

# Lecture 3 Norms

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## 1 Prerequisite

**Definition 1.1** (Vector Norm). A norm is a function  $\|\cdot\| : \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that assigns a real-valued length to each vector. In order to conform to a reasonable notion of length, a norm must satisfy the following three conditions. For all vectors  $x$  and  $y$  and for all scalars  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$(1) \|x\| \geq 0 \text{ and } \|x\| = 0 \text{ only if } x = 0,$$

$$(2) \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|,$$

$$(3) \|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|.$$

**Lemma 1.1.** Given a permutation matrix  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{n}}$ , and a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , then

$$\|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}\|_p = \|\mathbf{x}\|_p.$$

*Proof.* By the definition of vector norm, we can get that

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \begin{cases} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, & 1 \leq p < \infty; \\ \max_i \{x_i\}, & p = \infty. \end{cases}$$

It is clear that  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p$  won't be changed after permutation of entries. Therefore, for any permutation matrix  $\mathbf{P}$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}\|_p = \|\mathbf{x}\|_p,$$

which is what we need to prove.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.1.** Given matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}$  and two permutation matrix  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times m}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}$ . Then,

$$\|\mathbf{PAQ}\|_p = \|\mathbf{A}\|_p.$$

*Proof.* By the definition of induced norm, we can get that the LHS equals

$$LHS = \|\mathbf{A}\|_p = \sup_x \frac{\|\mathbf{A}x\|_p}{\|x\|_p} = \sup_x \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}x\|_p}{\|\mathbf{Q}x\|_p} = \sup_x \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}x\|_p}{\|x\|_p} = \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}\|_p,$$

Futhermore, the RHS equals

$$RHS = \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}\|_p = \sup_x \frac{\|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}x\|_p}{\|x\|_p} = \sup_x \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}x\|_p}{\|x\|_p} = \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}\|_p = LHS,$$

which is we need to prove.  $\square$

## 2 Solutions

### 2.1 Exercise 3.1

By the definition of *weighted p-norms*, we can get that

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{W}} = \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\|,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is a vector norm. It is clear that  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{W}}$  meets (2), (3) of the vector norm's definition. Furthermore, we assume that

$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (\star)$$

Since  $\mathbf{W}$  is non-singular,  $(\star)$  is true iff  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Then  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{W}} = \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\| \geq 0$ , and  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{W}} = 0$  iff  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , which meets condition (1) of vector norm's definition. Hence, we can conclude that  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{W}}$  is a vector norm.

### 2.2 Exercise 3.2

Let  $\lambda$  be the eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  be the eigenvector w.r.t.  $\lambda$ , then

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}, \quad (\star)$$

where  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . We can concentrate m's  $\mathbf{x}$  as a matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  with m columns, which is

$$(x, x, \dots, x) = \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}.$$

By  $(\star)$ , we can get that

$$\mathbf{A}(x, x, \dots, x) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \lambda\mathbf{X}, \quad (\spadesuit)$$

implement the norm on both sides of  $(\spadesuit)$ , then

$$\|\lambda\mathbf{X}\| = |\lambda|\|\mathbf{X}\| = \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{X}\|,$$

Note that  $\mathbf{X} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and hence  $|\lambda| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|$  for any eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Therefore

$$\rho(\mathbf{A}) = \max\{|\lambda|\} \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|.$$

which is exactly we want to prove.

### 2.3 Exercise 3.3(a)

Assume that  $\mathbf{x} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , then

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \max_i \{x_i\} = \sqrt{x_{\max}^2} \leq \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_m^2} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2.$$

### 2.4 Exercise 3.3(b)

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_m^2} \leq \sqrt{x_{\max}^2 + \dots + x_{\max}^2} = \sqrt{m} \|\mathbf{x}\|_{\infty}.$$

### 2.5 Exercise 3.3(c)

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_{\infty} = \sup \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_{\infty}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\infty}} \leq \sup \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\infty}} \leq \sup \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 / \sqrt{n}} = \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{A}\|_2.$$

### 2.6 Exercise 3.4

We can divide the procedure into 2 steps. Firstly, we get the certain rows: W.L.O.G., assume that we need the first  $m$  rows of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , that is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1^T \\ \mathbf{e}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{e}_m^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P},$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_i$  is the unit vector whose  $i$ -th entry is 1, and  $\mathbf{B}$  is the submatrix contains the first  $m$  rows of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Then we get the certain columns from  $\mathbf{B}$ . W.L.O.G., assume that we need the first  $n$  columns of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , that is

$$\mathbf{P}[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n] = \mathbf{B},$$

Hence,

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1^T \\ \mathbf{e}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{e}_m^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n].$$

Denote  $[\mathbf{e}_1^T, \mathbf{e}_2^T, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m^T]^T$  by  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n]$  by  $\mathbf{F}$ . Then we have that

$$\|\mathbf{B}\| \leq \|\mathbf{E}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{F}\| \leq \|\mathbf{E}\| \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{F}\|.$$

It is clear that  $\|\mathbf{E}\| = \|\mathbf{F}\| = 1$ , then we can get that

$$\|\mathbf{B}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|.$$

**Remark.** We give another (non-rigorous enough for  $p$  is odd number) proof here, assume that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} B & T \\ Y & Z \end{bmatrix}$$

then we can get that

$$\begin{aligned} \|B\|_p &= \sup_{\|x\|_p=1} \|Bx\|_p \leq \sup_{\|x\|_p=1} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} B \\ Y \end{bmatrix} x \right\|_p \\ &= \sup_{\|x\|=1} \left\| A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_p \leq \sup_{\|u\|_p=1} \|Au\|_p = \|A\|_p. \end{aligned}$$

## 2.7 Exercise 3.5

Since

$$\|uv^*\|_F = \text{tr}(vu^*uv^*) = \|u\|_2 \text{tr}(vv^*) = \|u\|_2 \|v\|_F.$$

we can get that  $\|uv^*\|_F = \|u\|_F \|v\|_F$  is not true.

## 2.8 Exercise 3.6(a)

We can prove by verifying these properties:

- (i)  $\|x\|' = 0 \Leftrightarrow |y^*x| = 0 (\forall \|y\| = 1) \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ .
- (ii)  $\|\alpha x\|' = \sup_{\|y\|=1} |y^*\alpha x| = |\alpha| \sup_{\|y\|=1} |y^*x| = |\alpha| \|x\|'$ .
- (iii)

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + z\|' &= \sup_{\|y\|=1} |y^*x + y^*z| \\ &\leq \sup_{\|y\|=1} (|y^*x| + |y^*z|) \\ &\leq \sup_{\|y_1\|=1} |y_1^*x| + \sup_{\|y_2\|=1} |y_2^*z| \\ &= \|x\|' + \|z\|'. \end{aligned}$$

then we can get that  $\|\cdot\|'$  is a norm.

## 2.9 Exercise 3.6(b)

Assume that  $B = yz^*$  such that

$$\begin{cases} Bx = y \\ \|B\| = 1. \end{cases}$$

which is equivalent to  $\exists z \in \mathbb{C}^m$  such that

$$\begin{cases} z^*x = 1 \\ \|z\|' = 1. \end{cases}$$

by lemma, we can get that  $\exists \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^m$  such that

$$|\mathbf{u}^* \mathbf{x}| = \|\mathbf{u}\|' \|\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\|',$$

let  $\alpha = \mathbf{u}^* \mathbf{x}$ , we can denote  $\mathbf{z}$  by  $\mathbf{z} = (1/\alpha)\mathbf{u}$ , then

- $\|\mathbf{z}\|' = \|\frac{1}{\alpha}\mathbf{u}\|' = \frac{1}{|\alpha|} \|\mathbf{u}\|' = 1, \checkmark$
- $\mathbf{z}^* \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \mathbf{u}^* \mathbf{x} = 1, \checkmark$

Hence,  $\mathbf{z}$  is exactly what we need.