

# Lecture 4: Introduction

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**Comment:** The equivalence of the two conditions above follows directly from the characterization of the 1-norm.

**Comment:** Assertion (2) above can be proved directly, using a similar approach (but with different details) to the proof of the 1-norm case.

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We show how to prove  $\|A\|_1 = \|A'\|_\infty$  directly from basic Linear Algebra principles.

Step I: Show that, for any  $v \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,

$$\|v\|_1 = \max\{(v, w) : \|w\|_\infty = 1\}, \quad \text{and}$$

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Step III: Since  $\|A'\|_\infty = \max\{\|A'w\|_\infty : \|w\|_\infty = 1\}$ , it follows that

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$$\implies \lambda = \frac{\|A v\|_2^2}{\|v\|_2^2} \geq 0.$$

Also:

$$\lambda \leq \|A\|_2^2.$$

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## Definition

- A **left singular vector** of  $A$  is an eigenvector of  $A'A$ .
- An  $s \geq 0$  is a **singular value** of  $A$  is  $s^2 \in \sigma(A'A)$ .

Notation (spectral radius):  $A$  square:

$$\rho(A) := \max\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(A)\}.$$

So:

$$\|A\|_2 \geq \sqrt{\rho(A'A)}.$$

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Proof: We already saw that  $\|A\|_2 \geq \sqrt{\rho(A'A)}$ .

Now, Let  $v \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , such that  $\|v\|_2 = 1$ , and  $\|A\|_2 = \|Av\|_2$ . Let

$$A'A = QDQ'$$

be the Schur decomposition of  $A'A$ . Then

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So,

$$\|A\|_2^2 = (Dw, w) = \sum_{i=1}^m D(i, i)w(i)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \rho(A'A)w(i)^2 = \rho(A'A) \sum_{i=1}^m w(i)^2 = \rho(A'A).$$

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# Demo #2

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# Definition of Positive Definiteness