

NUMERICAL RADIUS INEQUALITIES AND ESTIMATION OF ZEROS OF POLYNOMIALS

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ABSTRACT. Let A be a bounded linear operator defined on a complex Hilbert space and let $|A| = (A^*A)^{1/2}$ be the positive square root of A . Among other refinements of the well known numerical radius inequality $w^2(A) \leq \frac{1}{2}\|A^*A + AA^*\|$, we show that

$$\begin{aligned} w^2(A) &\leq \frac{1}{4}w^2(|A| + i|A^*|) + \frac{1}{8}\| |A|^2 + |A^*|^2 \| + \frac{1}{4}w(|A||A^*|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\|A^*A + AA^*\|. \end{aligned}$$

Also, we develop inequalities involving numerical radius and spectral radius for the sum of the product operators, from which we derive the following inequalities

$$w^p(A) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}w(|A|^p + i|A^*|^p) \leq \|A\|^p$$

for all $p \geq 1$. Further, we derive new bounds for the zeros of complex polynomials.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let \mathcal{H} be a complex Hilbert space with usual inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ and the corresponding norm $\| \cdot \|$ induced by the inner product. Let $\mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$ denote the C^* -algebra of all bounded linear operators on \mathcal{H} . For $A \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$, $|A| = (A^*A)^{1/2}$ is the positive square root of A . The numerical range of A , denoted as $W(A)$, is defined by $W(A) = \{ \langle Ax, x \rangle : x \in \mathcal{H}, \|x\| = 1 \}$. Let $\|A\|$, $r(A)$ and $w(A)$ denote the operator norm, the spectral radius and the numerical radius of A , respectively. Recall that $w(A) = \sup \{ |\langle Ax, x \rangle| : x \in \mathcal{H}, \|x\| = 1 \}$. The numerical radius $w(\cdot)$ defines a norm on $\mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$, (is equivalent to the operator norm $\| \cdot \|$) is satisfying the following inequality

$$\frac{1}{2}\|A\| \leq w(A) \leq \|A\|. \tag{1.1}$$

The first inequality becomes equality if $A^2 = 0$ and the second one turns into equality if A is normal. Similar as the operator norm, numerical radius also satisfies the power

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inequality:

$$w(A^n) \leq w^n(A) \text{ for every } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (1.2)$$

It is well known that for $A \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$,

$$r(A) \leq w(A). \quad (1.3)$$

The inequality (1.3) is sharp. In fact, if A is normal, then $r(A) = w(A) = \|A\|$. For $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$, we have $r(AB) = r(BA)$ and $r(A^n) = r^n(A)$ for every positive integer n . Over the years many eminent mathematicians have studied various refinements of (1.1) and obtained various bounds for the zeros of a complex polynomial, we refer the readers to [2, 3, 5, 7, 15, 18, 22, 23] and the references therein. In [14], Kittaneh improved the inequalities in (1.1) to prove that

$$\frac{1}{4}\|A^*A + AA^*\| \leq w^2(A) \leq \frac{1}{2}\|A^*A + AA^*\|. \quad (1.4)$$

In this article, we develop new refinements of the second inequality in (1.4). We obtain inequalities involving numerical radius and spectral radius of the sum of the product operators, from which we achieve a nice refinement of the classical inequality $w(A) \leq \|A\|$. As application of the numerical radius inequalities, we give new bounds for the zeros of a complex monic polynomial which improve on the existing ones.

2. NUMERICAL RADIUS INEQUALITIES

We begin the section with the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. [13] (*Generalized Cauchy-Schwarz inequality*) *If $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ and $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, then*

$$|\langle Ax, y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle |A|^{2\alpha} x, x \rangle \langle |A^*|^{2(1-\alpha)} y, y \rangle$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$.

Lemma 2.2. [21] (*Holder-McCarthy inequality*) *Let $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ be positive. Then the following inequalities hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A^r x, x \rangle &\geq \|x\|^{2(1-r)} \langle Ax, x \rangle^r, \quad \text{when } r \geq 1 \\ \langle A^r x, x \rangle &\leq \|x\|^{2(1-r)} \langle Ax, x \rangle^r, \quad \text{when } 0 \leq r \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in \mathcal{H}$.

Lemma 2.3. [9] (*Buzano's inequality*) *Let $x, e, y \in \mathcal{H}$ with $\|e\| = 1$, then*

$$|\langle x, e \rangle \langle e, y \rangle| \leq \frac{1}{2} (\|x\| \|y\| + |\langle x, y \rangle|).$$

Now, we are in a position to present our results. First we develop the following upper bound for the numerical radius.

Theorem 2.4. *Let $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. Then*

$$w^2(A) \leq \frac{1}{4}w^2(|A| + i|A^*|) + \frac{1}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{4}w(|A||A^*|).$$

Proof. Let $x \in \mathcal{H}$ with $\|x\| = 1$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle Ax, x \rangle|^2 \\ & \leq \langle |A|x, x \rangle \langle |A^*|x, x \rangle \text{ (by Lemma 2.1)} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} (\langle |A|x, x \rangle + \langle |A^*|x, x \rangle)^2 \\ & = \frac{1}{4} (\langle |A|x, x \rangle^2 + \langle |A^*|x, x \rangle^2 + 2\langle |A|x, x \rangle \langle |A^*|x, x \rangle) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \{ |\langle |A|x, x \rangle + i\langle |A^*|x, x \rangle|^2 + \||A|x\| \||A^*|x\| + |\langle |A|x, |A^*|x \rangle| \} \text{ (by Lemma 2.3)} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \left\{ |\langle (|A| + i|A^*|)x, x \rangle|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \||A|x\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \||A^*|x\|^2 + |\langle |A^*||A|x, x \rangle| \right\} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4}w^2(|A| + i|A^*|) + \frac{1}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{4}w(|A||A^*|). \end{aligned}$$

Taking supremum over all $x \in \mathcal{H}$ with $\|x\| = 1$, we get the desired inequality. \square

Clearly, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{4}w^2(|A| + i|A^*|) + \frac{1}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{4}w(|A||A^*|) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{4} \||A||A^*|\| \\ & = \frac{3}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{4} \||A^2\| \\ & \leq \frac{3}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| \\ & = \frac{1}{2} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we would like to remark that the upper bound obtained in Theorem 2.4 refines the second inequality in (1.4). Next result reads as follows.

Theorem 2.5. *Let $X, Y \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$, and $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$. Then for each $x \in \mathcal{H}$ with $\|x\| = 1$,*

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle Xx, x \rangle \langle Yx, x \rangle| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \|\alpha|X|^2 + (1-\alpha)|X^*|^2 + \beta|Y|^2 + (1-\beta)|Y^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{8} \||X|^2 + |Y^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{4}w(YX). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |\langle Xx, x \rangle \langle Yx, x \rangle| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} \{ |\langle Xx, x \rangle| + |\langle Yx, x \rangle| \}^2 \\
& = \frac{1}{4} \{ |\langle Xx, x \rangle|^2 + |\langle Yx, x \rangle|^2 + 2|\langle Xx, x \rangle| |\langle Yx, x \rangle| \} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} \{ \langle |X|^{2\alpha} x, x \rangle \langle |X^*|^{2(1-\alpha)} x, x \rangle + \langle |Y|^{2\beta} x, x \rangle \langle |Y^*|^{2(1-\beta)} x, x \rangle + 2|\langle Xx, x \rangle| |\langle x, Y^*x \rangle| \} \\
& \quad (\text{using Lemma 2.1}) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} \{ \langle |X|^2 x, x \rangle^\alpha \langle |X^*|^2 x, x \rangle^{(1-\alpha)} + \langle |Y|^2 x, x \rangle^\beta \langle |Y^*|^2 x, x \rangle^{(1-\beta)} + \|Xx\| \|Y^*x\| + |\langle Xx, Y^*x \rangle| \} \\
& \quad (\text{using Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3}) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} \{ \alpha \langle |X|^2 x, x \rangle + (1-\alpha) \langle |X^*|^2 x, x \rangle + \beta \langle |Y|^2 x, x \rangle + (1-\beta) \langle |Y^*|^2 x, x \rangle \} \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\langle |X|^2 x, x \rangle + \langle |Y^*|^2 x, x \rangle) + |\langle YXx, x \rangle| \right\} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} \| \alpha |X|^2 + (1-\alpha) |X^*|^2 + \beta |Y|^2 + (1-\beta) |Y^*|^2 \| + \frac{1}{8} \| |X|^2 + |Y^*|^2 \| + \frac{1}{4} w(YX).
\end{aligned}$$

□

Applying the inequality in Theorem 2.5 we derive the following upper bound for the numerical radius.

Corollary 2.6. *If $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, then*

$$w^2(A) \leq \frac{1}{4} \| \mu |A|^2 + (2-\mu) |A^*|^2 \| + \frac{1}{8} \| |A|^2 + |A^*|^2 \| + \frac{1}{4} w(A^2),$$

for $0 \leq \mu \leq 2$.

Proof. Putting $X = Y = A$ in Theorem 2.5, and then taking supremum over all $x \in \mathcal{H}$ with $\|x\| = 1$, we get

$$w^2(A) \leq \frac{1}{4} \| (\alpha + \beta) |A|^2 + (2 - \alpha - \beta) |A^*|^2 \| + \frac{1}{8} \| |A|^2 + |A^*|^2 \| + \frac{1}{4} w(A^2),$$

for $0 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 1$. This implies the desired bound. □

It follows from Corollary 2.6 that

$$w^2(A) \leq \frac{1}{4} \min_{\mu \in [0,2]} \| \mu |A|^2 + (2-\mu) |A^*|^2 \| + \frac{1}{8} \| |A|^2 + |A^*|^2 \| + \frac{1}{4} w(A^2). \quad (2.1)$$

Remark 2.7. Clearly, We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_{\mu \in [0,2]} \frac{1}{4} \|\mu|A|^2 + (2-\mu)|A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{4}w(A^2) \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{4} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{4}w(A^2) \quad (\text{by taking } \mu = 1) \\
 & = \frac{3}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{4}w(A^2) \\
 & \leq \frac{3}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{4}w^2(A) \\
 & \leq \frac{3}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| \quad (\text{using the second inequality of (1.4)}) \\
 & = \frac{1}{2} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we would like to remark that inequality (2.1) is stronger than that in (1.4).

We also note that the minimum value is not always attained for $\mu = 1$. For example,

consider the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then, $\min_{\mu \in [0,2]} \|\mu|A|^2 + (2-\mu)|A^*|^2\| = \frac{32}{7}$ for

$\mu = \frac{8}{7}$, and we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{4} \min_{\mu \in [0,2]} \|\mu|A|^2 + (2-\mu)|A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{8} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\| + \frac{1}{4}w(A^2) &= \frac{113}{56} \approx 2.01785714 \\
 &< \frac{5}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \||A|^2 + |A^*|^2\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

To prove our next result we need the following two lemmas. First one is a generalization of the inequality in Lemma 2.1, and the second one is known as Bohr's inequality.

Lemma 2.8. ([19, Th. 5]) *Let $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$ with $|A|B = B^*|A|$. Let f, g be two non-negative continuous functions on $[0, \infty)$ such that $f(t)g(t) = t$ for all $t \geq 0$. Then*

$$|\langle ABx, y \rangle| \leq r(B) \|f(|A|)x\| \|g(|A^*|)y\|,$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$.

Lemma 2.9. ([24]) *For $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, let $a_i \geq 0$. Then*

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^p \leq n^{p-1} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p,$$

for all $p \geq 1$.

By using the above lemmas we prove the following inequality involving numerical radius and spectral radius.

Theorem 2.10. *Let $A_i, B_i \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$ be such that $|A_i|B_i = B_i^*|A_i|$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then*

$$w^p \left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i B_i \right) \leq \frac{n^{p-1}}{\sqrt{2}} w \left(\sum_{i=1}^n r^p(B_i) (f^{2p}(|A_i|) + ig^{2p}(|A_i^*|)) \right),$$

for all $p \geq 1$.

Proof. Let $x \in \mathcal{H}$ with $\|x\| = 1$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left\langle \left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i B_i \right) x, x \right\rangle \right|^p \\ &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \langle A_i B_i x, x \rangle \right|^p \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\langle A_i B_i x, x \rangle| \right)^p \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n r(B_i) \|f(|A_i|)x\| \|g(|A_i^*|)x\| \right)^p \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.8}) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n r(B_i) \langle f^2(|A_i|)x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle g^2(|A_i^*|)x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^p \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n r(B_i) \frac{\langle f^2(|A_i|)x, x \rangle + \langle g^2(|A_i^*|)x, x \rangle}{2} \right)^p \\ &\leq n^{p-1} \sum_{i=1}^n r^p(B_i) \left(\frac{\langle f^2(|A_i|)x, x \rangle + \langle g^2(|A_i^*|)x, x \rangle}{2} \right)^p \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.9}) \\ &\leq \frac{n^{p-1}}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n r^p(B_i) (\langle f^2(|A_i|)x, x \rangle^p + \langle g^2(|A_i^*|)x, x \rangle^p) \quad (\text{by convexity of } f(t) = t^p) \\ &\leq \frac{n^{p-1}}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n r^p(B_i) (\langle f^{2p}(|A_i|)x, x \rangle + \langle g^{2p}(|A_i^*|)x, x \rangle) \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.2}) \\ &\leq \frac{n^{p-1}}{\sqrt{2}} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n r^p(B_i) (\langle f^{2p}(|A_i|)x, x \rangle + i \langle g^{2p}(|A_i^*|)x, x \rangle) \right| \\ &\hspace{15em} (\text{as } |a + b| \leq \sqrt{2}|a + ib| \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{R}) \\ &\leq \frac{n^{p-1}}{\sqrt{2}} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n r^p(B_i) \langle (f^{2p}(|A_i|) + ig^{2p}(|A_i^*|)) x, x \rangle \right| \\ &\leq \frac{n^{p-1}}{\sqrt{2}} w \left(\sum_{i=1}^n r^p(B_i) (f^{2p}(|A_i|) + ig^{2p}(|A_i^*|)) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now, taking supremum over all $x \in \mathcal{H}$, $\|x\| = 1$ we get,

$$w^p \left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i B_i \right) \leq \frac{n^{p-1}}{\sqrt{2}} w \left(\sum_{i=1}^n r^p(B_i) (f^{2p}(|A_i|) + ig^{2p}(|A_i^*|)) \right).$$

as desired. □

Observe that the inequality in Theorem 2.10 indeed does not depend on the number n of summands in the case $p = 1$. In particular, considering $p = n = 1$, $A_1 = A$, $B_1 = B$, $f(t) = g(t) = \sqrt{t}$ in Theorem 2.10, we get the following corollary.

Corollary 2.11. *Let $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$ be such that $|A|B = B^*|A|$. Then*

$$w(AB) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} r(B) w(|A| + i|A^*|).$$

In particular, for $B = I$ we have the following inequality (also obtained in [8]):

$$w(A) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} w(|A| + i|A^*|). \quad (2.2)$$

Note that the bound (2.2) refines that in (1.4), see [8, Remark 2.16]. Again, considering $B_i = I$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ in Theorem 2.10 we have the following inequality for the sum of operators.

Corollary 2.12. *Let $A_i \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and let f, g be two non-negative continuous functions on $[0, \infty)$ such that $f(t)g(t) = t$ for all $t \geq 0$. Then*

$$w^p \left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i \right) \leq \frac{n^{p-1}}{\sqrt{2}} w \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (f^{2p}(|A_i|) + ig^{2p}(|A_i^*|)) \right),$$

for all $p \geq 1$.

In particular, for $n = 1$ and $f(t) = g(t) = \sqrt{t}$ in Corollary 2.12, we get the following upper bound for the numerical radius.

Corollary 2.13. *If $A \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$, then*

$$w^p(A) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} w(|A|^p + i|A^*|^p),$$

for all $p \geq 1$.

It is easy to verify that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} w(|A|^p + i|A^*|^p) \leq \|A\|^p$ for all $p \geq 1$. Therefore, we would like to remark that Corollary 2.13 improves the classical bound $w(A) \leq \|A\|$ for all $p \geq 1$.

At the end of this section, we give a sufficient condition for the equality of $w(A) = \frac{1}{2} \|A^*A + AA^*\|^{1/2}$. For this purpose first we note the following known lemma.

Lemma 2.14. [17] *Let $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$ be positive. Then, $\|A + B\| = \|A\| + \|B\|$ if and only if $\|AB\| = \|A\|\|B\|$.*

Theorem 2.15. *Let $A \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$. Then $\|A\|^4 = \|\Re^2(A)\Im^2(A)\|$ implies*

$$w^2(A) = \frac{1}{4}\|A^*A + AA^*\|.$$

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\|^4 &= \|\Re^2(A)\Im^2(A)\| \leq \|\Re^2(A)\|\|\Im^2(A)\| = \|\Re(A)\|^2\|\Im(A)\|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}(\|\Re(A)\|^4 + \|\Im(A)\|^4) \leq \max(\|\Re(A)\|^4, \|\Im(A)\|^4) \\ &\leq w^4(A) \leq \|A\|^4. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\|\Re^2(A)\Im^2(A)\| = \|\Re(A)\|^2\|\Im(A)\|^2. \quad (2.3)$$

Also, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}(\|\Re(A)\|^4 + \|\Im(A)\|^4) = \max(\|\Re(A)\|^4, \|\Im(A)\|^4) = w^4(A). \quad (2.4)$$

This implies that

$$\|\Re(A)\| = \|\Im(A)\| = w(A). \quad (2.5)$$

Now, by using lemma 2.14, it follows from the identity (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}\|\Re^2(A) + \Im^2(A)\| &= \frac{1}{2}(\|\Re^2(A)\| + \|\Im^2(A)\|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\|\Re(A)\|^2 + \|\Im(A)\|^2) \\ &= \|\Re(A)\|^2 = w^2(A) \text{ (using (2.5))}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

It should be mentioned here that the converse of Theorem 2.15 is not true, in general. For example, we consider $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Then, $w^2(A) = \frac{1}{4}\|A^*A + AA^*\| = \frac{9}{4}$,

however $\|A\|^4 \neq \|\Re^2(A)\Im^2(A)\|$.

3. ESTIMATION OF ZEROS OF POLYNOMIALS

Suppose $p(z) = z^n + a_n z^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 z + a_1$ is a complex monic polynomial of degree $n \geq 2$ and $a_1 \neq 0$. Location of the zeros of $p(z)$ have been obtained by applying numerical radius inequalities to Frobenius companion matrix of the polynomial $p(z)$. The Frobenius companion matrix of the polynomial $p(z)$ is given by

$$C_p = \begin{pmatrix} -a_n & -a_{n-1} & \dots & -a_2 & -a_1 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The characteristic polynomial of C_p is the polynomial $p(z)$. Thus, the zeros of $p(z)$ are exactly the eigenvalues of C_p , see [12, p. 316]. The square of C_p is given by

$$C_p^2 = \begin{pmatrix} b_n & b_{n-1} & \dots & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & \dots & -a_3 & -a_2 & -a_1 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $b_j = a_n a_j - a_{j-1}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, with $a_0 = 0$.

Also,

$$C_p^3 = \begin{pmatrix} c_n & c_{n-1} & \dots & c_4 & c_3 & c_2 & c_1 \\ b_n & b_{n-1} & \dots & b_4 & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & \dots & -a_4 & -a_3 & -a_2 & -a_1 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $b_j = a_n a_j - a_{j-1}$ and $c_j = -a_n b_j + a_{n-1} a_j - a_{j-2}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, with $a_0 = a_{-1} = 0$,

and

$$C_p^4 = \begin{pmatrix} d_n & d_{n-1} & \dots & d_5 & d_4 & d_3 & d_2 & d_1 \\ c_n & c_{n-1} & \dots & c_5 & c_4 & c_3 & c_2 & c_1 \\ b_n & b_{n-1} & \dots & b_5 & b_4 & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & \dots & -a_5 & -a_4 & -a_3 & -a_2 & -a_1 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $b_j = a_n a_j - a_{j-1}$, $c_j = -a_n b_j + a_{n-1} a_j - a_{j-2}$, and $d_j = -a_n c_j - a_{n-1} b_{j-1} + a_{n-2} a_j - a_{j-3}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, with $a_0 = a_{-1} = a_{-2} = 0$.

The exact value of $\|C_p\|$ is well known (see in [18]), it is given by

$$\|C_p\| = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha + 1 + \sqrt{(\alpha + 1)^2 - 4|a_1|^2}}{2}}, \quad (3.1)$$

where $\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|^2$.

An estimation of $\|C_p^2\|$ obtained in [16] is as follows

$$\|C_p^2\| \leq \sqrt{\frac{\delta + 1 + \sqrt{(\delta - 1)^2 + 4\delta'}}{2}}, \quad (3.2)$$

where $\delta = \frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha + \beta + \sqrt{(\alpha - \beta)^2 + 4|\gamma|^2} \right)$ and $\delta' = \frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha' + \beta' + \sqrt{(\alpha' - \beta')^2 + 4|\gamma'|^2} \right)$, $\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|^2$, $\beta = \sum_{j=1}^n |b_j|^2$, $\alpha' = \sum_{j=3}^n |a_j|^2$, $\beta' = \sum_{j=3}^n |b_j|^2$, $\gamma = -\sum_{j=1}^n \bar{a}_j b_j$, $\gamma' = -\sum_{j=3}^n \bar{a}_j b_j$.

We note that

$$\|C_p^2\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \left(\sqrt{\frac{\delta + 1 + \sqrt{(\delta - 1)^2 + 4\delta'}}{2}} \right)^{1/2} \leq \sqrt{\frac{\alpha + 1 + \sqrt{(\alpha + 1)^2 - 4|a_1|^2}}{2}} = \|C_p\|.$$

Motivated by the above estimation, here we will obtain an estimation of $\|C_p^4\|^{1/4}$. For this purpose first we note the following norm inequality for the sum of two positive operators.

Lemma 3.1. [17] *If $A, B \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$ are positive, then*

$$\|A + B\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|A\| + \|B\| + \sqrt{(\|A\| - \|B\|)^2 + 4 \left\| A^{\frac{1}{2}} B^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|^2} \right).$$

Now, we are in a position to obtain an estimation of $\|C_p^4\|^{1/4}$. Let $C_p^4 = R + S + T$, where

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} d_n & d_{n-1} & \dots & d_5 & d_4 & d_3 & d_2 & d_1 \\ c_n & c_{n-1} & \dots & c_5 & c_4 & c_3 & c_2 & c_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b_n & b_{n-1} & \dots & b_5 & b_4 & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & \dots & -a_5 & -a_4 & -a_3 & -a_2 & -a_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \|C_p^4\|^2 &= \|R + S + T\|^2 \\ &= \|(R + S + T)^*(R + S + T)\| \\ &= \|R^*R + S^*S + T^*T\| \quad (\text{since } R^*S = R^*T = S^*R = S^*T = T^*R = T^*S = 0) \\ &\leq \|R^*R + S^*S\| + \|T^*T\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|R\|^2 + \|S\|^2 + \sqrt{(\|R\|^2 - \|S\|^2)^2 + 4\|RS^*\|^2} \right) + 1 \quad (\text{using Lemma 3.1}). \end{aligned}$$

By simple calculations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|R\|^2 &= \|R^*R\| = \|RR^*\| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha_1 + \beta_1 + \sqrt{(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)^2 + 4|\gamma_1|^2} \right) = \delta_1, \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |d_j|^2$, $\beta_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |c_j|^2$, $\gamma_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \bar{c}_j$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|S\|^2 &= \|S^*S\| = \|SS^*\| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha + \beta + \sqrt{(\alpha - \beta)^2 + 4|\gamma|^2} \right) = \delta, \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|^2$, $\beta = \sum_{j=1}^n |b_j|^2$, $\gamma = -\sum_{j=1}^n b_j \bar{a}_j$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\|RS^*\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(|\gamma_2|^2 + |\gamma_3|^2 + |\gamma_4|^2 + |\gamma_5|^2 + \sqrt{((|\gamma_2|^2 + |\gamma_3|^2) - (|\gamma_4|^2 + |\gamma_5|^2))^2 + 4|\gamma_2\bar{\gamma}_4 + \gamma_3\bar{\gamma}_5|^2} \right) \\ &= \delta_2, \end{aligned}$$

where $\gamma_2 = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \bar{b}_j$, $\gamma_3 = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \bar{a}_j$, $\gamma_4 = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \bar{b}_j$, $\gamma_5 = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \bar{a}_j$.

Therefore,

$$\|C_p^4\| \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\delta_1 + \delta + \sqrt{(\delta_1 - \delta)^2 + 4\delta_2} \right)} + 1. \quad (3.3)$$

We observe that the estimation of $\|C_p^4\|^{1/4}$ in (3.3) is incomparable with the existing estimation of $\|C_p^2\|^{1/2}$ in (3.2). In the following theorem we derive an upper bound for the spectral radius of the Frobenius companion matrix C_p , by using the estimations in (3.2) and (3.3).

Theorem 3.2. *The following inequality holds:*

$$r(C_p) \leq \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\delta + 1 + \sqrt{(\delta - 1)^2 + 4\delta'}}{2} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\delta_1 + \delta + \sqrt{(\delta_1 - \delta)^2 + 4\delta_2} \right) + 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}},$$

where $\delta' = \frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha' + \beta' + \sqrt{(\alpha' - \beta')^2 + 4|\gamma'|^2} \right)$,

$\delta = \frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha + \beta + \sqrt{(\alpha - \beta)^2 + 4|\gamma|^2} \right)$,

$\delta_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha_1 + \beta_1 + \sqrt{(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)^2 + 4|\gamma_1|^2} \right)$,

$\delta_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(|\gamma_2|^2 + |\gamma_3|^2 + |\gamma_4|^2 + |\gamma_5|^2 + \sqrt{((|\gamma_2|^2 + |\gamma_3|^2) - (|\gamma_4|^2 + |\gamma_5|^2))^2 + 4|\gamma_2\bar{\gamma}_4 + \gamma_3\bar{\gamma}_5|^2} \right)$,

$\alpha' = \sum_{j=3}^n |a_j|^2$, $\beta' = \sum_{j=3}^n |b_j|^2$, $\gamma' = -\sum_{j=3}^n \bar{a}_j b_j$,

$\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|^2$, $\beta = \sum_{j=1}^n |b_j|^2$, $\gamma = -\sum_{j=1}^n b_j \bar{a}_j$,

$\alpha_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |d_j|^2$, $\beta_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |c_j|^2$, $\gamma_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \bar{c}_j$,

$\gamma_2 = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \bar{b}_j$, $\gamma_3 = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \bar{a}_j$, $\gamma_4 = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \bar{b}_j$, $\gamma_5 = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \bar{a}_j$.

Proof. Let $A \in \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$. Putting $A = A^2$ in the inequality $w^2(A) \leq \frac{1}{4}\|A^*A + AA^*\| + \frac{1}{2}w(A^2)$ (see [1, Th. 2.4]), we get

$$w^2(A^2) \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\|A^2\|^2 + \|(A^2)^*\|^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2}w(A^4).$$

It follows that

$$r^2(A) = r(A^2) \leq w(A^2) \leq \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \left(\| |A^2|^2 + |(A^*)^2|^2 \| + \frac{1}{2} w(A^4) \right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

i.e.,

$$r(A) \leq \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \left(\| |A^2|^2 + |(A^*)^2|^2 \| + \frac{1}{2} w(A^4) \right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}}. \quad (3.4)$$

Now, it follows from (3.4) and the inequality $\|C_p^* C_p + C_p C_p^*\| \leq \|C_p\|^2 + \|C_p^2\|$ (see [6, Remark 3.9]) that

$$\begin{aligned} r(C_p) &\leq \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \left(\| |C_p^2|^2 + |(C_p^*)^2|^2 \| + \frac{1}{2} w(C_p^4) \right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &\leq \left\{ \frac{1}{4} (\|C_p^2\|^2 + \|C_p^4\|) + \frac{1}{2} \|C_p^4\| \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &\leq \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \|C_p^2\|^2 + \frac{3}{4} \|C_p^4\| \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the required inequality follows by using the estimations in (3.2) and (3.3). \square

By using the fact $|\lambda_j(C_p)| \leq r(C_p)$, where $\lambda_j(C_p)$ is the j -th eigenvalue of C_p , we infer the following estimation for the zeros of the polynomial $p(z)$.

Theorem 3.3. *If z is any zero of $p(z)$, then*

$$|z| \leq \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\delta + 1 + \sqrt{(\delta - 1)^2 + 4\delta'}}{2} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\delta_1 + \delta + \sqrt{(\delta_1 - \delta)^2 + 4\delta_2} \right) + 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}},$$

where δ , δ_1 , δ_2 and δ' are same as in Theorem 3.2.

Applying the spectral mapping theorem, we conclude that if z is any zero of $p(z)$ then $|z| \leq \|C_p^4\|^{\frac{1}{4}}$. Thus, by using the inequality (3.3) we achieve another new estimation for the zeros of $p(z)$.

Theorem 3.4. *If z is any zero of $p(z)$, then*

$$|z| \leq \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(\delta_1 + \delta + \sqrt{(\delta_1 - \delta)^2 + 4\delta_2} \right) + 1 \right\}^{\frac{1}{8}},$$

where δ , δ_1 and δ_2 are given in Theorem 3.2.

Again, putting $A = A^2$ in the inequality $w(A) \leq \frac{1}{2} (\|A\| + \|A^2\|^{\frac{1}{2}})$ (see [16, Th. 1]), and proceeding as (3.4), we get

$$r(A) \leq \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|A^2\| + \frac{1}{2} \|A^4\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (3.5)$$

Proceeding similarly as in Theorem 3.2 we obtain the following estimation by using the inequalities in (3.5), (3.2) and (3.3).

Theorem 3.5. *If z is any zero of $p(z)$, then*

$$|z| \leq \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\delta + 1 + \sqrt{(\delta - 1)^2 + 4\delta'}}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\delta_1 + \delta + \sqrt{(\delta_1 - \delta)^2 + 4\delta_2} \right) + 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where δ , δ_1 , δ_2 and δ' are given in Theorem 3.2.

Finally, we compare the bounds obtained here for the zeros of $p(z)$ with the existing ones. First we note some well known existing bounds. Let z be any zero of $p(z)$. Then Linden [20] obtained that

$$|z| \leq \frac{|a_n|}{n} + \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \left(n-1 + \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|^2 - \frac{|a_n|^2}{n} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Montel [11, Th. 3] obtained that

$$|z| \leq \max \{1, |a_1| + \cdots + |a_n|\}.$$

Cauchy [12] obtained that

$$|z| \leq 1 + \max \{|a_1|, \dots, |a_n|\}.$$

Kittaneh [15] proved that

$$|z| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(|a_n| + 1 + \sqrt{(|a_n| - 1)^2 + 4 \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} |a_j|^2}} \right).$$

Fujii and Kubo [10] obtained that

$$|z| \leq \cos \frac{\pi}{n+1} + \frac{1}{2} \left(|a_n| + \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|^2} \right).$$

Bhunia and Paul [4, Th. 2.6] proved that

$$|z|^2 \leq \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{n+1} + |a_{n-1}| + \frac{1}{4} (|a_n| + \sqrt{\alpha})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\alpha - |a_n|^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\alpha},$$

where $\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|^2$.

We consider a polynomial $p(z) = z^3 + z^2 + \frac{1}{2}z + 1$. Different upper bounds for the modulus of the zeros of this polynomial, mentioned above, are as shown in the following table.

Linden [20]	1.9492
Montel[11]	2.5
Cauchy[12]	2
Kittaneh[15]	2.0547
Fujii and Kubo[10]	1.9571
Bhunia and Paul[4]	1.96761

However, Theorem 3.3 gives $|z| \leq 1.38047091798$, Theorem 3.4 gives $|z| \leq 1.3798438819$ and Theorem 3.5 gives $|z| \leq 1.381095966$, which are better than the above mentioned bounds.

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