



## Numerical Range of Left Invariant Lorentzian Metrics on the Heisenberg Group $H_3$ of Dimension Three

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### Abstract

The study of eigenvalues and numerical range appears in different scientific fields. We can cite for example the domain of physics, spectral theory, the stability of dynamics electricity, the quantum mechanics. In this paper, we find the spectrum, pseudo-spectrum and numerical range of left invariant Lorentzian metrics on the Heisenberg group  $H_3$  of dimension three. An example is given for metrics  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  while the second example is provided to support  $g_3$ .

## 1. Introduction

Varah published an article entitled "On the separation of two matrices" in which he defined with standard 2 the pseudospectrum using the smallest singular value  $\sigma_{\min}(zI - A)$  under the notion  $\Lambda_\varepsilon(A)$  see [1]. In the 1960s the pseudospectrum was studied in several by L. N. Trefethen [2], [3].

The pseudospectrum of a normal matrix  $A$  consists of circles of radius  $\varepsilon$  around each eigenvalue. For non-normal matrices, the pseudospectrum takes different forms in the complex plane. in [2] The pseudospectrum of thirteen highly non-normal matrices is presented.

Let  $T$  be an operator in  $B(H)$  (i.e bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ ), the numerical range of  $T$  is the set  $W(T)$  of complex numbers defined by

$$W(T) = \{ \langle Tu, u \rangle : u \in H, \|u\| = 1 \}.$$

The numerical range has a wide history and there is a lot of new and exclusive research on this concept and its generalizations.

In particular, the subject has connections and applications to various areas including  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -algebras, iterations methods, several operator theory, dilation theory, Krein space operators, factorizations of matrix polynomials, unitary similarity, etc. (See [4], [5], [6], [7] and [8]).

M. M. Khorami, F. Ershad and B. Yousefi published an article entitled "On the Numerical Range of some Bounded Operators". In this article, They gave conditions under which the numerical range of a weighted composition operator, acting on a Hilbert space, contains zero as an interior point and they investigated extreme points of the numerical range of an operator acting on an arbitrary Banach space. Also, they gave necessary and sufficient conditions under which the numerical range of an operator on some Banach spaces, to be closed. Finally, they characterized the structure of the numerical range of an operator acting on Banach weighted Hardy spaces. (See [9]).

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We recall that the Heisenberg group  $H_3$  of dimension three is the subgroup of  $GL(3, \mathbb{R})$  formed by the matrices of the type

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & 1 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

it is a connected, simply connected, 2-nilpotent Lie group.

Its Lie algebra noted  $\mathfrak{h}_3$  is defined by the matrices of  $M(3, \mathbb{R})$  of the type

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

S. Rahmani (See [10]) showed that there are three classes of left-invariant Lorentz metrics on  $H_3$ , non-isometric, one of which is flat. This is in contrast to the Riemannian case, because it is well known that the Heisenberg Riemannian group does not have a flat Riemannian metric flat metric, nor is it even conformably flat. More precisely, S. Rahmani has classified, up to automorphism of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_3$ , all the left-invariant Lorentzian metrics on the Heisenberg group  $H_3$ :

**Theorem 1** [10], [11] *Each left-invariant Lorentz metric on the Heisenberg group  $H_3$  is isometric to one of the following metrics :*

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 &= -\frac{1}{\lambda^2} dx^2 + dy^2 + (xdy + dz)^2, \\ g_2 &= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} dx^2 + dy^2 - (xdy + dz)^2, \quad \lambda > 0 \\ g_3 &= dx^2 + (xdy + dz)^2 - ((1-x)dy - dz)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Further more, the Lorentz metrics are nonisometric and the Lorentz metric  $g_3$  is flat.

Researcher S. Rahmani extracted Killing vectors feilds from the Heisenberg group  $H_3$  [10],

## 2. Preliminaries

The matrices associated to the metrics  $g_1, g_2$  and  $g_3$  respectively are given by

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\lambda^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1+x^2 & x \\ 0 & x & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ B &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-x^2 & -x \\ 0 & -x & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda > 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2x-1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Definition 1** [12] *Let  $T$  be an operator in  $B(H)$  (i.e bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ ), the numerical range of  $T$  is the set  $W(T)$  of complex numbers defined by*

$$W(T) = \{ \langle Tu, u \rangle : u \in H, \|u\| = 1 \}.$$

**Definition 2** [13] *Let  $M$  be an  $n \times n$  complex matrix. Then the numerical range of  $M$ ,  $W(M)$ , is defined to be*

$$W(M) = \left\{ \frac{t^* M t}{t^* t}, t \in \mathbb{C}^n, t \neq 0 \right\}.$$

where  $t^*$  denotes the conjugate transpose of the vector  $t$ .

**Proposition 1** For all operators  $M$  and  $N$  in  $B(H)$ ,  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . We have the following properties:

- 1)  $W(\mu_1 M + \mu_2 I) = \mu_1 W(M) + \mu_2$ .
- 2)  $W(M + N) \subset W(M) + W(N)$ .
- 3)  $W(M^*) = \{\bar{\alpha}, \alpha \in W(M)\}$ , where  $M^*$  is the adjunct of  $M$ .
- 4)  $W(U^* M U) = W(M)$ , where  $U$  is a unit operator.
- 5) Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ , if  $A$  is **Hermitian** (i.e.,  $A^* = A$ ), then  $W(A) \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

### 3. Eigenvalues and Pseudo-spectrum

The eigenvalues of matrices  $A, B$  and  $C$  are:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(A) &= \left\{ a = -\frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right\}, \\ \sigma(B) &= \left\{ b = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sigma(C) = \left\{ c_1 = 1, c_2 = x + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4x^2 - 4x + 5} - \frac{1}{2}, c_3 = x - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4x^2 - 4x + 5} - \frac{1}{2} \right\}.$$

#### Pseudo-spectrum

Since  $A, B$  and  $C$  are symmetrical therefore are normal and pseudo-spectrum given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_\varepsilon(A) &= \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - a| \leq \varepsilon\}, \\ \Lambda_\varepsilon(B) &= \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - b| \leq \varepsilon\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Lambda_\varepsilon(C) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - c_i| \leq \varepsilon\}, \text{ with } i \in \{1, 2, 3\}.$$

### 4. The main result

In engineering, numerical ranges are used as a rough estimate of eigenvalues. Recently, generalizations of the numerical range are used to study quantum computing. In the section, we find the numerical range of matrices  $A, B$  and  $C$ .

In our work, we find numerical range of left invariant Lorentzian metrics on the Heisenberg group  $H_3$  of dimension three, as shown in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2** Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  the associated matrices to the metrics  $g_1, g_2$  and  $g_3$  respectively, such that the numerical range of each matrices defined as follow:

1.

$$\begin{aligned} W(A) &\subseteq \left[ -\frac{1}{\lambda^2} + x, x^2 - x + 1 \right], \text{ if } x \leq 0, \\ W(A) &\subseteq \left[ -\frac{1}{\lambda^2} - x, x^2 + x + 1 \right], \text{ if } x \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned} W(B) &\subseteq \left[ -(x^2 + |x| + 1), \frac{1}{\lambda^2} + |x| \right], \text{ if } |x| > 1, \\ W(B) &\subseteq \left[ -2, \frac{1}{\lambda^2} + 2 \right], \text{ if } |x| \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned} W(C) &\subseteq [-2(1 - x), 1], \text{ if } x \leq 0, \\ W(C) &\subseteq [-1, 1 + 2x], \text{ if } x > 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof 1** Let  $t \in \mathbb{C}^3$  such that  $t \neq 0$ , we put  $t = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix}$ , with  $z_i = r_i e^{i\theta_i}, i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

1. We have

$$t^*At = -\frac{1}{\lambda^2} |z_1|^2 + (1+x^2) |z_2|^2 + x(z_2\bar{z}_3 + z_3\bar{z}_2) + |z_3|^2,$$

so,

$$\frac{t^*At}{t^*t} = \frac{-\frac{1}{\lambda^2} |z_1|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^3 |z_i|^2} + \frac{x^2 |z_2|^2 + x(z_2\bar{z}_3 + z_3\bar{z}_2) + |z_2|^2 + |z_3|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^3 |z_i|^2}.$$

Moreover we have

$$\frac{|z_j|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^3 |z_i|^2} \leq 1, \forall j \in \{1, 2, 3\}, \tag{1}$$

and

$$-1 \leq \frac{z_i\bar{z}_j + z_j\bar{z}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^3 |z_i|^2} \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}, \tag{2}$$

So from (1) and (2) we find

$$-\frac{1}{\lambda^2} + x \leq \frac{t^*At}{t^*t} \leq x^2 - x + 1, \text{ if } x \leq 0.$$

If  $x \geq 0$  then

$$-\frac{1}{\lambda^2} - x \leq \frac{t^*At}{t^*t} \leq x^2 + x + 1.$$

2. We have

$$\frac{t^*Bt}{t^*t} = \frac{\frac{1}{\lambda^2} |z_1|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^4 |z_i|^2} + \frac{(1-x^2) |z_2|^2 - x(z_2\bar{z}_3 + z_3\bar{z}_2) - |z_3|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^3 |z_i|^2},$$

if  $|x| > 1$  then  $1-x^2 < 0$ . So

$$-x^2 - |x| - 1 \leq \frac{t^*Bt}{t^*t} = \frac{\frac{1}{\lambda^2} |z_1|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^3 |z_i|^2} + \frac{(1-x^2) |z_2|^2 - x(z_2\bar{z}_3 + z_3\bar{z}_2) - |z_3|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^3 |z_i|^2} \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^2} + |x|,$$

if we have the opposite  $|x| \leq 1$  then

$$-2 \leq \frac{t^*Bt}{t^*t} = \frac{\frac{1}{\lambda^2} |z_1|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^4 |z_i|^2} + \frac{|z_2|^2 - x(z_2\bar{z}_3 + z_3\bar{z}_2)}{\sum_{i=1}^3 |z_i|^2} - \frac{x^2 |z_2|^2 + |z_3|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^3 |z_i|^2} \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^2} + 2.$$

3. Now shows us that 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{t^*Ct}{t^*t} &= \frac{|z_1|^2 + (2x-1) |z_2|^2 + z_2\bar{z}_3 + z_3\bar{z}_2}{\sum_{i=1}^3 |z_i|^2} \\ &= 1 - \frac{2 |z_2|^2 + |z_3|^2 - 2x |z_2|^2 - 2r_2r_3 \cos(\theta_2 - \theta_3)}{\sum_{i=1}^3 |z_i|^2} \end{aligned}$$

if  $x \leq 0$  then

$$-2 + 2x \leq \frac{t^*Ct}{t^*t} \leq 1,$$

if  $x > 0$  then

$$-1 \leq \frac{t^*Ct}{t^*t} = -1 + \frac{2|z_2|^2 + |z_3|^2 + 2x|z_2|^2 + 2r_2r_3 \cos(\theta_2 - \theta_3)}{\sum_{i=1}^3 |z_i|^2} \leq -1 + 2x + 1 + 1 = 2x + 1.$$

**Example 4.1** For  $\lambda = 1$  and  $x = 0$ ,

$$A_1^0 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

so

$$\frac{g_1(t^*, t)}{t^*t} = 1 - \frac{2r_1^2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2} \leq 1,$$

moreover  $1 \in W(A_1^0)$

On the other hand, we have

$$\frac{g_1(t^*, t)}{t^*t} = -1 + \frac{2r_2^2 + 2r_3^2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2} \geq -1,$$

moreover  $-1 \in W(A_1^0)$ . So

$$W(A_1^0) = [-1, 1].$$

For matrix

$$B_1^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

so

$$-1 \leq \frac{g_2(t^*, t)}{t^*t} = -1 + 2 \frac{r_1^2 + r_2^2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2} \leq 1,$$

moreover  $\{1, -1\} \subset W(B_1^0)$ . So

$$W(B_1^0) = [-1, 1].$$

**Example 4.2** For  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , matrix

$$C_{\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{g_3(t^*, t)}{t^*t} &= \frac{r_1^2 + 2r_2r_3 \cos(\theta_2 - \theta_3)}{r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2} \\ &= 1 - \frac{r_2^2 + r_3^2 - 2r_2r_3 \cos(\theta_2 - \theta_3)}{r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

on the other hand

$$\frac{g_3(t^*, t)}{t^*t} = -1 + \frac{2r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2 + 2r_2r_3 \cos(\theta_2 - \theta_3)}{r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2} \geq -1,$$

moreover  $1, -1 \in W(C_{\frac{1}{2}})$ . So

$$W(C_{\frac{1}{2}}) = [-1, 1].$$

### 5. Conclusion

Through to the heart of our study "the numerical range of operator" and exactly we kept our touch on the numerical range of matrices. This latter contributed to many mathematical disciplines such as the theory of operators, matrix polynomials, applications to various areas including C-algebras. And the subject of numerical range of matrices is still open for scientific research in all aspects algebraic, geometric. We touched in this paper for a generalization spectrum, pseudo-spectrum and numerical range of left invariant Lorentzian metrics ( $g_1, g_2$  and  $g_3$ ) on  $H_3$  of dimension three.

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