

MAPS PRESERVING THE LOCAL SPECTRUM OF SOME MATRIX PRODUCTS

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Abstract. Let $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ denote the algebra of all $n \times n$ complex matrices, and x_0 a nonzero vector in \mathbb{C}^n . For two fixed scalars μ and ν in \mathbb{C} for which $(\mu, \nu) \neq (0, 0)$, we characterize all maps φ on $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ satisfying

$$\sigma_{\mu ST^*S + \nu T^*S}(x_0) = \sigma_{\mu \varphi(S)\varphi(T)^* \varphi(S) + \nu \varphi(T)^* \varphi(S)}(x_0), \quad (S, T \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})).$$

This provides, in particular, a complete description of all maps on $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ preserving the local spectrum of the skew double product “ TS^* ” or the skew triple product “ TS^*T ” of matrices. It also unifies and extends several known results on local spectrum preservers.

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