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1. \mathbf{R} is the set of real numbers. \mathbf{C} is the set of complex numbers.
2. \mathbf{N} is the set of integers.
3. The set of all $n \times 1$ column vectors with real number entries is denoted \mathbf{R}^n . The i 'th entry of a column vector x is denoted x_i .
4. The set of all $n \times m$ rectangular matrices with complex number entries is denoted $\mathbf{C}^{n \times m}$. The element in the i 'th row, j 'th column of a matrix M is denoted by M_{ij} , or m_{ij} .
5. Set notation:
 - (a) $a \in A$ is read: “ a is an element of A ”
 - (b) $X \subset Y$ is read: “ X is a subset of Y ”
 - (c) If A and B are sets, then $A \times B$ is a new set, consisting of all ordered-pairs drawn from A and B ,

$$A \times B := \{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$$

- (d) The expression $\{\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{B}\}$ is read as:

“The set of all insert expression \mathcal{A}
such that insert expression \mathcal{B} .”

Hence

$$\left\{x \in \mathbf{R}^3 : \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i^2 \leq 1\right\}$$

is the ball of radius 1, centered at the origin, in 3-dimensional euclidean space.

6. The notation $f : X \rightarrow Y$ implies that X and Y are sets, and f is a function mapping X into Y

Fields

A *field* consists of: a set \mathcal{F} (which must contain at least 2 elements) and two operations, *addition* (+) and *multiplication* (\cdot), each mapping $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$. Several axioms must be satisfied:

- For every $a, b \in \mathcal{F}$, there corresponds an element $a + b \in \mathcal{F}$, *the addition of a and b*. For all $a, b, c \in \mathcal{F}$, it must be that

$$a + b = b + a$$

$$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

- There is a unique element $\theta \in \mathcal{F}$ (or $0_{\mathcal{F}}$, $\theta_{\mathcal{F}}$, or just 0) such that for every $a \in \mathcal{F}$, $a + \theta = a$. Moreover, for every $a \in \mathcal{F}$, there is a unique element labeled $-a$ such that $a + (-a) = \theta$.
- For every $a, b \in \mathcal{F}$, there corresponds an element $a \cdot b \in \mathcal{F}$, *the multiplication of a and b*. For every $a, b, c \in \mathcal{F}$

$$a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$

$$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c.$$

- There is a unique element $1_{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathcal{F}$ (or just 1) such that for every $a \in \mathcal{F}$, $1 \cdot a = a \cdot 1 = a$. Moreover, for every $a \in \mathcal{F}$, $a \neq \theta$, there is a unique element, labeled $a^{-1} \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1_{\mathcal{F}}$.
- For every $a, b, c \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$$

Example: The real numbers \mathbf{R} , the complex numbers \mathbf{C} , and the rational numbers \mathbf{Q} are three examples of fields.

Vector Spaces

A vector space consists of:

- a set \mathcal{V} , whose elements are called “vectors,” and
- a field \mathcal{F} (often just \mathbf{R} or \mathbf{C} , and then denoted \mathbf{F}) whose elements are “scalars.”

Two operations,

- *addition of vectors*, and
- *scalar multiplication*

are defined and must satisfy the following relationships:

- For every $u, w \in \mathcal{V}$, there corresponds a vector $u + w \in \mathcal{V}$ such that for all $u, v, w \in \mathcal{V}$

1. $u + w = w + u$
2. $(u + w) + v = u + (w + v)$

There is a unique vector $\theta_{\mathcal{V}}$ (or $0_{\mathcal{V}}$, θ , or just 0) such that for every $w \in \mathcal{V}$, $w + \theta_{\mathcal{V}} = w$. Moreover, for every $w \in \mathcal{V}$, there is a unique vector labeled $-w$ such that $w + (-w) = \theta_{\mathcal{V}}$.

- For every $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}$ and $w \in \mathcal{V}$ there corresponds a vector $\alpha w \in \mathcal{V}$. The operation must satisfy $1w = w$ for all $w \in \mathcal{V}$ and for every $u, w \in \mathcal{V}$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{F}$ the distributive laws

1. $\alpha(u + w) = \alpha u + \alpha w$
2. $(\alpha + \beta)u = \alpha u + \beta u$

must hold.

If Z and W are vector spaces over the same \mathcal{F} , then $Z \times W$ is also a vector space (field \mathcal{F}), with addition and scalar multiplication defined “coordinatewise.”

Specifically, if $q_1, q_2 \in Z \times W$, then each q_i is of the form

$$q_i = (z_i, w_i).$$

For $\alpha \in \mathcal{F}$, define

$$\alpha q_1 := (\alpha z_1, \alpha w_1), \quad q_1 + q_2 := (z_1 + z_2, w_1 + w_2)$$

- $n > 0$, $\mathcal{V} = \mathbf{R}^n$, $\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{R}$, addition and scalar multiplication defined in terms of components

$$(x + y)_i := x_i + y_i, \quad (\alpha x)_i := \alpha x_i$$

- $n > 0$, $\mathcal{V} = \mathbf{C}^n$, $\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{C}$, addition and scalar multiplication again defined in terms of components.
- $n > 0$, $\mathcal{V} = \mathbf{C}^n$, $\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{R}$, addition and scalar multiplication again defined in terms of components.
- $n, m > 0$, $\mathcal{V} = \mathbf{F}^{n \times m}$, $\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{F}$, addition and scalar multiplication defined entrywise

$$(A + B)_{i,j} := A_{i,j} + B_{i,j}, \quad (\alpha A)_{i,j} := \alpha A_{i,j}$$

- $\mathcal{V} :=$ all continuous, real – valued functions defined on $[0, 1]$, $\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{R}$. Addition and scalar multiplication defined pointwise: for $f, g \in \mathcal{V}$, $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$

$$(f + g)(x) := f(x) + g(x), \quad (\alpha f)(x) := \alpha f(x)$$

- $\mathcal{V} :=$ all piecewise continuous, real-valued functions defined on $[0, \infty)$, with a finite number of discontinuities in any finite interval, $\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{R}$. Addition and scalar multiplication defined pointwise, as before. For future, call this space $\text{PC}[0, \infty)$.
- Same function space as above, with further restriction that

$$\max_{x \geq 0} |f(x)| < \infty \quad \text{or} \quad \int_0^\infty |f(\eta)| d\eta < \infty$$

Call these $\text{PC}_\infty[0, \infty)$, and $\text{PC}_1[0, \infty)$, respectively.

1. In a statement, if \mathbf{F} appears, it means that the statement is true with \mathbf{F} replaced by either \mathbf{R} or \mathbf{C} throughout the statement.
2. The set of all $n \times 1$ column vectors with real number entries is denoted \mathbf{R}^n .
3. The set of all $n \times m$ rectangular matrices with complex number entries is denoted $\mathbf{C}^{n \times m}$. The element in the i 'th row, j 'th column of a matrix M is denoted by M_{ij} , or m_{ij} .
4. If $x \in \mathbf{C}$, $\bar{x} \in \mathbf{C}$ is the complex conjugate of x .
5. If $M \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times m}$, then M^T is the transpose of M ; M^* is the complex-conjugate transpose of M .
6. If $Q \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$, and $Q^*Q = I_n$, then Q is called *unitary*.
7. $\mathbf{R}_+ := \{\alpha \in \mathbf{R} : \alpha \geq 0\}$, $\mathbf{N}_+ := \{k \in \mathbf{N} : k \geq 0\}$

1. Eigenvalues: $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$ is an *eigenvalue* of $M \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$ if there is a vector $v \in \mathbf{C}^n, v \neq 0_n$, such that

$$Mv = \lambda v$$

The vector v is called *an eigenvector* associated with eigenvalue λ .

2. The eigenvalues of $M \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$ are the roots of the equation

$$p_M(\lambda) := \det(\lambda I_n - M) = 0$$

3. **Fact:** Every matrix has at least one eigenvalue and associated eigenvector, since the polynomial $p_M(\lambda)$ has at least one root.
4. **Fact:** The eigenvalues of a matrix are continuous functions of the entries of the matrix
5. For any $n \times m$ matrix A , and $m \times n$ matrix B , the nonzero eigenvalues of AB are equal to the nonzero eigenvalues of BA .
6. A matrix $M \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$ is called *Hurwitz* if all of its eigenvalues have negative real parts.
7. A matrix $M \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$ is called *Schur* if all of its eigenvalues have absolute value less than 1.

1. If A and B are square matrices, then

$$(a) \det(AB) = \det(BA) = \det(A) \det(B)$$

$$(b) \det(A) = \det(A^T)$$

$$(c) \det(A^*) = \overline{\det(A)}$$

2. For any $n \times m$ matrix A , and $m \times n$ matrix B ,

$$(a) \det(I_n + AB) = \det(I_m + BA)$$

(b) $(I_n + AB)$ is invertible if and only if $(I_m + BA)$ is invertible, and moreover,

$$(c) (I_n + AB)^{-1} A = A (I_m + BA)^{-1}$$

3. If X and Z are square, Y compatible, then

$$\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} X & Y \\ 0 & Z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det(X) \det(Z)$$

4. If X and Z are square, invertible, Y compatible, then

$$\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ Y & Z \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} X^{-1} & 0 \\ -Z^{-1}YX^{-1} & Z^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

5. If A and D are square, D invertible, B, C compatible dimensions, then

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A - BD^{-1}C & BD^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$$

so that

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \det(A - BD^{-1}C) \det(D)$$

1. Suppose A and D are square, D invertible, B, C compatible dimensions. If $A - BD^{-1}C$ is invertible then

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -D^{-1}C & D^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1} & -(A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1}BD^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} (A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1} & -(A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1}BD^{-1} \\ -D^{-1}C(A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1} & D^{-1}C(A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1}BD^{-1} + D^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

2. If A and D are square, invertible, B, C compatible dimensions, then

$$\det(D) \det(A - BD^{-1}C) = \det(A) \det(D - CA^{-1}B)$$

and if not 0, then

$$(A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1} = A^{-1} + A^{-1}B(D - CA^{-1}B)^{-1}CA^{-1}$$

3. If A is square and invertible, and B, C and D are compatibly dimensioned, then vectors d_1, d_2, e_1 and e_2 satisfy

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

if and only if they satisfy

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ e_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} & -A^{-1}B \\ CA^{-1} & D - CA^{-1}B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

In reparametrizing some optimization problems involving feedback, the following is useful: Let $T \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times m}$ be given. Define

$$S_1 := \{K(I - TK)^{-1} : K \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times n}, \det(I - TK) \neq 0\}$$

$$S_2 := \{Q \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times n} : \det(I - QT) \neq 0\}$$

Then $S_1 = S_2$, and S_2 is dense in $\mathbf{F}^{m \times n}$; that is, for any $\tilde{Q} \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times n}$, and any $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $Q \in S_2$ such that

$$\max_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq j \leq n}} |\tilde{q}_{ij} - q_{ij}| < \epsilon$$

Normed Vector Spaces

Suppose $(\mathcal{V}, \mathbf{F})$ is a vector space (again, \mathbf{F} is either \mathbf{R} or \mathbf{C}). If there is a function $\|\cdot\| : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that for any $u, v \in \mathcal{V}$, and $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}$

- $\|u\| \geq 0$
- $\|u\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0_n$
- $\|\alpha u\| = |\alpha| \|u\|$
- $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$

then the function $\|\cdot\|$ is called *a norm* on \mathcal{V} , and $(\mathcal{V}, \mathbf{F})$ is a *normed vector space*

For a vector $v \in \mathbf{F}^n$, let v_i be the i 'th component. Define

$$\begin{aligned}\|v\|_1 &:= \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i| \\ \|v\|_2 &:= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |v_i|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ \|v\|_\infty &:= \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |v_i|\end{aligned}$$

Each of these separate definitions satisfy all of the 4 axioms that a *norm* must satisfy (all axioms are easy to check except triangle inequality for $\|\cdot\|_2$, which we will verify in a few slides).

Hence each of $\|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2, \|\cdot\|_\infty$ are norms on \mathbf{F}^n .

We will pretty much exclusively use the $\|\cdot\|_2$ norm and often drop the subscript 2, simply using $\|\cdot\|$. Some easy facts are

1. For $v \in \mathbf{F}^n$, $\|v\|^2 = v^*v$
2. For $v \in \mathbf{F}^n, w \in \mathbf{F}^m$, $\left\| \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = \|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2$.
3. If $Q \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$, $Q^*Q = I_n$, then for all $v \in \mathbf{F}^n$, $\|Qv\| = \|v\|$
4. Given $Q \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$, $Q^*Q = I_n$,

$$\{x : x \in \mathbf{F}^n, \|x\| \leq 1\} = \{Qx : x \in \mathbf{F}^n, \|x\| \leq 1\}$$

and

$$\{x : x \in \mathbf{F}^n, \|x\| = 1\} = \{Qx : x \in \mathbf{F}^n, \|x\| = 1\}$$

Inner Product Spaces

A vector space $(\mathcal{V}, \mathbf{F})$ is an *inner product* space if there is a function $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ such that for every $u, v, w \in \mathcal{V}$ and $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}$ the following hold:

1. $\langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle}$
2. $\langle u + v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle$
3. $\langle \alpha u, w \rangle = \bar{\alpha} \langle u, w \rangle$
4. $\langle u, u \rangle \geq 0$
5. $\langle u, u \rangle = 0$ if and only if $u = \mathbf{0}$.

The function $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is called the inner product on \mathcal{V} .

Two vectors $u, w \in \mathcal{V}$ are said to be *perpendicular*, written $u \perp w$ if $\langle u, w \rangle = 0$.

The most important inner product spaces that we will use in this section are $(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{R})$ and $(\mathbf{C}^n, \mathbf{C})$, with inner products defined as

$$u, w \in \mathbf{R}^n, \quad \langle u, w \rangle := \sum_i^n u_i w_i = u^T w$$

$$u, w \in \mathbf{C}^n, \quad \langle u, w \rangle := \sum_i^n \bar{u}_i w_i = u^* w$$

On $(\mathcal{V}, \mathbf{F})$, define a function using by the inner-product. For each $v \in \mathcal{V}$ define

$$N(v) := \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$$

The Schwarz inequality relates inner products and N .

Theorem: For each $u, w \in \mathcal{V}$ $|\langle u, w \rangle| \leq N(u)N(w)$.

Proof: Given u and w , find complex number α with $|\alpha| = 1$, and $\alpha \langle u, w \rangle = |\langle u, w \rangle|$. Then for any real number t ,

$$0 \leq \langle u + t\alpha w, u + t\alpha w \rangle = N(u)^2 + 2t |\langle u, w \rangle| + t^2 N(w)^2.$$

This is a quadratic function. Characterizing that the minimum (over the real variable t) is non-negative gives the result.

$$|\langle u, w \rangle| \leq N(u)N(w)$$

The triangle inequality follows for N as well: Given any $u, w \in \mathcal{V}$,

$$\begin{aligned} N(u + w)^2 &= \langle u + w, u + w \rangle \\ &= N(u)^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(\langle u, w \rangle) + N(w)^2 \\ &\leq N(u)^2 + 2|\langle u, w \rangle| + N(w)^2 \\ &\leq N(u)^2 + 2N(u)N(w) + N(w)^2 \\ &= (N(u) + N(w))^2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, N is actually a norm on \mathcal{V} , so every inner-product space is in fact a normed vector space, using N , the *norm induced from the inner product*. So, unless otherwise notated, using the symbol $\|\cdot\|$ when working with a inner-product space means the norm induced from the inner product.

Note, if u and w are perpendicular, then $\|u + w\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|w\|^2$, which is the “Pythagorean” theorem.

Take $A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times m}$. Then

1. The m columns of $\begin{bmatrix} I_m \\ A \end{bmatrix}$ are linearly independent, and are perpendicular to the n linearly independent columns of $\begin{bmatrix} -A^* \\ I_n \end{bmatrix}$
2. Take $n > m$, and assume the columns of A are linearly independent. Suppose A_\perp is $n \times (n - m)$, has linearly independent columns, and $A_\perp^* A = 0$. If X is $n \times n$, and invertible, then XA and $X^{-*}A_\perp$ each have linearly independent columns, and are perpendicular to one another.

Linear Transformations on Vector Spaces

Suppose \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} are vector spaces over the same field \mathcal{F} . If $\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$ satisfies

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha v + \beta u) = \alpha \mathcal{L}(v) + \beta \mathcal{L}(u)$$

for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{F}$, and all $v, u \in \mathcal{V}$, then \mathcal{L} is a *linear transformation on \mathcal{V} to \mathcal{W}* .

Examples:

1. $\mathcal{V} = \mathbf{C}^m$, $\mathcal{W} = \mathbf{C}^n$, $M \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times m}$, and \mathcal{L} defined by matrix-vector multiplication: For $v \in \mathcal{V}$, define $\mathcal{L}(v)$ as

$$\mathcal{L}(v) := Mv, \quad \text{or componentwise } (\mathcal{L}(v))_i := \sum_{j=1}^m M_{ij}v_j$$

2. $\mathcal{V} = \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$, $\mathcal{W} = \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$, $A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$, and \mathcal{L} defined by a Lyapunov operator, For $P \in \mathcal{V}$, define $\mathcal{L}(P)$ as

$$\mathcal{L}(P) := A^T P + P A$$

3. $\mathcal{V} = \text{PC}_\infty[0, \infty)$, $\mathcal{W} = \text{PC}_\infty[0, \infty)$, $g \in \text{PC}_1[0, \infty)$, and \mathcal{L} defined by convolution, For $v \in \mathcal{V}$, define $\mathcal{L}v$ as

$$(\mathcal{L}v)(t) := \int_0^t g(t - \tau)v(\tau)d\tau$$

For the remainder of this handout, focus on the linear operator defined by matrix-vector multiplication, and other results about matrices.

If $M \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times m}$, then M naturally defines a linear transformation $\mathcal{L}_M : \mathbf{F}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{F}^n$ via standard matrix-vector multiplication.

For any $v \in \mathbf{F}^m$

$$\mathcal{L}_M(v) := Mv$$

Typically, we will not take care to distinguish the matrix from the operation. Simply note that matrix-vector multiplication in a linear transformation on the vector, namely, for all $u, v \in \mathbf{F}^m$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{F}$,

$$M(\alpha u + \beta v) = \alpha Mu + \beta Mv$$

Using norms in \mathbf{F}^m and \mathbf{F}^n , the norm of the matrix transformation can be characterized

Define

$$\|M\|_{\alpha \leftarrow \beta} := \max_{u \in \mathbf{F}^m, u \neq 0_m} \frac{\|Mu\|_\alpha}{\|u\|_\beta}$$

This is the maximum amplification obtainable, via matrix-vector multiplication, measuring sizes in the domain and range with norms.

Easy Facts: For $M \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times m}$,

1. Other characterizations are possible

$$\|M\|_{\alpha \leftarrow \beta} = \max_{u \in \mathbf{R}^m, \|u\|_{\beta} \leq 1} \|Mu\|_{\alpha} = \max_{u \in \mathbf{R}^m, \|u\|_{\beta} = 1} \|Mu\|_{\alpha}$$

2. Easily proven: $\|M\|_{1 \leftarrow 1} = \max_{1 \leq j \leq m} \sum_{i=1}^n |M_{ij}|$

3. Easily proven: $\|M\|_{\infty \leftarrow \infty} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^m |M_{ij}|$

4. Later: $\|M\|_{2 \leftarrow 2}$ is characterized in terms of the eigenvalues of M^*M .

5. Interchanging rows and/or columns of M does not change $\|M\|_{1 \leftarrow 1}$, $\|M\|_{2 \leftarrow 2}$, or $\|M\|_{\infty \leftarrow \infty}$.

6. Given $U \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$, $V \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times m}$ both unitary (ie., $U^*U = I_n$, $V^*V = I_m$), then for any $M \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times m}$,

$$\|UMV\|_{2 \leftarrow 2} = \|M\|_{2 \leftarrow 2}$$

7. If $\|M\|_{\alpha \leftarrow \alpha} < 1$, then $\det(I - M) \neq 0$

8. For matrices A, B, C of appropriate dimensions,

$$\begin{aligned} \|AB\|_{\alpha \leftarrow \gamma} &\leq \|A\|_{\alpha \leftarrow \beta} \|B\|_{\beta \leftarrow \gamma} \\ \|A + C\|_{\alpha \leftarrow \gamma} &\leq \|A\|_{\alpha \leftarrow \gamma} + \|C\|_{\alpha \leftarrow \gamma} \end{aligned}$$

9. Deleting rows and/or columns does not increase $\|\cdot\|_{p \leftarrow p}$. Specifically, for matrices A, B, C of appropriate dimensions,

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} A & B \end{bmatrix} \right\|_{p \leftarrow p} \geq \|A\|_{p \leftarrow p}, \quad \left\| \begin{bmatrix} A \\ C \end{bmatrix} \right\|_{p \leftarrow p} \geq \|A\|_{p \leftarrow p}$$

Theorem: Given a matrix $A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$. There exists a matrix $Q \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$ with

- $Q^*Q = I_n$, and
- $Q^*AQ =: \Lambda$ upper triangular.

Remarks:

1. Proof is straightforward – induction along with Gram-Schmidt Orthonormalization process.
2. The matrix Q has orthonormal rows and columns (since $Q^*Q = QQ^* = I_n$)
3. Since Q^*AQ is upper triangular, the eigenvalues of Q^*AQ are the diagonal entries.
4. In this case, $Q^{-1} = Q^*$, so the eigenvalues of Q^*AQ are the same as the eigenvalues of A . The order that the eigenvalues appear is arbitrary (they can be sorted in any order). This will be clear from the proof.
5. The Matlab command **schur** computes (reliably and quickly) a Schur decomposition.

Note that the theorem is true for 1×1 matrices, ie., $n = 1$, simply take $Q := 1$, and $\Lambda = A$.

Now, suppose that the theorem statement is true for $n = k$, ie., suppose it is true for $k \times k$ matrices. Furthermore, let $A \in \mathbf{F}^{(k+1) \times (k+1)}$. Let $v \in \mathbf{C}^{k+1}$ be an eigenvector of A , with corresponding eigenvalue $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$ (possible since every matrix has at least one eigenvalue). By definition, $v \neq 0_{k+1}$, and hence we can (by dividing) assume that $v^*v = 1$. Now, using the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization procedure, choose vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k each in \mathbf{C}^{k+1} such that

$$\{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$$

is a set of mutually orthonormal vectors. Stack these into a square, $(k+1) \times (k+1)$ matrix $V := [v \ v_1 \ v_2 \ \cdots \ v_k]$.

Note that $V^*V = I_{k+1}$. Moreover, there is a matrix $\Gamma \in \mathbf{C}^{k \times k}$, and a vector $w \in \mathbf{C}^k$ such that

$$AV = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & w^* \\ 0 & \Gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

By then induction hypothesis, since Γ is of dimension k , there is a matrix $P \in \mathbf{C}^{k \times k}$ and upper triangular $\Psi \in \mathbf{C}^{k \times k}$ with $P^*P = I_k$ and $P^*\Gamma P = \Psi$. Hence, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & P^* \end{bmatrix} V^* AV \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & P^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & w^* \\ 0 & \Gamma \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & w^*P \\ 0 & \Psi \end{bmatrix}$$

which is indeed upper triangular. Moreover

$$Q := V \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & P \end{bmatrix}$$

has $Q^*Q = I_{k+1}$ as desired. \sharp

Definition: The set of real, symmetric $n \times n$ matrices is denoted $\mathcal{S}^{n \times n}$, and defined as

$$\mathcal{S}^{n \times n} := \{M \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n} : M^T = M\}$$

Definition: The set of complex, Hermitian $n \times n$ matrices is denoted $\mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$, and defined as

$$\mathcal{H}^{n \times n} := \{M \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n} : M^* = M\}$$

Definition: The set of complex, normal $n \times n$ matrices is denoted $\mathcal{N}^{n \times n}$, and defined as

$$\mathcal{N}^{n \times n} := \{M \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n} : M^* M = M M^*\}$$

Note that

$$\mathcal{S}^{n \times n} \subset \mathcal{H}^{n \times n} \subset \mathcal{N}^{n \times n}$$

Fact: Hermitian matrices have real eigenvalues:

Proof: Let $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$ be an eigenvalue of a Hermitian matrix $M = M^*$, and let $v \neq 0_n$ be a corresponding eigenvector, so that $Mv = \lambda v$.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) \|v\|^2 &= \lambda \|v\|^2 + \bar{\lambda} \|v\|^2 \\
 &= v^*(\lambda v) + (\lambda v)^* v \\
 &= v^* M v + (M v)^* v \\
 &= v^* M v + v^* M^* v \\
 &= v^* M v + v^* M v \quad \text{using } M = M^* \\
 &= 2v^* M v \\
 &= 2\lambda \|v\|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $v \neq 0_n$, the norm is positive, divide out leaving

$$\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) = \lambda$$

as desired.

Remark: If $M \in \mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$, the eigenvalues of M are real, and can be ordered

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_n$$

and it makes sense to write

$$\lambda_{\max}(M) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_{\min}(M)$$

without confusion

Fact: An upper triangular, normal matrix is actually diagonal.

Check it out...

Fact: Given $Q \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$ satisfying $Q^*Q = I_n$, then for any $M \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$,

$$M \in \mathcal{N} \Leftrightarrow Q^*MQ \in \mathcal{N}$$

The proof is simple:

$$\begin{aligned} M^*M = MM^* &\Leftrightarrow Q^*(M^*M)Q = Q^*(MM^*)Q \\ &\Leftrightarrow Q^*M^*MQ = Q^*MM^*Q \\ &\Leftrightarrow Q^*M^*\underbrace{QQ^*}_I MQ = Q^*M\underbrace{QQ^*}_I M^*Q \\ &\Leftrightarrow Q^*M^*QQ^*MQ = Q^*MQQ^*M^*Q \\ &\Leftrightarrow (Q^*MQ)^* Q^*MQ = Q^*MQ(Q^*MQ)^* \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

Fact: A normal matrix M has an orthonormal set of eigenvectors, ie., there exists a matrices $Q, \Lambda \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$ with

- $Q^*Q = I_n$,
- Λ diagonal
- $M = Q\Lambda Q^*$

If $M = M^*$, then

$$\{x^* M x : \|x\|_2 = 1\} = [\lambda_{\min}(M), \lambda_{\max}(M)]$$

Proof: Basic idea:

- Let $Q\Lambda Q^* = M$ be a Schur decomposition of M
- Since $M = M^*$, Λ is diagonal and real
- Notate $\xi := Q^*x$, noting $\|Q\xi\|_2 = \|\xi\|_2$ for all ξ ,

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \{x^* M x : \|x\|_2 = 1\} &= \{x^* Q \Lambda Q^* x : \|x\|_2 = 1\} \\ &= \{\xi^* \Lambda \xi : \|Q\xi\|_2 = 1\} \\ &= \{\xi^* \Lambda \xi : \|\xi\|_2 = 1\} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i |\xi_i|^2 : \sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i|^2 = 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

For any $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, define

$$\xi_1 := \sqrt{\alpha}, \quad \xi_2 = \xi_3 = \cdots = \xi_{n+1} = 0, \quad \xi_n := \sqrt{1 - \alpha}$$

yielding

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i |\xi_i|^2 = \alpha \lambda_1 + (1 - \alpha) \lambda_n$$

which shows by proper choice of α , anything in between λ_1 and λ_n can be achieved.

Warning: Take $M = M^*$. Then

$$\{x^* M x : \|x\|_2 \leq 1\} \neq [\lambda_{\min}(M), \lambda_{\max}(M)]$$

Now, return to expression for $\|M\|_{2\leftarrow 2}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|M\|_{2\leftarrow 2}^2 &:= \max_{\|x\|\leq 1} \|Mx\|^2 \\
 &= \max_{\|x\|=1} \|Mx\|^2 \\
 &= \max_{\|x\|=1} x^* M^* M x \\
 &= \lambda_{\max}(M^* M)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\|M\|_{2\leftarrow 2}$ is often denoted by $\bar{\sigma}(M)$, called *the maximum singular value of M* . Since the nonzero eigenvalues of AB equal the nonzero eigenvalues of BA , it follows that

$$\bar{\sigma}(M) = \bar{\sigma}(M^*)$$

Definition: A matrix $M \in \mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$ is

1. *positive definite* (denoted $M \succ 0$) if $u^*Mu > 0$ for every $u \in \mathbf{C}^n, u \neq 0_n$.
2. *positive semi-definite* (denoted $M \succeq 0$) if $u^*Mu \geq 0$ for every $u \in \mathbf{C}^n$.
3. *negative definite* (denoted $M \prec 0$) if $u^*Mu < 0$ for every $u \in \mathbf{C}^n, u \neq 0_n$.
4. *negative semi-definite* (denoted $M \preceq 0$) if $u^*Mu \leq 0$ for every $u \in \mathbf{C}^n$.

For $A, B \in \mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$, write $A \preceq B$ if $A - B \preceq 0$. Similarly for \prec, \succ and \succeq .

Easy Facts:

1. If $A \preceq B$ and $B \preceq A$, then indeed, $A = B$. If $A \preceq B$ and $C \preceq D$, then $A + C \preceq B + D$.
2. $L \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$ invertible, $M \in \mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$, then

$$M \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow L^*ML \succ 0$$

3. $L \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times m}$ full column rank (so $n \geq m$), $M \in \mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$, then

$$M \succ 0 \Rightarrow L^*ML \succ 0$$

4. For any $W \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times m}$, $W^*W \succeq 0$.
5. For any $W \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times m}$, if $\text{rank}W = m$, then $W^*W \succ 0$.
6. $M \succ 0$ if and only if $\lambda_{\min}(M) > 0$.

7. If $M \in \mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$, then $M \prec 0 \Leftrightarrow (-M) \succ 0$

8. If $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$, $A_1 \succ 0$, $A_2 \succ 0$, then for each $t \in [0, 1]$,

$$(1 - t)A_1 + tA_2 \succ 0$$

9. Given $X \in \mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$, $Z \in \mathcal{H}^{m \times m}$ and $Y \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times m}$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} X & Y \\ Y^* & Z \end{bmatrix} \succ 0 \Rightarrow X \succ 0, Z \succ 0$$

10. $\bar{\sigma}(\cdot)$ bounds are easily converted into definiteness relations. For any matrix $M \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times m}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\sigma}(M) < \beta &\Leftrightarrow M^*M - \beta^2 I_m \prec 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow MM^* - \beta^2 I_n \prec 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \bar{\sigma}(M^*) < \beta \end{aligned}$$

11. If M is invertible, and $M^* = M$, then $M \succ 0$ if and only if $M^{-1} \succ 0$.

12. **Warning:** If $M \neq M^*$, then M having positive, real eigenvalues does not guarantee $x^* M x > 0$. Instead, check $M + M^*$, since it is Hermitian, and $x^* M x = \frac{1}{2} x^* (M + M^*) x$. For example,

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

13. If $M + M^* \prec 0$, then eigenvalues of M have negative real-part

14. If $M = M^* \prec 0$, then for any $\Delta = \Delta^*$, there is an $\epsilon > 0$ such that $M + t\Delta \prec 0$ for all $|t| < \epsilon$.

Theorem: Let $T_{i=0}^k$ be a family of matrices, with each $T_i \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$, and $T_i^* = T_i$. If there exist scalars $\{d_i\}_{i=1}^k$ with $d_i \geq 0$, and

$$T_0 - \sum_{i=1}^k d_i T_i \succ 0$$

then for all $x \in \mathbf{C}^n$ which satisfy $x^* T_i x > 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$, it follows that $x^* T_0 x > 0$.

Proof: Let $x \in \mathbf{C}^n$ satisfy $x^* T_i x > 0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq k$. Hence, $x \neq 0$. By hypothesis, we have

$$x^* \left[T_0 - \sum_{i=1}^k d_i T_i \right] x > 0$$

which implies

$$x^* T_0 x > \sum_{i=1}^k d_i x^* T_i x \geq 0$$

as desired. \sharp

Remark: Easily replace $>$ with \geq in above statement.

Theorem: Given $M \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times m}$. Then there exists

- $U \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$, with $U^*U = I_n$,
- $V \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times m}$, with $V^*V = I_m$,
- integer $0 \leq k \leq \min(n, m)$, and
- real numbers $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_k > 0$

such that

$$M = U \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^*$$

where $\Sigma \in \mathbf{R}^{k \times k}$ is

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma_k \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof: Clearly $M^*M \in \mathcal{H}^{m \times m}$ is positive semi-definite. Since it is Hermitian, it has a full set of orthonormal eigenvectors, and the eigenvalues are real, and nonnegative. Let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ denote an orthonormal choice of eigenvectors, associated with the eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_k > \lambda_{k+1} = \lambda_{k+2} = \dots = \lambda_m = 0$$

For any $1 \leq j \leq m$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Mv_j\|^2 &= v_j^* M^* M v_j \\ &= \lambda_j v_j^* v_j \\ &= \lambda_j \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for $j > k$, it follows that $Mv_j = 0_n$.

For $1 \leq j \leq k$, define $\sigma_j := \sqrt{\lambda_j}$. Next, for $1 \leq j \leq k$, define vectors $u_j \in \mathbf{F}^n$ via

$$u_j := \frac{1}{\sigma_j} Mv_j$$

Note that for any $1 \leq j, h \leq k$,

$$\begin{aligned} u_h^* u_j &= \frac{1}{\sigma_h \sigma_j} v_h^* M^* M v_j \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma_h \sigma_j} v_h^* (\lambda_j v_j) \\ &= \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_h} v_h^* v_j \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $u_h^* u_j = \delta_{hj}$. Hence the set $\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$ are mutually orthonormal vectors in \mathbf{F}^n . Using Gram-Schmidt, construct vectors u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n to fill this out, so

$$\{u_1, \dots, u_k, u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n\}$$

is a mutually orthonormal set of vectors in \mathbf{F}^n . Now we want to consider $u_h^* Mv_j$ for 4 cases (depending on how h, j compare to k).

- $1 \leq h \leq k$ and $1 \leq j \leq k$. Substituting gives

$$\begin{aligned} u_h^* M v_j &= \frac{1}{\sigma_h} v_h^* M^* M v_j \\ &= \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_h} v_h^* v_j \\ &= \sigma_h \delta_{hj} \end{aligned}$$

- any h , with $j > k$. Substituting gives

$$\begin{aligned} u_h^* M v_j &= u_h^* (M v_j) \\ &= u_h^* 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- $h > k$, and $1 \leq j \leq k$. Substituting gives

$$\begin{aligned} u_h^* M v_j &= u_h^* (\sigma_j u_j) \\ &= \sigma_j u_h^* u_j \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Defining matrices U and V with columns made up of the $\{u_h\}_{h=1}^n$ and $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^m$ completes the proof. \sharp

If $M = M^* \succeq 0$, then there is a unique matrix S satisfying

- $S = S^*$
- $S \succeq 0$ (moreover, $S \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow M \succ 0$)
- $S^2 = M$

S is called the *Hermitian square-root of M* and denoted $M^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

Facts:

1. Calculating the Hermitian square root of M :

- (a) Do a Schur decomposition of M , so $M = Q\Lambda Q^*$.
- (b) Since $M = M^*$, Λ is diagonal and real.
- (c) Since $M \succeq 0$, the diagonal entries of Λ are non-negative, denote them as $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$.
- (d) Define

$$S := Q \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\lambda_2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix} Q^*$$

- (e) Note that $S = S^* \succeq 0$, and $S^2 = M$.

2. If $M = M^* \succ 0$, then M is invertible, and M^{-1} is Hermitian and positive definite. Hence it has a Hermitian square root. In fact

$$(M^{-1})^{\frac{1}{2}} = (M^{\frac{1}{2}})^{-1}$$

so write $M^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ without any confusion as to its meaning.

Fact: Given $M \in \mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$ and $L \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$, with L invertible. Then

$$M \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow L^* M L \succ 0$$

Fact: Given $X \in \mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$, $Y \in \mathcal{H}^{m \times m}$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & Y \end{bmatrix} \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow X \succ 0 \text{ and } Y \succ 0$$

Fact: Given $X \in \mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$, $Z \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times m}$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} X & Z \\ Z^* & I_m \end{bmatrix} \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow X - Z Z^* \succ 0$$

Proof: Use $L := \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ -Z^* & I_m \end{bmatrix}$.

This leads to what is typically called the “Schur complement” theorem.

Fact: Given $X \in \mathcal{H}^{n \times n}$, $Y \in \mathcal{H}^{m \times m}$, $Z \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times m}$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} X & Z \\ Z^* & Y \end{bmatrix} \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow Y \succ 0, \text{ and } X - Z Y^{-1} Z^* \succ 0$$

Proof: Note that if $Y \succ 0$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & Y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X & Z \\ Z^* & Y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & Y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X & Z Y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ Y^{-\frac{1}{2}} Z^* & I_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Lemma: Suppose $X_{11} \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$, $Y_{11} \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$, with $X_{11} = X_{11}^* \succ 0$, and $Y_{11} = Y_{11}^* \succ 0$. Let r be a non-negative integer. Then there exist $X_{12} \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times r}$, $X_{22} \in \mathbf{F}^{r \times r}$ such that $X_{22} = X_{22}^*$, and

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12}^* & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} \succ 0 \quad , \quad \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12}^* & X_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_{11} & ? \\ ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

if and only if

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & I_n \\ I_n & Y_{11} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & I_n \\ I_n & Y_{11} \end{bmatrix} \leq n + r$$

These last two conditions are equivalent to $X_{11} \succeq Y_{11}^{-1}$ and $\text{rank}(X_{11} - Y_{11}^{-1}) \leq r$.

Proof: Apply Schur Complement and Matrix inversion Lemmas...

\Leftarrow By assumption, there is a matrix $L \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times r}$ such that $X_{11} - Y_{11}^{-1} = LL^*$. Defining $X_{12} := L$, and $X_{22} := I_r$ and note that

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & L \\ L^* & I_r \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} (X_{11} - LL^*)^{-1} & -(X_{11} - LL^*)^{-1}L \\ -L^*(X_{11} - LL^*)^{-1} & L^*(X_{11} - LL^*)^{-1}L + I_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_{11} & ? \\ ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow Using the matrix inversion lemma (item 1), it must be that

$$Y_{11}^{-1} = X_{11} - X_{12}X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^*.$$

Hence, $X_{11} - Y_{11}^{-1} = X_{12}X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^* \succeq 0$, and indeed,

$$\text{rank}(X_{11} - Y_{11}^{-1}) = \text{rank}(X_{12}X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^*) \leq r.$$

The other rank condition follows because

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_n & -Y_{11}^{-1} \\ 0 & I_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & I_n \\ I_n & Y_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ -Y_{11}^{-1} & I_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} - Y_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & Y_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

Lots of the control design algorithms we will study (\mathcal{H}_∞ , for instance) hinge on the following result from linear algebra:

1. Given $R \in \mathbf{F}^{l \times l}$, $U \in \mathbf{F}^{l \times m}$ and $V \in \mathbf{F}^{p \times l}$, where $m, p \leq l$.
2. We want to minimize $\bar{\sigma} [R + UQV]$ over $Q \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times p}$.

$$\boxed{R} \quad + \quad \boxed{U} \quad \boxed{Q} \quad \boxed{V}$$

3. Suppose $U_\perp \in \mathbf{F}^{l \times (l-m)}$ and $V_\perp \in \mathbf{F}^{(l-p) \times l}$ have

- $\begin{bmatrix} U & U_\perp \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} V \\ V_\perp \end{bmatrix}$ are both invertible
- $U^* U_\perp = 0_{m \times (l-m)}, V V_\perp^* = 0_{p \times (l-p)}$

Then

$$\inf_{Q \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times p}} \bar{\sigma} [R + UQV] < 1$$

if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} V_\perp (R^* R - I) V_\perp^* &\prec 0 \\ U_\perp^* (R R^* - I) U_\perp &\prec 0 \end{aligned}$$

Remark: Essentially, R must be smaller than 1 on the directions that U and V are perpendicular to.

Matrix dilation problems are of the form:

Given a partially specified matrix - when can the unspecified elements be chosen so that the full matrix has some property?

Already seen one type of problem. Next, we derive a main elementary matrix dilation theorem. We start simple and build...

Given $A \in \mathbf{C}^{m \times n}$, it is clear that

$$\min_{X \in \mathbf{C}^{q \times n}} \bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ A \end{bmatrix} = \bar{\sigma}(A)$$

and this can easily be achieved by choosing $X := 0$. Pick some $\gamma > \bar{\sigma}(A)$. Characterize all X that give $\bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ A \end{bmatrix} < \gamma$.

Lemma: Suppose $Y \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$ is invertible. Then

$$\{X \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times n} : X^*X \prec Y^*Y\} = \{WY : W \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times n}, \bar{\sigma}(W) < 1\}$$

Proof:

A simple chain of equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} X^*X \prec Y^*Y &\Leftrightarrow X^*X - Y^*Y \prec 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow Y^{-*}[X^*X - Y^*Y]Y^{-1} \prec 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow Y^{-*}X^*XY^{-1} - I \prec 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \bar{\sigma}(XY^{-1}) < 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \bar{\sigma}(W) < 1 \text{ and } W = XY^{-1} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \bar{\sigma}(W) < 1 \text{ and } X = WY \end{aligned}$$

The lemma easily gives

Lemma: Given $A \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times n}$, and $\gamma > \bar{\sigma}(A)$. Then

$$\left\{ X \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times n} : \bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ A \end{bmatrix} < \gamma \right\} = \left\{ W (\gamma^2 I_n - A^* A)^{\frac{1}{2}} : W \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times n}, \bar{\sigma}(W) < 1 \right\}$$

Proof:

Another chain of equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\sigma} \left(\begin{bmatrix} X \\ A \end{bmatrix} \right) < \gamma &\Leftrightarrow X^* X + A^* A - \gamma^2 I \prec 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow X^* X \prec \gamma^2 I - A^* A \\ &\Leftrightarrow X^* X \prec (\gamma^2 I - A^* A)^{1/2} (\gamma^2 I - A^* A)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Now apply previous Lemma.

Equivalently, for any $X \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times n}$ and $\gamma > \bar{\sigma}(A)$, we have

$$\bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ A \end{bmatrix} < \gamma \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \bar{\sigma} \left[X (\gamma^2 I_n - A^* A)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right] < 1$$

Similarly, for $B \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times p}$, and $\gamma > \bar{\sigma}(B)$, we have

$$\left\{ X \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times n} : \bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} X & B \end{bmatrix} < \gamma \right\} = \\ \left\{ (\gamma^2 I_q - BB^*)^{\frac{1}{2}} W : W \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times n}, \bar{\sigma}(W) < 1 \right\}$$

Along these lines, a corollary follows:

Corollary RV: Given $R \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$, $V \in \mathbf{F}^{t \times n}$, with V full row rank. Then

$$\min_{Q \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times t}} \bar{\sigma}(R + QV) = \bar{\sigma}(RV_{\perp}^*)$$

where $V_{\perp} \in \mathbf{F}^{(n-t) \times n}$ satisfies

$$V_{\perp} V_{\perp}^* = I_{n-t} \quad , \quad V_{\perp} V^* = 0 \quad , \quad \det \begin{bmatrix} V \\ V_{\perp} \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$$

Proof: let $S \in \mathbf{F}^{t \times t}$ be invertible such that $V_o := SV \in \mathbf{F}^{t \times n}$ satisfies $V_o V_o^* = I_t$. Then, for any $Q \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times t}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} R + QV &= R + QS^{-1}SV \\ &= R + QS^{-1}V_o \end{aligned}$$

Since S is invertible, by picking Q , we equivalently have complete freedom in picking $Q_o (:= QS^{-1})$. Hence

$$\min_{Q \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times t}} \bar{\sigma}(R + QV) = \min_{Q_o \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times t}} \bar{\sigma}(R + Q_o V_o) =$$

Also,

$$T := \begin{bmatrix} V_o \\ V_{\perp} \end{bmatrix}$$

is a square, unitary matrix. Hence,

$$\min_{Q_o \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times t}} \bar{\sigma}(R + Q_o V_o) = \min_{Q_o \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times t}} \bar{\sigma}((R + Q_o V_o) T^*)$$

But $(R + Q_o V_o) T^*$ is simply

$$(R + Q_o V_o) T^* = \begin{bmatrix} RV_o^* + Q_o & RV_{\perp}^* \end{bmatrix}$$

The minimum (over Q_o) that the maximum singular value can take on is clearly $\bar{\sigma}(RV_{\perp}^*)$, which is achieved when

$$Q_o := -RV_o^* = -RV^* S^*$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= Q_o S \\ &= -RV^* S^* S \\ &= -RV^* (VV^*)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Given $A \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times n}$, $B \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times p}$, $C \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times p}$, what is

$$\min_{X \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times n}} \bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} X & B \\ A & C \end{bmatrix}$$

The theorem, independently (and in many different forms) by Sarason, Adamjan-Arov-Krien, Sz Nagy-Foias, Davis-Kahan-Weinberger, and Parrot is:

Theorem: Given A , B and C as above. Then

$$\min_{X \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times n}} \bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} X & B \\ A & C \end{bmatrix} = \max \left\{ \bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} A & C \end{bmatrix}, \bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} B \\ C \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Remark: $X = 0$ typically does not achieve the minimum cost. Try a simple, real 2×2 example...

Note that the 2×2 block matrix can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} X & B \\ A & C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ A & C \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} I_q \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} X \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is a special form of the $R + UQV$ expression.

Theorem: Given $A \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times n}$, $B \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times p}$, $C \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times p}$. Then

$$\min_{X \in \mathbf{F}^{q \times n}} \bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} X & B \\ A & C \end{bmatrix} = \max \left\{ \bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} A & C \end{bmatrix}, \bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} B \\ C \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Proof: Clearly, nothing smaller than the right-hand-side is achievable. Take any $\gamma > \bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} A & C \end{bmatrix}$. Then

$$\min_X \bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} X & B \\ A & C \end{bmatrix} < \gamma \iff \min_X \bar{\sigma} \left(\begin{bmatrix} X & B \end{bmatrix} S^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) < 1$$

where

$$S := \gamma^2 I - \begin{bmatrix} A^* \\ C^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & C \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence there exists an X such that $\bar{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} X & B \\ A & C \end{bmatrix} < \gamma$ if and only if

$$\min_X \bar{\sigma} \left[\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Q \end{bmatrix}}_Q \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} S^{-\frac{1}{2}}}_V + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \end{bmatrix} S^{-\frac{1}{2}}}_R \right] < 1$$

What should V_\perp be? It needs to satisfy $V_\perp V^* = 0$ and $V_\perp V_\perp^* = I$.

The first condition implies that

$$V_\perp V^* = 0 \iff V_\perp S^{-\frac{1}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

so that V_\perp is of the form $V_\perp = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & L \end{bmatrix} S^{\frac{1}{2}}$ for some (at this point) arbitrary L . The second condition requires

$$V_\perp V_\perp^* = I \implies L (\gamma^2 I - C^* C) L^* = I$$

so that $L = (\gamma^2 I - C^* C)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ is a suitable choice.

Hence, the original equivalence continues,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_X \bar{\sigma}(QV + R) < 1 &\iff \bar{\sigma}(RV_\perp) < 1 \\
 &\iff \bar{\sigma}\left[B(\gamma^2 I - C^*C)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right] < 1 \\
 &\iff \bar{\sigma}\begin{bmatrix} B \\ C \end{bmatrix} < \gamma
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, any γ larger than both $\bar{\sigma}[A \ C]$ and $\bar{\sigma}\begin{bmatrix} B \\ C \end{bmatrix}$ is achievable, using, for instance

$$X := -B(\gamma^2 I - C^*C)^{-1} C^* A$$

Moreover (though we do not explicitly use it) the minimum is achieved (compactness argument).

Partial answer to the $R + UQV$ problem when similarity scalings are included:

1. Let R, U, V, U_\perp and V_\perp be given as before.
2. Let $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathbf{F}^{l \times l}$ be a given set of positive definite, Hermitian matrices

Then

$$\inf_{\substack{Q \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times p} \\ Z \in \mathcal{Z}}} \bar{\sigma} \left[Z^{1/2} (R + UQV) Z^{-1/2} \right] < 1$$

if and only if there is a $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$ such that

$$V_\perp (R^* Z R - Z) V_\perp^* \prec 0$$

and

$$U_\perp^* (R Z^{-1} R^* - Z^{-1}) U_\perp \prec 0.$$

Proof: For each fixed $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$, consider the problem

$$\beta(Z) := \inf_{Q \in \mathbf{F}^{r \times t}} \bar{\sigma} \left[Z^{\frac{1}{2}} (R + UQV) Z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right]$$

Define $\tilde{R} := Z^{\frac{1}{2}} R Z^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, $\tilde{U} := Z^{\frac{1}{2}} U$, $\tilde{V} = V Z^{-\frac{1}{2}}$. Note that the columns of $Z^{-\frac{1}{2}} U_{\perp}$ span the space orthogonal to the range (column) of \tilde{U} , since $(Z^{-\frac{1}{2}} U_{\perp})^* \tilde{U} = 0$. Similarly, the rows of $V_{\perp} Z^{\frac{1}{2}}$ span the space orthogonal to the range (row) of \tilde{V} . Therefore, for fixed $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$, $\beta(Z) < \alpha$ if and only if

$$U_{\perp}^* Z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(Z^{\frac{1}{2}} R Z^{-\frac{1}{2}} Z^{-\frac{1}{2}} R^* Z^{\frac{1}{2}} - \alpha^2 I \right) Z^{-\frac{1}{2}} U_{\perp} \prec 0,$$

and

$$V_{\perp} Z^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(Z^{-\frac{1}{2}} R^* Z^{\frac{1}{2}} Z^{\frac{1}{2}} R Z^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \alpha^2 I \right) Z^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\perp}^* \prec 0.$$

These simplify to

$$U_{\perp}^* \left(R Z^{-1} R^* - \alpha^2 Z^{-1} \right) U_{\perp} \prec 0, \quad (1)$$

and

$$V_{\perp} \left(R^* Z R - \alpha^2 Z \right) V_{\perp}^* \prec 0 \quad (2)$$

as claimed. \sharp

The previous results are directly useful in discrete-time problems.

Using similar techniques, the analogous theorem for definiteness can be proven:

Theorem: Given $R \in \mathbf{F}^{l \times l}$, $U \in \mathbf{F}^{l \times m}$ and $V \in \mathbf{F}^{p \times l}$, where $m, p \leq l$. Suppose $U_{\perp} \in \mathbf{F}^{l \times (l-m)}$ and $V_{\perp} \in \mathbf{F}^{(l-p) \times l}$ have

- $\begin{bmatrix} U & U_{\perp} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} V \\ V_{\perp} \end{bmatrix}$ are both invertible
- $U^* U_{\perp} = 0_{m \times (l-m)}, V V_{\perp}^* = 0_{p \times (l-p)}$

Then, there exist a $Q \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times p}$ such that

$$[R + UQV] + [R + UQV]^* \prec 0$$

if and only if

$$U_{\perp}^* (R + R^*) U_{\perp} \prec 0, \quad V_{\perp} (R + R^*) V_{\perp}^* \prec 0$$

Lemma: $S = S^* \succ 0$, T given square matrices. For every K ,

$$-TK^* - KT^* + KSK \succeq -TS^{-1}T^*.$$

Furthermore, $K_0 := TS^{-1}$ achieves equality.

Proof: Complete squares as

$$\begin{aligned} & -TK^* - KT^* + KSK \\ &= (KS^{1/2} - TS^{-1/2})(KS^{1/2} - TS^{-1/2})^* - TS^{-1}T^* \\ &\succeq -TS^{-1}T^* \end{aligned}$$

Note that equality is achieved by making $KS^{1/2} - TS^{-1/2} = 0$, which can be accomplished with $K = TS^{-1}$.

Lemma: $S = S^* \succeq 0$, $\text{Ker}S \subseteq \text{Ker}T$. Let K_0 be any solution of the equation $K_0S = T$. Then for every K

$$-TK^* - KT^* + KSK \succeq -TK_0^* - K_0T^* + K_0SK_0 (= -K_0SK_0)$$

Proof: For any K ,

$$\begin{aligned} & T(K_0 - K)^* + (K_0 - K)T^* - K_0SK_0^* + KSK \\ &= (K_0 - K)S(K_0 - K)^* \\ &\succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

To verify the equality, simply substitute for T . Also note that the equation $K_0S = T$ may have many solutions. If $K_{0,1}$ and $K_{0,2}$ are two such solutions, then by making the argument twice above, we have

$$K_{0,1}SK_{0,1}^* = K_{0,2}SK_{0,2}^*$$

Equivalently, $TK_{0,1} = TK_{0,2}$.