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## 计算数学所学术报告

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rank-one approximation ratio**

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## **Abstract:**

As is well known, the minimum ratio between the spectral norm and the Frobenius norm of an  $m \times n$  matrix with  $m \leq n$  is  $1/\sqrt{m}$  and is (up to scalar scaling) attained only by matrices having pairwise orthonormal rows. In this work, the minimum ratio between spectral and Frobenius norms of  $n_1 \times \dots \times n_d$  tensors of order  $d$ , also called the best rank-one approximation ratio in the literature, is investigated. The exact value is not known for most configurations of  $n_1 \leq \dots \leq n_d$ . Using a natural definition of orthogonal tensors over the real field (resp. unitary tensors over the complex field), it is shown that the obvious lower bound  $1/\sqrt{n_1 \cdots n_{d-1}}$  is attained if and only if a tensor is orthogonal (resp. unitary) up to scaling. Whether or not orthogonal or unitary tensors exist depends on the dimensions  $n_1, \dots, n_d$  and the field. A connection between the (non)existence of real orthogonal tensors of order three and the classical Hurwitz problem on composition algebras can be established: existence of orthogonal tensors of size  $\ell \times m \times n$  is equivalent to the admissibility of the triple  $[\ell, m, n]$  to Hurwitz problem. Some implications for higher-order tensors are then given. For instance, real orthogonal  $n \times \dots \times n$  tensors of order  $d \geq 3$  do exist, but only when  $n = 1, 2, 4, 8$ . In the complex case, the situation is more drastic: unitary tensors of size  $\ell \times m \times n$  with  $\ell \leq m \leq n$  exist only when  $\ell = m = n$ . Some numerical illustrations for spectral norm computation are presented. This is a joint work with Yuji Nakatsukasa (University of Oxford), Tasuku Soma (University of Tokyo), and Andr e Uschmajew (MPI Leipzig).

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