

Perron - Frobenius Theory

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All matrices will be square of order $n \times n$ and we will only work on \mathbb{R} (eigenvalues may be in \mathbb{C})

Definition : We say a matrix A is non-negative (resp. positive) if all its entries are non-negative (resp. positive) and we write $A \geq 0$ (resp. $A > 0$)

Definition : The spectral radius of a matrix is its maximum eigenvalue by modulus

A standard result on norms is that on a finite dim vec space, all norms are equivalent. Thus, we may use the following norms :

for a vector v , $\|v\| = \text{sum of all entries of } v$
 for a matrix A , $\|A\| = \text{sum of all entries of } A$

Definition : If $A \geq 0$, we say A is primitive if $A^k > 0$ for some $k \geq 1$

We first wish to prove Perron's theorem

Theorem 1 (Perron theorem)

Suppose A is a primitive matrix with spectral radius λ .

Then we have the following properties

- (i) λ is an eigenvalue of A with alg. multiplicity 1
- (ii) λ is the unique largest eigenvalue by modulus
- (iii) λ has strictly positive eigenvectors

This theorem is very powerful and finds a wide range of application because most matrices encountered in real life are non-negative

We have a lemma before proving Perron's theorem

Lemma 2

real vec.

Let V be a finite dim_n space and $T : V \rightarrow V$ be linear. Suppose S is a polyhedron containing 0 in its interior and some positive power of T maps S strictly into its interior, then the spectral radius of T is less than 1

Proof

Eigenvalues of T and T^k are related through powers.

Thus, Spectral radius of $T^k < 1$ iff spectral radius of $T < 1$ holds.

Thus, we may assume WLOG that $T(S) \not\subseteq S$

It is clear that the spectral radius ≤ 1 . Suppose v is an eigenvector with eigenvalue λ st- $|\lambda| > 1$. Scale v by α so that αv lies on ∂S (the boundary of S) (note that $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha > 0$)

$$T(\alpha v) = \alpha \lambda v$$

$$\therefore \|T(\alpha v)\| = \|\alpha \lambda v\| = |\lambda| \|\alpha v\| > \|\alpha v\|$$

Now $\alpha v \in \partial S$ and T is mapping this point outside S which is a contradiction.

Now we show that spectral radius is less than 1

$$T(S) \not\subseteq S \Rightarrow T(T(S)) \not\subseteq T(S) \not\subseteq S$$

Continuing this way we get $T^k(S) \not\subseteq S$

Now we know $T(S) \cap \partial S = \emptyset$. Suppose for the sake of contradiction, there is an eigenvalue λ st- $|\lambda| = 1$

let $\lambda = e^{i\theta}$ & the eigenvector be v_0 .

Case 1 : λ is a root of unity ie. $\frac{\theta}{\pi}$ is rational

$$\text{Suppose } \lambda^m = 1$$

$$\text{Then } T v_0 = \lambda v_0 \text{ & } T^m(v_0) = v_0$$

Scale v_0 so that αv_0 ($\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha > 0$) lies on ∂S .

$$\text{Then } T^m(\alpha v_0) = \alpha v_0 \therefore \alpha v_0 \in T^m(S) \cap \partial S$$

which is a contradiction

Case 2 : λ is not a root of unity ie. $\frac{\theta}{\pi}$ is irrational.

Split $v_0 = x + iy$. Write $W = \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}} \{x, iy\}$.

Clearly $x \neq 0$ & $y \neq 0$ else it forces $v = 0$.

Also if $x = \beta y$, then $v_0 = (\beta + i)y$

$$\therefore T v_0 = \lambda v_0 \Rightarrow T y = \lambda y \quad (\because \beta \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \beta i \neq 0)$$

But T is a real operator & $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $y \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus it forces $y = 0$.

Hence W is a 2-dim subspace of V

Now W is a T invariant subspace because T carries both x & y back into W (\because Real part of $T(v) = T(x)$ and imaginary part of $T(v) = T(y)$)

$$\text{Explicitly, } T(x) = \operatorname{Re}(e^{i\theta}(x+iy)) = \cos\theta x - \sin\theta y$$

$$T(y) = \operatorname{Im}(e^{i\theta}(x+iy)) = \sin\theta x + \cos\theta y$$

Thus, wrt the basis $\{x, y\}$, $T|_W$ is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

This is a rotation on W .

It is well known that for any point w on a circle of radius $1/\pi$, the set $\{R_\theta^n(w) \mid n=1, 2, \dots\}$ comes arbitrarily close to every point on that circle provided θ/π is irrational.

Now $W \cap \partial S \neq \emptyset$ since 0 lies in the interior of S and also in W (W is a plane through origin & S is a closed set containing the origin).

Let $p \in W \cap \partial S$

Keep rotating p : $T(p), T^2(p), \dots$

Since S is closed, $T(S)$ is closed and by result on irrational rotations we can find a sequence $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} T^{n_k}(p) = p$

By closedness of $T(S)$, limit of sequence in $T(S)$ lies in $T(S) \Rightarrow p \in T(S)$

$\therefore p \in T(S) \cap \partial S$. Contradiction.

Proof of theorem 1

Let $S = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid v \geq 0, \|v\| = 1\}$

Define $F: S \rightarrow S$ as $f(v) = \frac{Av}{\|Av\|}$

(Note that $A \geq 0$, $v \geq 0 \Rightarrow Av \geq 0$)

Brower's theorem : Every cont. function from a non-empty

convex compact subset K (of a Euclidean space) to K itself has a fixed point.

Applying it here, $\exists x \in S$ such that $Ax = \|Ax\| x$

Thus $x > 0$ is an evect with eval $\|Ax\| = \lambda > 0$

Now $A^k > 0$ for some k

$$A^k x = \lambda^k x \Rightarrow x = \lambda^{-k} A^k x > 0 \quad (\because B > 0, v > 0 \\ \Rightarrow Bv > 0)$$

Thus $x > 0$ is an evect with eval $\lambda > 0$

Now let $a = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

let $R = \text{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

let $P = \lambda^{-1} R^{-1} A R$ & $\mathbf{1}$ be the all 1's vector

$$P\mathbf{1} = \lambda^{-1} R^{-1} A R \mathbf{1} = \lambda^{-1} R^{-1} A x = \lambda^{-1} R^{-1} \lambda x = R^{-1} x = \mathbf{1}$$

Thus every row of P sums to 1

Suppose $Pv = \lambda v$ for some $\lambda > 1$

Rows of P are non negative and sum to 1.

Now P is also primitive ($\because P^k = \lambda^{-k} R^{-1} A^k R > 0$)

$P\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$. Scale $\mathbf{1}$ to v so that $Pv = v$ with $v \in S$

Consider $S' = S - v$. Clearly $0 \in S'$

We claim $P^k(S') \subseteq S'$

let $x - v \in S'$ ($x \in S$ so that $x_i \geq 0 \forall i$)

$$P^m(x - v) + v = P^m x$$

$$\text{Now } (P^m x)_i = \sum_{t=1}^n P_{it}^m x_t > 0$$

$$\therefore P^k(x - v) \in \text{int}(S')$$

By lemma, P^k has spectral radius < 1 (on S')

Note that $v = \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}$ & hence S' is given by

$$S' = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_1 + \dots + x_n = 0\}$$

Thus, on $W = \text{span}\{\mathbf{1}\}$, P has eigenvalue 1 and on $W^\perp = S'$, P has eigenvalue < 1 .

Thus P has eigenvalue 1 & every other eigenvalue has modulus strictly smaller than 1

Thus $A = \lambda R P R^{-1}$ has eigenvalue λ & every other eval has modulus strictly smaller than λ

Further the evect x corresponding to λ satisfies $x > 0$

Apart from these main results, there are several other

properties found.

So far, for a primitive matrix A , we have obtained a person root α (which has alg. mult 1) which dominates every other root (i.e. $|\lambda| < \alpha$) and its e-vector, called the person vector has all components positive.

The following corollary says that the person vector is the only eigenvector with positive (moreover, non-negative) components

Corollary 3

If w is a non-negative e-vec with eval β , then β must be the spectral radius

proof

Choose k st. $A^k > 0$.

$$A^k > 0, w \geq 0 \Rightarrow A^k w = \beta^k w > 0$$

$$A^k > 0 \Rightarrow A^{k+1} > 0$$

Case 1 : $k = \text{odd}$

$$\text{Then } \beta^{k+1} w > 0 \Rightarrow w > 0 \quad (\because \beta^{\text{even}} \geq 0)$$

$$\text{and } w > 0, \beta^k w > 0 \Rightarrow \beta^k > 0 \Rightarrow \beta > 0$$

Case 2 : $k = \text{even}$

$$\text{Then } \beta^k w > 0 \Rightarrow w > 0 \quad (\because \beta^{\text{even}} > 0)$$

$$\text{and } w > 0, \beta^{k+1} w > 0 \Rightarrow \beta^{k+1} > 0 \Rightarrow \beta > 0$$

Overall, $\beta > 0$ and $w > 0$

Now let v_0, λ be a person vector & the person root $w > 0$ & $v_0 > 0$. WLOG let $v_0 < w$ (scale v_0 down)

$$\text{Then } \forall n > 0, \lambda^n v_0 = A^n v_0 \leq A^n w = \beta^n w$$

$$\text{i.e. } \lambda^n v_0 \leq \beta^n w \quad \forall n > 0$$

If $\beta < \lambda$, this is not possible. Hence $\beta \geq \lambda$

But λ is person root $\Rightarrow \beta = \lambda$

Proposition 4 (Collatz - Wielandt inequalities)

Let A be primitive with person root α . Let $x \geq 0$ with $x \neq 0$

$$\text{Define } m(n) = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \frac{(Ax)_i}{x_i}, \quad M(n) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \frac{(Ax)_i}{x_i};$$

$$\text{Then } m(n) \leq \alpha \leq M(n) \text{ with } \alpha = \max_{n > 0} m(n) = \min_{n > 0} M(n)$$

Proof

We first show $\rho = \max_{n>0} m(n)$ so that $m(n) \leq \rho$

follows $\forall n \geq 0$ st. $n \neq 0$

let person vector be v_0

$$m(v_0) = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \frac{(Av_0)_i}{(v_0)_i} = \rho \Rightarrow \max_{n>0} m(n) \geq \rho$$

$$\text{Now } m(n) v_i \leq (Av)_i \quad \forall i$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq m(n) v_i \leq Av_i$$

A has person root ρ . A^T is also primitive and has same spectrum as A & hence A^T also has person root ρ with some person vector w_0 ie. $A^T w_0 = \rho w_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } m(n) \langle w_0, v_i \rangle &\leq \langle w_0, Av_i \rangle \\ &= \langle A^T w_0, v_i \rangle \\ &= \rho \langle w_0, v_i \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore m(n) \leq \rho$$

$$\therefore \max_{n>0} m(n) \leq \rho$$

$$\text{Thus } \max_{n>0} m(n) = \rho$$

$$\text{Similarly, one shows } \rho = \min_{n>0} M(n)$$

Corollary 5

If a & b denote min & max row sums of A , then $a \leq \rho \leq b$

Proof

Apply above proposition to $n = 11$

We now move on to another class of matrices called irreducible matrices.

Proposition 6

The following are equivalent for $A \geq 0$

- (a) For any linear subspace W spanned by some standard basis vectors e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k , $A(W) \not\subseteq W$ ($\because A(\mathbb{R}^n) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$)
- (b) There is no perm matrix P st. $PAP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ 0 & G \end{bmatrix}$
- (c) $\forall (i,j) \in [n]^2$, $\exists k = k(i,j)$ st. $A_{ij}^k > 0$

Proof

(a) \Rightarrow (b) :

Suppose there is a permutation matrix P st. $PAP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ 0 & G \end{bmatrix}$

Let $I = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, $J = \{k+1, \dots, n\}$ where E is $k \times k$ and G is $(n-k) \times (n-k)$

Consider $W = \text{span}\{e_i \mid i \in I\}$

$PAP^{-1} e_i = i^{\text{th}}$ column of PAP^{-1}

For $i \in I$, it gives i^{th} column of E appended with 0's.

Clearly $PAP^{-1} e_j \in \text{span}\{e_i \mid i \in I\} \quad \forall j \in J$

$\therefore PAP^{-1}(W) \subseteq W$

$$\therefore A(P^{-1}W) = P^{-1}PAP^{-1}(W) \subseteq P^{-1}W$$

This is a contradiction to (a)

(b) \Rightarrow (c) :

$$A \geq 0 \Rightarrow A^k \geq 0 \quad \forall k$$

Suppose $\exists i_0, j_0$ st. $A_{i_0, j_0}^k = 0 \quad \forall k = 1, 2, \dots$

Combinatorially, in the digraph on $[n]$ with edge $i \rightarrow j$ whenever $a_{ij} > 0$, no directed walks exist from i_0 to j_0 .

Define $I = \{s \mid \text{there is a directed walk from } s \text{ to } j_0\}$

$J = \{r \mid \text{there is no walk from } r \text{ to } j_0\}$

Observe that if $s \in J$ and $a_{rs} > 0$, then $s \in I$

(if $s \in I$, then we get a walk $s \rightarrow r \rightarrow j_0$ contradicting the fact that $s \in J$)

Thus $\forall s \in I, \forall r \in J$ there is no edge $r \rightarrow s$

Reorder the labelling of A by a suitable permutation

P so that all vertices in I come before J .

Thus $PAP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix}$ contradicting (b)

(c) \Rightarrow (a) :

Suppose $I \subsetneq [n]$ st. if $V = \text{span}\{e_i \mid i \in I\}$ then $A(V) \subseteq V$

$\therefore A e_j \in V \quad \forall j \in I$

\therefore Now $A e_j = j^{\text{th}}$ column of $A \in \text{span}\{e_i \mid i \in I\}$

$\therefore a_{ij} = 0$ whenever $j \in I, i \notin I$

We claim that $A^k(i, j) = 0 \quad \forall j \in I, i \notin I$

It is trivially true for $k=1$

Suppose it holds true for powers $1, 2, \dots, k$

$$A^{k+1} = A^k A$$

$$\therefore A^{k+1}(i,j) = \sum_{t=1}^n A_{it}^k A_{tj}$$

Now $i \notin I$ & $j \in I$

If $t \in I$, $A_{it}^k = 0$ by induction hypothesis

If $t \notin I$, $A_{tj} = a_{tj} = 0$

$$\therefore A^{k+1}_{ij} = 0$$

This proves the claim which contradicts (c)

Definition: A matrix $A \geq 0$ is called irreducible if it satisfies any one of the equivalent statements above

Proposition 7

If T is irreducible, then $I + T$ is primitive

Proof

Obtain k_{ij} for every $(i,j) \in [n]^2$ s.t. $T_{ij}^{k_{ij}} > 0$

let $K = \max \{k_{ij} \mid 1 \leq i, j \leq n\}$

$$(I + T)_{u,v}^K = \sum_{r=0}^K \binom{K}{r} T_{u,v}^r \quad (\text{for some } 1 \leq u, v \leq n)$$

For $r = k_{u,v} \in \{0, K\}$, $T_{u,v}^r > 0$ and

every $T_{u,v}^r$ is anyways ≥ 0

$$\therefore (I + T)_{u,v}^K > 0$$

This holds $\forall u, v \Rightarrow (I + T)^K > 0$

Definition: Given $A \geq 0$, we define the period of order i to be the gcd of all powers m such that $A^m_{ii} > 0$

Proposition 8

If A is irreducible, the period is independent of i

Proof

$$\text{let } P(i) = \{m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \mid A^m(i,i) > 0\}$$

Similarly one defines $P(j)$.

The aim is to show that $\gcd(P(i)) = \gcd(P(j))$

Due to irreducibility, $\exists p, q \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ s.t.

$$A^p(i,j) > 0 \text{ and } A^q(j,i) > 0$$

$$\text{let } m \in P(j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^{m+p+q}(i,i) &= \sum_{t_1, t_2=1}^n A^p(i, t_1) A^m(t_1, t_2) A^q(t_2, i) \\ &\geq A^p(i, i) A^m(i, i) A^q(i, i) \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore m+p+q \in P(i)$

If $\gcd(P(i)) = d_i$, $\gcd(P(j)) = d_j$ then

$$d_i \mid m \Rightarrow d_i \mid m+p+q$$

Further, $A^{p+q}(i,i) \geq A^p(i,i) A^q(i,i) > 0$

$$\therefore d_i \mid p+q$$

$$\therefore d_i \mid m$$

Thus, $d_i \mid m \Rightarrow d_i \mid m$

Similarly $d_i \mid m \Rightarrow d_i \mid m$

Thus $d_i \mid d_j$ & $d_j \mid d_i \Rightarrow d_i = d_j$

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Proposition 9

Every irreducible matrix with period 1 is primitive and conversely, every primitive matrix is irreducible with period 1

Proof

Let A be primitive with $A^k > 0$ for a minimal possible k .

Clearly A is irreducible.

Consider the least m such that $A^m(1,1) > 0$.

$$\text{let } P(1) = \{m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \mid A^m(1,1) > 0\}$$

Then $m \in P(1)$ & $k \in P(1)$

But $k+1, k+2, \dots$ all are part of $P(1)$

$$\therefore \gcd(P(1)) = 1$$

Conversely, let A be irreducible with period 1

$$\text{Consider } P(i) = \{m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \mid A^m(i,i) > 0\}$$

$$\gcd(P(i)) = 1$$

Let $m_1, m_2 \in P(1)$. Let $\lambda = m_1 m_2 - m_1 - m_2$. This

is the Frobenius number of m_1 & m_2

$$\text{Now } A^{m_1}(i,i) > 0, A^{m_2}(i,i) > 0$$

and every $N > \lambda$ can be written as $\alpha m_1 + \beta m_2$

$$\text{and } A^{\alpha m_1 + \beta m_2}(i,i) \geq (A^{m_1}(i,i))^{\alpha} (A^{m_2}(i,i))^{\beta} > 0$$

Thus we can obtain $M(i)$ s.t. $n \geq M(i)$, $A^n(i,i) > 0$

By irreducibility of A , obtain $m(i,j)$ s.t. $A^{m(i,j)}(i,j) > 0$

Thus $n \geq M(i)$,

$$A^{n+m(i,j)}(i,j) \geq A^n(i,i) A^{m(i,j)}(i,j) > 0$$

Thus, let $M = \max_{i,j} M(i) + m(i,j)$ so that $\forall n \geq M$
 $A^n(i,j) > 0$
 $\therefore A^n > 0$

We now have the Perron - Frobenius theorem for irreducible matrices of a general period d , which due to the above proposition is a generalisation of Perron's theorem

Theorem 10 (Perron - Frobenius theorem)

Let $T \geq 0$ be irreducible. Then there is a unique positive real number θ_0 with the following properties

- (a) \exists real vector $x_0 > 0$ st. $Tx_0 = \theta_0 x_0$
- (b) θ_0 has alg mult = geom mult = 1
- (c) For every eigenvalue θ of T , $|\theta| \leq \theta_0$. Further, if $|\theta| = \theta_0$, then $\theta = \theta_0 \exp(2\pi i m/d)$ for $m = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$

(that is d of the eigenvalues have modulus as θ_0) where d is the period of T

- (d) Any non-negative left or right evec of T has eval θ_0 :

Let $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \geq 0$, $x \neq 0$

If $Tx \leq tx$, then $x \geq 0$, $t \geq \theta_0$. Further $t = \theta_0$.

iff $Tx = tx$

If $Tx \geq tx$, then $t \leq \theta_0$. Further, $t = \theta_0$.

iff $Tx = tx$

- (e) If $0 \leq S \leq T$ or if S is a principal minor of T , and S has eval σ then $|\sigma| \leq \theta_0$. $|\sigma| = \theta_0$ occurs only if $S = T$

- (f) Given a complex matrix S , let $|S|$ denote the matrix obtained by S by taking modulus of every entry of S .

If $|S| \leq T$ and S has eval σ , then $|\sigma| \leq \theta_0$ with equality only if the following hold

(i) $|S| = T$

(ii) \exists diagonal matrix E with $|E| = I$ and $\exists z$ with $|z| = 1$ so that $S = z E T E^{-1}$

proof

(a) Let $P = (I + T)^k$ for some k st. $P \geq 0$ (using prop 7). Also note $PT = TP$

$$\text{Let } B = \{x \mid x \geq 0, x \neq 0\}$$

For $x \in B$, define a function $\theta : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as

$$\begin{aligned}\theta(x) &= \max \{t \in \mathbb{R} \mid tx \leq Tx\} \\ &= \max \{t \in \mathbb{R} \mid t_i \leq \frac{(Tx)_i}{x_i}, x_i \neq 0\} \\ &= \min_{x_i \neq 0} \frac{(Tx)_i}{x_i};\end{aligned}$$

claim 1 : $\theta(\alpha x) = \theta(x)$ $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha > 0$

$$\text{proof : } \theta(\alpha x) = \min_{x_i \neq 0} \frac{(Tx)(\alpha x)_i}{(\alpha x)_i} = \min_{x_i \neq 0} \frac{(Tx)_i}{x_i}$$

claim 2 : $\theta(Px) \geq \theta(x)$ with equality iff x is an eigenvector of T

$$\text{proof : } \theta(x)x \leq Tx$$

$$\text{thus } P(\theta(x)x) \leq PTx = TPx$$

$$\therefore \theta(x)Px \leq Tx$$

$$\text{Now } \theta(Px) = \min_{(Px)_i \neq 0} \frac{(Tx)_i}{(Px)_i} \geq \min_{(Px)_i \neq 0} \frac{\theta(x)(Px)_i}{(Px)_i}$$

The equality holds iff $Tx = \theta(x)x$ i.e. x is an eigenvector of T

$$\text{Now define } C = \{x \in B \mid \|x\| = 1\} \subseteq B$$

claim 3 : $\theta(x)$ is continuous on $P(C)$ but not on C

proof : Well for every $x \geq 0$, $Px \geq 0$ since $P \geq 0$.

Thus θ is continuous on $P(C)$ but some x_i may

be 0 on C and hence we get jumps. Try the

example of $T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ at $(1, 0)$

C is compact $\Rightarrow P(C)$ is compact $\Rightarrow \theta$ attains maximum on $P(C)$, at, say x_0

$$\text{Now } \theta_0 := \sup_{x \in B} \theta(x)$$

$$= \sup_{x \in C} \theta(x) \quad (\because \text{by claim 1})$$

$$= \sup_{x \in P(C)} \theta(x) \quad (\because \text{by claim 2})$$

$$= \theta(x_0)$$

$x_0 \geq 0$ and x_0 is an eigenvector of T with $Tx_0 = \theta_0 x_0$

(b) It suffices to show that the algebraic multiplicity is 1 since $x_0 \geq 0 \Rightarrow 1 \leq \text{geom mult} \leq \text{alg. mult} = 1$

Unfortunately we need to use (e) to prove $\text{alg. mult} = 1$ and to prove (e) we need $\text{geom. mult} = 1$.

Thus we first show that $\text{geom. mult} = 1$ & give the proof that $\text{alg. mult} = 1$ as (b') after (f)

Claim : If $z \in B$ such that $Tz \geq \theta_0 z$, then z is an eigenvector of T and $z \geq 0$

Proof : $Tz \geq \theta_0 z$

By definition, $\theta(z) \geq \theta_0$ but since θ_0 is the supremum of B , $\theta(z) = \theta_0 \Rightarrow Tz = \theta_0 z$

Now $P > 0$, $z \geq 0 \Rightarrow Pz \geq 0$

But $Pz = (I+T)^k z = (1+\theta_0)^k z \geq 0$

Thus $z \geq 0$. This proves our claim

Suppose $Tx = \theta_0 x$. We show $\lambda x = x_0$ for some $\lambda \neq 0$

Note that $x_0 > 0$ from (a). Choose λ so that

$y = x_0 + \lambda x \geq 0$ but $y \neq 0$. We have $y \in B$

Now $Ty = Tx_0 + \lambda Tx = \theta_0 (x_0 + \lambda x) = \theta_0 y$

In particular $Ty \geq \theta_0 y \Rightarrow y > 0$ by claim

which is a contradiction. The only possible choice is $y = 0 \Rightarrow -\lambda x = x_0$

(c) Let $Tx = \theta x$. Define $|x| = (|x_1|, \dots, |x_n|) \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 $|Tx| \geq |T|x| = |\theta x| = |\theta| |x|$

By definition $\theta(|x|) \geq |\theta|$

But $|x| \geq 0$ & θ achieves maximum at x_0 & it is θ_0

$\therefore |\theta| \leq \theta(|x|) \leq \theta_0 \Rightarrow |\theta| \leq \theta_0$

Now suppose $Tx = \theta x$ with $|\theta| = \theta_0$

This means $|\theta| = \theta(|x|) = \theta_0$

In particular, equality is achieved in the triangle inequality

$|Tx| \geq |T|x|$ (ie. $|\sum_{j=1}^n t_{ij} x_j| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n t_{ij} |x_j|$)

(Note that $t_{ij} \geq 0$)

Thus every $t_{ij} x_j$ has the same argument (ie. they all lie on the same line in \mathbb{C})

Now T has period d . Thus its underlying directed graph has every cycle length some multiple of d with d being gcd of all cycle lengths

Fix a vertex i_0 in the graph and define the sets

$V_k = \{j \mid \text{there is a walk from } i_0 \text{ to } j \text{ of length } k \pmod d\}$

Define $L_j = \{l \in \mathbb{N} \mid \text{there is a walk of length } l \text{ from } i_0 \text{ to } j\}$

L_j is non-empty since T is irreducible

let $l_1, l_2 \in L_j$

Suppose we have a walk of length m from j to i_0 .

Then we get cycles (at i_0) of lengths $l_1 + m \leq l_2 + m$.

Thus $d \mid l_1 + m, d \mid l_2 + m \Rightarrow l_1 \equiv l_2 \pmod{d}$

Since $d = \gcd(\text{cycle lengths})$, there is a cycle of length λd (some $\lambda \geq 1$) and hence, we have walks of length $1, 2, \dots, d$ starting from i_0 .

This shows that every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ lies in some L_j & $V_j, L_j \neq \emptyset$

Now observe that $V_k = \{j \mid L_j \subseteq k + d\mathbb{Z}\}$

Clearly, every index j satisfies $j \in V_k$ for a unique k and every V_k is non-empty since every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is in some L_j

Now we claim that the V_k are disjoint.

Suppose $j \in V_{k_1} \cap V_{k_2}$

Then $L_j \subseteq k_1 + d\mathbb{Z} \& L_j \subseteq k_2 + d\mathbb{Z}$ but for a fixed j , L_j determines the k uniquely (everything else in L_j is a multiple of $k \Rightarrow k_1 = k_2$)

Thus $V(G) = V_0 \sqcup V_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup V_{d-1}$

Suppose there is an edge $i \rightarrow j$ with $i \in V_k$ ($0 \leq k < d$)

This means that there is a path of length k from i_0 to i

Thus we get a path of length $k+1$ from $i_0 \rightarrow j$ showing that $j \in V_{k+1}$ ($k+1$ is taken mod d)

Thus, if we order the vertices according to $V_0 < \dots < V_{d-1}$, the matrix T now becomes $P^{-1} T P$ (P is some perm. matrix)

given by $P^{-1} T P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & T^{(0,1)} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & T^{(1,2)} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ T^{(d-1,0)} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore P^{-1} T^d P = \text{diag}(B^0, \dots, B^{d-1})$ for some blocks B_i :

[In fact $B_i = T^{(i,i+1)}, T^{(i+1,i+2)}, \dots, (T^{(i-1,i)})$ (indices mod d)]

Let $P^{-1} T P = \tilde{T}$. Eigenvalues of T and \tilde{T} are same.

Let x be an eigenvector of \tilde{T} . Decompose x as

$x = (x^{(0)}, \dots, x^{(d-1)})$ according to column sizes of $T^{(i,i+1)}$

Let the eigenvalue be λ

Then $(x^{(0)}, \zeta x^{(1)}, \zeta^2 x^{(2)}, \dots, \zeta^{d-1} x^{(d-1)})$ is also an eigenvector of \tilde{T} with eigenvalue ζ^k for some d^{th} root of unity ζ .

This shows that the spectrum of T is invariant under d^{th} rotations of \mathbb{C} .

This gives the existence of at least d st. $|D| = D_0$ (these are $D_0, \zeta D_0, \zeta^2 D_0, \dots, \zeta^{d-1} D_0$ for $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/d}$)

Now we show that these are all.

Recall the blocks B_k of $P^{-1}T^d P$.

$$B_k = T^{(k, k+1)} T^{(k+1, k+2)} \dots T^{(k+d-1, k)} \quad (\text{Indices mod } d)$$

A path of length m from a vertex $i \in V_k$ ends up in V_{k+m} ($k+m$ taken mod d) & hence within the same set V_k , all paths $i \rightarrow j$ have length divisible by d ie. in the graph, $\exists m$ so that there is a walk of length md from i to j .

This shows that $(B_k)^{md}_{ij} > 0$ by property of edges going from V_i to V_{i+1} .

Thus all B_k are primitive.

Since all edges $i \rightarrow j$ for $i, j \in V_k$ have length d , every cycle in B_k has length divisible by d and hence $\gcd(\text{all cycle lengths}) = 1$.

Hence every block has period 1.

This shows that the B_k are primitive.

Now if we have a primitive matrix T with $T^\alpha > 0$, replacing T by T^α in the mihal stages gives that all x_i have the same angular part (all $t_{ij} > 0$).

Consequently, $x = e^{i\beta} y$ for some β & some $y \geq 0$.

Thus $Ty = \theta y \Rightarrow \theta$ is real.

Thus $|D| = D_0 \Rightarrow D = D_0$ is unique.

This finishes the $d=1$ part (primitive case).

(We could've used theorem 1 itself but we'd rather not!)

Now each B_k is primitive and hence has exactly one eigenvalue of maximum modulus.

The spectrum of a block diagonal matrix is a multiset union of spectrum of each block.

But each block has the same spectrum since each

block is a permutation of $T^{(0,1)} T^{(1,2)} \dots T^{(d-1,0)}$ and

AB & BA have the same spectrum.

let λ_2 be the largest (unique) eval of a block.

Then this eigenvalue occurs d times in the spectrum of $P^{-1}T^d P$ and every other eigenvalue of $P^{-1}T^d P$ is smaller than λ_2 by modulus

But T^d has largest eval λ_d & hence $\lambda_2 = \lambda_d$.

Thus T^d & $P^{-1}T^d P$ have d largest eigenvalues given by λ_d & hence

Now if λ is an eigenvalue of T such that $|\lambda| = \lambda_0$ then λ^d is an eval of $P^{-1}T^d P$ (& T^d) but $|\lambda^d| = \lambda_0^d$ and hence there can only be d many λ .

This proves (c).

(d) Repeating items (a), (b), (c) with row vectors, we get $y_0 > 0$ real such that $\exists y_0 > 0$ with $y_0^t T = \lambda_0 y_0^t$, λ_0 is the largest by modulus & has alg & geom mult equal to 1

But T & T^t has same spectrum $\Rightarrow \lambda_0 = \lambda_0$

Thus we get y_0 s.t- $T^t y_0 = \lambda_0 y_0$

Assume $Tx \leq tx$ for some $x \geq 0$, $x \neq 0$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore \langle y_0, Tx \rangle \leq \langle y_0, tx \rangle \quad (\text{since } y_0 > 0)$$

$$\therefore \langle T^t y_0, x \rangle \leq t \langle y_0, x \rangle$$

$$\therefore \lambda_0 \langle y_0, x \rangle \leq t \langle y_0, x \rangle$$

$$\therefore \lambda_0 \leq t \quad (\because \langle y_0, x \rangle > 0 \text{ since } y_0 > 0, x \geq 0, x \neq 0)$$

Equality holds iff $\langle y_0, Tx \rangle = \langle y_0, tx \rangle$

$$\text{i.e. } y_0^t (Tx - tx) = 0 \Rightarrow Tx = tx \quad (\because y_0 > 0)$$

We are left to show that $x > 0$

Now $0 \leq Tx \leq tx$, $x \geq 0$, $x \neq 0 \Rightarrow t \geq 0$

$$\therefore 0 < Px < (1+t)^k x \Rightarrow x > 0$$

The same is mimicked for the $Tx \geq tx$ case.

(e) let $0 \leq S \leq T$

let $s \neq 0$ be an eval of S with eval σ : $Ss = \sigma s$

consider $s^* = |s|$ (coordinate wise modulus)

$$Ts^* \geq Ss^* \geq |\sigma|s^*$$

$$s^* \geq 0, s^* \neq 0, |\sigma| \in \mathbb{R}$$

By part (d), $|\sigma| \leq \lambda_0$ and equality is achieved

$$\text{iff } Ts^* = |\sigma|s^* \Rightarrow (T-S)s^* = 0$$

But $s^* \geq 0 \Rightarrow T - S = 0 \Rightarrow T = S$ (only necessary)

(f) Let $S_s = \sigma_s$ ($s \neq 0$). Let $s^* = |s|$

$$Ts^* \geq |s|s^* \geq |\sigma|s^*$$

Again by (d), $|\sigma| \leq \sigma_0$ and equality holds iff

$$Ts^* = |\sigma|s^* \Rightarrow (T - |s|I)s^* = 0 \Rightarrow T = |s|I$$

$$\text{further } |s|s^* = |\sigma|s^* = |\sigma_s| = |S_s|$$

$$\therefore \sum |S_{ij}| |s_j| = \left| \sum S_{ij} s_j \right|$$

Thus all $S_{ij} s_j$ have same argument in \mathbb{C}

$$\text{let } E_i = \frac{s_i}{|s_i|}, \quad c = \frac{\sigma}{|\sigma|}$$

$$\text{Then it is clear that } S_{ij} = c E_i E_j^{-1} |S_{ij}|$$

(b') To show that σ_0 has multiplicity 1 in the characteristic polynomial $\det(nI - T)$, we take the derivative of the polynomial and evaluate it at σ_0 to get a non-zero value.

It is a well known result (Jacobi's formula) that

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\det(A(t))) = \text{trace}(\text{adj}(A(t)) \frac{d}{dt} (A(t)))$$

$$\text{Here, } (\det(nI - T))' = \text{trace}(\text{adj}(nI - T)) \\ = \sum_{j=1}^n \det(nI - T^{(j)})$$

where $T^{(j)}$ is T without the j^{th} row & column.

Now, evaluating at σ_0 , we get

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \det(\sigma_0 I - T^{(j)})$$

Obtain matrix $M^{(j)}$ as

$$M^{(j)}(a, b) = \begin{cases} T^{(j)}(a, b) & \text{if } a, b < j \text{ or } a, b > j \\ 0 & a = j \text{ or } b = j \end{cases}$$

(Note that we deleted the i^{th} row & col of T to get $T^{(j)}$. Replacing these with 0's instead of deleting, yields $M^{(j)}$)

$$\text{Now } 0 \leq M^{(j)} \leq T$$

By (e), all eigenvalues of $M^{(j)}$ have modulus $\leq \sigma_0$ and if an eigenvalue has modulus σ_0 then $M^{(j)} = T$ which is not true since if T has an entire row and column 0, then it cannot be irreducible.

Now spectrum of $M^{(j)}$ is spectrum of $T^{(j)}$ with an extra 0.

Thus, σ_0 is not an eigenvalue of $T^{(j)}$.

Hence, $\det(\Omega_0 I - T^{1:3}) \neq 0$ (no eval is Ω_0)

Further, every eval of $T^{1:3}$ is an eval of $M^{1:3}$ and hence satisfies $|\lambda| < \Omega$

\therefore evals of $\Omega_0 I - T^{1:3}$ are of the form $\Omega_0 - z$ for z such that $|z| < \Omega$.

But the matrix $\Omega_0 I - T^{1:3}$ is real & hence complex evals occur in pairs.

$$(\Omega_0 - z)(\overline{\Omega_0 - z}) = |\Omega_0 - z|^2 > 0 \quad (\because |z| < \Omega_0)$$

and if $z \in \mathbb{R}$, $\Omega_0 - z \geq 0$ holds anyways

$$\text{Thus, } \det(\Omega_0 I - T^{1:3}) > 0$$

Hence the overall sum is positive & in particular non-zero completing the proof