

Colloquium

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Norms That Are Not: Projections With Respect to Numerical Radii

Let $T \in B(X)$ where $B(X)$ is a Banach algebra of all continuous linear operators on a Banach space X .
Operator norm:

$$\|T\| = \sup_{(x, y) \in B(X) \times B(X^*)} |\langle Tx, y \rangle|$$

while numerical radius:

$$\nu(T) = \sup_{\substack{(x, y) \in B(X) \times B(X^*) \\ \langle x, y \rangle = 1}} |\langle Tx, y \rangle|$$

The interplay between $\|T\|$ and $\nu(T)$ has been subject of much research since Bauer's definition of numerical range in 1960's. After pointing out some major results in this area, I will discuss how extension of operators, in particular minimality of projections can be measured with respect to numerical radius.