

## ON CHARACTERIZATIONS AND INTEGRALS OF GENERALIZED NUMERICAL RANGES

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Let  $c = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$  be given. The generalized numerical range of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , associated with  $c$ , is the set  $W_c(A) = \{\sum \gamma_j(Ax_j, x_j)\}$  where  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  varies over orthonormal systems in  $C^n$ . Characterizations of this range, for real  $c$ , are given. Next, we study integrals of the form  $\int W_c(A) d\mu(c)$  where  $\mu(c)$  is a measure defined on a domain in  $R^n$ . The above characterizations are used to study the inclusion  $\int W_c(A) d\mu(c) \subset \lambda W_{c'}(A)$ . We determine those  $\lambda$ , for which this inclusion holds for all  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$ . Such relations lead to more elementary ones, when the integral reduces to a finite linear combination of ranges. In particular, we obtain the inclusion relations of the form  $W_c(A) \subset \lambda W_{c'}(A)$  which hold for all  $A$ .

1. Introduction. The generalized numerical range of an  $n \times n$  complex matrix  $A$ , associated with a fixed vector  $c = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n) \in C^n$ , is the set of complex numbers

$$(1.1) \quad W_c = W_{(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)}(A) = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j(Ax_j, x_j) : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in A_n \right\},$$

where  $A_n$  is the set of all orthonormal  $n$ -tuples of vectors in  $C^n$ . We call  $W_c$  a generalized range since for  $c = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$  it reduces to the classical range

$$W(A) = \{(Ax, x) : \|x\| = 1\}.$$

It is clear from (1.1) that  $W_c$  remains invariant under permutations of the components of  $c$ ; that is,  $W_c$  depends on the unordered set  $\{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n\}$  rather than on  $c$ .

Westwick, [5], has shown that if  $c$  is a real vector then  $W_c$  is convex, but if  $c \in C^n$  with  $n \geq 3$ , then  $W_c(x)$  may fail to be convex even for normal  $A$ . For this reason we restrict our attention, in this paper, to generalized numerical ranges with *real* coefficients.

Our first purpose is to characterize the sets  $W_c$ . In §2 we show that

$$W_c(A) = \{\text{tr}(HA) : H \in \mathcal{H}_c\},$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_c$  is a class of Hermitian matrices depending on  $c$ .

In §3 we define integrals of the form  $\int_{\mathcal{D}} W_c(A) d\mu(c)$  where  $\mathcal{D}$

is a domain in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and  $\mu(c)$  is a nonnegative measure on  $\mathcal{D}$ . Since the sets  $W_c$  are convex, such integrals are convex as well, and we may define them in terms of their support functions.

Finally, using the above characterization of  $W_c$ , we investigate inclusion relations of the form

$$(1.2) \quad \int_{\mathcal{D}} W_c(A) d\mu(c) \subset \lambda W_{c'}(A), \quad \lambda = \text{constant},$$

which hold, uniformly, for all  $A \in \mathbf{C}_{n \times n}$ , i.e., for all  $n$ -square matrices. If the measure  $\mu(c)$  is concentrated on a finite number of vectors  $c$ , then (1.2) is reduced to inclusion relations involving finite linear combinations of generalized numerical ranges. Such relations were considered in earlier works [2, 3].

In particular, for given vectors  $c, c'$  we obtain necessary and sufficient conditions under which

$$W_c(A) \subset \lambda W_{c'}, \quad \forall A \in \mathbf{C}_{n \times n}.$$

**2. Characterization of generalized ranges.** For any vector  $c = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$  consider the diagonal matrix

$$C = \text{diag}(c) = \text{diag}(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n),$$

and construct the class of matrices

$$\mathcal{U}_c = \text{conv} \{UCU^*: U \text{ unitary}\},$$

where  $\text{conv}$  denotes the convex hull.

Since we restrict attention to  $c \in \mathbf{R}^n$  it is evident that the elements of  $\mathcal{U}_c$  are Hermitian.

Using  $\mathcal{U}_c$  we have the following characterization of ranges with real coefficients.

**THEOREM 1.** *If  $c \in \mathbf{R}^n$  then*

$$W_c(A) = \{\text{tr}(HA): H \in \mathcal{U}_c\}.$$

*Proof.* It follows from the definition of  $W_c(A)$  in (1.1) that

$$W_c(A) = \{\text{tr}(CU^*AU): U \text{ unitary}\}.$$

Thus

$$(2.1) \quad W_c(A) = \{\text{tr}((UCU^*)A): U \text{ unitary}\},$$

which implies that

$$W_c(A) \subset \{\text{tr}(HA): H \in \mathcal{U}_c\}.$$

For the converse inclusion let

$$H = \sum_i \lambda_i (U_i C U_i^*); \lambda_i \geq 0, \quad \sum_i \lambda_i = 1,$$

be an arbitrary element of  $\mathcal{U}_c$ . By the convexity of  $W_c$  and by (2.1) we have

$$\text{tr}(HA) = \sum \lambda_i \text{tr}((U_i C U_i^*)A) \in W_c(A).$$

So,

$$\{\text{tr}(HA): H \in \mathcal{U}_c\} \subset W_c(A),$$

and the theorem follows.

We introduce two definitions which lead to another characterization of  $W_c(A)$ .

DEFINITION 1. (i) A real vector  $c = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$  is called *ordered* if

$$\gamma_1 \geq \gamma_2 \geq \dots \geq \gamma_n.$$

(ii) We say that  $c, c'$  satisfy  $c' < c$  if there exists a doubly stochastic matrix  $S$  (i.e., a matrix with nonnegative entries whose row sums and columns sums equal 1), such that  $c' = Sc$ .

In Theorem 5 of [3] we proved the following.

LEMMA 1. For ordered  $c, c'$  we have  $c' < c$  if and only if

$$\sum_{j=1}^l \gamma'_j \leq \sum_{j=1}^l \gamma_j, \quad l = 1, \dots, n,$$

with equality for  $l = n$ .

DEFINITION 2. Let  $c \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , and let  $A_l (1 \leq l \leq n)$  be the set of all orthonormal  $l$ -tuples of vectors in  $\mathbf{C}^n$ . We define  $\mathcal{H}_c$  to be the class of all Hermitian matrices  $H$  for which

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_{j=1}^l (Hx_j, x_j) \leq \sum_{j=1}^l \gamma_j, \quad \forall (x_1, \dots, x_l) \in A_l, \quad l = 1, \dots, n,$$

with equality for  $l = n$ .

Let  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbf{C}^n$ . Note that if  $\sum \gamma_j = 0$  (which is the case assumed in § 3), then the equality for  $l = n$  in (2.2) implies that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (He_j, e_j) = \sum \gamma_j = 0;$$

i.e., all members of  $\mathcal{H}_c$  have trace 0.

LEMMA 2. *If  $c$  is ordered then  $\mathcal{H}_c = \mathcal{U}_c$ .*

*Proof.* Take a unitary matrix  $U$  and orthonormal vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_l$ , ( $1 \leq l \leq n$ ). Since the vectors  $y_j = U^*x_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ , are orthonormal as well, it is not hard to verify that

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_{j=1}^l (UCU^*x_j, x_j) = \sum_{j=1}^l (Cy_j, y_j) \leq \gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_l, \\ C = \text{diag}(c),$$

with equality for  $l = n$ . Therefore, if

$$H = \sum_i \lambda_i U_i C U_i^*, \quad \left( \lambda_i \geq 0, \quad \sum_i \lambda_i = 1 \right),$$

is any (Hermitian) matrix in  $\mathcal{U}_c$ , we find by (2.3) that

$$\sum_{j=1}^l (Hx_j, x_j) = \sum_{j=1}^l \sum_i \lambda_i (U_i C U_i^* x_j, x_j) \leq \sum_i \lambda_i \sum_{j=1}^l \gamma_j = \sum_{j=1}^l \gamma_j,$$

with equality for  $l = n$ . So, by Definition 2,  $H \in \mathcal{H}_c$ , and consequently  $\mathcal{U}_c \subset \mathcal{H}_c$ .

Conversely, take any  $H \in \mathcal{H}_c$ . Since  $H$  is Hermitian, it is unitarily similar to a real diagonal matrix, i.e., there exists a unitary  $V$  such that

$$(2.4) \quad C' \equiv V^* H V = \text{diag}(\gamma'_1, \dots, \gamma'_n),$$

where we may assume that  $c' = (\gamma'_1, \dots, \gamma'_n)$  is ordered. Using (2.2) and the orthonormal vectors  $x_j = V e_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ , we find that

$$\sum_{j=1}^l \gamma'_j = \sum_{j=1}^l (C' e_j, e_j) = \sum_{j=1}^l (V^* H V e_j, e_j) = \sum_{j=1}^l (H x_j, x_j) \leq \sum_{j=1}^l \gamma_j,$$

with equality for  $l = n$ . That is, by Lemma 1,  $c' < c$ . Hence, there exists a doubly stochastic matrix  $S$  such that  $c' = S c$ . Now recall that doubly stochastic matrices are convex combinations of permutation matrices  $P_\sigma$ . In particular  $S = \sum_\sigma \lambda_\sigma P_\sigma$ . Thus

$$(2.5) \quad c' = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \lambda_\sigma P_\sigma c; \quad \lambda_\sigma \geq 0, \quad \sum \lambda_\sigma = 1,$$

where  $S_n$  is the symmetric group. Since for every  $B$ ,  $P_\sigma B P_\sigma^*$  has both the rows and columns of  $B$  permuted according to  $\sigma$ , we have

$$(2.6) \quad \text{diag}(P_\sigma c) = P_\sigma \text{diag}(c) P_\sigma^* = P_\sigma C P_\sigma^*.$$

So, by (2.5), (2.6),

$$(2.7) \quad C' = \text{diag}(c') = \sum_\sigma \lambda_\sigma \text{diag}(P_\sigma c) = \sum_\sigma \lambda_\sigma P_\sigma C P_\sigma^*.$$

From (2.4) and (2.7) we obtain

$$(2.8) \quad H = VC'V^* = \sum_{\sigma} \lambda_{\sigma} [(VP_{\sigma})C(VP_{\sigma})^*] = \sum_{\sigma} \lambda_{\sigma} (U_{\sigma}CU_{\sigma}^*),$$

$$\lambda_{\sigma} \geq 0, \quad \sum \lambda_{\sigma} = 1,$$

where  $U_{\sigma} \equiv VP_{\sigma}$  are, of course, unitary. Hence,  $H \in \mathcal{U}_c$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{H}_c \subset \mathcal{U}_c$  and the proof is complete.

Theorem 1 together with Lemma 2 imply a second characterization of generalized numerical ranges with real coefficients.

**THEOREM 2.** *If  $c$  is ordered then*

$$W_c(A) = \{ \text{tr}(HA) : H \in \mathcal{H}_c \}.$$

Another simple consequence of the last lemma and the convexity of  $\mathcal{U}_c$  is that for ordered  $c$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_c$  is convex.

At this point we recall the definition of the  $k$ -numerical range, ( $1 \leq k \leq n$ ), given by Halmos [1, § 167], which after a convenient normalization becomes

$$W_k(A) = \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \text{tr}(PAP) : P = \text{orthogonal projection of rank } k \right\}.$$

It can be verified that  $W_k(A)$  may be written as

$$W_k(A) = \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k (Ax_j, x_j) : (x_1, \dots, x_k) \in A_k \right\}.$$

Hence we see that

$$W_k(A) = W_{c_k}(A), \quad \text{with } c_k = \frac{1}{k}(e_1 + \dots + e_k).$$

That is, the  $k$ -numerical range is a special case of the generalized numerical range.

The matrices  $\mathcal{H}_{c_k}$  are those Hermitian matrices which satisfy Definition 2 with  $c = c_k$ . Using this definition one can show that

$$\mathcal{H}_{c_k} = \left\{ \text{Hermitian } H : 0 \leq H \leq \frac{1}{k}I, \text{tr}(H) = 1 \right\}.$$

Thus Theorem 2 generalizes the result

$$W_k(A) = \left\{ \text{tr}(HA) : 0 \leq H \leq \frac{1}{k}I, \text{tr}(H) = 1 \right\}, \quad k = 1, \dots, n$$

of Fillmore and Williams [1, Theorem 1.2].

3. Integrals of generalized ranges. In this section we are

interested in linear combinations, or more generally, in integrals of the sets  $W_c(A)$ , where  $A$  is arbitrary but fixed, and  $c$  varies in some domain of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .

Let  $c = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$  be a real vector with  $\gamma \equiv \Sigma \gamma_j \neq 0$ , and consider the vector  $b = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$  defined by

$$b = c - \left( \frac{\gamma}{n}, \dots, \frac{\gamma}{n} \right).$$

We have  $\Sigma \beta_j = 0$  and

$$B \equiv \text{diag}(b) = \text{diag}(c) - \frac{\gamma}{n} I = C - \frac{\gamma}{n} \dot{I}.$$

So, by Theorem 1,

$$\begin{aligned} W_b(A) &= \{ \text{tr}(UBU^*A) : U \text{ unitary} \} \\ &= \left\{ \text{tr} \left[ U \left( C - \frac{\gamma}{n} I \right) U^* A \right] : U \text{ unitary} \right\} = W_c(A) - \left\{ \frac{\gamma}{n} \text{tr}(A) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

This argument suggests that it is convenient to restrict attention to those vectors  $c$  for which  $\Sigma \gamma_j = 0$ . The limitation merely involves a translation of the ranges by multiples of the trace, or, equivalently, the restriction to matrices of trace 0.

Since  $W_c$  is invariant under permutations of the  $\gamma_j$ , we may assume that each vector  $c$  in our domain is ordered. Hence, we consider the set of ordered vectors  $c$  with  $\Sigma \gamma_j = 0$ , which form a conical subset  $\mathcal{C}$  of an  $(n-1)$ -dimensional subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .

We are ready now to study integrals of  $W_c(A)$  relative to an arbitrary measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ , that is integrals of the form

$$(3.1) \quad J_\mu = J_\mu(A) = \int_{\mathcal{C}} W_c(A) d\mu(c).$$

One way of defining the integral in (3.1) is by carrying linear sums, over partitions of  $\mathcal{C}$ , to the limit. Alternatively, one realizes that  $J_\mu$ , being an integral of the convex sets  $W_c$ , is a convex set as well. Hence  $J_\mu$  may be characterized by its support function (e.g., [4] part V),

$$u(J_\mu, \theta) = \sup_{z \in J_\mu} \text{Re}(ze^{-i\theta}), \quad 0 \leq \theta < \pi$$

In order to evaluate  $u(J_\mu, \theta)$ , we consider the support functions of our closed convex integrands  $W_c$ . We have

$$u(W_c, \theta) = u(c, \theta) = \max_{z \in W_c} \text{Re}(ze^{-i\theta}), \quad 0 \leq \theta < \pi.$$

Since  $u(c, \theta)$  is a linear function of  $c$  in the sense that

$$u(\lambda W_c + \lambda' W_{c'}, \theta) = \lambda u(c, \theta) + \lambda' u(c', \theta), \quad \forall \lambda, \lambda' \geq 0,$$

we have

$$u(J_\mu, \theta) = u\left(\int W_c d\mu(c), \theta\right) = \int u(W_c, \theta) d\mu(c) = \int u(c, \theta) d\mu(c).$$

Of course, the measure  $\mu$  may be concentrated at a finite number of points  $c_1, \dots, c_m \in \mathcal{C}$ . In this case the integral  $J_\mu$  reduces to the finite linear combination

$$\mu(c_1)W_{c_1}(A) + \dots + \mu(c_m)W_{c_m}(A).$$

Since  $W_{\lambda c} = \lambda W_c$  for scalar  $\lambda$ , we shall avoid integration over proportional vectors of  $\mathcal{C}$ . This can be achieved by restricting integration to the domain

$$\mathcal{D} = \{c: c = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n), \Sigma \gamma_j = 0, \gamma_1 = 1\},$$

which is the bounded set of all vectors in  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $\gamma_1 = 1$ .

The above concept of integration can be extended in order to consider the integral

$$(3.2) \quad \mathcal{H}_\mu \equiv \int_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{H}_c d\mu(c).$$

We recall that the integrands  $\mathcal{H}_c$  are convex sets in the  $(n^2 - 1)$  real dimensional) space  $\mathbf{H}$  of Hermitian matrices of trace 0. It follows that  $\mathcal{H}_\mu$  is also a convex set in  $\mathbf{H}$ . Again, the convexity of  $\mathcal{H}_c$  and  $\mathcal{H}_\mu$  implies that the integral may be defined in terms of the support functions of  $\mathcal{H}_c$ . Here, in analogy to the previous case, the support function of  $\mathcal{H}_c$  assigns to each point  $H_1$  on the unit sphere of  $\mathbf{H}$ , the distance from the origin  $O$  of  $\mathbf{H}$  to the plane of support of  $\mathcal{H}_c$  perpendicular to the direction  $\vec{OH}_1$ .

Having the integrals  $J_\mu$  and  $\mathcal{H}_\mu$  defined we state our main result.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $\mu$  be a nonnegative measure on  $\mathcal{D}$ , and let  $c' \neq 0$  be an ordered vector with  $\Sigma \gamma'_j = 0$ . Then*

$$(3.3) \quad \int_{\mathcal{D}} W_c(A) d\mu(c) \subset \lambda W_{c'}(A), \quad \forall A \in \mathbf{C}_{n \times n},$$

if and only if  $\lambda \geq \eta(c')$  or  $\lambda \leq \zeta(c')$  where

$$(3.4a) \quad \eta(c') = \max_{1 \leq l < n} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_l}{\gamma'_1 + \dots + \gamma'_l} d\mu(c),$$

$$(3.4b) \quad \zeta(c') = \min_{1 \leq l < n} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_l}{\gamma'_n + \dots + \gamma'_{n-l+1}} d\mu(c).$$

*Proof.* In the proof of Lemma 8 of [3] we have shown that if  $c' \neq 0$  with  $\Sigma\gamma'_j = 0$ , then

$$(3.5) \quad \gamma'_1 + \cdots + \gamma'_l > 0, \quad \gamma'_n + \cdots + \gamma'_{n-l+1} < 0; \quad l = 1, \dots, n-1.$$

This establishes that  $\eta, \zeta$  of (3.4) are well defined and since  $\mu$  is a nonnegative measure we see that  $\eta \geq 0, \zeta \leq 0$ .

Next we show that  $\lambda \geq \eta(c')$  or  $\lambda \leq \zeta(c')$  imply (3.3). For this purpose we use the definition of  $\mathcal{H}_\mu$ , Theorem 2, and the linearity of the trace to evaluate the set on the left of (3.3):

$$(3.6) \quad \int_{\mathcal{D}} W_c(A) d\mu(c) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} \{\text{tr}(HA): H \in \mathcal{H}_c\} d\mu(c) \\ = \left\{ \text{tr}(HA): H \in \int_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{H}_c d\mu(c) \right\} = \{\text{tr}(HA): H \in \mathcal{H}_\mu\}.$$

Now choose  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda \geq \eta(c')$ . Since  $\lambda \geq 0$ , the vector  $\lambda c'$  remains ordered. Hence, by Theorem 2,

$$(3.7) \quad \lambda W_{c'}(A) = W_{\lambda c'}(A) = \{\text{tr}(HA): H \in \mathcal{H}_{\lambda c'}\}.$$

From (3.6), (3.7) we see that in order to prove (3.3) it suffices to show that

$$(3.8) \quad \mathcal{H}_\mu \subset \mathcal{H}_{\lambda c'}.$$

Thus, let  $H_0$  be a matrix in  $\mathcal{H}_\mu$ . Then by (3.2), there exist elements  $H_c \in \mathcal{H}_c$  for all  $c \in \mathcal{D}$ , such that

$$H_0 = \int_{\mathcal{D}} H_c d\mu(c).$$

The matrices  $H_c$  satisfy Definition 2, and since  $\mu$  is a nonnegative measure on  $\mathcal{D}$ , it follows that for  $l$ -tuples  $x_1, \dots, x_l$  in  $A_k$  we have

$$(3.9) \quad \sum_{j=1}^l (H_0 x_j, x_j) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{j=1}^l (H_c x_j, x_j) d\mu(c) \\ \leq \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\gamma_1 + \cdots + \gamma_l) d\mu(c); \quad l = 1, \dots, n,$$

with equality for  $l = n$ . Since  $\Sigma\gamma_j = \Sigma\gamma'_j = 0$ , the above equality for  $l = n$  implies

$$(3.10a) \quad \sum_{j=1}^n (H_0 x_j, x_j) = 0 = \lambda \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma'_j.$$

For  $1 \leq l < n$  we use the assumption  $\lambda \geq \eta$  to obtain from (3.9) that



$$(3.10b) \quad \sum_{j=1}^l (H_0 x_j, x_j) \\ \leq (\gamma'_1 + \cdots + \gamma'_l) \int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\gamma_1 + \cdots + \gamma_l}{\gamma'_1 + \cdots + \gamma'_l} d\mu(c) \leq \lambda(\gamma'_1 + \cdots + \gamma'_l).$$

By Definition 2, the relations (3.10) mean that  $H_0 \in \mathcal{H}_{\lambda c'}$ . Hence, (3.8) holds, and consequently the inclusion in (3.3) follows.

For  $\lambda \leq \zeta$  the situation is slightly different. Consider the vector  $c'' \equiv (-\gamma'_n, \dots, -\gamma'_1)$ . Since  $c'$  is ordered,  $c''$  is too. Also, the condition  $\lambda \leq \zeta(c')$  becomes

$$(3.11) \quad -\lambda \geq -\zeta(c'') = -\min_{1 \leq l < n} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\gamma_1 + \cdots + \gamma_l}{\gamma'_n + \cdots + \gamma'_{n-l+1}} d\mu(c) \\ = \max_{1 \leq l < n} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\gamma_1 + \cdots + \gamma_l}{-\gamma' - \cdots - \gamma'_{n-l+1}} d\mu(c) = \eta(c'').$$

Hence, by the previous part of the proof, we have that

$$(3.12) \quad \int_{\mathcal{D}} W_c(A) d\mu(c) \subset -\lambda W_{c''}(A), \quad \forall A \in \mathbf{C}_{n \times n}.$$

But  $-\lambda c''$  is merely a reordering of  $\lambda c'$ . Thus, the set on the right of (3.12) satisfies

$$-\lambda W_{c''}(A) = W_{-\lambda c''}(A) = W_{\lambda c'}(A) = \lambda W_{c'}(A),$$

and we obtain (3.3).

To complete the proof we have to show that if  $\zeta < \lambda < \eta$ , then (3.3) does not hold for some  $A \in \mathbf{C}_{n \times n}$ . First assume  $0 \leq \lambda < \eta$ . That is, for some  $l$ ,  $1 \leq l < n$ ,

$$(3.13) \quad \lambda(\gamma'_1 + \cdots + \gamma'_l) < \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\gamma_1 + \cdots + \gamma_l) d\mu(c).$$

Consider the matrix  $A_l = I_l \oplus O_{n-l}$ . A simple computation shows that for an ordered vector  $c$ , the range  $W_c(A_l)$  is a real interval with right end-point  $\gamma_1 + \cdots + \gamma_l$ . Then, the left side of (3.3) represents a real interval with right end-point

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} (\gamma_1 + \cdots + \gamma_l) d\mu(c),$$

which, by (3.13), exceeds the right end-point  $\lambda(\gamma'_1 + \cdots + \gamma'_l)$  of  $W_{\lambda c'}(A_l)$ .

Finally, if  $\zeta(c') < \lambda < 0$ , then (3.11) implies that  $0 < -\lambda < \eta(c'')$  where  $c'' = (-\gamma'_n, \dots, -\gamma'_1)$ . Thus by the above example the inclusion

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} W_c(A_l) d\mu(c) \subset -\lambda W_{c''}(A_l) = \lambda W_{c'}(A_l)$$

fails to hold, and the theorem follows.

We remember of course, that we restricted integration to the domain  $\mathcal{D}$  for convenience only. Therefore, if so desired,  $\mu(c)$  can be extended to the domain  $\mathcal{C}$ , and Theorem 3 remains valid.

If  $\mu$  is concentrated at a finite number of vectors  $c_1, \dots, c_m \in \mathcal{C}$ , then Theorem 3 characterizes all  $\lambda$  for which

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \mu(c_i) W_{c_i}(A) \subset \lambda W_{c'}(A), \quad \forall A \in C_{n \times n}.$$

A result of this type is given in Theorem 1 of [2].

Of particular interest is the case where  $\mu$  is concentrated at a single vector  $c'' \in \mathcal{C}$ . That is,

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} W_c(A) d\mu(c) = W_{c''}(A),$$

and  $\eta, \zeta$  of (3.13) are given now by

$$(3.14) \quad \eta(c') = \max_{1 \leq l < n} \frac{\gamma_1'' + \dots + \gamma_l''}{\gamma_1' + \dots + \gamma_l'}; \quad \zeta(c') = \min_{1 \leq l < n} \frac{\gamma_1'' + \dots + \gamma_l''}{\gamma_n' + \dots + \gamma_{n-l+1}'}$$

Thus, from Theorem 3 we conclude,

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $c' \neq 0$  and  $c''$  be ordered vectors with  $\Sigma \gamma_j' = \Sigma \gamma_j'' = 0$ . Then*

$$W_{c''}(A) \subset \lambda W_{c'}(A), \quad \forall A \in C_{n \times n}$$

*if and only if  $\lambda \geq \eta(c')$  or  $\lambda \leq \zeta(c')$  where  $\eta, \zeta$  are given in (3.14).*

This result was proved differently in Theorem 8 of [3].

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