176. Operator Norms as Bounds for Roots of Algebraic Equations

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1. Introduction. Very recently, Ifantis and Kouris [1] show, a Hilbert space approach is powerful to give bounds of roots of algebraic equations; actually, they show that the operator bound of a perturbation of the simple unilateral shift by a dyad gives certain bounds of roots. In the present note, giving three norms on n-dimensional vector space, we shall obtain certain bounds of roots estimating operator norms of companion matrices.

For a given algebraic equation

(1)
$$p(z) = z^n + a_n z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 = 0,$$

we associate the *companion matrix*

(2)
$$T = \begin{pmatrix} -a_n & -a_{n-1} & -a_{n-2} & \cdots & -a_2 & -a_1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \cdots & & & \cdots & & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

cf. [2], esp. Chapter VII. It is well-known that the spectrum $\sigma(T)$ of T coincides with the set of all roots of (1), i.e.

(3)
$$\sigma(T) = \{z; p(z) = 0\}.$$

From (3), we have

$$(4) |z| \leq r(T) \leq ||T||$$

for any root z of (1), where r(T) is the spectral radius of $T: r(T) = \sup_{z \in \sigma(T)} |z|$ and ||T|| is the operator norm of $T: ||T|| = \sup_{||f||=1} ||Tf||$ considering T as an operator on the *n*-dimensional Banach space H.

2. Carmichael-Mason's theorem. Here we regard H as the *n*-dimensional unitary space with orthonormal basis e_1, \dots, e_n . For x, $y \in H$, we put $(x \otimes y)z = (z, y)x$ for $z \in H$. Then we can express the companion matrix T of (1) as

 $(5) T = V - e_1 \otimes u,$

where

- (6) $u = a_n^* e_1 + \cdots + a_1^* e_n$
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