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# 1. AB 实对称矩阵

$$\text{证: } \text{tr}(AB)^2 \leq \text{tr}(A^2B^2)$$

Proof. 1.

$$E = AB - BA$$

$$E^T = BA - AB = -E$$

令  $\lambda, \mu$  为  $E$ -特征值, 特征向量

$$\begin{cases} E\eta = \lambda\eta \\ -\eta^T E = \bar{\lambda}\eta^T \end{cases} \quad (\text{共轭转置})$$

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$$\begin{cases} \eta^T E\eta = \lambda\eta^T\eta \\ -\eta^T E\eta = \bar{\lambda}\eta^T\eta \end{cases} \Rightarrow \lambda + \bar{\lambda} = 0, \quad \lambda \text{ 为 } 0 \text{ 才纯虚数}$$

设  $E$  特征值为  $a_1, -a_1, a_2, -a_2, \dots, 0, 0, 0 \dots$

$E^2$  特征值为  $-|a_1|^2, -|a_1|^2, \dots, 0 \dots$

$$\text{tr}(E^2) = \text{tr}(AB)^2 + \text{tr}(BA)^2 = \text{tr}ABDA + \text{tr}BAAB \geq 0$$

Q.E.D.

Proof. 2

$$2\text{tr}(AABB - ABAB) = \text{tr}[(AB - BA)(AB - BA)^T] \geq 0$$