

## NUMERICAL RANGES ENCIRCLED BY ANALYTIC CURVES

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*Abstract.* Let  $D$  be a bounded convex domain in  $\mathbb{C}$  with a regular analytic boundary. Suppose that the numerical range  $W(A)$  of a bounded linear operator  $A$  is contained in  $\overline{D}$ . If  $W(A)$  intersects the boundary  $\partial D$  at infinitely many points while the essential numerical range  $W_{\text{ess}}(A)$  does not intersect  $\partial D$ , then  $W(A) = \overline{D}$ . This generalizes some infinite dimensional analogues of a result of Anderson [2, 4].

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