

## FURTHER REFINEMENTS OF DAVIS–WIELANDT RADIUS INEQUALITIES

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*Abstract.* Suppose  $T, S$  are bounded linear operators on a complex Hilbert space. We show that the Davis-Wielandt radius  $dw(\cdot)$  satisfies the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} dw(T+S) &\leq \sqrt{2(dw^2(T) + dw^2(S)) + 6\|T\|^4 + \|S\|^4} \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{dw^2(T) + dw^2(S)} \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{2}(dw(T) + dw(S)). \end{aligned}$$

From the third inequality we obtain the following lower and upper bounds for the Davis-Wielandt radius  $dw(T)$  of the operator  $T$ :

$$\begin{aligned} dw(T) &\geq \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \max\{dw(2\operatorname{Re}(T)), dw(2\operatorname{Im}(T))\}, \\ dw(T) &\leq 2\sqrt{2}(dw(\operatorname{Re}(T)) + dw(\operatorname{Im}(T))). \end{aligned}$$

Further, we develop several new lower and upper bounds for the Davis-Wielandt radius of the operator  $T$  which improve the existing ones. Application of these bounds are also provided.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and norm  $\|\cdot\|$  induced by the inner product. Let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  denote the  $C^*$ -algebra of all bounded linear operators acting on  $\mathcal{H}$ . For  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $T^*$  denotes the adjoint of  $T$ , and  $|T| = (T^*T)^{1/2}$ ,  $|T^*| = (TT^*)^{1/2}$ . The real part and the imaginary part of  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  are denoted by  $\operatorname{Re}(T)$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(T)$ , respectively. Therefore,  $\operatorname{Re}(T) = (T + T^*)/2$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(T) = (T - T^*)/2i$ . The operator norm of  $T$ , denoted by  $\|T\|$ , is defined as  $\|T\| = \sup\{\|Tx\| : x \in \mathcal{H}, \|x\| = 1\}$ . The numerical radius of  $T$ , denoted by  $w(T)$ , is defined as  $w(T) = \sup\{|\langle Tx, x \rangle| : x \in \mathcal{H}, \|x\| = 1\}$ . It is well known that  $w(\cdot)$  defines a norm on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , and it satisfies the following inequality  $w(T) \leq \|T\| \leq 2w(T)$  for every  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . For more details about the numerical radius and related inequalities, we refer the reader to see the books [3, 9,

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18] and the recent articles [8, 16]. The concept of numerical radius is useful in studying the bounded linear operators, and attracted many researchers over the years. Based on the importance of the numerical radius, many generalizations of it has been studied in the literature, see [1, 7, 14, 17]. One such generalization is the Davis-Wielandt radius, see [7, 17]. The Davis-Wielandt radius of  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , denoted by  $dw(T)$ , is defined as

$$dw(T) = \sup \left\{ \sqrt{|\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + \|Tx\|^4} : x \in \mathcal{H}, \|x\| = 1 \right\}.$$

Clearly,  $dw(T) \geq 0$  and  $dw(T) = 0$  if and only if  $T = 0$ . Note that for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and for a non-zero operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , we have  $dw(\lambda T) = |\lambda|dw(T)$ , if  $|\lambda| = 1$ , also  $dw(\lambda T) > |\lambda|dw(T)$  if  $|\lambda| > 1$  and  $dw(\lambda T) < |\lambda|dw(T)$  if  $|\lambda| < 1$ . This implies that  $dw(\cdot)$  does not define a norm on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Note that the inequality  $dw(T + S) \leq dw(T) + dw(S)$  does not always hold for arbitrary  $T, S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . The above triangle inequality for the Davis-Wielandt radius holds when  $Re(T^*S) = 0$ , see [5, Corollary 2.2]. It is not difficult to verify that the Davis-Wielandt radius  $dw(\cdot)$  satisfies the following inequality:

$$\max \{w(T), \|T\|^2\} \leq dw(T) \leq \sqrt{w^2(T) + \|T\|^4} \tag{1.1}$$

The inequalities (1.1) are sharp, see [5]. The second inequality in (1.1) becomes equality, i.e.,  $dw(T) = \sqrt{w^2(T) + \|T\|^4}$  if and only if  $T$  is normaloid (i.e.,  $w(T) = \|T\|$ ), see [19, Corollary 3.2]. Zamani and Shebrawi [20, Theorem 2.1] proved that

$$dw(T) \leq \sqrt{w^2(T - |T|^2) + 2\|T\|^2w(T)}. \tag{1.2}$$

Further in [20, Theorem 2.13, Theorem 2.14, Theorem 2.17] it is proved that

$$dw^2(T) \leq \max\{\|T\|^2, \|T\|^4\} + \sqrt{2}w(|T|^2T), \tag{1.3}$$

$$dw^2(T) \leq \frac{1}{2}(w(|T|^4 + |T|^2) + w(|T|^4 - |T|^2)) + \sqrt{2}w(|T|^2T) \tag{1.4}$$

and

$$dw^2(T) \leq \|T\| \max\{w(T), w(|T|^2)\}(1 + \|T\|^2 + 2w(T))^{\frac{1}{2}}. \tag{1.5}$$

Recently, Bhunia et al. in [5, Theorem 2.4] developed the upper bound

$$dw(T) \leq \sqrt{\| |T|^2 + |T|^4 \|}. \tag{1.6}$$

Also in [5, Theorem 2.1 (i), (ii)] they developed the lower bounds

$$dw^2(T) \geq \max \{w^2(T) + c^2(T^*T), \|T\|^4 + c^2(T)\} \tag{1.7}$$

and

$$dw^2(T) \geq 2 \max \{w(T)c(T^*T), c(T)\|T\|^2\}. \tag{1.8}$$

For more results on the Davis-Wielandt radius and related inequalities we refer the readers to [2, 4, 11, 12, 13, 19].

In this paper, we study Davis-Wielandt radius inequalities for the sum of two bounded linear operators. We also develop several new lower and upper bounds for the Davis-Wielandt radius of bounded linear operators and considering the numerical examples we show that these bounds give better bounds than the existing bounds mentioned above. Applications of some inequalities obtained here are also given.

### 2. Main results

We begin this section by noting that the Davis-Wielandt radius does not satisfy the triangle inequality, in general. In our first theorem we prove that  $dw(T + S) \leq 2\sqrt{2}(dw(T) + dw(S))$  holds for all  $T, S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . To do so we need the following lemma, known as Hölder–McCarthy inequality (see [15, p. 20]).

LEMMA 2.1. *If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is positive and  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , then*

$$\langle Tx, x \rangle^r \leq \langle T^r x, x \rangle,$$

for all  $r \geq 1$ . The inequality is reversed when  $0 < r \leq 1$ .

Now, we are in a position to prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 2.2. *If  $T, S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} dw(T + S) &\leq \sqrt{2(dw^2(T) + dw^2(S)) + 6\|T\|^4 + \|S\|^4} \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{dw^2(T) + dw^2(S)} \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{2}(dw(T) + dw(S)). \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

*Proof.* Take  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} &| \langle (T + S)x, x \rangle |^2 + \| (T + S)x \|^4 \\ &\leq (|\langle Tx, x \rangle| + |\langle Sx, x \rangle|)^2 + (\|Tx\| + \|Sx\|)^4 \\ &\leq 2(|\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + |\langle Sx, x \rangle|^2) + 4(\|Tx\|^2 + \|Sx\|^2)^2 \\ &\leq 2(|\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + |\langle Sx, x \rangle|^2) + 8(\|Tx\|^4 + \|Sx\|^4) \\ &\leq 2(|\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + \|Tx\|^4 + |\langle Sx, x \rangle|^2 + \|Sx\|^4) + 6\langle (|T|^4 + |S|^4)x, x \rangle \\ &\hspace{10em} \text{(by Lemma 2.1)} \\ &\leq 2(dw^2(T) + dw^2(S)) + 6\|T\|^4 + \|S\|^4. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} dw(T+S) &\leq \sqrt{2(dw^2(T) + dw^2(S)) + 6\|T\|^4 + \|S\|^4} \\ &\leq \sqrt{2(dw^2(T) + dw^2(S)) + 6(\|T\|^4 + \|S\|^4)} \\ &\leq \sqrt{8(dw^2(T) + dw^2(S))} \text{ (by first inequality in (1.1))} \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{2}(dw(T) + dw(S)), \end{aligned}$$

as desired.  $\square$

Note that the second inequality in Theorem 2.2 is sharp, i.e., the inequality  $dw(T + S) \leq 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{dw^2(T) + dw^2(S)}$  is sharp. If we take  $\mathcal{H}$  to be an  $n$ -dimensional complex Hilbert space  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $T = S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus 0 \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then by a simple computation we have  $dw(T + S) = 4 = 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{dw^2(T) + dw^2(S)}$ . However, the last inequality in Theorem 2.2 is never sharp unless the operators  $T, S$  are both zero operators. A natural question that remains to be answered in this connection is “what is the best constant  $c$  ( $2 \leq c < 2\sqrt{2}$ ) available so that  $dw(T + S) \leq c(dw(T) + dw(S))$  holds for all bounded linear operators  $T$  and  $S$ ?”

Next, by employing Theorem 2.2 we derive the following lower and upper bound for the Davis-Wielandt radius of an operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  in terms of  $Re(T)$  and  $Im(T)$ .

COROLLARY 2.3. *If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then*

$$\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \max \{dw(2Re(T)), dw(2Im(T))\} \leq dw(T) \leq 2\sqrt{2}(dw(Re(T)) + dw(Im(T))).$$

*Proof.* The first inequality follows from Theorem 2.2 by putting  $S = T^*$  and  $S = -T^*$ , respectively. The second inequality also follows from Theorem 2.2 by replacing  $T$  by  $Re(T)$  and  $S$  by  $iIm(T)$ .  $\square$

Next bound for the Davis-Wielandt radius of an operator  $T$  reads as in the following theorem, proof of which follows from [4, Corollary 2.21].

THEOREM 2.4. *If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then*

$$dw(T) \leq \sqrt{\min\{\beta, \gamma, \delta, \mu\}},$$

where

$$\beta = \min_{0 \leq \alpha \leq 1} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{2} \|Re(|T||T^*|)\| + \left\| \frac{\alpha}{4}|T|^2 + \left(1 - \frac{3\alpha}{4}\right)|T^*|^2 + |T|^4 \right\| \right\},$$

$$\gamma = \min_{0 \leq \alpha \leq 1} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{2} \|Re(|T||T^*|)\| + \left\| \frac{\alpha}{4}|T^*|^2 + \left(1 - \frac{3\alpha}{4}\right)|T|^2 + |T|^4 \right\| \right\},$$

$$\delta = \min_{0 \leq \alpha \leq 1} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{2} \| \operatorname{Re}(|T||T^*|) \| + \left\| \frac{\alpha}{4} |T|^2 + \left( 1 - \frac{3\alpha}{4} \right) |T^*|^2 + |T^*|^4 \right\| \right\},$$

$$\mu = \min_{0 \leq \alpha \leq 1} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{2} \| \operatorname{Re}(|T||T^*|) \| + \left\| \frac{\alpha}{4} |T^*|^2 + \left( 1 - \frac{3\alpha}{4} \right) |T|^2 + |T^*|^4 \right\| \right\}.$$

REMARK 2.5. Clearly  $\gamma \leq \| |T|^2 + |T|^4 \|$  and so

$$\sqrt{\min\{\beta, \gamma, \delta, \mu\}} \leq \sqrt{\| |T|^2 + |T|^4 \|}.$$

Therefore, the bound in Theorem 2.4 is stronger than the existing bound (1.6).

Next we need the following lemma, known as generalized Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, see [10, Theorem 1].

LEMMA 2.6. *Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and let  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  are two non-negative continuous functions on  $[0, \infty)$  satisfying  $f(t)g(t) = t \ \forall t \geq 0$ , then*

$$|\langle Tx, y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle f^2(|T|)x, x \rangle \langle g^2(|T^*|)y, y \rangle.$$

In particular,  $f(t) = g(t) = \sqrt{t} \ \forall t \geq 0$ ,

$$|\langle Tx, y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle |T|x, x \rangle \langle |T^*|y, y \rangle. \tag{2.2}$$

By using the above lemma we obtain the following bound for the Davis-Wielandt radius of an operator  $T$ .

THEOREM 2.7. *If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then*

$$dw(T) \leq \sqrt[4]{\| f^4(|T|) + f^4(|T|^2) \| \| g^4(|T^*|) + g^4(|T|^2) \|},$$

where  $f$  and  $g$  are as in Lemma 2.6.

*Proof.* Take  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + \|Tx\|^4 \\ &= |\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + \langle |T|^2 x, x \rangle^2 \\ &\leq \langle f^2(|T|)x, x \rangle \langle g^2(|T^*|)x, x \rangle + \langle f^2(|T|^2)x, x \rangle \langle g^2(|T|^2)x, x \rangle \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.6}) \\ &\leq \left[ \langle f^2(|T|)x, x \rangle^2 + \langle f^2(|T|^2)x, x \rangle^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \langle g^2(|T^*|)x, x \rangle^2 + \langle g^2(|T|^2)x, x \rangle^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \left[ \langle f^4(|T|)x, x \rangle + \langle f^4(|T|^2)x, x \rangle \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \langle g^4(|T^*|)x, x \rangle + \langle g^4(|T|^2)x, x \rangle \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.1}) \\ &= \langle (f^4(|T|) + f^4(|T|^2))x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle (g^4(|T^*|) + g^4(|T|^2))x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we obtain

$$dw^2(T) \leq \left\| f^4(|T|) + f^4(|T|^2) \right\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\| g^4(|T^*|) + g^4(|T|^2) \right\|^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

This completes the proof.

In particular, considering  $f(t) = g(t) = \sqrt{t}$  in Theorem 2.7 we get the following corollary.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.8.** *If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then*

$$dw(T) \leq \sqrt[4]{\| |T|^2 + |T|^4 \| \| |T^*|^2 + |T|^4 \|}.$$

Next we need the following lemma, known as Buzano's inequality (see [6]).

**LEMMA 2.9.** *Let  $x, y, e \in \mathcal{H}$  and let  $\|e\| = 1$ . Then*

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

By applying the Buzano's inequality we prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM 2.10.** *If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then*

$$dw(T) \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} w^2(|T| + i|T^*|) + \frac{1}{4} w(|T||T^*|) + \frac{1}{8} \min\{\alpha, \beta\}},$$

where  $\alpha = \| |T|^2 + |T^*|^2 + 8|T|^4 \|$  and  $\beta = \| |T|^2 + |T^*|^2 + 8|T^*|^4 \|$ .

*Proof.* Take  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + \|Tx\|^4 \\ & \leq \langle |T|x, x \rangle \langle |T^*|x, x \rangle + \langle |T|^2x, x \rangle^2 \quad (\text{by (2.2)}) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} (\langle |T|x, x \rangle + \langle |T^*|x, x \rangle)^2 + \langle |T|^2x, x \rangle^2 \\ & = \frac{1}{4} (\langle |T|x, x \rangle^2 + \langle |T^*|x, x \rangle^2 + 2\langle |T|x, x \rangle \langle |T^*|x, x \rangle) + \langle |T|^2x, x \rangle^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} (\langle |T|x, x \rangle + i\langle |T^*|x, x \rangle)^2 + \| |T|x \| \| |T^*|x \| + |\langle |T|x, |T^*|x \rangle| + \langle |T|^2x, x \rangle^2 \\ & \hspace{15em} (\text{by Lemma 2.9}) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} (\langle |T|x, x \rangle + i\langle |T^*|x, x \rangle)^2 + \frac{1}{8} (\| |T|x \|^2 + \| |T^*|x \|^2) + \frac{1}{4} |\langle |T^*||T|x, x \rangle| \\ & \hspace{15em} + \langle |T|^4x, x \rangle \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.1}) \\ & = \frac{1}{4} |\langle (|T| + i|T^*)x, x \rangle|^2 + \frac{1}{8} \langle (|T|^2 + |T^*|^2 + 8|T|^4)x, x \rangle + \frac{1}{4} |\langle |T^*||T|x, x \rangle|. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we obtain

$$dw^2(T) \leq \frac{1}{4}w^2(|T| + i|T^*|) + \frac{1}{8} \left\| |T|^2 + |T^*|^2 + 8|T|^4 \right\| + \frac{1}{4}w(|T||T^*|). \tag{2.3}$$

Replacing  $T$  by  $T^*$ , we also obtain

$$dw^2(T) \leq \frac{1}{4}w^2(|T| + i|T^*|) + \frac{1}{8} \left\| |T|^2 + |T^*|^2 + 8|T^*|^4 \right\| + \frac{1}{4}w(|T||T^*|). \tag{2.4}$$

Therefore, the required inequality follows from (2.3) together with (2.4).  $\square$

Next upper bound reads as follows:

**THEOREM 2.11.** *If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then*

$$dw(T) \leq \sqrt{w^2(|T|^2 + e^{i\theta}T) + 2\|T\|^2\|Re(e^{i\theta}T)\|},$$

for all  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* Take  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + \|Tx\|^4 &= \left| \langle Tx, x \rangle + \|Tx\|^2 \right|^2 - 2Re(\langle Tx, x \rangle \|Tx\|^2) \\ &= |\langle (T + |T|^2)x, x \rangle|^2 - 2\|Tx\|^2 |Re(T)x, x| \\ &\leq |\langle (T + |T|^2)x, x \rangle|^2 + 2\|Tx\|^2 |\langle Re(T)x, x \rangle| \\ &\leq w^2(T + |T|^2) + 2\|T\|^2 \|Re(T)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we obtain

$$dw^2(T) \leq w^2(T + |T|^2) + 2\|T\|^2 \|Re(T)\|. \tag{2.5}$$

Now replacing  $T$  by  $e^{i\theta}T$ , we get

$$dw^2(T) \leq w^2(|T|^2 + e^{i\theta}T) + 2\|T\|^2 \|Re(e^{i\theta}T)\|,$$

as desired.  $\square$

**REMARK 2.12.** (i) From Theorem 2.11 we can easily derive the following new bound

$$dw(T) \leq \sqrt{w^2(T \pm |T|^2) + 2\|T\|^2 \|Re(T)\|}, \tag{2.6}$$

which is stronger than the existing bound (1.2).

(ii) Also, from Theorem 2.11 we can easily derive the following existing bound

$$dw(T) \leq \sqrt{\min_{0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi} w^2(|T|^2 + e^{i\theta}T) + 2\|T\|^2 w(T)},$$

see [4, Theorem 2.6].

In the following theorem we obtain new lower and upper bounds for the Davis-Wielandt radius of an operator  $T$ .

**THEOREM 2.13.** *If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \{w(\operatorname{Re}(T) + i|T|^2), w(\operatorname{Im}(T) + i|T|^2)\} \leq dw(T) \\ & \leq \min \left\{ \sqrt{w^2(\operatorname{Re}(T) + i|T|^2) + \|\operatorname{Im}(T)\|^2}, \sqrt{w^2(\operatorname{Im}(T) + i|T|^2) + \|\operatorname{Re}(T)\|^2} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Take  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . From the Cartesian decomposition of  $T$  (that is,  $T = \operatorname{Re}(T) + i\operatorname{Im}(T)$ ) we have,

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + \|Tx\|^4 &= |\langle \operatorname{Re}(T)x, x \rangle|^2 + |\langle \operatorname{Im}(T)x, x \rangle|^2 + \langle |T|^2 x, x \rangle^2 \\ &= |\langle (\operatorname{Re}(T) + i|T|^2)x, x \rangle|^2 + |\langle \operatorname{Im}(T)x, x \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq w^2(\operatorname{Re}(T) + i|T|^2) + \|\operatorname{Im}(T)\|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Taking the supremum over  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we obtain

$$dw^2(T) \leq w^2(\operatorname{Re}(T) + i|T|^2) + \|\operatorname{Im}(T)\|^2. \tag{2.8}$$

Similarly, we also obtain

$$dw^2(T) \leq w^2(\operatorname{Im}(T) + i|T|^2) + \|\operatorname{Re}(T)\|^2. \tag{2.9}$$

Combining (2.8) and (2.9) we have the desired second bound. Now, it follows from (2.7) that

$$|\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + \|Tx\|^4 \geq |\langle (\operatorname{Re}(T) + i|T|^2)x, x \rangle|^2.$$

Taking the supremum over  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we have

$$dw(T) \geq w(\operatorname{Re}(T) + i|T|^2). \tag{2.10}$$

Similarly, we also have

$$dw(T) \geq w(\operatorname{Im}(T) + i|T|^2). \tag{2.11}$$

Therefore, the desired first inequality follows by combining (2.10) and (2.11).  $\square$

By employing Theorem 2.13 we obtain the following corollary that gives an equality for the numerical radius  $w(T)$  of an operator  $T$  with  $\operatorname{Im}(T) = (\operatorname{Re}(T))^2$ .

**COROLLARY 2.14.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be such that  $\operatorname{Im}(T) = (\operatorname{Re}(T))^2$ . Then*

$$w(T) = \|\operatorname{Re}(T)\| \sqrt{1 + \|\operatorname{Re}(T)\|^2}.$$



*Proof.* Suppose  $S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is self-adjoint. Then it follows from Theorem 2.13 that  $dw(S) = w(S + iS^2)$ . Also,  $dw(S) = \sqrt{\|S\|^2 + \|S\|^4}$ .

Thus,  $w(S + iS^2) = \|S\| \sqrt{1 + \|S\|^2}$ . Taking  $S = Re(T)$ , the proof follows.  $\square$

Now, we consider an example to show that the bounds obtained in Theorem 2.7, Theorem 2.10 and Theorem 2.13 are better than the existing ones. The bounds

- (a)  $dw^2(T) \leq \frac{1}{2} \{w^2(T + T^*T) + w^2(T - T^*T)\},$
- (b)  $dw^2(T) \leq \| |T|^2 + |T|^4 \|,$
- (c)  $dw^2(T) \leq \frac{1}{2} (w(T^2) + \|T\|^2) + \|T\|^4,$

obtained in [5, Theorem 2.2, Theorem 2.4 (i), Theorem 2.4 (ii)]. If we take

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then from Corollary 2.8, Theorem 2.10 and Theorem 2.13, we get  $dw(T) \leq 4.294, 4.286$  and  $4.301$ , respectively, whereas the bounds in (a),(b) and (c) respectively give  $dw(T) \leq 4.621, 4.472$  and  $4.358$ . Thus, for this example, the upper bounds of  $dw(T)$  in Theorem 2.7, Theorem 2.10 and Theorem 2.13 are better than the existing bounds mentioned above.

Next bound reads as follows:

**THEOREM 2.15.** *If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then*

$$dw(T) \leq \sqrt{w^2(|T|^2 + e^{i\theta}T) + \frac{1}{2} \| |T|^4 + |T^*|^2 \| + w(T|T|^2)},$$

for all  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* Take  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + \|Tx\|^4 \\ &= |\langle Tx, x \rangle + \|Tx\|^2|^2 - 2\text{Re}(\|Tx\|^2 \langle Tx, x \rangle) \\ &\leq |\langle (T + |T|^2)x, x \rangle|^2 + 2|\langle |T|^2x, x \rangle \langle Tx, x \rangle| \\ &\leq |\langle (T + |T|^2)x, x \rangle|^2 + \| |T|^2x \| \|T^*x\| + |\langle |T|^2x, T^*x \rangle| \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.9}) \\ &\leq |\langle (T + |T|^2)x, x \rangle|^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\| |T|^2x \|^2 + \|T^*x\|^2) + |\langle T|T|^2x, x \rangle| \\ &= |\langle (T + |T|^2)x, x \rangle|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \langle (|T|^4 + |T^*|^2)x, x \rangle + |\langle T|T|^2x, x \rangle| \\ &\leq w^2(T + |T|^2) + \frac{1}{2} \| |T|^4 + |T^*|^2 \| + w(T|T|^2). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we obtain

$$dw^2(T) \leq w^2(|T|^2 + T) + \frac{1}{2} \| |T|^4 + |T^*|^2 \| + w(T|T|^2).$$

Now replacing  $T$  by  $e^{i\theta}T$ , we have

$$dw^2(T) \leq w^2(|T|^2 + e^{i\theta}T) + \frac{1}{2} \| |T|^4 + |T^*|^2 \| + w(T|T|^2),$$

as desired.  $\square$

Applying similar arguments as used in Theorem 2.15, we also obtain the following upper bound.

**THEOREM 2.16.** *If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then*

$$dw(T) \leq \sqrt{w^2(|T|^2 + e^{i\theta}T) + \frac{1}{2} \| |T|^4 + |T|^2 \| + w(|T|^2T)},$$

for all  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Now we consider the following numerical example to show the bounds obtained in Theorem 2.15 and Theorem 2.16 are sharper than the existing ones. If we take

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then Theorem 2.15 and Theorem 2.16 (for  $\theta = \pi$ ) give  $dw(T) \leq 2.547$  and  $2.464$ , respectively, whereas the bounds in (1.3), (1.4) and (1.5) respectively give  $dw(T) \leq 2.613$ ,  $2.613$  and  $2.565$ . Thus, for this example, the upper bounds of  $dw(T)$  obtained in Theorem 2.15 and Theorem 2.16 are better than the existing bounds in (1.3), (1.4) and (1.5).

Finally, we obtain the following inequality.

**THEOREM 2.17.** *If  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then*

$$dw^2(T) + 2\|T\|^2\|\operatorname{Re}(T)\| \geq \max \{w^2(T + |T|^2), w^2(T - |T|^2)\}.$$

*Proof.* Take  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle Tx, x \rangle|^2 + \|Tx\|^4 &= |\langle (T + |T|^2)x, x \rangle|^2 - 2\|Tx\|^2\langle \operatorname{Re}(T)x, x \rangle \\ &\geq |\langle (T + |T|^2)x, x \rangle|^2 - 2\|Tx\|^2|\langle \operatorname{Re}(T)x, x \rangle| \\ &\geq |\langle (T + |T|^2)x, x \rangle|^2 - 2\|T\|^2\|\operatorname{Re}(T)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ , we obtain

$$dw^2(T) + 2\|T\|^2\|\operatorname{Re}(T)\| \geq w^2(T + |T|^2). \quad (2.12)$$

Now replacing  $T$  by  $-T$ , we have

$$dw^2(T) + 2\|T\|^2\|Re(T)\| \geq w^2(T - |T|^2). \quad (2.13)$$

The desired inequality follows from (2.12) together with (2.13).  $\square$

Now, we consider

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then both Theorem 2.13 and Theorem 2.17 give  $dw(T) \geq 4.472$ , whereas the bounds in (1.7) and (1.8) respectively give  $dw(T) \geq 4$  and 0. Thus, for this example the lower bounds obtained in Theorem 2.13 and Theorem 2.17 are better than the existing lower bounds in (1.7) and (1.8).

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