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Frobenius matrix norm

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Let R be a ring with a valuation $|\cdot|$ and let $M(R)$ denote the set of matrices over R . The *Frobenius norm function* or *Euclidean matrix norm* is the norm function $\|\cdot\|_F : M(R) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2},$$

where m and n respectively denote the number of rows and columns of A . Note A need not be square for this definition. A more concise (though) definition, in the case that $R = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} , is

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\text{trace}(A^*A)},$$

where A^* denotes the conjugate transpose of A .

Some :

- Denote the columns of A by A_i . A nice property of the norm is that

$$\|A\|_F^2 = \|A_1\|_2^2 + \|A_2\|_2^2 + \cdots + \|A_n\|_2^2.$$

- Let A be a square matrix and let U be a unitary matrix of same size as A . Then $\|A\|_F = \|U^*AU\|_F$ where U^* is the conjugate transpose of U .
- If AB is defined, then $\|AB\|_F \leq \|A\|_F \|B\|_F$.