A\|_2^2$

Proof. Let $A = U\Sigma V^H$ be the singular value decomposition of A . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}A^H &= V\Sigma^H U^H \\ A^T &= \bar{V}\Sigma U^T \\ A^H A &= (V\Sigma^H U^H)(U\Sigma V^H) = V(\Sigma^H \Sigma)V^H\end{aligned}$$

Observe that each of these is also a singular value decomposition. Now, consider the singular values of each of these decompositions. Since the singular values are real numbers, we have that $\Sigma^H = \Sigma$. Therefore, A^H , A^T and A all have the same singular values, and by the first claim in this problem, we have that $\|A^H\|_2^2 = \|A^T\|_2^2 = \|A\|_2^2 = \sigma_1^2$. Next, observe that the diagonal elements of $(\Sigma^H \Sigma)$ are simply the singular values squared. Therefore, $\|A^H A\|_2 = \sigma_1^2$. □

Claim 17. If $U \in M_m(\mathbb{F})$ and $V \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ are orthonormal, then $\|UAV\|_2 = \|A\|_2$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|UAV\|_2 &= \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|UAVx\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \\
&= \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|AVx\|_2}{\|x\|_2} && \text{(because } U \text{ orthonormal)} \\
&= \sup_{y \neq 0} \frac{\|Ay\|_2}{\|Vy\|_2} && \text{(change of variables)} \\
&= \sup_{y \neq 0} \frac{\|Ay\|_2}{\|y\|_2} && \text{(because } V \text{ orthonormal)} \\
&= \|A\|_2
\end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 4.32

Let $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ be of rank r .

Claim 18. If $U \in M_m(\mathbb{F})$ and $V \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ are orthonormal, then $\|UAV\|_F = \|A\|_F$.

Proof. Let $U \in M_m(\mathbb{F})$ and $V \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ be orthonormal. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|UAV\|_F^2 &= \text{tr}((UAV)^H(UAV)) \\
&= \text{tr}(V^H A^H U^H U^H AV) \\
&= \text{tr}(V^H A^H AV) \\
&= \text{tr}(VV^H A^H A) \\
&= \text{tr}(A^H A) \\
&= \|A\|_F^2
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\|UAV\|_F = \|A\|_F$.

□

Claim 19. $\|A\|_F = (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \cdots + \sigma_r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$, where $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_r > 0$ are the singular values of A .

Proof. Let $A = U\Sigma V^H$ be the singular value decomposition of A . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A\|_F &= \|U\Sigma V^H\|_F \\
&= \|\Sigma\|_F && \text{(by the above claim, as } U, V \text{ are orthonormal)} \\
&= (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \cdots + \sigma_r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 4.33

Claim 20. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$. Then,

$$\|A\|_2 = \sup_{\|x\|_2=1, \|y\|_2=1} |y^H Ax| \quad (20)$$

Proof. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$. We showed in Exercise 4.31 (i) that $\|A\|_2 = \|\Sigma\|_2$, where the singular value decomposition is $A = U\Sigma V^H$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\|x\|_2=1, \|y\|_2=1} |y^H \Sigma x| &= \sup_{\|x\|_2=1, \|y\|_2=1} |\langle y, \Sigma x \rangle| \\ &\leq \sup_{\|x\|_2=1, \|y\|_2=1} \|y\|_2 \|\Sigma x\|_2 && \text{(by Cauchy-Schwarz)} \\ &= \sup_{\|x\|_2=1} \|\Sigma x\|_2 \\ &= \|\Sigma\|_2 && \text{(by the definition of the 2-norm and lemma in 4.31)} \\ &= \|A\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 4.36

Consider the matrix,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (21)$$

Then, the singular values of A are $\sigma_1 = 3$ and $\sigma_2 = 2$. However, the eigenvalues of A are -3 and -2 .

Exercise 4.38

Claim 21. If $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$, then the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse of A satisfies the following:

1. $AA^\dagger A = A$.
2. $A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger$.
3. $(AA^\dagger)^H = AA^\dagger$
4. $(A^\dagger A)^H = A^\dagger A$
5. $AA^\dagger = \text{proj}_{\mathcal{R}(A)}$ is the orthogonal projection onto $\mathcal{R}(A)$
6. $A^\dagger A = \text{proj}_{\mathcal{R}(A^H)}$ is the orthogonal projection onto $\mathcal{R}(A^H)$

Proof. Let $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$, and let $A = U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H$ be the compact form of the SVD of A . The Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse of A is $A^\dagger = V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H$.

1. Observe that,

$$\begin{aligned}
AA^\dagger A &= (U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H)(V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H)(U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H) \\
&= U_1 \Sigma_1 (V_1^H V_1) \Sigma_1^{-1} (U_1^H U_1) \Sigma_1 V_1^H \\
&= U_1 \Sigma_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_1 V_1^H \\
&= U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H = A
\end{aligned}$$

where the second line follows because U_1 and V_1 are orthonormal. Therefore, $AA^\dagger A = A$.

2. Observe that,

$$\begin{aligned}
A^\dagger AA^\dagger &= (V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H)(U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H)(V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H) \\
&= V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} (U_1^H U_1) \Sigma_1 (V_1^H V_1) \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H \\
&= V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H \\
&= V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H
\end{aligned}$$

where the second line follows because U_1 and V_1 are orthonormal. Therefore, $A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger$.

3. Observe that,

$$\begin{aligned}
(AA^\dagger)^H &= ((U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H)(V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H))^H \\
&= U_1 (\Sigma_1^{-1})^H V_1^H V_1 \Sigma_1^H U_1^H \\
&= U_1 U_1^H \\
&= U_1 I U_1^H \\
&= U_1 \Sigma_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H \\
&= U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H \\
&= AA^\dagger
\end{aligned}$$

4. Observe that,

$$\begin{aligned}
(A^\dagger A)^H &= ((V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H)(U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H))^H \\
&= V_1 \Sigma_1^H U_1^H U_1 (\Sigma_1^{-1})^H V_1^H \\
&= V_1 V_1^H \\
&= V_1 I V_1^H \\
&= V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_1 V_1^H \\
&= V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H \\
&= A^\dagger A
\end{aligned}$$

5. We need to show that AA^\dagger is indeed a projection and also orthogonal. To show that AA^\dagger is a projection, we must show that $(AA^\dagger)(AA^\dagger) = AA^\dagger$. This easily

follows from (1). Indeed, $(AA^\dagger)(AA^\dagger) = (AA^\dagger A)A^\dagger = AA^\dagger$. Next, write U_1 in terms of its columns as $U_1 = [u_1, \dots, u_r]$. By the SVD, U_1 is an orthonormal basis for $\mathcal{R}(A)$. Then, using (3),

$$\begin{aligned}
AA^\dagger x &= U_1 U_1^H x \\
&= U_1 [u_1^H x, \dots, u_r^H x] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^r u_i^H x u_i \quad (\text{r is the number of singular values of A}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^r \langle u_i, x \rangle u_i \\
&= \text{proj}_{\mathcal{R}(A)} x
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by definition, AA^\dagger is an orthogonal projection onto $\mathcal{R}(A)$.

6. The proof is analogous to the proof of (5). Write $V_1 = [v_1, \dots, v_r]$. By the SVD, V_1 is an orthonormal basis for $\mathcal{R}(A^H)$. Then, by (4),

$$\begin{aligned}
A^\dagger A x &= V_1 V_1^H x \\
&= V_1 [v_1^H x, \dots, v_r^H x] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^r v_i^H x v_i \quad (\text{r is the number of singular values of A}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^r \langle v_i, x \rangle v_i \\
&= \text{proj}_{\mathcal{R}(A^H)} x
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by definition, $A^\dagger A$ is an orthogonal projection onto $\mathcal{R}(A^H)$.

□