

NEW ESTIMATES FOR SINGULAR VALUES OF A MATRIX *

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Abstract

New estimates are provided for singular values of a matrix in this paper. These results generalize and improve corresponding estimates for singular values in [4]-[6].

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1. Introduction and Denotations

In terms of matrix entries, Gerschgorin's theorem, Brauer's theorem and Brualdi's theorem provide useful estimates for eigenvalues of a matrix ([9],[10]). Using these theorems, some researchers made many corresponding estimates for singular values of a matrix (see [1]-[8]). In this paper, several new estimates for singular values of a matrix are presented. These results generalize and improve corresponding estimates in [4]-[6].

The set of all $n \times n$ complex matrices is denoted by $C^{n \times n}$. Let $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n \times n}$, $\sigma(A)$ be the set of all singular values of A , and

$$r_i(A) = \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}|, \quad c_i(A) = \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ji}|, \quad a_i = |a_{ii}|, \quad i \in \langle n \rangle = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}.$$

Suppose the partition $N_j \subseteq \langle n \rangle$, $j \in \langle m \rangle$. Then it satisfies that $\bigcup_{j \in \langle m \rangle} N_j = \langle n \rangle$, and for $\forall i \neq j$,

$N_i \cap N_j = \phi$. For all $i \in \langle n \rangle$, denote $i \in N_{\sigma_i}$, $\sigma_i \in \langle m \rangle$, and let $(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m)$ be a permutation of $(1, \dots, m)$. For the sake of convenient, we also use the following denotations:

$$\begin{aligned} r_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A) &= \sum_{j \in N_{\sigma_i} \setminus \{i\}} |a_{ij}|, & c_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A) &= \sum_{j \in N_{\sigma_i} \setminus \{i\}} |a_{ji}|; \\ \bar{r}_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A) &= r_i(A) - r_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A), & \bar{c}_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A) &= c_i(A) - c_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A); \\ S_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A) &= \max\{r_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A), c_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A)\}, & \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A) &= \max\{\bar{r}_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A), \bar{c}_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\Gamma(A)$ be the directed graph of A with vertex set $V = \langle n \rangle$ and $E = \{(i, j) : a_{ij} \neq 0\}$. The sets of out-neighbors and in-neighbors of i in $\Gamma(A)$ are denoted by $\Gamma_i^+(A)$ and $\Gamma_i^-(A)$, respectively, namely,

$$\Gamma_i^+(A) = \{j \in V \setminus \{i\} : (i, j) \in E\}, \quad \Gamma_i^-(A) = \{j \in V \setminus \{i\} : (j, i) \in E\}.$$

For a given $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n \times n}$, we define the undirected graph $G(A) = (\tilde{V}, \tilde{E})$ with vertex set $\tilde{V} = \langle n \rangle$ and edge set $\tilde{E} = \{\{i, j\} : a_{ij} \neq 0 \text{ or } a_{ji} \neq 0, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq n\}$, and denote $G_i(A) = \Gamma_i^+(A) \cup \Gamma_i^-(A)$, $E_\sigma = \{\{i, j\} \in \tilde{E} : i \in N_{\sigma_i}, j \in N_{\sigma_j}, \sigma_i \neq \sigma_j\}$.

2. Main Results

In this section we give an improved Brauer-type estimate for singular values .

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Lemma 2.1. Let $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n \times n}$ and give a partition $\langle n \rangle = \bigcup_{j \in \langle m \rangle} N_j$, $N_i \cap N_j = \emptyset$, $i, j \in \langle m \rangle$, $i \neq j$. If $G_i(A) \neq \emptyset$, $\forall i \in \langle n \rangle$ and $G_i(A) \cap N_{\sigma_j} \supseteq G_j(A) \cap N_{\sigma_j}$, $\forall j \in G_i(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_i}$, $\forall i \in \langle n \rangle$. Then

$$\sigma(A) \subseteq \left(\bigcup_{i \in \langle n \rangle} D_i(A) \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{\substack{i \in N_{\sigma_i}, j \in N_{\sigma_j} \\ \{i, j\} \in E_\sigma}} D_{ij}(A) \right), \quad (1)$$

where

$$D_i(A) = \{z \geq 0 : |z - a_i| \leq S_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A)\}, \quad \forall i \in \langle n \rangle,$$

for all $i \neq j$,

$$D_{ij}(A) = \{z \geq 0 : (|z - a_i| - S_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A))(|z - a_j| - S_{N_{\sigma_j}}^{(j)}(A)) \leq \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A)\bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_j}}^{(j)}(A)\}.$$

Proof. For $\forall \sigma \in \sigma(A)$, there are two nonzero vectors $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T$ and $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^T$ such that

$$\sigma x = Ay, \quad \sigma y = A^*x. \quad (2)$$

We denote $z_i = \max\{|x_i|, |y_i|\}$, $\forall i \in \langle n \rangle$, $z_p = \max_{j \in \langle n \rangle} \{z_j\}$, $p \in N_{\sigma_p}$. Without loss of generality, we assume that $z_p = |y_p| \geq |x_p|$. Then the p -th equality in (2) implies

$$\sigma x_p - a_{pp}y_p = \sum_{j \in \Gamma_p^+(A) \cap N_{\sigma_p}} a_{pj}y_j + \sum_{j \in \Gamma_p^+(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_p}} a_{pj}y_j \quad (3)$$

$$\sigma y_p - \bar{a}_{pp}x_p = \sum_{j \in \Gamma_p^-(A) \cap N_{\sigma_p}} \bar{a}_{jp}x_j + \sum_{j \in \Gamma_p^-(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_p}} \bar{a}_{jp}x_j. \quad (4)$$

Write $\eta = x_p/y_p$. If $G_p(A) \subseteq N_{\sigma_p}$ or $z_j = 0$, $\forall j \in G_p(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_p}$, then (3) and (4) imply

$$|\sigma\eta - a_{pp}| \leq r_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A) \quad (5)$$

and

$$|\sigma - \eta\bar{a}_{pp}| \leq c_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A), \quad (6)$$

respectively. That $|\eta| \leq 1$. So, if $\sigma \leq a_p$, then $|\sigma - a_p| \leq |\eta||\sigma - a_p| \leq |\sigma\eta - a_{pp}|$, and if $\sigma \geq a_p$ then $|\sigma - a_p| \leq |\sigma - |\eta||a_p| \leq |\sigma - \eta\bar{a}_{pp}|$. Therefore, from (5) and (6) it can be deduced that

$$|\sigma - a_p| \leq S_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A),$$

i.e., $\sigma \in D_p(A)$.

If $\sigma \notin \bigcup_{i \in \langle n \rangle} D_i(A)$, by the above discussions we have $G_p(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_p} \neq \emptyset$ and $z_q = \max_{j \in G_p(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_p}} \{z_j\} > 0$ (otherwise (5) and (6) imply $\sigma \in D_p(A)$). Thus equalities (3) and (4) imply

$$|\sigma - a_p| \leq S_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A) + \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A) \frac{z_q}{z_p}. \quad (7)$$

For $q \in N_{\sigma_q} \subset G_p(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_p}$, we have $G_q(A) \neq \emptyset$ (otherwise we can deduce $\sigma = a_q$, that is, $\sigma \in D_q(A)$). Similarly, if $z_q = |y_q| \geq |x_q|$, then it is easy to derive the following formula from the q -th equality in (2):

$$|\sigma - a_q| \leq S_{N_{\sigma_q}}^{(q)}(A) + \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_q}}^{(q)}(A) \frac{z_p}{z_q}. \quad (8)$$

Note that $\sigma \notin \bigcup_{i \in \langle n \rangle} D_i(A)$, we have $|\sigma - a_p| > S_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A)$ and $|\sigma - a_q| > S_{N_{\sigma_q}}^{(q)}(A)$. Thus, from (7) and (8) we get

$$(|\sigma - a_p| - S_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A))(|\sigma - a_q| - S_{N_{\sigma_q}}^{(q)}(A)) \leq \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A)\bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_q}}^{(q)}(A). \quad (9)$$

Since $q \in G_p(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_p} \neq \emptyset$, it holds that $\{p, q\} \in E_\sigma$.

Theorem 2.2. Let $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n \times n}$ and give a partition $\langle n \rangle = \bigcup_{j \in \langle m \rangle} N_j$, $N_i \cap N_j = \phi$, $i, j \in \langle m \rangle$, $i \neq j$. Denote $\alpha_0 = \{i \in \langle n \rangle : G_i(A) = \phi\}$ and $G_i(A) \cap N_{\sigma_j} \supseteq G_j(A) \cap N_{\sigma_j}, \forall j \in G_i(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_i}, \forall i \in \bar{\alpha}_0$. Then

$$\sigma(A) \subseteq \{a_i : i \in \alpha_0\} \cup \left(\bigcup_{i \in \bar{\alpha}_0} D_i(A) \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{\substack{i \in N_{\sigma_i} \setminus \alpha_0 \\ j \in N_{\sigma_j} \setminus \alpha_0 \\ \{i,j\} \in E_\sigma}} D_{ij}(A) \right). \tag{10}$$

Proof. Without loss of generality, we assume that $\alpha_0 = \{1, \dots, k\}$, $k \in \langle n \rangle$. Then A has the form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & a_{kk} & \\ & 0 & & A_{n-k} \end{pmatrix},$$

where $A_{n-k} \in C^{(n-k) \times (n-k)}$ is the principal submatrix of A with orders $n - k$ at least. Thus $\sigma(A) = \{a_i : i \in \alpha_0\} \cup \sigma(A_{n-k})$. It follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$\sigma(A_{n-k}) \subseteq \left(\bigcup_{i \in \bar{\alpha}_0} D_i(A) \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{\substack{i \in N_{\sigma_i} \setminus \alpha_0 \\ j \in N_{\sigma_j} \setminus \alpha_0 \\ \{i,j\} \in E_\sigma}} D_{ij}(A) \right).$$

This completes the proof.

Remark 1. Take $m = 2$. Then from Lemma 2.1, Theorem 1 of [5] can be deduced. Hence Theorem 2.2 of this paper is a generalization of the corresponding results in [4]-[6].

In the following, we will discuss the Brualdi-type estimate for singular values.

Theorem 2.3. Let $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n \times n}$ and give a partition $\langle n \rangle = \bigcup_{j \in \langle m \rangle} N_j$, $N_i \cap N_j = \phi$, $i, j \in \langle m \rangle$, $i \neq j$. If $G_i(A) \neq \phi, \forall i \in \langle n \rangle$, and

$$G_i(A) \cap N_{\sigma_j} \supseteq G_j(A) \cap N_{\sigma_j}, \quad \forall j \in G_i(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_i}, \forall i \in \langle n \rangle, \tag{11}$$

then

$$\sigma(A) \subseteq \left(\bigcup_{i \in \langle n \rangle} D_i(A) \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{\gamma \in C(A)} D_\gamma(A) \right), \tag{12}$$

where

$$D_\gamma(A) = \{z \geq 0 : \prod_{i \in \gamma} (|z - a_i| - S_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A)) \leq \prod_{i \in \gamma} \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A)\}, \forall \gamma \in C(A)$$

and the set of nontrivial circuits, with length 2 at least, is denoted by $C(A)$ in $G(A)$.

Proof. Following the notations in Lemma 2.1, we let $z_p = \max_{j \in \langle n \rangle} \{z_j\} = |y_p| \geq |x_p|$, $z_j = \max\{x_j, y_j\}, j \in \langle n \rangle$, $\eta = x_p/y_p$. Moreover, denote $z_{p_1} = \max_{j \in G_p(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_p}} \{z_j\}$. From equalities (3) and (4) we can deduce

$$|\sigma\eta - a_{pp}| \leq r_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A) + \bar{A}_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A) \frac{z_{p_1}}{z_p}, \tag{13}$$

$$|\sigma - \bar{a}_{pp}\eta| \leq c_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A) + \bar{c}_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A) \frac{z_{p_1}}{z_p}. \tag{14}$$

If $z_{p_1} = 0$ or $G_p(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_p} = \phi$, then (13) and (14) imply

$$|\sigma - a_p| \leq S_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A),$$

that is $\sigma \in D_p(A)$.

Let $\sigma \notin \bigcup_{i \in \langle n \rangle} D_i(A)$. Then $G_p(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_p} \neq \emptyset$ and $z_{p_1} > 0$. Let $z_{p_1} = |x_{p_1}| \geq |y_{p_1}|$ and $z_{p_2} = \max_{j \in G_{p_1}(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_{p_1}}} \{z_j\}$. Similarly, we can prove that $G_{p_1}(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_{p_1}} \neq \emptyset$ and $z_{p_2} > 0$ (otherwise $\sigma \in \bigcup_{i \in \langle n \rangle} D_i(A)$). Denote by $\xi = y_{p_1}/x_{p_1}$. Then, we have

$$|\sigma - \xi a_{p_1 p_1}| \leq \sum_{j \in G_{p_1}(A) \cap N_{\sigma_{p_1}}} |a_{p_1 j}| |y_j| / |x_{p_1}| + \sum_{j \in G_{p_1}(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_{p_1}}} |a_{p_1 j}| |y_j| / |x_{p_1}|, \quad (15)$$

$$|\sigma \xi - \bar{a}_{p_1 p_1}| \leq \sum_{j \in G_{p_1}(A) \cap N_{\sigma_{p_1}}} |\bar{a}_{j p_1}| |x_j| / |x_{p_1}| + \sum_{j \in G_{p_1}(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_{p_1}}} |\bar{a}_{j p_1}| |x_j| / |x_{p_1}|. \quad (16)$$

Note that $G_p(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_{p_1}} = \bigcup_{j \neq p} (G_p(A) \cap N_{\sigma_j})$, we see that (11) implies $z_{p_1} \geq \max_{j \in G_p(A) \cap N_{\sigma_{p_1}}} \{z_j\} \geq \max_{j \in G_{p_1}(A) \cap N_{\sigma_{p_1}}} \{z_j\}$. On the other hand, it is clear that $|\xi| \leq 1$. If $\sigma \leq a_{p_1}$ then $|\sigma - a_{p_1}| \leq |\sigma \xi| - a_{p_1}| \leq |\sigma \xi - \bar{a}_{p_1 p_1}|$, and if $\sigma \geq a_{p_1}$ then $|\sigma - a_{p_1}| \leq |\sigma - a_{p_1}| |\xi| \leq |\sigma - \xi a_{p_1 p_1}|$. Therefore, from (13)-(16), the following formulae are derived:

$$|\sigma - a_p| \leq S_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A) + \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A) z_{p_1} / z_p, \quad (17)$$

$$|\sigma - a_{p_1}| \leq S_{N_{\sigma_{p_1}}}^{(p_1)}(A) + \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_{p_1}}}^{(p_1)}(A) z_{p_2} / z_{p_1}. \quad (18)$$

Moreover, since $\sigma \notin D_i(A)$ implies $|\sigma - a_i| > S_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A)$, $\forall i \in \langle n \rangle$, (17) and (18) are equivalent to

$$|\sigma - a_p| - S_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A) \leq \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_p}}^{(p)}(A) z_{p_1} / z_p, \quad (19)$$

$$|\sigma - a_{p_1}| - S_{N_{\sigma_{p_1}}}^{(p_1)}(A) \leq \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_{p_1}}}^{(p_1)}(A) z_{p_2} / z_{p_1}. \quad (20)$$

Under similar discussions, by replacing p_1 by p_2 we have $z_{p_3} = \max_{j \in G_{p_2}(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_{p_2}}} \{z_j\} > 0$ and $G_{p_2}(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_{p_2}} \neq \emptyset$. Therefore,

$$|\sigma - a_{p_2}| - S_{N_{\sigma_{p_2}}}^{(p_2)}(A) \leq \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_{p_2}}}^{(p_2)}(A) z_{p_3} / z_{p_2} \quad (21)$$

holds. Since $\sigma \notin D_i(A)$ and $G_i(p) \neq \emptyset$, $\forall i \in \langle n \rangle$, the above process can be proceeded continuously. Thus, in $G(A)$, the undirected edges $\{p, p_1\}$, $\{p_1, p_2\}$, $\{p_2, p_3\}, \dots$ can be constituted. Because n is finite, there exists $s < t$ such that $p_s = p_t$, i.e., there exists a circuit γ_0 in $G(A) : \{q_1, q_2\}, \{q_2, q_3\}, \{q_3, q_4\}, \dots, \{q_t, q_{t+1}\} = \{q_t, q_1\}$ with $z_{q_{s+1}} = \max_{j \in G_{q_s}(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_{q_s}}} \{z_j\} > 0$, $z_{q_s} > 0$, $s \in \langle t \rangle$. From the above process we have

$$|\sigma - a_{q_s}| - S_{N_{\sigma_{q_s}}}^{(q_s)}(A) \leq \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_{q_s}}}^{(q_s)}(A) z_{q_{s+1}} / z_{q_s}, \quad \forall s \in \langle t \rangle. \quad (22)$$

Take product of the inequalities in (22) over all s , we obtain

$$\prod_{s=1}^t (|\sigma - a_{q_s}| - S_{N_{\sigma_{q_s}}}^{q_s}(A)) \leq \prod_{s=1}^t \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_{q_s}}}^{q_s}(A),$$

that is

$$\prod_{j \in \gamma_0} (|\sigma - a_j| - S_{N_{\sigma_j}}^{(j)}(A)) \leq \prod_{j \in \gamma_0} \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_j}}^{(j)}(A), \quad (23)$$

Thus, $\sigma \in D_{\gamma_0}(A)$.

Lemma 2.4. Let $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n \times n}$ satisfy all assumptions in Theorem 2.3. Then

$$\bigcup_{\gamma \in C(A)} D_\gamma(A) \subseteq \bigcup_{\substack{i \in N_{\sigma_i} \\ j \in N_{\sigma_j} \\ \{i, j\} \in E_\sigma}} D_{ij}(A). \quad (24)$$

Proof. For every $\gamma \in C(A)$, denote $\gamma : \{i_1, i_2\}, \{i_2, i_3\}, \dots, \{i_k, i_{k+1}\} = \{i_k, i_1\}$ and the length of γ by $|\gamma| = k$. When $k = 2$, the result holds obviously.

When $k \geq 3$, if the result does not hold, then for any $z \in D_r(A)$ we have

$$(|z - a_i| - S_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A))(|z - a_j| - S_{N_{\sigma_j}}^{(j)}(A)) > \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A)\bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_j}}^{(j)}(A), \quad \forall \{i, j\} \in \gamma.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\prod_{i \in \gamma} (|z - a_i| - S_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A))\right)^2 &= (|z - a_{i_1}| - S_{N_{\sigma_{i_1}}}^{(i_1)}(A))(|z - a_{i_2}| - S_{N_{\sigma_{i_2}}}^{(i_2)}(A)) \\ &\quad (|z - a_{i_2}| - S_{N_{\sigma_{i_2}}}^{(i_2)}(A)) \cdots (|z - a_{i_k}| - S_{N_{\sigma_{i_k}}}^{(i_k)}(A)) \\ &\quad (|z - a_{i_k}| - S_{N_{\sigma_{i_k}}}^{(i_k)}(A))(|z - a_{i_1}| - S_{N_{\sigma_{i_1}}}^{(i_1)}(A)) \\ &> \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_{i_1}}}^{(i_1)}(A)\bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_{i_2}}}^{(i_2)}(A)\bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_{i_2}}}^{(i_2)}(A) \cdots \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_{i_k}}}^{(i_k)}(A)\bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_{i_k}}}^{(i_k)}(A)\bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_{i_1}}}^{(i_1)}(A) \\ &= \left(\prod_{i \in \gamma} \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A)\right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

that is, $\prod_{i \in \gamma} (|z - a_i| - S_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A)) > \prod_{i \in \gamma} \bar{S}_{N_{\sigma_i}}^{(i)}(A)$. This contradicts with $z \in D_\gamma(A)$.

From Theorem 2.3 and Lemma 2.4 we can obtain the following theorem immediately.

Theorem 2.5. *Let $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n \times n}$ satisfy all assumptions in Theorem 2.3. Then*

$$\sigma(A) \subseteq \left(\bigcup_{i \in \langle n \rangle} D_i(A)\right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{\gamma \in C(A)} D_\gamma(A)\right) \subseteq \left(\bigcup_{i \in \langle n \rangle} D_i(A)\right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{\substack{\{i,j\} \in \gamma \\ \gamma \in C(A)}} D_{ij}(A)\right). \quad (25)$$

In general, we have the following result.

Theorem 2.6. *Let $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n \times n}$ satisfy all assumptions in Theorem 2.2 and $\bar{\alpha}_0 = \langle n \rangle \setminus \alpha_0 \neq \phi$. If A satisfies $G_i(A) \cap (N_{\sigma_j} \setminus \alpha_0) \supseteq G_j(A) \cap (N_{\sigma_i} \setminus \alpha_0)$, $\forall j \in G_i(A) \setminus (N_{\sigma_j} \setminus \alpha_0)$, $\forall i \in \bar{\alpha}_0$, then*

$$\sigma(A) \subseteq \{a_i : i \in \alpha_0\} \cup \left(\bigcup_{i \in \bar{\alpha}_0} D_i(A)\right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{\gamma \in C(A)} D_\gamma(A)\right). \quad (26)$$

The proof is similar to Theorem 2.2 and is thus omitted.

Remark 2. In [8] the authors gave an interval of Brualdi-type for singular values under the assumptions $\Gamma_i^+(A) \neq \phi$, $\Gamma_i^+(A) \supseteq \Gamma_i^-(A)$, $\forall i \in \langle n \rangle$. But Theorem 2.3 is obtained under the assumptions $G_i(A) \neq \phi$, $G_i(A) \cap N_{\sigma_j} \supseteq G_j(A) \cap N_{\sigma_i}$, $\forall i \in \langle n \rangle$, $\forall j \in G_i(A) \setminus N_{\sigma_i}$ which are different from the assumptions in [8].

3. Example

By elementary calculations, [4] give the following result. Let $0 \leq a \leq b$ and $g \geq 0$. Set $c = (a + b)/2, d = (b - a)/2$. Then

$$\{z \geq 0 : |z - a||z - b| \leq g\} = [(c - (d^2 + g)^{1/2})_+, c - ((d^2 - g)_+)^{1/2}] \cup [c + ((d^2 - g)_+)^{1/2}, c + (d^2 + g)^{1/2}], \quad (29)$$

where $u_r = \max\{0, u\}, u \in R$.

We shall arrange the singular values in decreasing order.

Example is the following: consider

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.1 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0.4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Apply Theorem 2.2 and (29). Let $N_1 = \{1\}, N_2 = \{2, 3\}, N_3 = \{4\}$. It can be verified that

$$\begin{aligned} S_{N_1}^{(1)} &= 0, \quad S_{N_2}^{(2)} = 0.1, \quad S_{N_2}^{(3)} = 0.1, \quad S_{N_3}^{(4)} = 0, \\ \bar{S}_{N_1}^{(1)} &= 0.2, \quad \bar{S}_{N_2}^{(2)} = 0.1, \quad \bar{S}_{N_2}^{(3)} = 0.1, \quad \bar{S}_{N_3}^{(4)} = 0.2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D_1(A) &= \{1\}, D_2(A) = [1.9, 2.1], D_3(A) = [2.9, 3.1], D_4(A) = \{4\}, \\ D_{12}(A) &= [0.9783, 1.0228] \cup [1.8772, 2.1179], \\ D_{13}(A) &= [0.9895, 1.0106] \cup [2.8894, 3], \\ D_{24}(A) &= [2.0895, 2.1106] \cup [3.9894, 4.0105], \\ D_{34}(A) &= [2.8821, 3.1228] \cup [3.9772, 4.0217]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus by Theorem 6 in [4] the singular values of A satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &\in [3.9772, 4.0217], \quad \sigma_2 \in [2.8821, 3.1228], \\ \sigma_3 &\in [1.8772, 2.1179], \quad \sigma_4 \in [0.9783, 1.0228]. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Applying the techniques in [4], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \{z \geq 0 : |z-1||z-2| \leq 0.04\} &= [0.9615, 1.0417] \cup [1.9583, 2.0385], \\ \{z \geq 0 : |z-1||z-3| \leq 0.04\} &= [0.9802, 1.0202] \cup [2.9798, 3.0198], \\ \{z \geq 0 : |z-2||z-3| \leq 0.04\} &= [1.9615, 2.0417] \cup [2.9583, 3.0385], \\ \{z \geq 0 : |z-2||z-4| \leq 0.04\} &= [1.9802, 2.0202] \cup [3.9798, 4.0198], \\ \{z \geq 0 : |z-3||z-4| \leq 0.04\} &= [2.9615, 3.0417] \cup [3.9798, 4.0198]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the singular values of A satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &\in [3.9583, 4.0385], \quad \sigma_2 \in [2.9615, 3.0417], \\ \sigma_3 &\in [1.9583, 2.0385], \quad \sigma_4 \in [0.9615, 1.0417]. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

The bounds of σ_1 and σ_4 in (30) are better than those in (31).

Clearly A satisfies all assumptions in Theorem 2.3 and there exist three circuits in $G(A)$: γ_1 : 1-2-3-1, γ_2 : 1-2-3-4-1, γ_3 : 2-3-4-2. Moreover, we can obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\gamma_1}(A) &= \{z \geq 0 : |z-1|(|z-2|-0.1)(|z-3|-0.1) \leq 0.002\}, \\ D_{\gamma_2}(A) &= \{z \geq 0 : |z-1|(|z-2|-0.1)(|z-3|-0.1)|z-4| \leq 0.0004\}, \\ D_{\gamma_3}(A) &= \{z \geq 0 : (|z-2|-0.1)(|z-3|-0.1)|z-4| \leq 0.002\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus by Theorem 2.3, it can be verified that

$$\sigma(A) \subseteq \left(\bigcup_{i \in \{4\}} D_i(A) \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{j \in \{3\}} D_{\gamma_j}(A) \right) \doteq [0.9988, 4.0012]. \quad (32)$$

The upper bound of σ_1 and the lower bound of σ_4 in (32) are better than those in (30) and (31).

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