# Quantitative Diagonalizability 

Part I: Three Measures of
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## Pseudospectrum of Toeplitz Example




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For distinct eigs $\Lambda_{\epsilon}(M)=\Lambda_{0}(M)+\mathrm{U}_{i} D\left(\lambda_{i}, \kappa\left(\lambda_{i}\right) \epsilon\right)+o(\epsilon)$

# Part II: Davies' Conjecture 

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Question: Given a matrix $A$ and $\delta>0$, what is $\min \left\{\kappa_{e}(A+E):\|E\| \leq \delta\right\}$ ?

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[Davies'06]: true for $n=3$ and for special case $A=J_{n}$, with $C_{n}=2$.

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Implied by a stronger probabilistic result on eigenvalue condition numbers.

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## Recap of the Proof

Let $M=A+\gamma G$ and $B=D(0,3)$.

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## Phenomenon behind the result




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- Does a real Gaussian fail?
- Dimension dependence in Theorem A. Dimension free bound?
- Derandomization of the perturbation
- Non-gaussian perturbations

