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Let $A = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{C}^n$. For $1 \leq i \leq n$, let

$R_i = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq n \\ j \neq i}} |a_{ij}|$, the sum of the absolute values of the non-diag. entries in $\text{Row}_i(A)$, and

$D_i = D(a_{ii}, R_i) \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be the closed disk of radius R_i with center a_{ii} . So

$$D_i = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - a_{ii}| \leq R_i\}.$$

Th. Every e-value of A is in some disk D_i .

Pf. Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ be an e-value of A . 1392

We can find an e-vector $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ s.t.

$AX = \lambda X$, and we may rescale X as follows.

Among the coordinates $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{C}$, say x_i has maximum $|x_i|$. Then $\frac{1}{x_i} X$ has been

rescaled so its i^{th} coordinate is 1 and

all other coordinates $\frac{x_j}{x_i}$ have $|\frac{x_j}{x_i}| \leq 1$.

Call this rescaled e-vector $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^n$

where $x_i = 1$ and for $j \neq i$, $|x_j| \leq 1$.

From $AX = \lambda X$, looking at the i^{th} row, get

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j = \lambda x_i = \lambda, \quad \text{so } \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij} x_j + a_{ii} = \lambda.$$

The triangle inequality then gives 1393

$$|\lambda - a_{ii}| = \left| \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij} x_j \right| \leq \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}| |x_j| \leq \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}| = R_i$$

which proves that $\lambda \in D_i$. \square

Cor. The e-values of A are each in at least one of the Gershgorin disks defined from the columns of A , that is, for $1 \leq j \leq n$,

let $C_j = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ i \neq j}} |a_{ij}|$ be the sum of abs. values of the non-diag. entries in $\text{Col}_j(A)$, and let

$$D_j = D(a_{jj}, C_j) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - a_{jj}| \leq C_j\}.$$

Pf. Apply Theorem to A^T (transpose of A). \square