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## primitive matrix

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A sufficient condition for a matrix to be a primitive matrix is for the matrix to be a nonnegative, irreducible matrix with a positive element on the main diagonal.