

The Numerical Range of a Continuous Mapping of a Normed Space[†]

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Let X be a normed linear space, let X' denote its dual space, and let $P = \{(x, f) \in X \times X' : \|x\| = \|f\| = f(x) = 1\}$. Given a continuous mapping T of the unit sphere $S(X) = \{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}$ into X , the *numerical range* $V(T)$ of T is defined by

$$V(T) = \{f(Tx) : (x, f) \in P\}.$$

If the unit ball of X is smooth, so that there is a unique semi-inner-product on X giving the norm of X , then $V(T)$ coincides with the numerical range $W(T)$ in the sense of G. LUMER [*Semi-Inner-Product Spaces*, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 100, 29–43 (1961)]. It is also easy to see that in general $V(T)$ is the union of the numerical ranges $W(T)$ corresponding to all choices of semi-inner-product that give the norm of X .

We prove that $V(T)$ is connected, except perhaps when X is one-dimensional, in which case the result fails for non-linear mappings T . It is classical that if X is a Hilbert space and T is linear, then $V(T)$ (which coincides with $W(T)$ in this case) is convex. Examples of linear mappings T on normed linear spaces of finite dimension are known in which, respectively, $V(T)$ is not convex and $W(T)$ is not connected.

We give two proofs of the connectedness of $V(T)$. One depends on the connectedness of P as a subset of $X \times X'$ with the product of the norm topology on X and the weak* topology on X' . The other proof uses the fact that the mapping $x \rightarrow D(x)$ (where $D(x) = \{f : (x, f) \in P\}$) is an upper semi-continuous mapping of $S(X)$ into the subsets of X' with respect to the norm topology on $S(X)$ and the weak* topology on X' .

A final section is concerned with the upper semi-continuity of the mapping $x \rightarrow D(x)$ with respect to the norm topologies in both spaces. This holds in particular for the space c_0 but not for the space c .

Eigenvectors Obtained from the Adjoint Matrix^{††}

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Let A be a square matrix with complex entries and λ_1 an eigenvalue of A . If $x \neq 0, y, z, \dots$ are vectors such that

$$Ax = \lambda_1 x, \quad Ay = \lambda_1 y + x, \quad Az = \lambda_1 z + y, \dots$$

then we say that y, z, \dots are generalized eigenvectors of A associated to the proper eigenvector x . The vectors y, z, \dots are not uniquely determined by x . If $B(\lambda)$ is the adjoint of $\lambda I - A$ then it is easy to see that nonzero columns of $B(\lambda_1)$ are eigenvectors

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