

NUMERICAL RANGES AND COMPRESSIONS OF S_n -MATRICES

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Abstract. Let A be an n -by- n ($n \geq 2$) S_n -matrix, that is, A is a contraction with eigenvalues in the open unit disc and with $\text{rank}(I_n - A^*A) = 1$, and let $W(A)$ denote its numerical range. We show that (1) if B is a k -by- k ($1 \leq k < n$) compression of A , then $W(B) \subsetneq W(A)$, (2) if A is in the standard upper-triangular form and B is a k -by- k ($1 \leq k < n$) principal submatrix of A , then $\partial W(B) \cap \partial W(A) = \emptyset$, and (3) the maximum value of k for which there is a k -by- k compression of A with all its diagonal entries in $\partial W(A)$ is equal to 2 if $n = 2$, and $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ if $n \geq 3$.

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