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 (b) Show that the spectral norm is *unitarily invariant*, namely, $\|UAV\| = \|A\|$ for any unitary matrices U and V .
 (c) Show that

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \max(\|A\|, \|B\|).$$

Expert Answer

Solution:-

Spectral Norm:-

The spectral norm 2-norm is denoted by $\|A\|_2$

and it is given as

$$\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\rho(A^T A)}$$

where,

ρ = The spectral radius

So the square root of the spectral radius is the spectral norm.

$$(a) \|A^* A\| = \|A\|^2$$

The spectral radius formula holds for any matrix and any

$$\text{norm: } \|A_n\|^{1/n} \rightarrow \rho(A)$$

The spectral norm of the matrix A is defined by

$$\|A\|_2 = \sigma_1(A)$$

(c) we first show that $\|Ax\| \leq \|A\| \|x\|$.
Suppose that this is not the case. then

$$\|Ax\| > \|A\| \|x\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\|x\|} > \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|^2} \Rightarrow \|A\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\| A \frac{x}{\|x\|} \right\| > \|A\|$$

but $\frac{x}{\|x\|}$ is a vector of unit norm. This contradicts the definition of $\|A\|$.

Now we proceed to prove the

$$\|AB\| = \max_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|ABx\| \leq \max_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|Bx\|$$

$$(b) \quad \|UAV\| = \|A\|$$

For any $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m,n}$ and any unitary

$$U \in \mathbb{C}^{m,m} \text{ and } V \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$$

If U and V are unitary then $\|UAV\|$

$$\text{where, } \|UAV\| = \|A\|$$