

**Spectral theory of reducible
nonnegative matrices in
classical and max linear
algebra:**

An exploration

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$$a, b \in \mathbb{R}_+$$

$$a + b, ab$$

$$A, B \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times n}$$

$$A + B, AB,$$

$$a \oplus b = \max(a, b), a \otimes b = ab$$

$$A \oplus B = \max(A, B)$$

$$C = A \otimes B$$

$$c_{ij} = \max_k a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

Homogeneity

$$A(\alpha x) = \alpha(Ax)$$

$$A \otimes (\alpha \otimes x) = \alpha \otimes (A \otimes x)$$

Monotonicity

$$x \leq y \implies Ax \leq Ay$$

$$x \leq y \implies A \otimes x \leq A \otimes y$$

Separation

$$A > 0, x \not\leq y \implies Ax < Ay$$

$$A > 0, x \leq y \not\implies A \otimes x < A \otimes y$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
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Homogenous monotonic ops

$$A : \mathbb{R}_+^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^n$$

Irreducibility :

$$Ax \leq \lambda x, x \not\geq 0 \implies x > 0$$

Important def'n

$$\rho(A) := \min\{\lambda : \exists x \not\geq 0, Ax \leq \lambda x\}$$

$$u \not\geq 0 \text{ extremal} : Au \leq \rho u$$

Applies classical and max linear
- and more

Lemma 1.

$$A : \mathbb{R}_+^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^n$$

A homogeneous, monotonic, irreducible:

$$Ax < \lambda x, \quad x \geq 0 \implies x > 0$$

Then $\rho(A)$ is the only possible e-value

Proof. ($\rho = 1$) $Ax \leq x$

$$x \geq Ax \geq \dots \geq A^p x$$

$$v := \lim_p A^p x > 0, \quad Av = \rho v$$

$$Au = \sigma u$$

$$\alpha = \min\{\lambda : u \leq \lambda v\}$$

$$(\alpha = 1)$$

$$\sigma u = Au \leq Av = \rho v$$

$$\sigma \leq \rho$$

$$\sigma = \rho$$

Applies to irred in max
extremal does not imply evector
Several evector in general

Max example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Lemma 2 .

$$A : \mathbb{R}_+^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^n$$

A homogeneous, separating:

1.

$$Au \leq \rho u \implies Au = \rho u$$

2. *eigenvector and eigenvalue unique*

Proof. 1.

$$Au \not\leq \rho u, u \not\geq 0 \implies A(Au) < \rho(Au) \\ \implies \Leftarrow$$

2.

$$Av = \rho v, Au = \sigma u, u \neq \lambda v$$

$$\alpha =: \min\{\lambda : u \leq \lambda v\}$$

$$(\alpha = 1)$$

$$u \not\leq v$$

$$\sigma u = Au < Av = \rho v$$

$$\sigma < \rho$$

$$\implies \Leftarrow$$

$$u = \lambda v$$

□

Extend to irred in class lin

$$A^* = I + A + A^2 + \dots + A^{n-1} > 0$$

$$A^* A = A A^*$$

$$Au = \lambda u \implies A^* u = \lambda^* u$$

$$Au \not\leq \rho u \implies A A^* u = A^* A u < \rho A^* u$$

Perron-Frobenius

Back to matrices

linear = homogeneous and additive

$$A(\alpha x) = \alpha(Ax)$$

$$A(x + y) = Ax + Ay$$

Ditto \oplus, \otimes

Classical A irreducible

$$A^p \rightarrow 0 \iff \rho(A) < 1$$

$$I + A + A^2 \dots \text{cvges} \iff \rho(A) < 1$$

Max A irreducible

$$A^{[p]} \rightarrow 0 \iff \dot{\rho}(A) < 1$$

$$I \oplus A \oplus A^2 \dots \text{cvges} \iff \dot{\rho}(A) \leq 1 \quad !!!$$

$$A^* := I \oplus A \oplus A^2 \dots A^{[n-1]}$$

$$A^* = I \oplus A \oplus A^2 \dots$$

Z-matrix equations

Classical AND max

$$Ax + b = \lambda x \geq 0$$

$$(Ax + b = x)$$

$$x = A(Ax + b) + b = (A^2x + (I + A)b)$$

$$x = A^k x + (I + A + A^2 + \dots)b$$

Frobenius 1912, Ostrowski 1937

Lemma 3 $A \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$ *irreducible*,
 $\lambda \geq 0$. *Then*

1. $\lambda > \rho(A)$; *unique soln*
 $x = 0$ if $b = 0$, $x > 0$ if $b \gneq 0$.

2. $\lambda < \rho(A)$: *no soln*

Ditto \oplus, \otimes

THE DIFFERENCE: $\lambda = \rho(A)$
 classical

$$Ax + b = \rho x$$

Lemma 4 *A irreducible Then
 Exists soln iff $b = 0$.*

*$b = 0$ implies $x = \lambda u$
 $u > 0$ unique evector*

Hint: extremal \iff evec
 max

$$A \otimes x \oplus b = \rho$$

Lemma 5 *A irreducible,
 Then soln is*

$$x = A^* \otimes b \oplus z, \quad A \otimes z = \rho z$$

$$x \geq A^* \otimes b > 0$$

Hint

$$A^* = I \oplus A \oplus \dots \oplus A^{[p]}, \quad p \geq n-1$$

$$A^* = I \oplus AA^*$$

!!!

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{FNF} = & \begin{bmatrix}
 \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{0} & \dots & \mathbf{0} \\
 \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} & \dots & \mathbf{0} \\
 \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\
 \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\
 \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\
 \mathbf{A}_{p1} & \mathbf{A}_{p2} & \dots & \mathbf{A}_{pp}
 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

\mathbf{A}_{ii} irreducible

$R(\mathbf{A})$ marked reduced graph

$V = \{1, \dots, p\}$

$i \rightarrow j$ arc : $\mathbf{A}_{ij} \not\geq 0$ or $i = j$

$i \succ = j$: $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow j$

access $\succ =$ is partial order on V

mark i with $\rho_i = \rho(\mathbf{A}_{ii})$

Frobenius trace down - classical and max

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{11}x_1 = \lambda x_1, \quad (2)$$

$$b + A_{22}x_2 = \lambda x_2 \quad (3)$$

$$b = A_{21}x_1 \quad (4)$$

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 \not\geq 0 \implies \lambda = \rho_2, x_2 > 0$$

$$x_1 \not\geq 0$$

$$\lambda = \rho_1, x_1 > 0$$

$$A_{21} \neq 0 \implies b \not\geq 0$$

classical:

$$A_{21} \neq 0 \implies \rho_2 < \rho_1, x_2 > 0$$

max:

$$A_{21} \neq 0 \implies \rho_2 \leq \rho_1, x_2 > 0$$

yields thms on $Ax = \lambda x$

SIMPLE EXAMPLES

* Classical * max

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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REDUCIBLE in **CLASSICAL**
i distinguished vertex $R(A)$:

$$j \succ = i \implies \rho_j < \rho_i$$

$$Ax = \lambda x, \quad x \succeq 0 \quad (5)$$

(Frobenius 1912, Victory 1985):

Theorem 6 $A \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$, $\lambda \geq 0$.

(a) λ *evaluate* $(\exists x \text{ sat } (5)) \iff$

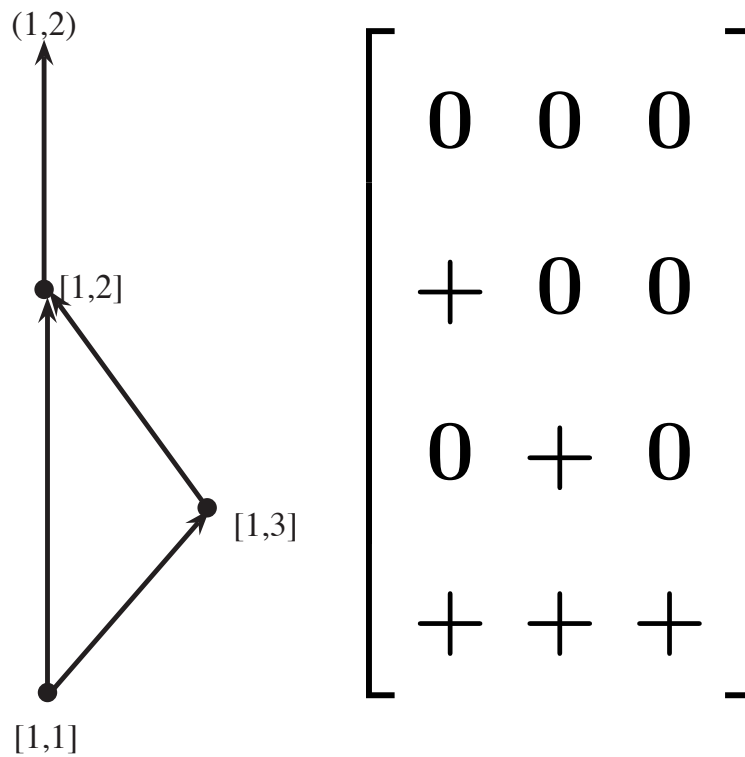
$$\exists \text{ dist } i, \quad \rho_i = \lambda \quad (6)$$

(b) *if* i *dist* *then* $\exists! x$, $Ax = \rho_i x$
such that

$$\begin{aligned} x_j > 0 & \quad \text{if} \quad j \succ = i, \\ x_j = 0 & \quad \text{if} \quad j \succ \neq i. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

(c) x *satisfies* $Ax = \rho_i x \iff$
 x *nonneg comb of vecs sat (7).*

$$\begin{bmatrix} (12) & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ * & (12) & \cdot & \cdot \\ * & 0 & (13) & \cdot \\ ? & * & * & (11) \end{bmatrix}$$



* – semi-pos

+ – pos

? – zero or semi-pos

$$b \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$$

$$\text{supp}(b) =: \{i : b_i \geq 0\}$$

$$Ax + b = \lambda x, \quad x \geq 0. \quad (8)$$

Carlson(1963), Hershkowitz-S(1988)

Theorem 7 .

$$A \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}_+^n, \lambda \geq 0.$$

(a) $\exists x \text{ sat } (8) \iff$

$$j \geq \text{supp}(b) \implies \rho_j < \lambda. \quad (9)$$

(b) *If (9), then $\exists! x^0 \text{ sat } (8)$ and*

$$j \neq \text{supp}(b) \implies x_j^0 = 0.$$

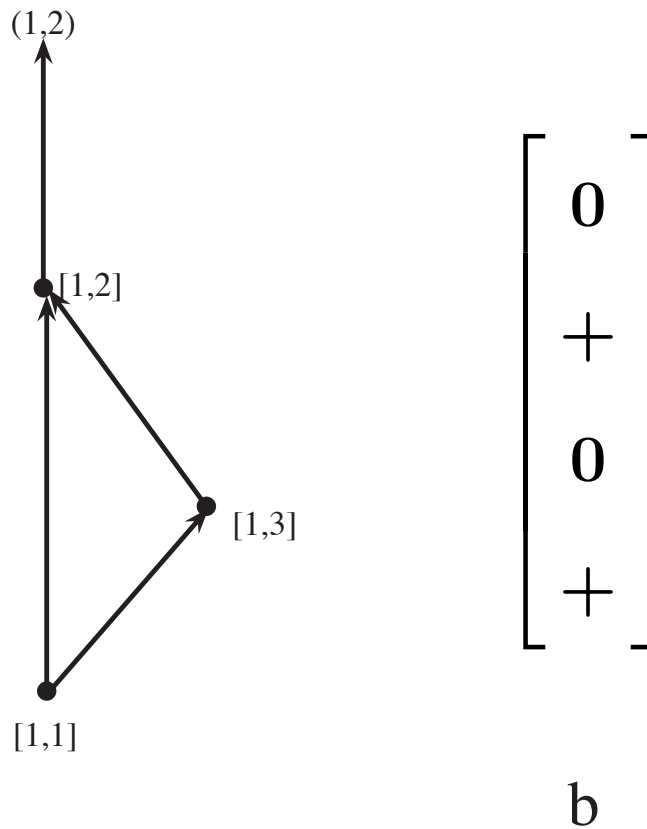
Further,

$$j \geq \text{supp}(b) \implies x_j^0 > 0.$$

(c) *If $x \text{ sat } (8)$ then*

$$x = x^0 + z, \quad Az = \lambda z. \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (12) & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ * & (12) & \cdot & \cdot \\ * & 0 & (13) & \cdot \\ ? & * & * & (11) \end{bmatrix}$$



$$Ax + b = \lambda x$$

Soln exists iff $\lambda > 12$

INTERLUDE on IRRED MAX

Cunningham-Green (1962, 1979),
Gondrian-Minoux (1977)

Theorem 8 . *A irreducible.*

- (a) *The unique evaluate ρ is the max cycle mean of the graph of A.*
- (b) *For each crit cpt of this graph there is an ess unique pos evector for ρ .*
- (c) *These evector are the max extremals of the max cone of evector, viz. every evector x is a max comb of such evector:*

$$x = \alpha_1 x^1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \alpha_k x^k$$

END INTERLUDE

REDUCIBLE in MAX

i semi-distinguished vertex $R(A)$:

$$j \succ = i \implies \dot{\rho}_j \leq \dot{\rho}_i$$

$$A \otimes x = \lambda x, \quad x \succeq \mathbf{0} \quad (11)$$

Gaubert 1992

Theorem 9 $A \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$, $\lambda \geq 0$.

(a) λ is value $(\exists x \text{ sat } (11)) \iff$

$$\exists \text{ semidist } i, \dot{\rho}_i = \lambda \quad (12)$$

(b) if i semidist then $\exists x$, such that $A \otimes x = \dot{\rho}_i x$ and

$$\begin{aligned} x_j > 0 & \quad \text{if } j \succ = i, \\ x_j = 0 & \quad \text{if } j \succ \neq i. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

(c) x satisfies $A \otimes x = \dot{\rho}_i x \iff$
 x max comb of vecs sat (13).

$$(A \otimes x) \oplus b = \lambda x \geq 0 \quad (14)$$

Theorem 10 .

$$A \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}_+^n, \lambda \geq 0.$$

(a) $\exists x$ sat (14) \iff

$$j \geq \text{supp}(b) \implies \dot{\rho}_j \leq \lambda. \quad (15)$$

(b) *If (9), then $\exists x^0$ sat (14) and*

$$j \not\geq \text{supp}(b) \implies x_j^0 = 0.$$

Further,

$$j \geq \text{supp}(b) \implies x_j^0 > 0.$$

(c) *If x sat (14) then*

$$x = x^0 \oplus z, \quad A \otimes z = \lambda z. \quad (16)$$

Matrix and evecs

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

classic

*

max

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rho_1 = 4, \rho_2 = \rho_3 = 3$$

$$\dot{\rho}_1 = \dot{\rho}_2 = \dot{\rho}_3 = 3$$

$$Ax + b = 2x$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha + 2 = 2\alpha$$

$$\alpha + 2\beta = 2\beta$$

classic: $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

max:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \quad \beta \geq 1/2$$

Back to classical x a gen
evector of A for λ

$$(A - \lambda I)^r x = 0, \quad r > 0$$

$$E_\lambda(A) := \{x : (A - \lambda I)^r x = 0, \quad r \geq n\}$$

Apologies

Rothblum(1975), Richman-S(1978),
Hershkowitz-S(1988) Preferred ba-
sis Theorem

Theorem 11 $A \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}, \lambda \geq 0$

1. *Exists (gen) evec x for λ iff
there is a (semi)dist i $\lambda = \rho_i$*
2. *If i is semi dist then exists a
gen evector x for ρ_i such that*

$$\begin{aligned} x_j &> 0 & \text{if } j >= i, \\ x_j &= 0 & \text{if } j > \neq i. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

3. *The gen evecs so obtained form
a basis for E_{ρ_i}*

