

HW 5 #7

Prop: $\|A\| \leq \|A\|_{HS}$, $\forall A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$.

Pr: Since $\|A\| = \max_{|v|=1} \|Av\|$, it suffices to show

that $\|Av\| \leq \|A\|_{HS} \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n, |v|=1$.

Let $v = \sum_i v_i e_i$, so that $|v|^2 = \sum_i v_i^2 = 1$.

Then $Av = A(\sum_i v_i e_i) = \sum_i v_i A e_i$, so that

$$\|Av\| = \left\| \sum_i v_i A e_i \right\| \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\leq} \sum_i |v_i| \|A e_i\|$$

$$\stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} \underbrace{\sqrt{\sum_i |v_i|^2}}_1 \underbrace{\sqrt{\sum_i \|A e_i\|^2}}_{\|A\|_{HS}^2} = \|A\|_{HS}.$$

where for $\textcircled{1}$ we use the triangle inequality, and for $\textcircled{2}$ the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality.

Equality $\|A\| = \|A\|_{HS}$ holds if and only if equality in

$\textcircled{1}$ and $\textcircled{2}$ hold when v realizes $\|A\| = \|Av\|$. Equality in $\textcircled{1}$ holds if and only if $\{A e_i\}$ are all colinear, so $\text{rank } A \leq 1$. It is easy to see that all such matrices have $\|A\| = \|A\|_{HS}$. Thus $\|A\| = \|A\|_{HS}$ if and only if $\text{rank } A \leq 1$.

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