

Math 582G

Today: The numerical range & convex duality

Last week: For any $B, C \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{n \times n}$,

$$\{(x^T B x, x^T C x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \|x\|_2 = 1\} = \{(\langle B, X \rangle, \langle C, X \rangle) : X \in \text{PSD}_n, \langle X, I \rangle = 1\}$$

and is a convex, compact subset of \mathbb{R}^2 .

Cor: For any Hermitian matrices $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{H}_+^n$

$$\{(\bar{w}^T M_1 w, \bar{w}^T M_2 w) : w \in \mathbb{C}^n, \|w\|_2 = 1\} = \{(\langle M_1, X \rangle, \langle M_2, X \rangle) : X \in \mathcal{H}_+^n, \langle X, I \rangle = 1\}$$

(Proof) For $w \in \mathbb{C}^n$, write $w = u + iv$ with $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Then $\bar{w}^T M_j w = (u - iv)^T M_j (u + iv)$ is quadratic in (u, v) .

If $M_j = A_j + iB_j$ with $A_j = A_j^T, B_j = -B_j^T$ real, then

$$\bar{w}^T M_j w = (u - iv)^T (A_j + iB_j) (u + iv) = u^T A_j u + v^T A_j v + u^T B_j v - v^T B_j u = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} A_j & B_j \\ -B_j & A_j \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow Follows from real symmetric version.

Def: The numerical range of a matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is

$$\mathcal{W}(A) = \{\bar{w}^T A w : w \in \mathbb{C}^n, \|w\|_2 = 1\}$$

Toeplitz-Hausdorff Thm: $\mathcal{W}(A)$ is convex in $\mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$

(Proof) For $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, let $\text{Re}(A) = \frac{A + \bar{A}^T}{2}$ and $\text{Im}(A) = \frac{A - \bar{A}^T}{2i}$

Then $\text{Re}(A), \text{Im}(A)$ are Hermitian and $A = \text{Re}(A) + i\text{Im}(A)$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{w}^T A w = \bar{w}^T \text{Re}(A) w + i \bar{w}^T \text{Im}(A) w.$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{W}(A) = \{ \bar{\omega}^T \operatorname{Re}(A) \omega + i \bar{\omega}^T \operatorname{Im}(A) \omega : \omega \in \mathbb{C}^n, \|\omega\|_2 = 1 \} \subseteq \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2.$$

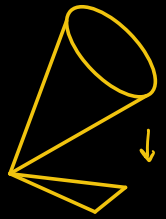
By Cor, this equals $\{ \langle X, \operatorname{Re}(A) \rangle + i \langle X, \operatorname{Im}(A) \rangle : X \in \mathcal{H}_+^n, \langle X, I \rangle = 1 \}$ and is therefore compact and convex.

Ex: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\operatorname{Re}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\operatorname{Im}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2i \\ -1/2i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ What is $\mathcal{W}(A)$?

Projections & Convex Duality

Given $A_1, \dots, A_m \in \mathcal{H}^n$, define $\pi_A: \mathcal{H}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ as

$$\pi_A(X) = (\langle X, A_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle X, A_m \rangle).$$



Prop: For $K = \pi_A(\mathcal{H}_+^n)$, $K^* = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ s.t. } \sum_{j=1}^m y_j A_j \succeq 0 \}$.

(Proof) Let $l: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by $l(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m x_j y_j$.

For $x = (\langle X, A_j \rangle)$, $l(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m \langle X, A_j \rangle y_j = \langle X, \sum_{j=1}^m y_j A_j \rangle \geq 0$ for all $X \in \mathcal{H}_+^n \Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=1}^m y_j A_j \succeq 0$.

Prop: For $C = \pi_A(\{ X \in \mathcal{H}_+^n : \langle X, I \rangle = 1 \})$, $C^* = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^m : I + \sum_{j=1}^m y_j A_j \succeq 0 \}$.

(Proof) Let $l(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m x_j y_j$. For $x = (\langle X, A_j \rangle)$ where $\langle X, I \rangle = 1$,

$$1 + l(x) = 1 + \sum_j \langle X, A_j \rangle y_j = \langle X, I + \sum_j y_j A_j \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } X \in \mathcal{H}_+^n \text{ with } \langle X, I \rangle = 1 \Leftrightarrow I + \sum_j y_j A_j \succeq 0.$$

Ex: $m_2 = (1, t, t^2)^T$ $\operatorname{SOS}_{1,4} = \pi_A(\operatorname{PSD}_3)$ where $\langle A_j, X \rangle = \operatorname{coeff}(m_2^T X m_2, t^j)$

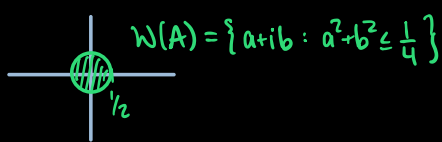
$$(\operatorname{SOS}_{1,4})^* = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^5 : \begin{pmatrix} y_0 & y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ y_2 & y_3 & y_4 \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0 \} \quad j=0, \dots, 4$$

Cor $\mathcal{W}(A)^* = \{ (x, y) : I + x \operatorname{Re}(A) + y \operatorname{Im}(A) \succeq 0 \}$. That is,

$$\mathcal{W}(A) = \{ a + ib : ax + by + 1 \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y \text{ s.t. } I + x \operatorname{Re}(A) + y \operatorname{Im}(A) \succeq 0 \}$$

Ex: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $I + x \operatorname{Re}(A) + y \operatorname{Im}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x/2 + y/2i \\ x/2 - y/2i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0 \Leftrightarrow \det = 1 - \frac{1}{4}(x-iy)(x+iy) \geq 0$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{4}(x^2 + y^2)$$

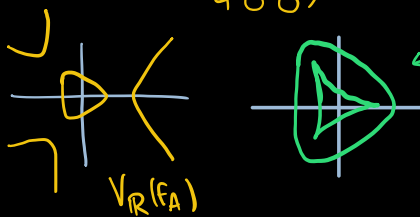


Kippenhahn's Theorem:

$$\mathcal{W}_A = \text{conv} \{ a+ib : 1+ax+by=0 \text{ is tangent to } V_{\mathbb{R}}(f_A) \}$$

where $f_A = \det(I + x \operatorname{Re}(A) + y \operatorname{Im}(A))$.

Ex: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $f_A = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x-iy & 2x+2iy \\ x+iy & 1 & x-iy \\ 2x-2iy & x+iy & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 4x^3 - 12xy^2 - 6x^2 - 6y^2 + 1$



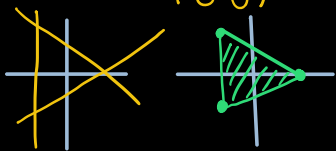
$\left\{ (a,b) : ax+by+1=0 \text{ tangent to } V_{\mathbb{R}}(f_A) \text{ at some point } (x,y) \right\}$

$= V_{\mathbb{R}}(g)$ where $g \in \mathbb{R}[a,b]$ has deg 6

obtained from eliminating x,y from equations:

$$f=0, ax+by+1=0 \quad a \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - b \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{Gröbner bases!}$$

Ex: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = U^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & e^{2\pi i/3} & \\ & & e^{4\pi i/3} \end{pmatrix} U$ for some unitary matrix U



$$\Rightarrow f_A = (1+x) \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y\right)$$

Q: When is a compact, convex set $C \subseteq \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ the numerical range of some matrix?

Need C to be semialgebraic

$\Rightarrow C^*$ semialgebraic

$\Rightarrow \partial C^*$ contained in $V_{\mathbb{R}}(g)$ for some $g \in \mathbb{R}[x,y]$

Prop: If $C = \mathcal{W}(A)$ for some $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and $g \in \mathbb{R}[x,y]$ is the minimal polynomial vanishing on ∂C^* , then for every $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $g(tv_1, tv_2) \in \mathbb{R}[t]$ is real rooted.

(Proof) If $C = \mathcal{W}(A)$, $C^* = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : I + x \operatorname{Re}(A) + y \operatorname{Im}(A) \succeq 0\}$

Let $f_A = \det(I + x \operatorname{Re}(A) + y \operatorname{Im}(A)) \in \mathbb{R}[x,y]$.

Since ∂C^* has codim 1, $\mathcal{I}(\partial C^*) = \langle g \rangle$ for some g .

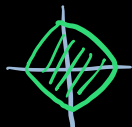
Note that f_A vanishes on ∂C^* , so g divides f_A .

For any $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $f_A(tv_1, tv_2) = \det(I + t(v_1 \operatorname{Re}(A) + v_2 \operatorname{Im}(A)))$.

Roots are $-\frac{1}{\lambda}$ where λ is an eig val of $\uparrow \in \mathcal{H}^n$

$\Rightarrow f_A(tv_1, tv_2)$ real rooted $\Rightarrow g(tv_1, tv_2)$ real rooted.

Non-ex: $f = 1 - x^4 - y^4$, $f(t,t) = 1 - 2t^4$ not real rooted.



Let $B = \{(x,y) : x^4 + y^4 \leq 1\}$ and $C = B^*$.

Then C is convex, compact, semialgebraic, but not the numerical range of any matrix!