

Applications of numerical radius inequalities

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Abstract

Let B, C be operators in the Hilbert-Schmidt class. Then

$$w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{|w_2(B+C) - w_2(B-C)|}{\sqrt{2}} \leq \sqrt{2}(w_2(B) + w_2(C)).$$

Several Hilbert-Schmidt numerical radius inequalities are also given.

1 Introduction

Let $B(H)$ denote the set of all bounded linear operators on a complex separable Hilbert space H . For $A \in H$, let $\|A\|_p$, $\|A\|$, and let $\|A\|_2$ denote the Schatten p -norm, and in particular, the spectral norm and the Hilbert-Schmidt norm of A , respectively. Note that the Schatten p -norm for $1 \leq p < \infty$ of the operator $A \in B(H)$ is defined by $\|A\|_p = (tr |A|^p)^{1/p} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} s_j^p(A)$,

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where $s_j(A) = \lambda_j(|A|)$ is the singular value of the operator A . For recent studies about singular values, we refer the reader to [2-6] and [8-11]. The Schatten p -class, for $0 < p < \infty$, is denoted by C_p which consists of all operators A for which $\|A\|_p$ is finite. In particular, if $p = \infty$ we denote the norm by $\|A\|$ and is called spectral norm, and if $p = 2$ we denote the norm by $\|A\|_2$ and it is called Hilbert-Schmidt norm. It is known that for $A \in B(H)$, the numerical radius of A is given by

$$w(A) = \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \|\operatorname{Re}(e^{i\theta} A)\|.$$

A generalization of the numerical radius has been given in [12] by defining

$$w_N(A) = \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} N(\operatorname{Re}(e^{i\theta} A)),$$

for every $A \in B(H)$, where $N(\cdot)$ is a norm in $B(H)$. In particular, if $N = \|\cdot\|_2$, then $w_2(A) = \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \|\operatorname{Re}(e^{i\theta} A)\|_2$ is called Hilbert-Schmidt numerical radius. If A is self-adjoint, then $w_N(A) = N(A)$. It is known that the Hilbert Schmidt numerical radius and, in particular, the numerical radius define norms on $B(H)$.

For more details and proofs about numerical radius, we refer the reader to [1], [13], [14], [15], [16], and [18].

In [13], Al-Natoor and Audeh have provided a refinement of triangle inequality for the Schatten p -norm:

If $B, C \in C_p$, then

$$\|B + C\|_p \leq \sqrt{2} w_p \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ C^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leq \|B\|_p + \|C\|_p. \quad (1.1)$$

In particular, If $p = 2$, then

$$\|B + C\|_2 \leq \sqrt{2} w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ C^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leq \|B\|_2 + \|C\|_2. \quad (1.2)$$

We provide several Hilbert-Schmidt numerical radius inequalities.

2 Main Results

We present the following two lemmas (the second lemma is well-known) which are essential in proving the next theorem .

Lemma 2.1. *Let $A \in C_2$. Then*

$$w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{2} \|A\|_2. \tag{2.3}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} w_2^2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left| \operatorname{tr} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^* & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2 \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\|A\|_2^2 + \|A^*\|_2^2) + \frac{1}{2} \left| \operatorname{tr} \begin{bmatrix} AA^* & 0 \\ 0 & A^*A \end{bmatrix} \right| \\ &= \|A\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\operatorname{tr} (AA^*) + \operatorname{tr} (A^*A)) \\ &= \|A\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\|A^*\|_2^2 + \|A\|_2^2) = 2 \|A\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{2} \|A\|_2.$$

□

Lemma 2.2. *Let s, t be two real numbers. Then*

$$\frac{s+t}{2} = \max(s, t) - \frac{|s-t|}{2}. \tag{2.4}$$

We present here the following finding.

Theorem 2.3. *Let $B, C \in C_2$. Then*

$$w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{|w_2(B+C) - w_2(B-C)|}{\sqrt{2}} \leq \sqrt{2} (w_2(B) + w_2(C)). \tag{2.5}$$

In particular,

$$\frac{1}{2} \|B\|_2 + \frac{||\operatorname{Re}B|| - \|\operatorname{Im}B||}{2} \leq w_2(B). \tag{2.6}$$

Proof. Throughout the proof of this theorem, let

$$\begin{aligned} S &= [\max(w_2(B+C), w_2(B-C)) - T], \\ T &= \frac{|w_2(B+C) - w_2(B-C)|}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} &\leq \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{w_2(B+C) + w_2(B-C)}{2} \right), \\ &\text{(by the inequality (??))} \\ &= \sqrt{2}S \\ &\text{(by the equality (2.4))} \\ &\leq \sqrt{2}[w_2(B) + w_2(C) - T]. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{|w_2(B+C) - w_2(B-C)|}{\sqrt{2}} \leq \sqrt{2}(w_2(B) + w_2(C)),$$

which is inequality (2.5).

To prove inequality (2.6), replace C with B^* in inequality (2.5) to get

$$w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ B^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{|w_2(B+B^*) - w_2(B-B^*)|}{\sqrt{2}} \leq \sqrt{2}(w_2(B) + w_2(B^*)).$$

This gives

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ B^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{|w_2(B+B^*) - w_2(B-B^*)|}{2} \leq 2w_2(B).$$

Applying inequality (2.3) leads to

$$\|B\|_2 + \left| \|\operatorname{Re}B\|_2 - \|\operatorname{Im}B\|_2 \right| \leq 2w_2(B),$$

which implies that

$$\frac{1}{2}\|B\|_2 + \frac{\left| \|\operatorname{Re}B\|_2 - \|\operatorname{Im}B\|_2 \right|}{2} \leq w_2(B),$$

as required in the inequality (2.6). \square

The next theorem is another application of the inequalities (2.3), (2.4).

Theorem 2.4. Let $B, C \in C_2$, $E = w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $F = \frac{\|B\|_2 + \|C\|_2}{2}$,

$$G = \frac{|\sqrt{2}w_2(B+C) - \frac{\|B\|_2 + \|C\|_2}{2}|}{2}, I = \frac{|\sqrt{2}w_2(B-C) - \frac{\|B\|_2 + \|C\|_2}{2}|}{2}. \text{ Then}$$

$$E + F + G + I \leq 2(w_2(B) + w_2(C)). \tag{2.7}$$

In particular,

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{4\sqrt{2}} \|B\|_2 + \left| \frac{\|\operatorname{Re}B\|_2}{4} - \frac{\|B\|_2}{8\sqrt{2}} \right| + \left| \frac{\|\operatorname{Im}B\|_2}{4} - \frac{\|B\|_2}{8\sqrt{2}} \right| \leq w_2(B). \tag{2.8}$$

Proof. Throughout the proof of this theorem, let $E^* = w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $F^* =$

$$\frac{\|B\|_2 + \|B\|_2}{2},$$

$$G^* = \frac{|\sqrt{2}w_2(B+B) - \frac{\|B\|_2 + \|B\|_2}{2}|}{2}, \text{ and } I^* = \frac{|\sqrt{2}w_2(B-B) - \frac{\|B\|_2 + \|B\|_2}{2}|}{2},$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\|B\|_2 + \|C\|_2}{2} \\ \leq & \frac{w_2(B+C) + w_2(B-C)}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\|B\|_2 + \|C\|_2}{2} \\ = & \frac{\sqrt{2}w_2(B+C) + \frac{\|B\|_2 + \|C\|_2}{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}w_2(B-C) + \frac{\|B\|_2 + \|C\|_2}{2}}{2} \\ = & \max \left(\sqrt{2}w_2(B+C), \frac{\|B\|_2 + \|C\|_2}{2} \right) - G \\ & + \max \left(\sqrt{2}w_2(B-C), \frac{\|B\|_2 + \|C\|_2}{2} \right) - I \\ \leq & 2\sqrt{2}(w_2(B) + w_2(C)) - G - I. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that,

$$E + F + G + I \leq 2\sqrt{2}(w_2(B) + w_2(C)).$$

This proves the inequality (2.7).

To prove the inequality (2.8), replace C by B^* in the inequality (2.7), we get:

$$E^* + F^* + G^* + I^* \leq 2\sqrt{2}(w_2(B) + w_2(B^*)).$$

This gives,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sqrt{2} + 1) \|B\|_2 + \left| \sqrt{2} \|\operatorname{Re} B\|_2 - \frac{\|B\|_2}{2} \right| \\ & + \left| \sqrt{2} \|\operatorname{Im} B\|_2 - \frac{\|B\|_2}{2} \right| \\ & \leq 4\sqrt{2}w_2(B). \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides by $4\sqrt{2}$ yields

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{4\sqrt{2}} \|B\|_2 + \left| \frac{\|\operatorname{Re} B\|_2}{4} - \frac{\|B\|_2}{8\sqrt{2}} \right| + \left| \frac{\|\operatorname{Im} B\|_2}{4} - \frac{\|B\|_2}{8\sqrt{2}} \right| \leq w_2(B),$$

which is the inequality (2.8). \square

To prove the final result in this study, we need the following well known lemma.

Lemma 2.5. *Let B, C be positive operators in $B(H)$, $p \geq 1$. Then*

$$\operatorname{tr}(B + C)^p \leq 2^{p-1} \operatorname{tr}(B^p + C^p). \quad (2.9)$$

Theorem 2.6. *Let $A \in B(H)$ be positive operator, $p \geq 1$. Then*

$$w_p(A) \leq \sqrt[p]{\frac{1}{2} [\operatorname{tr}(A)^p + \operatorname{tr}(A^*)^p]}. \quad (2.10)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \|\operatorname{Re} e^{i\theta} A\|_p^p &= \operatorname{tr} (\operatorname{Re} e^{i\theta} A)^p \\ &= \operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{e^{i\theta} A + e^{-i\theta} A^*}{2} \right)^p \\ &= \frac{1}{2^p} \operatorname{tr} (e^{i\theta} A + e^{-i\theta} A^*)^p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^p} \times 2^{p-1} [\operatorname{tr} (e^{i\theta} A)^p + \operatorname{tr} (e^{-i\theta} A^*)^p] \\ &\quad (\text{by using inequality (2.9)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\operatorname{tr} (e^{i\theta} A)^p + \operatorname{tr} (e^{-i\theta} A^*)^p]. \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} w_p^p(A) &= \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \|\operatorname{Re} e^{i\theta} A\|_p^p \\ &= \sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} [tr(e^{i\theta} A)^p + tr(e^{-i\theta} A^*)^p] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} [tr(A)^p + tr(A^*)^p]. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that,

$$w_p(A) \leq \sqrt[p]{\frac{1}{2} [tr(A)^p + tr(A^*)^p]},$$

which is inequality (2.10). □

Remark 2.7. *In the special case, when $p = 1$, we have*

$$w_1(A) \leq \operatorname{Re}(tr(A))$$

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