# A numerical range for rectangular matrices and matrix polynomials

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# **DEFINITIONS**

The **(standard) numerical range** of a square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is defined by

$$F(A) = \left\{ x^* A x \in \mathbb{C} : x \in \mathbb{C}^n, \|x\|_2 = \sqrt{x^* x} = 1 \right\}.$$

F(A) is a **compact** and **convex** subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  that contains the eigenvalues of A and has interesting geometric properties.

Since late 1920's (Toeplitz-Hausdorff Theorem), hundreds of papers have been published on the topic, all of them for square matrices.

Bonsall and Duncan (1973) observed that

$$F(A) = \{ \mu \in \mathbb{C} : \|A - \lambda I_n\|_2 \ge |\mu - \lambda|, \, \forall \, \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \}$$

$$= \bigcap_{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}} \mathcal{D}(\lambda, \|A - \lambda I_n\|_2) \quad \text{(closed disks centered at } \lambda \text{)}.$$

For any  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  and any matrix norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , we define the (compact and convex) numerical range of A with respect to B

$$F_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B) = \{\mu \in \mathbb{C} : \|A - \lambda B\| \ge |\mu - \lambda|, \, \forall \, \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \}$$
$$= \bigcap_{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}} \mathcal{D}(\lambda, \|A - \lambda B\|).$$

For elements u, v of a normed linear space, u is **Birkhoff-James** orthogonal to  $v, u \perp_{BJ} v$ , if  $||u + \lambda v|| \geq ||u||$ ,  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

We see that, in general,

$$F_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B) \supseteq \{\mu \in \mathbb{C} : B \perp_{BJ} (A - \mu B)\},$$

and if ||B|| = 1, then

$$F_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B) = \{ \mu \in \mathbb{C} : B \perp_{BJ} (A - \mu B) \}.$$

# WHY USING B?

For any  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $F(A) = \{ \mu \in \mathbb{C} : \|A - \lambda I_n\|_2 \ge |\mu - \lambda|, \, \forall \, \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \}.$ 

In the rectangular case, one may question the use of B instead of  $I_{n,m}$ .

Without loss of generality, assume that n>m,  $A=\left[\begin{array}{c}A_1\\A_2\end{array}\right]$  with

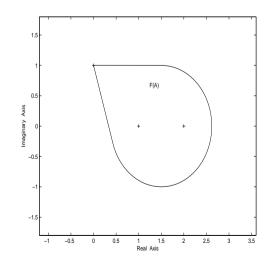
$$A_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$$
 and  $A_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{(n-m) \times m}$ , and  $I_{n,m} = \begin{bmatrix} I_m \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

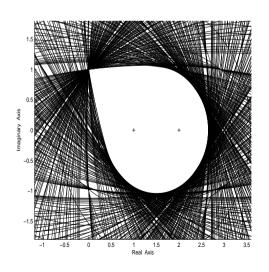
**Theorem 1**  $F_{\|\cdot\|_2}(A; I_{n,m}) = F(A_1).$ 

## **BASIC PROPERTIES**

We can estimate  $F_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B) = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}} \mathcal{D}(\lambda,\|A-\lambda B\|)$  by drawing circles  $\partial \mathcal{D}(\lambda,\|A-\lambda B\|)$ . To confirm the effectiveness of this procedure, let

$$A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}1&2&0\\0&2&0\\0&0&\mathrm{i}\end{array}\right] \text{ and } B=I_3, \text{ and recall that } F(A)=F_{\|\cdot\|_2}(A;I_3).$$





**Proposition 2**  $F_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B) \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \|B\| \geq 1.$ 

**Proposition 3** If  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ 

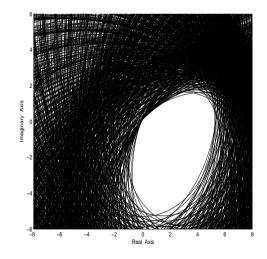
$$\Rightarrow F_{\|\cdot\|}(bB;B) = \{b\} \text{ and } F_{\|\cdot\|}(aA+bB;B) = aF_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B) + b.$$

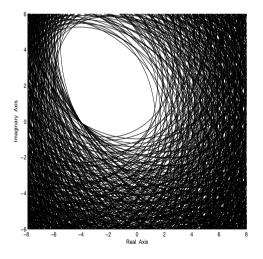
**Proposition 4** If  $\|\cdot\|$  is unitarily invariant,  $U\in\mathbb{C}^{n\times n}$  and  $V\in\mathbb{C}^{m\times m}$  are unitary, and  $\hat{A},\hat{B}$  are associated submatrices of A,B

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $F_{\|\cdot\|}(UAV;UBV)=F_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B)$  and  $F_{\|\cdot\|}(\hat{A};\hat{B})\subseteq F_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B).$ 

$$\text{For } A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 5+\mathrm{i} & 0.2 & 0 & -0.1 \\ 0 & 1-\mathrm{i} \, 5 & -\mathrm{i} \, 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{ and } B = \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1.1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right],$$

 $F_{\|\cdot\|_1}(A;B)$  and  $F_{\|\cdot\|_1}(\mathrm{i}A-4B;B)$  in the left and right parts of the figure confirm the second part of Proposition 3.





**Proposition 5** If ||B|| > 1 and  $\mu_0 \in \vartheta F_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B)$ ,

 $\Rightarrow \exists \lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } ||A - \lambda_0 B|| = |\mu_0 - \lambda_0|.$ 

**Corollary 6** If  $||B|| > 1 \Rightarrow \partial F_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B)$  has no flat portions.

**Proposition 7** (Resolvent Estimate)

If n=m, B is invertible and  $||B^{-1}|| \leq 1$ 

$$\Rightarrow d(\xi, F_{\|\cdot\|}(A; B)) \le \frac{1}{\|(A - \xi B)^{-1}\|}, \quad \forall \ \xi \notin F_{\|\cdot\|}(A; B).$$

**Proposition 8** If  $\|\cdot\|$  is induced by the inner product  $\langle\cdot,\cdot\rangle$ 

$$\Rightarrow F_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B) = \mathcal{D}\left(\frac{\langle A,B\rangle}{\|B\|^2}, \|A - \frac{\langle A,B\rangle}{\|B\|^2}B\|\frac{\sqrt{\|B\|^2 - 1}}{\|B\|}\right).$$

Note that if  $\|\cdot\|$  is induced by the inner product  $\langle\cdot,\cdot\rangle$  and  $\|B\|=1$   $\Rightarrow F_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B)=\{\langle A,B\rangle\}$ , i.e., it is a singleton, although A is not necessarily a scalar multiple of B.

# **EIGENVALUES**

Let  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  with  $n \geq m$ , and  $\|\cdot\|$  be induced by a vector norm.

A  $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  is said to be an **eigenvalue of** A with respect to B if  $(A - \mu_0 B) x_0 = 0$  for some  $0 \neq x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^m$  (the **eigenvector**).

**Proposition 9** If  $\mu_0$  is an eigenvalue of A with respect to B, with a unit eigenvector  $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^m$  such that  $||Bx_0|| \geq 1 \implies \mu_0 \in F_{\|\cdot\|}(A;B)$ .

# MATRIX POLYNOMIALS

Consider an  $n \times m$  matrix polynomial (m.p.)

$$P(z) = A_l z^l + A_{l-1} z^{l-1} + \dots + A_1 z + A_0,$$

where  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $A_j \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$   $(j = 0, 1, \dots, l)$  with  $A_l \neq 0$ .

If  $n \ge m$ , then a  $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  is an **eigenvalue** of P(z) if  $P(\mu_0)x_0 = 0$  for some  $0 \ne x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^m$  (the **eigenvector**).

For n=m, the **(standard) numerical range** of m.p. P(z) is

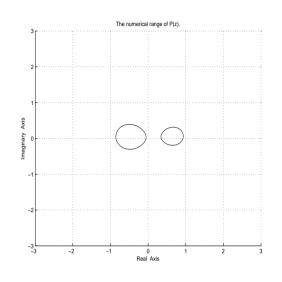
$$W(P(z)) = \{ \mu \in \mathbb{C} : x^*P(\mu)x = 0, x \in \mathbb{C}^n, x \neq 0 \}$$
$$= \{ \mu \in \mathbb{C} : 0 \in F(P(\mu)) \}.$$

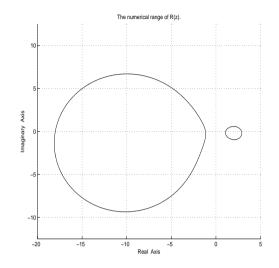
We define the numerical range of P(z) with respect to B

$$W_{\|\cdot\|}(P(z);B) = \left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{C} : 0 \in F_{\|\cdot\|}(P(\mu);B) \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{C} : \|P(\mu) - \lambda B\| \ge |\lambda|, \, \forall \, \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$

The closeness of  $W_{\|\cdot\|}(P(z);B)$  follows from the continuity of norms.

If 
$$P(z) = Bz - A \implies W_{\|\cdot\|}(Bz - A; B) = F_{\|\cdot\|}(A; B)$$
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The ranges 
$$W_{\|\cdot\|_F}(P(z);B)$$
 and  $W_{\|\cdot\|_F}(R(z);B)$  for  $B=\begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$$P(z) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1.6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} z^2 + \begin{bmatrix} i & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & i \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and 
$$R(z) = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} z^2 + \begin{bmatrix} i & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & i \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1.6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

# **BASIC PROPERTIES**

**Proposition 10**  $W_{\|\cdot\|}(P(z);B) \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \|B\| \geq 1.$ 

**Proposition 11** If 
$$R(z) = A_0 z^l + \cdots + A_{l-1} z + A_l = z^l P(z^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow W_{\|\cdot\|}(R(z);B)\setminus\{0\} = \{z^{-1} : z \in W_{\|\cdot\|}(P(z);B)\setminus\{0\}\}.$$

**Proposition 12** If norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is induced by a vector norm,  $n \ge m$ , and  $\mu_0$  is an eigenvalue of P(z) with an associated unit eigenvector  $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $\|Bx_0\| \ge 1 \implies \mu_0 \in W_{\|\cdot\|}(P(z); B)$ .

**Theorem 13 (i)** If  $W_{\|\cdot\|}(P(z);B)$  is unbounded  $\Rightarrow 0 \in F_{\|\cdot\|}(A_l;B)$ .

(ii) If  $0 \in F_{\|\cdot\|}(A_l; B)$ , 0 is not an isolated point of  $W_{\|\cdot\|}(R(z); B)$   $\Rightarrow W_{\|\cdot\|}(P(z); B)$  is unbounded.

**Theorem 14 (i)** If  $\mu_0 \in \partial W_{\|\cdot\|}(P(z); B) \implies 0 \in \partial F_{\|\cdot\|}(P(\mu_0); B)$ .

(ii) If 
$$0 \in \partial F_{\|\cdot\|}(P(\mu_0); B)$$
,  $P(\mu_0) \neq 0$ ,  $0 \notin F_{\|\cdot\|}(P'(\mu_0); B)$ ,  $\|B\| > 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \mu_0 \in \partial W_{\|\cdot\|}(P(z); B)$ .

**Proposition 15** If ||B|| > 1, and  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $P(\mu) = 0$  and  $0 \notin F_{\|\cdot\|}(P'(\mu); B) \Rightarrow \mu$  is an isolated point of  $W_{\|\cdot\|}(P(z); B)$ .

**Proposition 16** If norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is induced by the inner product  $\langle\cdot,\cdot\rangle$ 

$$\Rightarrow \quad W_{\|\cdot\|}(P(z);B) = \left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{C} : |\langle P(\mu),B\rangle| \leq \|P(\mu)\|\sqrt{\|B\|^2 - 1} \right\}.$$

**Corollary 17** If norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is induced by an inner product

 $\Rightarrow$  the boundary of  $W_{\|\cdot\|}(P(z);B)$  lies on an algebraic curve.

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