

Preservers of Eigenvalue Inclusion Sets

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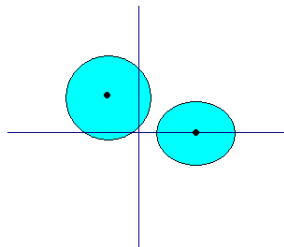
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Eigenvalue Inclusion Sets

- In applications, it may not be easy to determine the eigenvalues precisely due to numerical error, insufficient information, size of matrices, etc.
- Even without the exact eigenvalues, we have a lot of information about the matrix by knowing its eigenvalue inclusion set.



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Example:

Consider a matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -i & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$

- The Ostrowski region is smaller than the Gershgorin region when $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$.

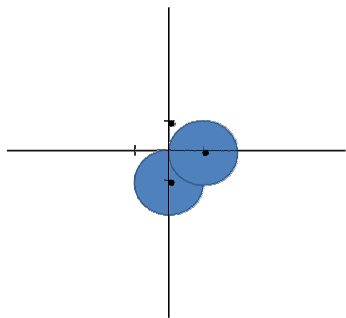


Figure: $G(A)$

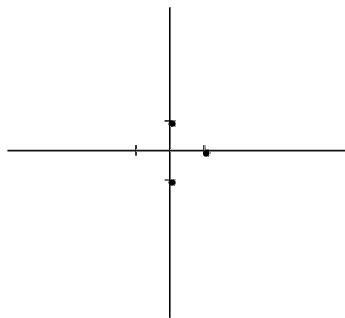


Figure: $O_\epsilon(A)$ for $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$

Preservers of Ostrowski regions

For the Ostrowski region, we have the following.

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where P is a permutation matrix and D is diagonal and invertible.
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