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1. Introduction. Let $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$ be a point on the unit $(n - 1)$ -simplex S^{n-1} : $\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i = 1, \sigma_i \geq 0$. Let $0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$ and $\mu_1 \geq \mu_2 \geq \dots \geq \mu_n > 0$ be positive numbers and form the function on S^{n-1}

$$(1.1) \quad F(\sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \lambda_i \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \mu_i .$$

The main purpose of this paper is to examine the structure of the set of points $\sigma \in S^{n-1}$ for which $F(\sigma)$ takes on its maximum value. In case a convex monotone decreasing function f is fitted to the points (λ_i, μ_i) (i.e. $f(\lambda_i) = \mu_i$), $i = 1, \dots, n$, then it is not difficult to show that the maximum for $F(\sigma)$ on S^{n-1} is the upper bound given by M. Newman [4] in a recent interesting paper. In the case of the Kantorovich inequality [1] the function f is $f(t) = t^{-1}$, $\mu_i = \lambda_i^{-1}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. In this case a maximizing σ is $\sigma_1 = 1/2, \sigma_n = 1/2, \sigma_i = 0$, $i = 2, \dots, n - 1$, and if $\lambda_1 < \lambda_k < \lambda_n$, $k = 2, \dots, n - 1$, it is a corollary of our main result (Theorem 2) that this is the only choice possible for $\sigma \in S^{n-1}$ in order to achieve the maximum value.

We shall assume henceforth in this paper that $\mu_i = f(\lambda_i)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, where f is a monotone decreasing convex function defined on the closed interval $[\lambda_1, \lambda_n]$. In 2 we determine the structure of the set of $\sigma \in S^{n-1}$ for which $F(\sigma)$ is a maximum in the case in which f is assumed to be strictly convex. In 3 we investigate the structure of the set of unit vectors x for which the function

$$(1.2) \quad \varphi(x) = (Ax, x)(f(A)x, x)$$

assumes its maximum value on the unit sphere $\|x\| = 1$. Throughout, A is a positive definite hermitian transformation on an n -dimensional unitary space U with inner product (x, y) . The eigenvalues of A are λ_i , $0 < \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$, with corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors u_i , $Au_i = \lambda_i u_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Of particular interest in (1.2) is the choice $f(t) = t^{-p}$, $p > 0$.

Finally, in 4, we discuss the applications of the previous results to Grassmann compounds and induced power transformations associated with A . In two recent papers [2, 5] the Kantorovich inequality was applied to the compound to obtain inequalities involving principal subdeterminants of a positive definite hermitian matrix. We shall prove (Theorem 5) that these inequalities are in fact strict except in

trivial cases. Similar inequalities are obtained for the permanent function together with a discussion of the cases of equality. These inequalities are believed to be new.

2. **Maximum values for F .** In the rest of the paper M will systematically denote the maximum value of $F(\sigma)$, $\sigma \in S^{n-1}$, and m will denote the largest of $\lambda_1\mu_1$ and $\lambda_n\mu_n$. Also, γ will denote the number $(\lambda_1\mu_n + \lambda_n\mu_1)/2$. The main result of this section is Theorem 2 which describes the structure of those σ for which $F(\sigma) = M$ when f is strictly convex. We first prove

THEOREM 1. *For any $\sigma \in S^{n-1}$ there exists a $\beta \in [0, 1]$ such that*

$$(2.1) \quad F(\sigma) \leq (\beta\lambda_1 + (1 - \beta)\lambda_n)(\beta\mu_1 + (1 - \beta)\mu_n).$$

If f is strictly convex and for some k , $1 \leq k \leq n$, $\lambda_1 < \lambda_k < \lambda_n$ and $\sigma_k > 0$ then there exists a $\beta \in [0, 1]$ for which (2.1) is a strict inequality.

To prove Theorem 1 we use the following elementary fact.

LEMMA. *If $0 \leq a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3$, and $b_1 \geq b_2 \geq b_3 \geq 0$ and*

$$(2.2) \quad (a_1 - a_3)(b_2 - b_3) \geq (a_2 - a_3)(b_1 - b_3)$$

then for any $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \in S^2$ there exists a $\beta \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i a_i \sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i b_i \leq (\beta a_1 + (1 - \beta)a_2)(\beta b_1 + (1 - \beta)b_3).$$

If the inequality (2.2) is strict and $\alpha_2 > 0$ then there exists a $\beta \in [0, 1]$ such that (2.3) is strict.

Proof. Let θ and ω in $[0, 1]$ be so chosen that $a_2 = \theta a_1 + (1 - \theta)a_3$, $b_2 = \omega b_1 + (1 - \omega)b_3$ and set $b'_2 = \theta b_1 + (1 - \theta)b_3$. Then

$$(2.4) \quad b'_2 - b_2 = (\theta - \omega)(b_1 - b_3).$$

Assume first that $\alpha_3 > \alpha_2$ and $b_2 > b_3$. Then $\theta = (\alpha_2 - \alpha_3)/(a_1 - a_3) > 0$ and $\omega = (b_2 - b_3)/(b_1 - b_3)$. Moreover $\theta \geq \omega$ by (2.2) and if (2.2) is strict then $\theta > \omega$. From (2.4) $b'_2 - b_2 \geq 0$ and we compute that

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} L &\leq ((\alpha_1 + \theta\alpha_2)a_1 + (\alpha_2(1 - \theta) + \alpha_3)a_3) \\ &\quad ((\alpha_1 + \theta\alpha_2)b_1 + (\alpha_2(1 - \theta) + \alpha_3)b_3), \end{aligned}$$

where L is the left side of (2.3). This is (2.3) with $\beta = \alpha_1 + \theta\alpha_2 \in [0, 1]$. If (2.2) is strict then $\theta > \omega$, $b'_2 = b_2$, and $\alpha_2 > 0$ together imply that (2.5) is strict.

Suppose next that $a_2 = a_3$. From (2.2) and $(a_1 - a_3) \leq 0$ we have

$(a_1 - a_3)(b_2 - b_3) = 0$ and hence $a_1 = a_3$ or $b_2 = b_3$. The first alternative yields $a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ and thus $L = a_1 \sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i b_i \leq a_1 b_1$ which is (2.3) with $\beta = 1$. If $b_2 = b_3$ then (2.3) holds with $\beta = \alpha_1$. This completes the proof of the lemma.

The proof of Theorem 1 is by induction on n . The first non-trivial case is $n = 3$. In general the convexity of f implies that

$$(2.6) \quad (\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)(\mu_2 - \mu_3) > (\lambda_2 - \lambda_3)(\mu_1 - \mu_3)$$

and (2.6) is strict if $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3$ and f is strictly convex. The inequality (2.1) follows from the lemma. If $n > 3$ we distinguish the two possibilities $\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 = 1$ and $\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 < 1$. In the first case

$$(2.7) \quad F(\sigma) = (\sigma_1 \lambda_1 + \sigma_2 \lambda_2)(\sigma_1 \mu_1 + \sigma_2 \mu_2) .$$

If $\mu_1 = \mu_n$ and hence $\mu_i = \mu_1 = \mu_n, i = 1, \dots, n$, then $F(\sigma) \leq \lambda_n \mu_n$ which is (2.1) with $\beta = 0$. If $\mu_1 > \mu_n$, and hence $\lambda_1 < \lambda_n$, obtain θ and ω in $[0, 1]$ so that $\lambda_2 = \theta \lambda_1 + (1 - \theta) \lambda_n, \mu_2 = \omega \mu_1 + (1 - \omega) \mu_n$ and set $\mu'_2 = \theta \mu_1 + (1 - \theta) \mu_n$ to obtain

$$(2.8) \quad \mu'_2 - \mu_2 = (\theta - \omega)(\mu_1 - \mu_n) \geq 0 .$$

The convexity of f again implies that $\theta \geq \omega$ with strictness in case f is strictly convex and $\lambda_2 > \lambda_n$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} F(\sigma) &\leq (\sigma_1 \lambda_1 + (\theta \lambda_1 + (1 - \theta) \lambda_n) \sigma_2)(\sigma_1 \mu_1 + \sigma_2 \mu'_2) \\ &= ((\sigma_1 + \theta \sigma_2) \lambda_1 + (1 - \theta) \sigma_2 \lambda_n)((\sigma_1 + \theta \sigma_2) \mu_1 + (1 - \theta) \sigma_2 \mu_n) \end{aligned}$$

which is (2.1) with $\beta = \sigma_1 + \theta \sigma_2$. We proceed to the case $\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 < 1$. Let $\lambda'_3 = \sum_{i=3}^n \sigma_i \lambda_i / (1 - \sigma_1 - \sigma_2), \mu''_3 = \sum_{i=3}^n \sigma_i \mu_i / (1 - \sigma_1 - \sigma_2)$ and observe that $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda'_3, \mu_1 \geq \mu_2 \geq \mu''_3$ and $F(\sigma) = (\sigma_1 \lambda_1 + \sigma_2 \lambda_2 + (1 - \sigma_1 - \sigma_2) \lambda'_3)(\sigma_1 \mu_1 + \sigma_2 \mu_2 + (1 - \sigma_1 - \sigma_2) \mu''_3)$. We next verify that (2.2) holds for the choices $\lambda'_3 = a_3, \lambda_2 = a_2, \lambda_1 = a_1, \mu_1 = b_1, \mu_2 = b_2, \mu''_3 = b_3$:

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} &(\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)(\mu_2 - \mu''_3) - (\mu_1 - \mu''_3)(\lambda_2 - \lambda'_3) \\ &= \mu_2(\lambda_1 - \lambda'_3) - \mu_1(\lambda_2 - \lambda'_3) + \mu''_3(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) ; \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mu''_3 = \sum_{i=3}^n f(\lambda_i) \sigma_i / (1 - \sigma_1 - \sigma_2) \geq f\left(\sum_{i=3}^n \lambda_i \sigma_i / (1 - \sigma_1 - \sigma_2)\right) = f(\lambda'_3) = \mu'_3 .$$

Hence the expression in (2.9) is at least

$$(2.10) \quad \mu_2(\lambda_1 - \lambda'_3) - \mu_1(\lambda_2 - \lambda'_3) + \mu'_3(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) .$$

If $\lambda_2 = \lambda'_3$ the expression (2.10) reduces to 0 and the expression in (2.9) is nonnegative. If $\lambda_2 < \lambda'_3$ then $\lambda_1 < \lambda'_3$ and (2.10) becomes $(\lambda_1 - \lambda'_3)(\lambda_2 - \lambda'_3)\{(\mu_2 - \mu'_3)/(\lambda_2 - \lambda'_3) - (\mu_1 - \mu'_3)/(\lambda_1 - \lambda'_3)\} \geq 0$. Apply

the lemma to obtain $\beta_1 \in [0, 1]$ for which

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sigma_1\lambda_1 + \sigma_2\lambda_2 + (1 - \sigma_1 - \sigma_2)\lambda'_3)(\sigma_1\mu_1 + \sigma_2\mu_2 + (1 - \sigma_1 - \sigma_2)\mu'_3) \\ & \quad \cong (\beta_1\lambda_1 + (1 - \beta_1)\lambda'_3)(\beta_1\mu_1 + (1 - \beta_1)\mu'_3) \\ & = \left(\beta_1\lambda_1 + \sum_{i=3}^n (1 - \beta_1)\sigma_i\lambda_i / (1 - \sigma_1 - \sigma_2) \right) \\ & \quad \left(\beta_1\mu_1 + \sum_{i=3}^n (1 - \beta_1)\sigma_i\mu_i / (1 - \sigma_1 - \sigma_2) \right). \end{aligned}$$

This last expression is a product of convex combinations of λ 's and μ 's involving only $n - 1$ terms and satisfying the induction hypothesis. Hence there exists $\beta \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} F(\sigma) & \leq \left(\beta_1\lambda_1 + \sum_{i=3}^n (1 - \beta_1)\sigma_i\lambda_i / (1 - \sigma_1 - \sigma_2) \right) \\ & \quad \left(\beta_1\mu_1 + \sum_{i=3}^n (1 - \beta_1)\sigma_i\mu_i / (1 - \sigma_1 - \sigma_2) \right) \leq (\beta\lambda_1 + (1 - \beta)\lambda_n) \\ & \quad (\beta\mu_1 + (1 - \beta)\mu_n). \end{aligned}$$

This establishes (2.10).

The discussion of the strictness in (2.1) requires the use of (2.1) itself. Let k be the least integer for which both $\sigma_k > 0$ and $\lambda_1 < \lambda_k < \lambda_n$. Then

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} F(\sigma) & = (\alpha_1\lambda_1 + \alpha_k\lambda_k + \alpha_{k+p}\lambda_{k+p} + \cdots + \alpha_n\lambda_n) \\ & \quad (\alpha_1\mu_1 + \alpha_k\mu_k + \alpha_{k+p}\mu_{k+p} + \cdots + \alpha_n\mu_n) \end{aligned}$$

in which $\alpha_1 + \alpha_k + \alpha_{k+p} + \cdots + \alpha_n = 1$, $\alpha_j = \sigma_j$, $j = k + p, \dots, n$, and $\lambda_k < \lambda_{k+p}$. Assume

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 + \alpha_k < 1, \text{ set } \lambda'_{k+p} & = \sum_{i=k+p}^n \sigma_i\lambda_i / (1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_k), \mu'_{k+p} \\ & = \sum_{i=k+p}^n \sigma_i\mu_i / (1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_k) \end{aligned}$$

and (2.11) becomes

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} F(\sigma) & = (\alpha_1\lambda_1 + \alpha_k\lambda_k + (1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_k)\lambda'_{k+p}) \\ & \quad (\alpha_1\mu_1 + \alpha_k\mu_k + (1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_k)\mu'_{k+p}). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly $\lambda_1 < \lambda_k < \lambda'_{k+p}$ and we compute that

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} & (\lambda_1 - \lambda'_{k+p})(\mu_k - \mu'_{k+p}) - (\mu_1 - \mu'_{k+p})(\lambda_k - \lambda'_{k+p}) \\ & = \mu_k(\lambda_1 - \lambda'_{k+p}) - \mu_1(\lambda_k - \lambda'_{k+p}) + \mu'_{k+p}(\lambda_k - \lambda_1); \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.14) \quad \mu'_{k+p} \geq f(\lambda'_{k+p}) = \mu'_{k+p}.$$

It follows that the expression in (2.13) is at least

$$(\lambda_1 - \lambda'_{k+p})(\lambda_k - \lambda'_{k+p})\{(\mu_k - \mu'_{k+p})/(\lambda_k - \lambda'_{k+p}) - (\mu_1 - \mu'_{k+p})/(\lambda_1 - \lambda'_{k+p})\}$$

and in case f is strictly convex this whole expression is positive. The inequality (2.2) holds strictly with $\lambda_1 = a_1, \lambda_k = a_2, \lambda'_{k+p} = a_3, \mu_1 = b_1, \mu_k = b_2, \mu'_{k+p} = b_3$ and the strict form of the lemma together with (2.12) implies that there exists $\beta_1 \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$(2.15) \quad F(\sigma) < \left(\beta_1 \lambda_1 + \sum_{i=k+p}^n (1 - \beta_1) \sigma_i \lambda_i / (1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_k) \right) \left(\beta_1 \mu_1 + \sum_{i=k+p}^n (1 - \beta_1) \sigma_i \mu_i / (1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_k) \right).$$

Now apply (2.1) to the right side of (2.15) to obtain a $\beta \in [0, 1]$ for which $F(\sigma) < (\beta \lambda_1 + (1 - \beta) \lambda_n)(\beta \mu_1 + (1 - \beta) \mu_n)$.

Assume now that $\alpha_1 + \alpha_k = 1$ and then $F(\sigma)$ becomes $(\alpha_1 \lambda_1 + (1 - \alpha_1) \lambda_k)(\alpha_1 \mu_1 + (1 - \alpha_1) \mu_k)$. Choose θ and ω in $[0, 1]$ so that $\lambda_k = \theta \lambda_1 + (1 - \theta) \lambda_n, \mu_k = \omega \mu_1 + (1 - \omega) \mu_n$, set $\mu'_k = \theta \mu_1 + (1 - \theta) \mu_n$ and note that $\mu'_k - \mu_k = (\theta - \omega)(\mu_1 - \mu_n)$. Then since f is monotone decreasing and strictly convex, $\theta - \omega$ and $\mu_1 - \mu_n$ are both positive. It follows that

$$(\alpha_1 \lambda_1 + (1 - \alpha_1) \lambda_k)(\alpha_1 \mu_1 + (1 - \alpha_1) \mu_k) < ((\alpha_1 + \theta(1 - \alpha_1)) \lambda_1 + (1 - \theta)(1 - \alpha_1) \lambda_n)((\alpha_1 + \theta(1 - \alpha_1)) \mu_1 + (1 - \theta)(1 - \alpha_1) \mu_n).$$

If the quadratic polynomial in β on the right in (2.1) is maximized in $[0, 1]$ we immediately obtain our main result.

THEOREM 2. *If*

$$(2.16) \quad \gamma \geq m \text{ and } \lambda_1 < \lambda_n \text{ and } \mu_1 > \mu_n$$

then

$$(2.17) \quad M = (\lambda_n \mu_1 - \lambda_1 \mu_n) / 4(\lambda_n - \lambda_1)(\mu_1 - \mu_n).$$

If

$$(2.18) \quad \gamma \leq m \text{ or } \lambda_1 = \lambda_n \text{ or } \mu_1 = \mu_n$$

then

$$(2.19) \quad M = m.$$

Let f be strictly convex and suppose that

$$\lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_p < \lambda_{p+1} \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{n-q} < \lambda_{n-q+1} = \dots = \lambda_n.$$

Then $F(\sigma) = M, \sigma \in S^{n-1}$, if and only if σ has the form

$$\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_p, 0, \dots, 0, \sigma_{n-q+1}, \dots, \sigma_n),$$

$\sum_{j=1}^p \sigma_j = \beta_0, \sum_{j=n-q+1}^n \sigma_j = 1 - \beta_0$, where

$$(2.20) \quad \beta_0 = \begin{cases} (\gamma - \lambda_n \mu_n) / (\lambda_n - \lambda_1) (\mu_1 - \mu_n) & \text{if (2.16) holds,} \\ 0 \text{ or } 1 & \text{if (2.18) holds.} \end{cases}$$

We remark that if $\gamma = m$ then the expression on the right in (2.17) reduces to m .

3. Applications. As customary $f(A)$ will designate the linear transformation defined for any $x \in U$ by

$$(3.1) \quad f(A)x = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(x, u_i)u_i, (\mu_i = f(\lambda_i)).$$

On the unit sphere $\|x\| = 1$ define the real valued function

$$(3.2) \quad \varphi(x) = (Ax, x)(f(A)x, x).$$

We compute directly from (3.1) that

$$(3.3) \quad \varphi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i |(x, u_i)|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i |(x, u_i)|^2$$

and by setting $\sigma_i = |(x, u_i)|^2, i = 1, \dots, n$, we have $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n) \in S^{n-1}$ and

$$(3.4) \quad \varphi(x) = F(\sigma).$$

Thus by direct application of Theorem 2 we have

THEOREM 3. *Then maximum value of $\varphi(x)$ for x on the unit sphere $\|x\| = 1$ is the number M in the statement of Theorem 2. Moreover $\varphi(x_0) = M$ can always be achieved with a unit vector x_0 in the subspace spanned by those eigenvectors of A corresponding to λ_1 and λ_n . If f is strictly convex and $\varphi(x_0) = M$ then x_0 must lie in the sum of the null spaces of $A - \lambda_1 I$ and $A - \lambda_n I$. In particular, if λ_1 and λ_n are simple eigenvalues of A , f is strictly convex and $\varphi(x_0) = M$ then x_0 must lie in the two dimensional subspace spanned by u_1 and u_n .*

In Theorem 3 take $f(t) = t^{-p}, p > 0$. Let $\theta = \lambda_1/\lambda_n$ denote the condition number of A . Assume that $\theta < 1$ (otherwise $\lambda_1 = \lambda_n$ and A is a multiple of the identity). There are two cases to consider: $p > 1; p \leq 1$. In case $p > 1, m = \lambda_1^{1-p}$ and the condition (2.16), $\gamma \geq m$, becomes

$$(3.5) \quad g(\theta) = \theta^{p+1} - 2\theta + 1 \geq 0.$$

We note that g is convex, $g(1) = 0, g'(\theta) = 0$ for $\theta = (2/(p + 1))^{1/p}$, and

hence g has precisely one root in $(0, 1)$, call it θ_p . It is easy to see that $\theta_p > 1/2$ for all $p > 1$. In general, if $0 < \theta \leq \theta_p$ then Theorem 2 yields

$$(3.6) \quad M = \lambda_1^{1-p}(\theta^{p+1} - 1)^2/4\theta(\theta - 1)(\theta^p - 1) ;$$

and if $1 \geq \theta > \theta_p$ then

$$(3.7) \quad M = \lambda_1^{1-p} .$$

In case $p \leq 1$, $m = \lambda_n^{1-p}$ and the condition (2.16), $\gamma \geq m$, becomes $g(\eta) \geq 0$ where $\eta = \theta^{-1}$. But $g(\eta) \geq 0$ for $\eta \geq 1$ and $\eta = \theta^{-1} \geq 1$ so the upper bound for $F(\sigma)$ is M given in (3.6).

Assume now that λ_1 and λ_n are both simple eigenvalues of A and we examine the structure of the vector x_0 that maximizes $\varphi(x) = (Ax, x)(A^{-p}x, x)$ on the unit sphere $\|x\| = 1$. By Theorem 3 the maximum value of $\varphi(x) = F(\sigma)$ can only occur for $\sigma_2 = \dots = \sigma_{n-1} = 0$. Moreover by (2.20) $F(\sigma) = M$ for the unique values

$$(3.8) \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_n = \sigma_n(\theta) = g(\theta)/2(1 - \theta)(1 - \theta^p) \\ \sigma_1 = \sigma_1(\theta) = \sigma_n(\theta^{-1}) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{if } g(\theta) \geq 0 \text{ or } p = 1 ;$$

and

$$(3.10) \quad \sigma_1 = 1, \sigma_n = 0 \text{ if } g(\theta) < 0 \text{ and } p > 1 .$$

Summing up these results we have

THEOREM 4. *Let θ designate the condition number of A , $\theta = \lambda_1/\lambda_n$. If either $0 < p \leq 1$, or $p > 1$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \theta_p$, then for $\|x\| = 1$*

$$(3.11) \quad (Ax, x)(A^{-p}x, x) \leq \lambda_1^{1-p}(\theta^{p+1} - 1)^2/4\theta(\theta - 1)(\theta^p - 1) .$$

If $p > 1$ and $\theta_p < \theta$ then for $\|x\| = 1$

$$(3.12) \quad (Ax, x)(A^{-p}x, x) \leq \lambda_1^{1-p} .$$

If λ_1 and λ_n are simple eigenvalues of A then the upper bound in (3.11) is only achieved for unit vectors of the form

$$(3.13) \quad x_0 = \sqrt{\sigma_n(\theta^{-1})} e^{i\omega_1}u_1 + \sqrt{\sigma_n(\theta)} e^{i\omega_2}u_n ,$$

ω_1, ω_2 real. The upper bound in (3.12) is achieved only for unit vectors of the form

$$x_0 = e^{i\omega}u_1 .$$

In case $p = 1$ we have the Kantorovich inequality. In this case (3.11) becomes (for $\|x\| = 1$)

$$(3.14) \quad (Ax, x)(A^{-1}x, x) \leq (\sqrt{\theta} + \sqrt{\theta^{-1}})^2/4.$$

If λ_1 and λ_n are simple eigenvalues then the inequality (3.14) is strict unless

$$(3.15) \quad x = x_0 = (e^{i\omega_1}u_1 + e^{i\omega_2}u_n)/\sqrt{2}, \omega_1, \omega_2 \text{ real}.$$

4. Determinants and permanents. In this section we specialize by taking U to be the unitary space of n -tuples with inner product $(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i$ and A to be an n -square hermitian positive semi-definite matrix. If $1 \leq k \leq n$ then $C_k(A)$ will denote the k th compound of A and if x_1, \dots, x_k are vectors in U then $x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_k$ is the Grassmann product of these vectors, sometimes called a pure vector of grade k [6, p.16]. The eigenvalues of $C_k(A)$ are all $\binom{n}{k}$ numbers $\lambda_{i_1} \dots \lambda_{i_k}$, with corresponding eigenvectors $u_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge u_{i_k}, 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n$. The smallest and largest of these eigenvalues are $\prod_{j=1}^k \lambda_j$ and $\prod_{j=1}^k \lambda_{n-j+1}$ respectively. It has been noted in [2] and [5] that the Kantorovich inequality applied to $C_k(A)$ yields

$$(4.1) \quad \det A[i_1, \dots, i_k] \det A^{-1}[i_1, \dots, i_k] \leq (\sqrt{\Delta} + \sqrt{\Delta^{-1}})^2/4$$

where $\Delta = \prod_{j=1}^k \lambda_j \lambda_{n-j+1}$ and $A[i_1, \dots, i_k]$ is the principal submatrix of A lying in rows and columns numbered i_1, \dots, i_k .

We prove

THEOREM 5. *If $1 \leq k < n - 1$ and $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ together with $\lambda_n, \dots, \lambda_{n-k+1}$ are simple eigenvalues of A then the inequality (4.1) is always strict.*

Proof. The number $\det A[i_1, \dots, i_k] \det A^{-1}[i_1, \dots, i_k]$ is a value of the product of quadratic forms associated with $C_k(A)$ and $C_k(A^{-1})$,

$$(4.2) \quad \frac{(C_k(A)x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_k, x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_k)}{(C_k(A^{-1})x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_k, x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_k)},$$

and according to (3.15), (4.1) will be strict unless

$$(4.3) \quad x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{i\omega_1}u_1 \wedge \dots \wedge u_k + e^{i\omega_2}u_n \wedge \dots \wedge u_{n-k+1}).$$

Let $p = \min \{k, n - k\}$, $q = \max \{k + 1, n - k + 1\}$ and compute successively the Grassmann products of both sides of (4.3) with u_1, \dots, u_p and u_n, \dots, u_q . We obtain

$$(4.4) \quad x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_k \wedge u_j = \frac{e^{i\omega_2}}{\sqrt{2}}(u_n \wedge \dots \wedge u_{n-k+1} \wedge u_j), j = 1, \dots, p,$$

and

$$(4.5) \quad x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_k \wedge u_j = \frac{e^{i\omega_2}}{\sqrt{2}}(u_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge u_k \wedge u_j), j = q, \dots, n .$$

Since u_1, \dots, u_n are linearly independent it follows that the right sides of (4.4) and (4.5) are not 0. Thus

$$(4.6) \quad \langle x_1, \dots, x_k, u_j \rangle = \langle u_1, \dots, u_k, u_j \rangle, j = 1, \dots, p ,$$

and

$$(4.7) \quad \langle x_1, \dots, x_k, u_j \rangle = \langle u_1, \dots, u_k, u_j \rangle, j = q, \dots, n ,$$

where $\langle x_1, \dots, x_k, u_j \rangle$ denotes the subspace spanned by the vectors inside the brackets. Intersect the p subspaces on the left in (4.6) and observe that $\langle x_1, \dots, x_k \rangle$ is a subspace of the intersection. Similarly $\langle x_1, \dots, x_k \rangle$ is a subspace of the intersection of the $n - q + 1$ spaces on the left in (4.7). On the other hand

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^p \langle u_n, \dots, u_{n-k+1}, u_j \rangle = \langle u_n, \dots, u_{n-k+1} \rangle$$

and

$$\bigcap_{j=q}^n \langle u_1, \dots, u_k, u_j \rangle = \langle u_1, \dots, u_k \rangle .$$

Hence

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & \dim \{ \langle u_1, \dots, u_k \rangle \cap \langle u_n, \dots, u_{n-k+1} \rangle \} \\ & = \dim \left\{ \bigcap_{j=1}^p \langle x_1, \dots, x_k, u_j \rangle \cap \bigcap_{j=q}^n \langle x_1, \dots, x_k, u_j \rangle \right\} > k . \end{aligned}$$

The subspace $\langle u_1, \dots, u_k \rangle \cap \langle u_n, \dots, u_{n-k+1} \rangle$ is nonempty if and only if $n - k + 1 \leq k$ in which case its dimension is $2k - n$. But the inequality $2k - n \geq k$ implies that $k \geq n$, a contradiction. Thus (4.3) cannot hold and (4.1) is strict.

We remark that in case $k = n - 1$ then $p = 1, q = n, x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_k \wedge u_1 = u_n \wedge \cdots \wedge u_2 \wedge u_1, x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_k \wedge u_n = u_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge u_{n-1} \wedge u_n$ and the above argument fails. In fact, it is not difficult to construct examples for which (4.1) is equality.

Once again, if $1 \leq k \leq n$ then $P_k(A)$ will denote the k th induced power matrix of A and if x_1, \dots, x_k are vectors in U then $x_1 \cdots x_k$ will denote the symmetric or dot product of these vectors [3, p. 49]. The eigenvalues of $P_k(A)$ are all $\binom{n+k-1}{k}$ homogeneous products $\lambda_{i_1} \cdots \lambda_{i_k}$ with corresponding eigenvectors $u_{i_1} \cdots u_{i_k}, 1 \leq i_1 \leq \cdots \leq i_k \leq n$. Suppose x_1, \dots, x_n are orthonormal vectors and the multiplicities

of the distinct integers in the sequence $i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_k$ are respectively m_1, \dots, m_p . Let $\mu = \mu(i_1, \dots, i_k) = m_1! \dots m_p!$. Then the square of the length of the symmetric product $x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k}$ is $\mu(i_1, \dots, i_k)$ [3, p. 50]. Applying the Kantorovich inequality to $P_k(A)$ yields

$$(4.9) \quad (P_k(A)x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k}, x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k})(P_k(A^{-1})x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k}, x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k}) \leq \mu^2(\sqrt{\delta} + \sqrt{\delta^{-1}})^2/4, 1 \leq i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_k \leq n,$$

where $\delta = (\lambda_1 \lambda_n^{-1})^k$, and x_1, \dots, x_n is an orthonormal basis of U . In particular if we let $x_i = e_i$, the unit vector with 1 in the i th position, 0 elsewhere, then (4.9) becomes

$$(4.10) \quad \text{per } A[i_1, \dots, i_k] \text{ per } A^{-1}[i_1, \dots, i_k] \leq \mu^2(\sqrt{\delta} + \sqrt{\delta^{-1}})^2/4,$$

where $A[i_1, \dots, i_k]$ is the k -square matrix whose (s, t) entry is $a_{i_s i_t}$, $s, t = 1, \dots, k$.

THEOREM 6. *If λ_1 and λ_n are simple eigenvalues of A and there are at least three distinct integers in the sequence $i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_k$ then the inequality (4.10) is strict.*

Proof. According to (3.15), (4.10) will be strict unless

$$(4.11) \quad e_{i_1} \dots e_{i_k} = \frac{e^{i\omega_1}}{\sqrt{2k!}} u_1 \dots u_1 + \frac{e^{i\omega_2}}{\sqrt{2k!}} u_n \dots u_n.$$

Let y be an arbitrary vector and compute the inner product of both sides of (4.11) with $y \dots y$ to obtain

$$(4.12) \quad \prod_{j=1}^k (e_{i_j}, y) = \frac{e^{i\omega_1}}{\sqrt{2k!}} (u_1, y)^k + \frac{e^{i\omega_2}}{\sqrt{2k!}} (u_n, y)^k.$$

Set

$$v_1 = \left(\frac{e^{i\omega_1}}{\sqrt{2k!}}\right)^{1/k} u_1, v_2 = \left(\frac{e^{i\omega_2}}{\sqrt{2k!}}\right)^{1/k} u_n,$$

and write $e_{i_j} = \alpha_j v_1 + w_j$, $w_j \in \langle v_1 \rangle^\perp$, $j = 1, \dots, k$. Then for y any vector in $\langle v_1 \rangle^\perp$, (4.12) becomes

$$(4.13) \quad \prod_{j=1}^k (e_{i_j}, y) = \prod_{j=1}^k (w_j, y) = (v_2, y)^k,$$

in which w_j, v_2, y are in $\langle v_1 \rangle^\perp$, $j = 1, \dots, k$. But then from [3, Theorem 3] we conclude that $w_j = \beta_j v_2$, $j = 1, \dots, k$, for appropriate scalars β_1, \dots, β_k and hence $e_{i_j} \in \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$, $j = 1, \dots, k$. Since there are at least three linearly independent e_{i_j} , (4.11) must fail and hence (4.10) is strict.

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