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The upper bound estimation on the spectral norm of r -circulant matrices with the Fibonacci and Lucas numbers

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Abstract

Let us define $A = \text{Circ}_r(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ to be a $n \times n$ r -circulant matrix. The entries in the first row of $A = \text{Circ}_r(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ are $a_i = F_i$, or $a_i = L_i$, or $a_i = F_i L_i$, or $a_i = F_i^2$, or $a_i = L_i^2$ ($i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$), where F_i and L_i are the i th Fibonacci and Lucas numbers, respectively. This paper gives an upper bound estimation of the spectral norm for r -circulant matrices with Fibonacci and Lucas numbers. The result is more accurate than the corresponding results of S Solak and S Shen, and of J Cen, and the numerical examples have provided further proof.

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1 Introduction

For $n > 0$, the Fibonacci sequence $\{F_n\}$ is defined by $F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1}$, where $F_0 = 0$ and $F_1 = 1$. If we start by zero, then the sequence is given by

$$\begin{matrix} n & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & \dots \\ F_n & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 8 & 13 & 21 & \dots \end{matrix} \tag{1}$$

If we deduce from F_{n+1} that $L_{n+1} = L_n + L_{n-1}$, and let $L_0 = 2$, $L_1 = 1$, then we obtain the Lucas sequence $\{L_n\}$,

$$\begin{matrix} n & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & \dots \\ L_n & 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 7 & 11 & 18 & 29 & 47 & \dots \end{matrix} \tag{2}$$

Furthermore, the sequences $\{F_n\}$ and $\{L_n\}$ satisfy the following recursion:

$$F_n + L_n = 2F_{n+1}. \tag{3}$$

Definition 1.1 A matrix A is an r -circulant matrix if it is of the form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{n-2} & a_{n-1} \\ ra_{n-1} & a_0 & \dots & a_{n-3} & a_{n-2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ ra_2 & ra_3 & \dots & a_0 & a_1 \\ ra_1 & ra_2 & \dots & ra_{n-1} & a_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Obviously, the elements of this r -circulant matrix are determined by its first row elements a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} and the parameter r , thus we denote $A = \text{Circ}_r(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$. Especially when $r = 1$, we obtain $A = \text{Circ}(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$.

Definition 1.2 A matrix A is called a symmetric r -circulant matrix if it is of the form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_{n-2} & a_{n-1} \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_{n-1} & ra_0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n-2} & a_{n-1} & \cdots & ra_{n-4} & ra_{n-3} \\ a_{n-1} & ra_0 & \cdots & ra_{n-3} & ra_{n-2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Obviously, the elements of this r -circulant matrix are determined by its first row elements a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} and the parameter r ; thus we denote $A = \text{SCirc}_r(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$. Especially when $r = 1$, we obtain $A = \text{SCirc}(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$.

For any $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$, the well-known spectral norm of the matrix A is

$$\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \lambda_i(A^H A)},$$

in which $\lambda_i(A^H A)$ is the eigenvalue of $A^H A$ and A^H is the conjugate transpose of matrix A .

Define the maximum column length norm $c_1(\cdot)$ and the maximum row length norm $r_1(\cdot)$ of any matrix A by

$$c_1(A) = \max_j \sqrt{\sum_i |a_{ij}|^2}$$

and

$$r_1(A) = \max_i \sqrt{\sum_j |a_{ij}|^2},$$

respectively.

Let A, B , and C be $m \times n$ matrices. If $A = B \circ C$, then in accordance with [1] we have

$$\|A\|_2 \leq r_1(B)c_1(C) \tag{4}$$

and

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \|B\|_2 \|C\|_2. \tag{5}$$

Here, we define $B = (b_{ij})_{m \times n}$, $C = (c_{ij})_{m \times n}$, and we let $B \circ C$ be the Hadamard product of B and C .

In recent years, many authors (see [2–6]) were concerned with r -circulant matrices associated with a number sequence. References [2–4] calculate and estimate the Frobenius norm and the spectral norm of a circulant matrix where the elements of the r -circulant matrix are Fibonacci numbers and Lucas numbers; the authors found more accurate results of the upper bound estimated, and the numerical examples also have provided further proof.

Theorem 1.3 (see [2]) *Let $A = \text{Circ}(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ be a circulant matrix, then we have*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq F_n F_{n-1},$$

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm and F_n denotes the n th Fibonacci number.

Theorem 1.4 (see [3]) *Let $A = \text{Circ}(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$ be a circulant matrix, then we have*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{[F_n F_{n-1} + 4F_{n-1}^2 + 4F_{n-1}F_{n-2} + 4] \times [F_n F_{n-1} + 4F_{n-1}^2 + 4F_{n-1}F_{n-2} + 4]}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ \sqrt{[F_n F_{n-1} + 4F_{n-1}^2 + 4F_{n-1}F_{n-2}] \times [F_n F_{n-1} + 4F_{n-1}^2 + 4F_{n-1}F_{n-2} - 3]}, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm, and L_n and F_n denote the n th Lucas and Fibonacci numbers, respectively.

Theorem 1.5 (see [4]) *Let $A = \text{Circ}_r(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ be a r -circulant matrix, in which $|r| \geq 1$, and then*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq |r| F_n F_{n-1},$$

where $r \in \mathbb{C}$, $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm and F_n denotes the n th Fibonacci number.

Theorem 1.6 (see [4]) *Let $A = \text{Circ}_r(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$ be a r -circulant matrix and $|r| \geq 1$, then we obtain*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{(5|r|^2 F_n F_{n-1} + 4)(5F_n F_{n-1} + 1)}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ \sqrt{[5|r|^2 F_n F_{n-1} + 4(1 - |r|^2)](5F_n F_{n-1} - 3)}, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

where $r \in \mathbb{C}$, $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm, and L_n and F_n denote the n th Lucas and Fibonacci numbers, respectively.

2 Main results

Theorem 2.1 *Let $A = \text{Circ}(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ be a circulant matrix, then we have*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{(n-1)F_n F_{n-1}},$$

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm and F_n denotes the n th Fibonacci number.

Proof Since $A = \text{Circ}(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ is a circulant matrix, let the matrices B and C be

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} F_0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & F_0 & \cdots & 1 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & F_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} F_0 & F_1 & \cdots & F_{n-2} & F_{n-1} \\ F_{n-1} & F_0 & \cdots & F_{n-3} & F_{n-2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ F_2 & F_3 & \cdots & F_0 & F_1 \\ F_1 & F_2 & \cdots & F_{n-1} & F_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

we get $A = B \circ C$.

For

$$r_1(B) = \max_i \sqrt{\sum_j |b_{ij}|^2} = \sqrt{n-1}$$

and

$$c_1(C) = \max_j \sqrt{\sum_i |c_{ij}|^2} = \max_j \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |c_{in}|^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} F_s^2} = \sqrt{F_n F_{n-1}}.$$

From (4), we have

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{(n-1)F_n F_{n-1}}. \quad \square$$

Corollary 2.2 *Let $A = \text{SCirc}(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ be a symmetric circulant matrix, then we have*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{(n-1)F_n F_{n-1}},$$

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm and F_n denotes the n th Fibonacci number.

Corollary 2.3 *Let $A = \text{Circ}(F_0^2, F_1^2, \dots, F_{n-1}^2)$ be a circulant matrix, then we have*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq (n-1)F_n F_{n-1},$$

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm and F_n denotes the n th Fibonacci number.

Proof Since $A = \text{Circ}(F_0^2, F_1^2, \dots, F_{n-1}^2)$ is a circulant matrix, if the matrices $B = \text{Circ}(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$, we get $A = B \circ B$; thus from (5) and Theorem 2.1 we obtain

$$\|A\|_2 \leq (n-1)F_n F_{n-1}. \quad \square$$

Theorem 2.4 *Let $A = \text{Circ}(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$ be a circulant matrix, then we have*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{5nF_n F_{n-1} + 4n}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ \sqrt{5nF_n F_{n-1}}, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm and L_n denotes the Lucas number.

Proof Since $A = \text{Circ}(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$ is a circulant matrix, let the following matrices be defined:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} L_0 & L_1 & \cdots & L_{n-2} & L_{n-1} \\ L_{n-1} & L_0 & \cdots & L_{n-3} & L_{n-2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ L_2 & L_3 & \cdots & L_0 & L_1 \\ L_1 & L_2 & \cdots & L_{n-1} & L_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

then $A = B \circ C$.

We have

$$r_1(B) = \max_i \sqrt{\sum_j |b_{ij}|^2} = \sqrt{n}$$

and

$$c_1(C) = \max_j \sqrt{\sum_i |c_{ij}|^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |c_{in}|^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} L_s^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} (F_s + 2F_{s-1})^2}.$$

Here

$$\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} F_s^2 = F_n F_{n-1}, \quad \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} F_s F_{s-1} = \begin{cases} F_{n-1}^2, & n \text{ odd,} \\ F_{n-1}^2 - 1, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases} \quad \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} F_{s-1}^2 = F_{n-1} F_{n-2} + 1,$$

thus

$$c_1(C) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{5F_n F_{n-1} + 4}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ \sqrt{5F_n F_{n-1}}, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

and from (4) we obtain

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{5nF_n F_{n-1} + 4n}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ \sqrt{5nF_n F_{n-1}}, & n \text{ even.} \end{cases} \quad \square$$

Corollary 2.5 *Let $A = \text{SCirc}(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$ be a symmetric circulant matrix, then we have*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{5nF_n F_{n-1} + 4n}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ \sqrt{5nF_n F_{n-1}}, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm, and L_n and F_n denote the n th Lucas and Fibonacci numbers, respectively.

Corollary 2.6 *Let $A = \text{Circ}(L_0^2, L_1^2, \dots, L_{n-1}^2)$ be circulant matrices, then*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} 5nF_n F_{n-1} + 4n, & n \text{ odd,} \\ 5nF_n F_{n-1}, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm, and L_n and F_n denote the n th Lucas and Fibonacci numbers, respectively.

Proof Since $A = \text{Circ}(L_0^2, L_1^2, \dots, L_{n-1}^2)$ is a circulant matrix, if the matrices $B = \text{Circ}(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$, we get $A = B \circ B$; thus from (5) and Theorem 2.4, we obtain

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} 5nF_n F_{n-1} + 4n, & n \text{ odd,} \\ 5nF_n F_{n-1}, & n \text{ even.} \end{cases} \quad \square$$

Corollary 2.7 *Let $A = \text{Circ}(F_0L_0, F_1L_1, \dots, F_{n-1}L_{n-1})$ be circulant matrices, then*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{(n-1)nF_nF_{n-1}(5F_nF_{n-1} + 4)}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ \sqrt{5(n-1)nF_nF_{n-1}}, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm, and L_n and F_n denote the n th Lucas and Fibonacci numbers, respectively.

Proof Since $A = \text{Circ}(F_0L_0, F_1L_1, \dots, F_{n-1}L_{n-1})$ is a circulant matrix, if the matrices $B = \text{Circ}(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ and $C = \text{Circ}(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$, we get $A = B \circ C$; thus from (5), Theorems 2.1, and 2.4, we obtain

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{(n-1)nF_nF_{n-1}(5F_nF_{n-1} + 4)}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ \sqrt{5(n-1)nF_nF_{n-1}}, & n \text{ even.} \end{cases} \quad \square$$

Theorem 2.8 *Let $A = \text{Circ}_r(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ be a r -circulant matrix, in which $|r| \geq 1$, and then*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{(n-1)|r|^2F_nF_{n-1}},$$

where $r \in \mathbb{C}$, $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm and F_n denotes the n th Fibonacci number.

Proof Since $A = \text{Circ}_r(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ is a r -circulant matrix, let B and C , respectively, be

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} F_0 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ r & F_0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ r & r & F_0 & \cdots & 1 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ r & r & r & \cdots & F_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} F_0 & F_1 & F_2 & \cdots & F_{n-1} \\ F_{n-1} & F_0 & F_1 & \cdots & F_{n-2} \\ F_{n-2} & F_{n-1} & F_0 & \cdots & F_{n-3} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 & \cdots & F_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

then $A = B \circ C$.

For

$$r_1(B) = \max_i \sqrt{\sum_j |b_{ij}|^2} = \sqrt{(n-1)|r|^2}$$

and

$$c_1(C) = \max_j \sqrt{\sum_i |c_{ij}|^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |c_{in}|^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} F_s^2} = \sqrt{F_nF_{n-1}},$$

from (4), we have

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{(n-1)|r|^2F_nF_{n-1}}. \quad \square$$

Corollary 2.9 *Let $A = \text{SCirc}_r(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ be a symmetric r -circulant matrix, in which $|r| \geq 1$, and then*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{(n-1)|r|^2 F_n F_{n-1}},$$

where $r \in \mathbb{C}$, $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm and F_n denotes the n th Fibonacci number.

Corollary 2.10 *Let $A = \text{Circ}_r(F_0^2, F_1^2, \dots, F_{n-1}^2)$ be a r -circulant matrix, while $|r| \geq 1$, then we obtain*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq (n-1)|r|F_n F_{n-1},$$

where $r \in \mathbb{C}$, $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm and F_n denotes the Fibonacci number.

Proof Since $A = \text{Circ}_r(F_0^2, F_1^2, \dots, F_{n-1}^2)$ is a r -circulant matrix, if the matrices $B = \text{Circ}_r(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ and $C = \text{Circ}(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$, we get $A = B \circ C$; thus from (5), Theorems 2.1, and 2.8, we obtain

$$\|A\|_2 \leq (n-1)|r|F_n F_{n-1}. \quad \square$$

Corollary 2.11 *Let $A = \text{Circ}_r(F_0 L_0, F_1 L_1, \dots, F_{n-1} L_{n-1})$ be a r -circulant matrix, while $|r| \geq 1$, then we obtain*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{(n-1)n|r|^2 F_n F_{n-1} (5F_n F_{n-1} + 4)}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ F_n F_{n-1} \sqrt{5|r|^2 (n-1)n}, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

where $r \in \mathbb{C}$, $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm, and L_n and F_n denote the n th Lucas and Fibonacci numbers, respectively.

Proof Since $A = \text{Circ}_r(F_0 L_0, F_1 L_1, \dots, F_{n-1} L_{n-1})$ is a r -circulant matrix, if the matrices $B = \text{Circ}_r(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ and $C = \text{Circ}(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$, we get $A = B \circ C$; thus from (5), Theorems 2.4, and 2.8, we obtain

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{(n-1)n|r|^2 F_n F_{n-1} (5F_n F_{n-1} + 4)}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ F_n F_{n-1} \sqrt{5|r|^2 (n-1)n}, & n \text{ even.} \end{cases} \quad \square$$

Theorem 2.12 *Let $A = \text{Circ}_r(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$ be a r -circulant matrix and $|r| \geq 1$, then we obtain*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{(n-1)|r|^2 + 1} \times \sqrt{5F_n F_{n-1} + 4}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ \sqrt{(n-1)|r|^2 + 1} \times \sqrt{5F_n F_{n-1}}, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

where $r \in \mathbb{C}$, $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm, and L_n and F_n denote the n th Lucas and Fibonacci numbers, respectively.

Proof Since $A = \text{Circ}_r(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$ is a r -circulant matrix, let B and C , respectively, be

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ r & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ r & r & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ r & r & r & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} L_0 & L_1 & \cdots & L_{n-2} & L_{n-1} \\ L_{n-1} & L_0 & \cdots & L_{n-3} & L_{n-2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ L_2 & L_3 & \cdots & L_0 & L_1 \\ L_1 & L_2 & \cdots & L_{n-1} & L_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and then $A = B \circ C$.

We have

$$r_1(B) = \max_i \sqrt{\sum_j |b_{ij}|^2} = \sqrt{(n-1)|r|^2 + 1}$$

and

$$c_1(C) = \max_j \sqrt{\sum_i |c_{ij}|^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |c_{in}|^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} L_s^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} (F_s + 2F_{s-1})^2},$$

in which

$$\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} F_s^2 = F_n F_{n-1}, \quad \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} F_{s-1} F_s = \begin{cases} F_{n-1}^2, & n \text{ odd,} \\ F_{n-1}^2 - 1, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases} \quad \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} F_{s-1}^2 = F_{n-1} F_{n-2} + 1,$$

and we get

$$c_1(C) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{5F_n F_{n-1} + 4}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ \sqrt{5F_n F_{n-1}}, & n \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$

From (4), we further infer

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{(n-1)|r|^2 + 1} \times \sqrt{5F_n F_{n-1} + 4}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ \sqrt{(n-1)|r|^2 + 1} \times \sqrt{5F_n F_{n-1}}, & n \text{ even.} \end{cases} \quad \square$$

Corollary 2.13 *Let $A = \text{SCirc}_r(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$ be a symmetric r -circulant matrix and $|r| \geq 1$, then we obtain*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{(n-1)|r|^2 + 1} \times \sqrt{5F_n F_{n-1} + 4}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ \sqrt{(n-1)|r|^2 + 1} \times \sqrt{5F_n F_{n-1}}, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

where $r \in \mathbb{C}$, $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm, and L_n and F_n denote the n th Lucas and Fibonacci numbers, respectively.

Corollary 2.14 *Let $A = \text{Circ}_r(L_0^2, L_1^2, \dots, L_{n-1}^2)$ be a r -circulant matrix and $|r| \geq 1$, then*

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} (5F_n F_{n-1} + 4) \sqrt{n[(n-1)|r|^2 + 1]}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ 5F_n F_{n-1} \sqrt{n[(n-1)|r|^2 + 1]}, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

where $r \in \mathbb{C}$, $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the spectral norm, and L_n and F_n denote the n th Lucas and Fibonacci numbers, respectively.

Proof Since $A = \text{Circ}_r(L_0^2, L_1^2, \dots, L_{n-1}^2)$ is a r -circulant matrix, if the matrices $B = \text{Circ}(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$ and $C = \text{Circ}_r(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$, we get $A = B \circ C$; thus from (5), Theorems 2.4, and 2.12, we obtain

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \begin{cases} (5F_n F_{n-1} + 4)\sqrt{n[(n-1)|r|^2 + 1]}, & n \text{ odd,} \\ 5F_n F_{n-1}\sqrt{n[(n-1)|r|^2 + 1]}, & n \text{ even.} \end{cases} \quad \square$$

3 Examples

Example 1 Let $A = \text{Circ}(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ be a circulant matrix, in which F_i ($i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$) denotes the Fibonacci number.

From Table 1, it is easy to find that the upper bounds for the spectral norm, of Theorem 2.1 are more accurate than Theorem 1.3 when $n \geq 4$.

Example 2 Let $A = \text{Circ}(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$ be a circulant matrix, where L_i ($i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$) denotes the Lucas sequence.

Let $n \geq 3$, and it is easy to find that the upper bounds for the spectral norm of Theorem 2.4 are more accurate than Theorem 1.4 (see Table 2).

Example 3 Let $A = \text{Circ}_2(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})$ be a 2-circulant matrix, in which F_i ($i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$) denotes the Fibonacci number.

Let $n \geq 4$, and it is easy to find that the upper bounds for the spectral norm of Theorem 2.8 are more precise than Theorem 1.5 (see Table 3).

Table 1 Numerical results of $a_j = F_j, r = 1$

n	Theorem 2.1	Theorem 1.3	$\frac{\text{Third column}}{\text{Second column}}$
2	1	1	$\frac{1}{1} = 1$
3	2	2	$\frac{2}{2} = 1$
4	$3\sqrt{2}$	6	$\frac{6}{3\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$
5	$\sqrt{60}$	15	$\frac{15}{\sqrt{60}} \approx 1.936$
6	$\sqrt{200}$	40	$\frac{40}{\sqrt{200}} = 2\sqrt{2}$
n	$\sqrt{(n-1)F_n F_{n-1}}$	$F_n F_{n-1}$	$\frac{F_n F_{n-1}}{\sqrt{(n-1)F_n F_{n-1}}} = \sqrt{\frac{F_n F_{n-1}}{n-1}}$

Table 2 Numerical results of $a_j = L_j, r = 1$

n	Theorem 2.4	Theorem 1.4	$\frac{\text{Third column}}{\text{Second column}}$
1	2	2	$\frac{2}{2} = 1$
2	$\sqrt{10}$	$\sqrt{10}$	$\frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{10}} = 1$
3	$\sqrt{42}$	$\sqrt{154}$	$\frac{\sqrt{154}}{\sqrt{42}} \approx 1.915$
4	$\sqrt{120}$	$\sqrt{810}$	$\frac{\sqrt{810}}{\sqrt{120}} \approx 2.598$
5	$\sqrt{395}$	$\sqrt{6,004}$	$\frac{\sqrt{6,004}}{\sqrt{395}} \approx 3.899$
6	$\sqrt{1,200}$	$\sqrt{39,400}$	$\frac{\sqrt{39,400}}{\sqrt{1,200}} \approx 5.730$
n			$\sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}(5F_n F_{n-1} + 1)}$ n odd, $\sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}(5F_n F_{n-1} - 3)}$ n even

Table 3 Numerical results of $a_j = F_j, r = 2$

n	Theorem 2.8	Theorem 1.5	Third column Second column
2	2	2	$\frac{2}{2} = 1$
3	4	4	$\frac{4}{4} = 1$
4	$6\sqrt{2}$	12	$\frac{12}{6\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$
5	$4\sqrt{15}$	$\sqrt{30}$	$\frac{30}{4\sqrt{15}} \approx 1.936$
6	$20\sqrt{2}$	80	$\frac{80}{20\sqrt{2}} = 2\sqrt{2}$
n	$\sqrt{(n-1)} r ^2 F_n F_{n-1}$	$ r F_n F_{n-1}$	$\sqrt{(n-1)}^{-1} F_n F_{n-1}$

Table 4 Numerical results of $a_j = L_j, r = 2$

n	Theorem 2.12	Theorem 1.6	Third column Second column
1	2	2	$\frac{2}{2} = 1$
2	5	4	$\frac{4}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$
3	$3\sqrt{14}$	$2\sqrt{231}$	$\frac{2\sqrt{231}}{3\sqrt{14}} \approx 2.708$
4	$\sqrt{390}$	54	$\frac{54}{\sqrt{390}} \approx 2.734$
5	$\sqrt{1,343}$	152	$\frac{152}{\sqrt{1,343}} \approx 4.418$
6	$10\sqrt{42}$	394	$\frac{394}{10\sqrt{42}} \approx 6.080$

Example 4 Let $A = \text{Circ}_2(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$ be a 2-circulant matrix where L_i ($i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$) denotes the Lucas sequence.

It can be seen from Table 4 that the upper bounds for the spectral norm of Theorem 2.12 are more precise than Theorem 1.6 when $n \geq 3$.

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