

Some Inequalities for Commutators

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Abstract: If Γ and $\tilde{\Gamma}$ are $m \times n$ diagonal matrices and A and B are normal matrices, then the upper bound of Frobenius norm of $AI_{m \times n}^{(r)} - I_{m \times n}^{(r)}B$ should be $\frac{1}{\sigma} \|A\Gamma - \tilde{\Gamma}B\|_F$. Some related inequalities are proved, and the results are generalized.

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若干交换算子不等式

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[摘要] 本文中设 Γ 和 $\tilde{\Gamma}$ 为 $m \times n$ 矩阵, A 和 B 分别为 m 及 n 阶正规矩阵, 利用矩阵特征值与奇异值性质, 证明如下不等式: $\sigma \|AI_{m \times n}^{(r)} - I_{m \times n}^{(r)}B\|_F \leq \|A\Gamma - \tilde{\Gamma}B\|_F$. 同时, 推广了相关文献的结论.

[关键词] 特征值, 奇异值, F -范数, 不等式, 交换算子

1 Introduction

Throughout the paper, we use the following notations: $M(\mathbb{C})$ is a set of complex matrices, and $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ is the set of m by n complex matrices; $\mathbb{C}_r^{m \times n}$ is the set of $m \times n$ complex matrices having rank r . $R(A)$ denotes the column space of A . A^H and A^+ denote the conjugate transpose and Moore-Penrose inverse of A , respectively. I_n is the unit matrix of order n and $m \times n$ matrix $I_{m \times n}^{(r)}$ is defined by

$$I_{m \times n}^{(r)} = \begin{pmatrix} I_r & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let $A = (a_{ij}) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, $d_i(A)$ denotes the i th diagonal element of A , that is, $d_i(A) = a_{ii}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$). $\|\cdot\|_2$ denotes the Euclidean norm of a vector or the spectral norm of a matrix and $\|\cdot\|_F$ the Frobenius norm of matrix.

The main problem considered in this paper is comparing the Frobenius norm of the matrix $AI_{m \times n}^{(r)} - I_{m \times n}^{(r)}B$ with that of a commutator $A\Gamma - \tilde{\Gamma}B$, where A , B , Γ and $\tilde{\Gamma}$ are elements of $M(\mathbb{C})$ satisfying some additional conditions. This kind of problems have been studied by the authors and the results have been found useful in the field of numerical analysis and physics^[1-7].

It is well known that the diagonal elements a_{ii} 's of Hermitian semi-definite matrix A are nonnegative real numbers. Hence, if A is an Hermitian semi-definite matrix, and $\Lambda = \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ with positive diagonal elements, then

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$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}) \geq 0. \quad (1)$$

We need the inequality (1) in the following proof of the result.

2 Main Results

Theorem 1 Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$, $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be normal matrices and

$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{\Omega} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}_r^{m \times n}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{\Gamma}} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{\Omega}} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}_r^{m \times n},$$

$$\mathbf{\Omega} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r) \geq \mathbf{O}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{\Omega}} = \text{diag}(\tilde{\sigma}_1, \dots, \tilde{\sigma}_r) \geq \mathbf{O}.$$

And let the matrices \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} satisfy the following conditions:

$$d_i(\mathbf{B}^H \mathbf{B}) - d_i(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A}) \geq 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, r). \quad (2)$$

Then

$$\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Gamma} - \tilde{\mathbf{\Gamma}}\mathbf{B}\|_F \geq \sigma \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} - \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)}\mathbf{B}\|_F, \quad (3)$$

Where $\sigma = \min_{1 \leq i \leq r} \sigma_i$.

Proof Firstly, we prove the inequality (3) holds for $\tilde{\mathbf{\Gamma}} - \mathbf{\Gamma} \geq \mathbf{O}$. Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{12} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{11} & \mathbf{B}_{12} \\ \mathbf{B}_{21} & \mathbf{B}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$; where $\mathbf{A}_{11}, \mathbf{B}_{11} \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times r}$. By (2) and the assumption that \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are normal matrices, i.e., $\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^H$, $\mathbf{B}^H \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}^H$, we get

$$\mathbf{A}_{11} \mathbf{A}_{11}^H + \mathbf{A}_{12} \mathbf{A}_{12}^H = \mathbf{A}_{11}^H \mathbf{A}_{11} + \mathbf{A}_{21} \mathbf{A}_{21}^H, \quad \mathbf{B}_{11} \mathbf{B}_{11}^H + \mathbf{B}_{12} \mathbf{B}_{12}^H = \mathbf{B}_{11}^H \mathbf{B}_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{21} \mathbf{B}_{21}^H, \quad (4)$$

and

$$d_i(\mathbf{B}_{11} \mathbf{B}_{11}^H + \mathbf{B}_{12} \mathbf{B}_{12}^H) = d_i(\mathbf{B}_{11}^H \mathbf{B}_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{21} \mathbf{B}_{21}^H) \geq d_i(\mathbf{A}_{11}^H \mathbf{A}_{11} + \mathbf{A}_{21} \mathbf{A}_{21}^H) = d_i(\mathbf{A}_{11} \mathbf{A}_{11}^H + \mathbf{A}_{12} \mathbf{A}_{12}^H) \quad (i = 1, \dots, r). \quad (5)$$

Assume that $\mathbf{\Sigma} = \mathbf{\Gamma} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \end{pmatrix}$, and $\tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}} = \tilde{\mathbf{\Gamma}} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{\Omega}} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \end{pmatrix}$. Then $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}$ are two diagonal matrices with diagonal elements nonnegative. By direct computation, we get

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Sigma} - \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11}(\mathbf{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r) - (\tilde{\mathbf{\Omega}} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{11} & -(\tilde{\mathbf{\Omega}} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{12} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21}(\mathbf{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r) & \mathbf{O} \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to verify that

$$(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Sigma} - \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{B})^H (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Sigma} - \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{A}_{11}^H - \mathbf{B}_{11}^H)(\mathbf{A}_{11}(\mathbf{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r) - (\tilde{\mathbf{\Omega}} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{11}) + \mathbf{A}_{21}^H \mathbf{A}_{21}(\mathbf{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r) & * \\ * & \mathbf{B}_{12}^H (\tilde{\mathbf{\Omega}} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r) \mathbf{B}_{12} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

$$[(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Sigma} - \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{B})^H (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Sigma} - \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{B})] = \begin{pmatrix} ((\mathbf{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{11}^H - \mathbf{B}_{11}^H(\tilde{\mathbf{\Omega}} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r))(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11}) + (\mathbf{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{21}^H \mathbf{A}_{21} & * \\ * & \mathbf{B}_{12}^H (\tilde{\mathbf{\Omega}} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r) \mathbf{B}_{12} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (7)$$

where the star (*) parts in (6) and (7) will not be used in our derivations.

Hence,

$$\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Gamma} - \tilde{\mathbf{\Gamma}}\mathbf{B}\|_F^2 = \|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{\Sigma} + \sigma \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)}) - (\tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}} + \sigma \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)})\mathbf{B}\|_F^2 = \|\sigma(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} - \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)}\mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Sigma} - \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{B})\|_F^2 = \sigma^2 \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} - \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)}\mathbf{B}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Sigma} - \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{B}\|_F^2 + 2\sigma \text{Re tr}[(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} - \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)}\mathbf{B})^H (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Sigma} - \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{B})]. \quad (8)$$

Here tr denotes the trace of a matrix, Re the real part of a complex number. We claim that

$$2\sigma \text{Re tr}[(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} - \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)}\mathbf{B})^H (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Sigma} - \tilde{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{B})] \geq 0. \quad (9)$$

So, (9) together with (8) leads to

$$\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Gamma} - \tilde{\mathbf{\Gamma}}\mathbf{B}\|_F^2 \geq \sigma^2 \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} - \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)}\mathbf{B}\|_F^2, \quad (10)$$

which proves (3). Now we have to prove (9).

By using (6) and (7) and the property of the matrix trace: $\text{tr}(\mathbf{M}\mathbf{N}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{N}\mathbf{M})$ for two matrices \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{N} with suitable dimensions, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 2 \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{tr}[(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} - \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B})^H (\mathbf{A} \tilde{\Sigma} - \tilde{\Sigma}^H \mathbf{B})] &= \operatorname{tr}[(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} - \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B})^H (\mathbf{A} \tilde{\Sigma} - \tilde{\Sigma}^H \mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{A} \tilde{\Sigma} - \tilde{\Sigma}^H \mathbf{B})^H (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} - \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B})] = \\
 \operatorname{tr}\{(\mathbf{A}_{11}^H - \mathbf{B}_{11}^H)[\mathbf{A}_{11}(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r) - (\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{11}]\} &+ \operatorname{tr}\{[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{11}^H - \mathbf{B}_{11}^H(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)](\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11})\} + 2\operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{12}\mathbf{B}_{12}^H] + \\
 2\operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{21}\mathbf{A}_{21}^H] &= \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{11}^H\mathbf{A}_{11} - (\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{11}^H\mathbf{B}_{11} - (\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{11}^H\mathbf{A}_{11} + (\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{11}^H\mathbf{B}_{11}] + \\
 \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{11}\mathbf{A}_{11}^H - (\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{11}\mathbf{A}_{11}^H - (\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{11}\mathbf{B}_{11}^H + (\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{11}\mathbf{B}_{11}^H] &+ \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{11}\mathbf{B}_{11}^H] + \\
 \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{11}^H\mathbf{A}_{11}] - \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{11}^H\mathbf{B}_{11}] - \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{11}\mathbf{A}_{11}^H] &+ 2\operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{12}\mathbf{B}_{12}^H] + 2\operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{21}\mathbf{A}_{21}^H] = \\
 \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11})^H(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11})] &+ \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11})(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11})^H] + \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)(\mathbf{B}_{11}\mathbf{B}_{11}^H + \mathbf{B}_{12}\mathbf{B}_{12}^H)] - \\
 \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{11}^H\mathbf{B}_{11}] + \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{12}\mathbf{B}_{12}^H] &+ \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)(\mathbf{A}_{11}^H\mathbf{A}_{11} + \mathbf{A}_{21}^H\mathbf{A}_{21})] + \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{21}\mathbf{A}_{21}^H] - \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{11}\mathbf{A}_{11}^H].
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Note that $\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r \geq 0$, $(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11})^H(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11}) \geq 0$, and $\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r \geq 0$, $(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11})(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11})^H \geq 0$.

So, by using (1), we readily have

$$\operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11})^H(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11})] \geq 0,$$

and

$$\operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11})(\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{B}_{11})^H] \geq 0.$$

In this case, the equality (11) becomes the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (11) \geq \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)(\mathbf{A}_{11}^H\mathbf{A}_{11} + \mathbf{A}_{21}^H\mathbf{A}_{21})] - \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{11}\mathbf{A}_{11}^H] &+ \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)(\mathbf{B}_{11}\mathbf{B}_{11}^H + \mathbf{B}_{12}\mathbf{B}_{12}^H)] - \\
 \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{11}^H\mathbf{B}_{11}] + \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{12}\mathbf{B}_{12}^H] &+ \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{21}\mathbf{A}_{21}^H].
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Hence, (12), together (4) and (11), leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
 2 \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{tr}[(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} - \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B})^H (\mathbf{A} \tilde{\Sigma} - \tilde{\Sigma}^H \mathbf{B})] &\geq \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \Omega)(\mathbf{B}_{11}^H\mathbf{B}_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{21}^H\mathbf{B}_{21})] - \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \Omega)(\mathbf{A}_{11}\mathbf{A}_{11}^H + \mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{A}_{12}^H)] + \\
 \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{12}\mathbf{B}_{12}^H] + \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{21}\mathbf{A}_{21}^H] &+ \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{A}_{12}^H] + \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \sigma \mathbf{I}_r)\mathbf{B}_{21}^H\mathbf{B}_{21}] \geq \\
 \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \Omega)(\mathbf{B}_{11}^H\mathbf{B}_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{21}^H\mathbf{B}_{21})] - \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \Omega)(\mathbf{A}_{11}\mathbf{A}_{11}^H &+ \mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{A}_{12}^H)].
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Let $\mathbf{A}_{11}\mathbf{A}_{11}^H + \mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{A}_{12}^H = (\mathbf{a}_{ij})_{r \times r}$, and $\mathbf{B}_{11}^H\mathbf{B}_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{21}^H\mathbf{B}_{21} = (\mathbf{b}_{ij})_{r \times r}$.

Obviously, $\tilde{\Gamma} - \Gamma \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \tilde{\sigma}_i - \sigma_i \geq 0$, and $d_i(\mathbf{B}^H\mathbf{B}) - d_i(\mathbf{B}^H\tilde{\mathbf{B}}) \geq 0$, $d_i(\mathbf{B}^H\mathbf{B}) \geq d_i(\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A})$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, r$), we get

$$\operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \Omega)(\mathbf{B}_{11}^H\mathbf{B}_{11} + \mathbf{B}_{21}^H\mathbf{B}_{21})] = \sum_{i=1}^r (\tilde{\sigma}_i - \sigma_i) b_{ii} \geq \sum_{i=1}^r (\tilde{\sigma}_i - \sigma_i) a_{ii} = \operatorname{tr}[(\tilde{\Omega} - \Omega)(\mathbf{A}_{11}\mathbf{A}_{11}^H + \mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{A}_{12}^H)],$$

which proves (9). Hence (3) holds for $\tilde{\Gamma} - \Gamma \geq 0$.

Secondly, we prove the general situation. Let the positive number δ satisfy the following conditions:

$$\delta \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{B}^H \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B}) + \operatorname{tr}[\mathbf{B}^H \mathbf{I}_{n \times m}^{(r)} (\mathbf{A}\Gamma - \tilde{\Gamma}\mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{A}\Gamma - \tilde{\Gamma}\mathbf{B})^H \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B}] \geq 0, \text{ and } \tilde{\Omega} + \delta \mathbf{I}_r \geq \Omega.$$

Then

$$(\tilde{\Omega} + \delta \mathbf{I}_r) - \Omega \geq 0, \tag{14}$$

and

$$3\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{B}^H \delta^2 \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B}) + \operatorname{tr}[\mathbf{B}^H \delta \mathbf{B}_{n \times m}^{(r)} [\mathbf{A}\Gamma - (\tilde{\Gamma} + \delta \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)})\mathbf{B}] + [\mathbf{A}\Gamma - (\tilde{\Gamma} + \delta \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)})\mathbf{B}]^H \delta \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B}] \geq 0. \tag{15}$$

Let $\mathbf{T} = \tilde{\Gamma} + \delta \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)}$. Then, the inequality (14) implies that the following inequality holds: $\mathbf{T} - \tilde{\Gamma} \geq 0$. By simple computation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\mathbf{A}\Gamma - \tilde{\Gamma}\mathbf{B}\|_F^2 &= \|\mathbf{A}\Gamma - (\mathbf{T} - \delta \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)})\mathbf{B}\|_F^2 = \|\mathbf{A}\Gamma - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{B}\|_F^2 + \|\delta \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B}\|_F^2 + 2\delta \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{tr}[\mathbf{B}^H \mathbf{I}_{n \times m}^{(r)} (\mathbf{A}\Gamma - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{B})] = \\
 \|\mathbf{A}\Gamma - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{B}\|_F^2 + 3\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{B}^H \delta^2 \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B}) - 2\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{B}^H \delta^2 \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B}) &+ \operatorname{tr}[\mathbf{B}^H \delta \mathbf{I}_{n \times m}^{(r)} (\mathbf{A}\Gamma - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{A}\Gamma - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{B})^H \delta \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B}] = \\
 \|\mathbf{A}\Gamma - \mathbf{T}\mathbf{B}\|_F^2 + 3\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{B}^H \delta^2 \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B}) + \operatorname{tr}[\mathbf{B}^H \delta \mathbf{I}_{n \times m}^{(r)} (\mathbf{A}\Gamma - (\tilde{\Gamma} + \delta \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)})\mathbf{B}) &+ [\mathbf{A}\Gamma - (\tilde{\Gamma} + \delta \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)})\mathbf{B}]^H \delta \mathbf{I}_{m \times n}^{(r)} \mathbf{B}].
 \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

So, (16) together with (15), leads to $\|A\tilde{F} - \tilde{F}B\|_F^2 \geq \|A\tilde{F} - \tilde{F}B\|_F^2$.

From the inequality $\tilde{F} - F \geq 0$ and the specific case above we have proved, it may be concluded that $\|A\tilde{F} - \tilde{F}B\|_F^2 \geq \sigma^2 \|A\tilde{F}^{(r)} - \tilde{F}^{(r)}B\|_F^2$. Hence, (3) holds. The proof is completed.

Remark 1 Let $U, \tilde{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}, V, \tilde{V} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be unitary matrices, and let $F, \tilde{F}, \Omega, \tilde{\Omega}$ be of the forms in Theorem 1. Then $\tilde{U}^H U \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}, \tilde{V}^H V \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ are unitary. Of course, they are normal matrices, e.g.,

$$(\tilde{U}^H U)^H (\tilde{U}^H U) = (\tilde{U}^H U)(\tilde{U}^H U)^H = I_m, (\tilde{V}^H V)^H (\tilde{V}^H V) = (\tilde{V}^H V)(\tilde{V}^H V)^H = I_n.$$

Hence,

$$d_i[(\tilde{U}^H U)^H \tilde{U}^H U] = d_i[(\tilde{V}^H V)^H \tilde{V}^H V] = 1, (i = 1, \dots, r, 1 \leq r \leq \min\{m, n\}).$$

For these reasons, it follows from the unitary invariance of $\|\cdot\|_F$ and Theorem 1 that

$$\|U\tilde{F}V^H - \tilde{U}\tilde{F}\tilde{V}^H\|_F = \|\tilde{U}^H U\tilde{F} - \tilde{F}\tilde{V}^H V\|_F \geq \sigma \|\tilde{U}^H U\tilde{F}^{(r)} - \tilde{F}^{(r)}\tilde{V}^H V\|_F = \sigma \|U\tilde{F}^{(r)}V^H - \tilde{U}\tilde{F}^{(r)}\tilde{V}^H\|_F,$$

where $\sigma = \min_{1 \leq i, j \leq r} \{\sigma_i, \tilde{\sigma}_j\}$.

Overall, we have the following inequality,

$$\|U\tilde{F}V^H - \tilde{U}\tilde{F}\tilde{V}^H\|_F \geq \sigma \|U\tilde{F}^{(r)}V^H - \tilde{U}\tilde{F}^{(r)}\tilde{V}^H\|_F. \quad (17)$$

Particularly, choose V^H, \tilde{U} as $n \times n$ unit matrix and $m \times m$ unit matrix, respectively. And let $\tilde{V}^H = V$. Then the inequality (17) becomes

$$\|U\tilde{F} - \tilde{F}V\|_F \geq \sigma \|U\tilde{F}^{(r)} - \tilde{F}^{(r)}V\|_F. \quad (18)$$

The inequality (17) is the result of Theorem 2 in [1], and the inequality (18) is Lemma 1 in [1].

Remark 2 We get the following result, which was proved by Sun in [2]: Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be normal matrices and

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} \Omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}_r^{m \times n},$$

Where $\Omega = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n) \geq 0$. Then

$$\|A\tilde{F} - \tilde{F}B\|_F \geq \sigma_n \|A\tilde{F}^{(r)} - \tilde{F}^{(r)}B\|_F. \quad (19)$$

In fact, If $\tilde{F} = F$ in Theorem 1, then $\Omega = \tilde{\Omega}$. In this case, from the inequality (13) we see that

$$2 \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{tr}[(A\tilde{F}^{(r)} - \tilde{F}^{(r)}B)^H (A\tilde{\Sigma} - \tilde{\Sigma}B)] \geq 0,$$

which means that (19) holds.

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