

Gershgorin circle Theorem

Let λ be an eigenvalue for the $n \times n$ matrix $A = \{a_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$ with corresponding eigen vector $\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$.

① Let i_0 be an index so that

$$|x_{i_0}| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j| > 0$$

The i_0 entry of the equation $Ax = \lambda x$ reads

$$\lambda x_{i_0} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{i_0 j} x_j,$$

or

$$(\lambda - a_{i_0 i_0}) x_{i_0} = \sum_{j \neq i_0} a_{i_0 j} x_j$$

② Define $r_{i_0} := \sum_{j \neq i_0} |a_{i_0 j}|$

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda - a_{i_0 i_0}| &= \left| \sum_{j \neq i_0} a_{i_0 j} x_j \right| / |x_{i_0}| \\ &\leq \sum_{j \neq i_0} |a_{i_0 j}| \left(\frac{|x_j|}{|x_{i_0}|} \right) \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq r_{i_0}$$

and so $\lambda \in B_{r_{i_0}}(a_{i_0 i_0})$ ← circle of radius r_{i_0} centered at $a_{i_0 i_0}$

In this particular i_0 .

We conclude that any eigenvalue of A lies in the union of these circles

$$\lambda \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_{r_i}(a_{ii})$$

↑ circles in complex plane.