

# Homework 8

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**1.** (a)

- (i)  $\|A\|_F \geq 0$  since it is the  $1/2$ -th power of a sum of squares, a nonnegative number.
- (ii)  $\|A\|_F = 0$  iff  $\sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}|^2 = 0$ , which is equivalent to  $a_{ij} = 0$  for every  $i$  and  $j$ , i.e.,  $A$  is the zero matrix.
- (iii)  $\|\alpha A\|_F = \left( \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |\alpha a_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2} = \left( |\alpha|^2 \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2} = |\alpha| \|A\|_F$ .
- (iv) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $n \times n$  matrices. Transforming each matrix  $A$  (and  $B$ ) into an  $n^2$ -dimensional vector  $\mathbf{a}$  (and  $\mathbf{b}$ ),  $\|A\|_F = \|\mathbf{a}\|_2$  (the  $\ell^2$ -norm) and similar results hold for  $B$  and  $A + B$ . Consequently,

$$\|A + B\|_F = \|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{a}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|_2 = \|A\|_F + \|B\|_F$$

by the triangle inequality.

For a direct proof,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|A + B\|_F^2 &= \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij} + b_{ij}|^2 \\
 &= \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}|^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |b_{ij}|^2 + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij} b_{ij}| \\
 &= \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}|^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |b_{ij}|^2 + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i, j, i', j' \leq n} |a_{ij} b_{i'j'}| \delta_{ii'} \delta_{jj'} \\
 &\leq \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}|^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |b_{ij}|^2 + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i, j, i', j' \leq n} |a_{ij} b_{i'j'}| \\
 &\leq \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}|^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |b_{ij}|^2 + 2 \left( \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |b_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
 &\quad \text{(Cauchy-Schwarz)} \\
 &= (\|A\|_F + \|B\|_F)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

(v)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|AB\|_F^2 &= \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \left| \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} a_{ik} b_{kj} \right|^2 \\
 &\leq \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \left( \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} |a_{ik}|^2 \right) \left( \sum_{1 \leq k' \leq n} |b_{k'j}|^2 \right) \quad (\text{Cauchy-Schwarz}) \\
 &= \sum_{1 \leq i, j, k, k' \leq n} |a_{ik}|^2 |b_{k'j}|^2 \\
 &= \left( \sum_{1 \leq i, k \leq n} |a_{ik}|^2 \right) \left( \sum_{1 \leq k', j \leq n} |b_{k'j}|^2 \right) \\
 &= \|A\|_F^2 \|B\|_F^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) When  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j \right)^2 \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^n |A_{ij}|^2 \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n |x_j|^2 \right) \quad (\text{Cauchy-Schwarz}) \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^n |A_{ij}|^2 \right) \quad (\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = 1) \\
 &= \|A\|_F^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\|A\|_2 = \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1} \|A\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \|A\|_F$ .

- 2.** (a)  $\|A\|_2 = \rho(A^t A)^{1/2} = \rho(A^2)^{1/2}$  since  $A = A^t$  by Theorem 5(1) in the lecture note. Here, when  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}$ , we have  $A^2 \mathbf{v} = \lambda^2 \mathbf{v}$  so that  $A^2$  has  $\lambda^2$  as an eigenvalue. By counting them, we notice that every eigenvalue of  $A^2$  is of such form, considering the multiplicities. (For example, if  $A$  has  $\pm 3$  as eigenvalues, then  $A^2$  has 9 as an eigenvalue of multiplicity 2.) Therefore,

$$\rho(A^2) = \max_{\lambda: \text{eigenvalue of } A^2} |\lambda| = \max_{\lambda: \text{eigenvalue of } A} |\lambda^2| = \rho(A)^2.$$

Consequently, we have  $\|A\|_2 = \rho(A)$ .

(b) First,  $\rho(A) \leq \|A\|$ , Theorem 5(2) in the lecture note, implies the second inequality.

Now, observe that when  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}$ , we have  $A^{-1}\mathbf{v} = \lambda^{-1}A^{-1}\lambda\mathbf{v} = \lambda^{-1}A^{-1}A\mathbf{v} = \lambda^{-1}\mathbf{v}$  so that  $A^{-1}$  has  $\lambda^{-1}$  as an eigenvalue. Note that the first inequality is equivalent to that  $|\lambda|^{-1} \leq \|A^{-1}\|$  for any eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$  by the observation above, which is again equivalent to that  $\rho(A^{-1}) \leq \|A^{-1}\|$ . Therefore, Theorem 5(2) in the lecture note again proves this.