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## Abstract

In this paper, using the notion of k-numerical range, the relation between k-numerical range of matrix polynomials and the k-numerical range of its linearization are investigated. Moreover, the k-numerical ranges of basic circulant A-factor matrix are studied.

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## 1 Introduction

Let k and n are positive integers,  $\mathbb{M}_n$  be the algebra of all  $n \times n$  complex matrices, The set of all  $n \times k$  isometry matrices is denoted by  $\mathcal{X}_{n \times k}$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{X}_{n \times k} = \{X \in \mathbb{M}_{n \times k} : X^*X = I_k\}$ and the group of  $n \times n$  unitary matrices is denoted by  $\mathcal{U}_n$ . The k-numerical range of  $A \in \mathbb{M}_n$  is defined and denoted by  $W_k(A) = \{\frac{1}{k}tr(X^*AX) : X \in \mathcal{X}_{n \times k}\}$ , where tr(.)denotes the trace. The sets  $W_k(A)$ , where  $k \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ , are generally called higher numerical ranges of A. Let  $A \in \mathbb{M}_n$  have eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_n$ , counting multiplicities. The set of all k-averages of eigenvalues of A is denoted by  $\sigma^{(k)}(A)$ , namely,

$$\sigma^{(k)}(A) = \{ \frac{1}{k} \left( \lambda_{i_1} + \lambda_{i_2} + \dots + \lambda_{i_k} \right) : 1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \le n \}.$$

**Proposition 1.1.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{M}_n$ . Then the following assertions are true: (i)  $W_k(A)$  is a compact and convex set in  $\mathbb{C}$ ;

(ii)  $conv(\sigma^{(k)}(A)) \subseteq W_k(A)$ , The equality holds if A is normal;

(*iii*)  $\{\frac{1}{n}tr(A)\} = W_n(A) \subseteq W_{n-1}(A) \subseteq \cdots \subseteq W_2(A) \subseteq W_1(A) = W(A);$ 

(iv) If  $V \in \mathcal{X}_{n \times s}$ , where  $k \leq s \leq n$ , then  $W_k(V^*AV) \subseteq W_k(A)$ . The equality holds if s = n, i.e.,  $W_k(U^*AU) = W_k(A)$ , where  $U \in \mathcal{U}_n$ ;

(v) For any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $W_k(\alpha A + \beta I_n) = \alpha W_k(A) + \beta$ , and for the case k < n,  $W_k(A) = \{\alpha\}$  if and only if  $A = \alpha I_n$ ;

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