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## Homework 4: Theory Questions

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**Question 1.** Lemma 1:  $A^n = QU^nQ^*$  where  $U$  is upper triangular and  $Q$  is unitary. Proof (induction on  $n$ ). For  $n = 1$ , we have that  $A = QUQ^*$  by the Schur decomposition. Then suppose  $A^n = QU^nQ^*$ , and show  $A^{n+1} = QU^{n+1}Q^*$ . We have that  $A^{n+1} = AA^n = (QUQ^*)(QU^nQ^*) = QUQ^*QU^nQ^* = QU^{n+1}Q^*$ , as desired. Since  $A^n$  is similar to  $QU^nQ^*$ , we have that the spectrum of  $A^n$  is the same as the spectrum of  $U^n$ . Since all norms are equivalent in a finite vector space, the result generalize for any matrix norm.

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(consider nilpotent matrices)  
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Proof ( $\Rightarrow$ ). Consider  $\|A\|_F$ , the Frobenius norm given by  $\sqrt{\sum_i \sum_j |a_{ij}|^2}$ . If  $\sqrt{\sum_i \sum_j |a_{ij}|^2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then we must have that  $|a_{ij}| \rightarrow 0$ , since each entry of the matrix must go to zero. Then since  $\|A^n\|_F \rightarrow 0 \iff \|U^n\|_F \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (from Lemma 1), and the diagonals of  $U$  contain the eigenvalues of  $A$ , we have by necessity that  $p(A) < 1$  since  $|u_{ij}| < 1$ .

Proof ( $\Leftarrow$ ). Suppose that  $p(A) < 1$ . Then  $p(U) < 1$ , and since the diagonal elements of  $U$  are the spectra of  $A$  we have that  $|u_{ii}| < 1$ . Intuition: If each eigenvalue is less than one, and the determinant is the product of the eigenvalues, then  $|\det(A)| < 1$ . Therefore, the vector mapped under  $A$  is compressed, since the determinant measures the change of volume under the image of  $A$ . Therefore, upon repeated application of a compressive map, the volume goes to zero. Since matrix norms measure how stretched a vector becomes under the image of  $A$ , it follows that the norm collapses to zero.

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Proof (attempt). Since  $|u_{ii}| < 1$ , we have that by the Gershgorin circle theorem, all eigenvalues are within the circles centered at  $u_{ii}$  with radius  $r_i = \sum_{j \neq i} |u_{ij}|$ . Since we also know that the eigenvalues  $u_{ii}$  have absolute values less than 1, it follows that the radii of the Gershgorin circles must be less than  $1 - |u_{ii}|$ . But this implies that  $r_i \leq 1 - |u_{ii}|$ , so  $|u_{ij}| < 1$ . Therefore, the 1 norm  $\max_i \sum_{j=1}^m |u_{ij}| < 1$ , so  $\|U\|_1 < 1$ . Then since  $\max_i \sum_{j=1}^m |u_{ij}|^2 < \max_i \sum_{j=1}^m |u_{ij}| < 1$ , we have that  $\|U^2\|_1 < \|U\|_1 < 1$ . Therefore,  $\|U^n\|_1 \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Question 2.** Lemma 1:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ B & C \end{pmatrix} = \det(A)\det(C) = \det \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix}$$

Proof: I referenced <https://www.statlect.com/matrix-algebra/determinant-of>

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This isn't F-Norm of  $A^n$ . Need matrix mult, not raising individual entries to N. -2

Gershgorin is only a bound. It is not tight. So can't be reversed like this. -3

block-matrix. I wasn't fully able to prove this myself, although I learned it in undergraduate linear algebra.

Now, note that if two matrices have the same characteristic polynomial, then necessarily they have the same eigenvalues. Therefore, consider

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} AB - \lambda I & 0 \\ B & -\lambda I \end{pmatrix} = \det(AB - \lambda I) \det(-\lambda I) \quad \checkmark$$

and

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda I & 0 \\ B & BA - \lambda I \end{pmatrix} = \det(-\lambda I) \det(BA - \lambda I) \quad \checkmark$$

Finally, we show that  $\det(BA - \lambda I) = \det(AB - \lambda I)$ . Equivalently, that  $AB$  and  $BA$  have the same eigenvalues. Suppose  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $AB$  with eigenvector  $x$ . Then  $ABx = \lambda x \iff BABx = B(\lambda x)$ . Then letting  $y = Bx$ , we have that  $BAy = \lambda y$ , so  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $BA$ . The characteristic polynomials are necessarily the same, so  $\det(BA - \lambda I) = \det(AB - \lambda I)$ , which completes the proof.

**Question 3.** First, note that since  $\det A = \det A^T$ , we have that  $\det((A - \lambda I)^T) = \det(A^T - \lambda I) = \det(A - \lambda I)$ , so the eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $A^T$  are the same. Therefore, the Gersgorin circles with radii defined by  $r_i = \sum_{j=1}^m |a_{ij}|, i \neq j$  of  $A^T$  (columns of  $A$ ) contain all eigenvalues of  $A$ . These circles are centered at  $a_{ii} = a_{ii}^T$ . Equivalently, the theorem holds with column sums of  $A$ .

**Question 4.** First, consider the absolute row sums given by  $r_{1,2,3,4} = 0.8, 0.1, 0.4, 0.1$ . Then since we showed the Gershgorin discs can also be found by considering the absolute column sums, consider the column sums of columns 2 and 4, given by  $c_{2,4} = 0.1, 0.1$ . Therefore, the radius of each circle is 0.1. Additionally, since  $k + 0.1 < (k + 1) - 0.1$  the circles are disjoint, and we can conclude that there is exactly one eigenvalue in  $|z - k| < 0.1$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

**Question 5.** Lemma: If  $Ay = \lambda y$ , then  $A^n y = \lambda^n y$ . Proof (by induction on  $n$ ).  $n = 1$  is handled in the definition. Then suppose  $A^n y = \lambda^n y$  and show that  $A^{n+1} y = \lambda^{n+1} y$ . Then  $A^{n+1} = AA^n = A(\lambda^n y) = \lambda^n (Ay) = \lambda^n \lambda = \lambda^{n+1}$ . Then we have that  $y^T A^k y = y^T y \lambda^k$ , so

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y^T A^{k+1} y}{y^T A^k y} = \frac{y^T y \lambda^{k+1}}{y^T y \lambda^k} = \lambda$$

Is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

Now note that since  $A$  is non-defective,  $A$  is diagonalizable and therefore has an eigenbasis. Then consider an arbitrary vector  $y = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i$  where  $v_i$  is the  $i$ th eigenvector with corresponding eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ . Then from our Lemma, we have

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$$A^n y = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^n a_i v_i \quad \checkmark$$

And therefore

$$\frac{y^T A^{n+1} y}{y^T A^n y} = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i^T)(\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^{n+1} a_i v_i)}{(\sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i^T)(\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^n a_i v_i)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^{n+1} a_i v_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^n a_i v_i} \quad \checkmark$$

Since  $A$  is positive definite, we know that the eigenvalues are positive ( $Ax = \lambda x \implies x^T Ax = \|x\|^2 \lambda > 0$ ). Let  $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m$ . Therefore,

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^{n+1} a_i v_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^n a_i v_i} = \frac{\lambda_1 a_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda_m \left(\frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_1}\right)^n a_m v_m}{a_1 v_1 + \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^n a_2 v_2 + \dots + \left(\frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_1}\right)^n a_m v_m} \quad \checkmark$$

Where we divide the numerator and denominator by  $\lambda_1^n$ . Note that since  $p(A) = \lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_i/\lambda_1 < 1$  for  $i = 2, \dots, m$ . Then we have that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  the quotient converges to  $\lambda_1$ .

**Question 6.** Lemma:  $p(A) \leq \|A\|$ . Proof: We consider the proof with the 2-norm given by  $\|A\|_2 = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|_2$ , since all norms are equivalent in a finite vector space. Let  $p(A) = |\lambda|$ , and let the corresponding eigenvector be  $x$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . Then  $\|Ax\| = \|\lambda x\| = |\lambda|$ . Now consider an arbitrary unit vector  $u$ . By the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have that  $\|Au\| \leq \|A\| \|u\| = \|A\|$ , therefore  $\|A\| \geq \|Au\|$  for all vectors  $u$ . In particular,  $\|A\| \geq \|Ax\| = |\lambda|$ , so  $p(A) \leq \|A\|$ .

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Now, consider the fact that since  $A$  has nonnegative entries,  $\sum_j a_{ij} = 1 = \|A\|_1$ , the 1-norm of  $A$ . Therefore,  $p(A) < 1$ , or equivalently, no eigenvalue has an absolute value greater than one.

**Question 7.**

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a. Consider the SVD of  $A$  to be  $A = U \Sigma V^T$ . Then since  $A^T = V \Sigma U^T$ , and  $A^T A = V \Sigma^2 V^T = A A^T = U \Sigma^2 U^T$ , we have that  $U = V$ . Let  $\sigma_i$  be the  $i$ th singular value of  $A$ . Since  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i(A^T A)}$ ,  $A = U \Sigma U^T$  and  $A^T A = U \Sigma^2 U^T$  by virtue of  $A$  being normal,  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\sigma_i^2} = |\lambda_i|$ .

b. Since  $\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{p(A^T A)} = \sigma_{\max}(A)$  by definition, and we just showed that  $\sigma_i = |\lambda_i|$ , we have that  $\|A\|_2 = |\lambda_i|$ .

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