# Some inequalities on singular values and eigenvalues arising from Hua's determinantal inequality and Ando's Young inequality

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