

1 Preliminaries

Let \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} denote the field of real numbers and complex numbers respectively.

Definition .1. Let C be an $n \times n$ real nonnegative matrix, and $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be a nonzero column vector. The scalar $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is an *eigenvalue* of C corresponding to the *eigenvector* u , if $Cu = \lambda u$.

Definition .2. When C is an $n \times n$ real matrix, the spectral radius $\rho(C)$ of C is defined by

$$\rho(C) := \max\{ |\lambda| \mid \lambda \text{ is an eigenvalue of } C \}, \text{ where } |\lambda| \text{ is the magnitude of complex number } \lambda.$$

Theorem .3. If C is nonnegative square matrix, then the spectral radius $\rho(C)$ is an eigenvalue of C with a corresponding nonnegative right eigenvector and a corresponding nonnegative left eigenvector.

We are interested in spectral radius of the following matrix associated with a simple graph.

Definition .4. Given an undirected graph G , the *adjacency matrix* of G is the square matrix $A = (a_{ij})$ indexed by vertices of G , and

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is adjacent to } j, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Definition .5. Given an undirected graph G , the *spectral radius* $\rho(G)$ of G is the spectral radius of the adjacency matrix of G .

We introduce a notation of submatrix, which is taken from some columns and some rows of a matrix.

Definition .6. For a matrix $C = (c_{ij})$ and subsets α, β of row indices and column indices of C respectively, We use $C[\alpha|\beta]$ to denote the submatrix of C with size $|\alpha| \times |\beta|$ that has entries c_{ij} for $i \in \alpha$ and $j \in \beta$,

We introduce two matrices P and Q in the following theorem, where P is a permutation matrix which is multiplied to the left side, and Q is sum of elementary matrix and certain binary matrix. In which P generalize row permutation on cases of C matrix, and Q is the transform from C' to C , which is the first $n-1$ columns and sum of certain columns. We aim to find C' such that C' majors C , i.e.

C

$$\leq C'$$

The following theorem is from [1].

thm Let $C = (c_{ij})$, $C' = (c'_{ij})$, P and Q be $n \times n$ matrices. Assume that

(i) $PCQ \leq PC'Q$;

(ii) there exist a

nonnegative column vector $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)^T$ and a scalar $\lambda' \in \mathbb{R}$

such that λ' is an eigenvalue of C' with associated eigenvector Qu ;

(iii) there exist a nonnegative row vector

$$v^T = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

and a scalar $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that λ is an eigenvalue of C with associated left eigenvector $v^T P$; and

(iv) $v^T PQu > 0$.

Then $\lambda \leq \lambda'$. Moreover, $\lambda = \lambda'$ if and only if

$$(PC'Q)_{ij} = (PCQ)_{ij} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j \leq n$$

with

$$v_i \neq 0 \text{ and } u_j \neq 0. \quad (1)$$

thm

Multiplying the nonnegative vector u in

(ii) to the right of both terms of (i),

$$PCQu \leq PC'Qu = \lambda' PQu. \quad (2)$$

Multiplying the nonnegative left eigenvector v^T of C for λ in assumption (iii) to the left of all terms in (2), we have

$$\lambda v^T PQu = v^T PCQu \leq v^T PC'Qu = \lambda' v^T PQu. \quad (3)$$

Now delete the positive term $v^T PQu$ by assumption (iv) to obtain

$\lambda \leq \lambda'$ and finish the proof of the first part.

Proof

(Continue) Assume that $\lambda = \lambda'$, so the inequality in (e2) is an equality. Especially $(PCQu)_i = (PC'Qu)_i$ for any i with $v_i \neq 0$. Hence, $(PCQ)_{ij} = (PC'Q)_{ij}$ for any i with $v_i \neq 0$ and any j with $u_j \neq 0$. Conversely, (??) implies

$$v^T PCQu = \sum_{i,j}$$

$$v_i(PCQ)_{ij}u_j = \sum_{i,j} v_i(PC'Q)_{ij}u_j = v^T PC'Qu, \text{ so } \lambda = \lambda' \text{ by (??).}$$

2 Our Method

We use $[n-1]$ as notation of the set of elements from one to $n-1$, which is $1, 2, \dots, n$. Throughout fix $k \in [n-1]$. Let E_{kn} denote the $n \times n$ binary matrix with a unique 1 appearing in the position k, n of E_{kn} . We will apply the previous theorem with $P = I$ and

$$Q = I + E_{kn} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & 0 \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \\ 0 & & & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

Definition .7 (k -rooted vector). A column vector $v' = (v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n)^T$ is called k -rooted if $v'_j \geq 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$ and $v'_k \geq v'_n$.

The following Lemma is immediate from the above definition.

Lemma .8 (vector rooted lemma). If $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)^T$ and $v' = (v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n)^T := Qu = (u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}, u_k + u_n, u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n)^T$, then

(i) v' is k -rooted if and only if u is nonnegative;

(ii) $u_k > 0$ if and only if $v'_k > v'_n$.

□

Theorem .9 (Our first result). Let $C = (c_{ij})$, $C' = (c'_{ij})$ be $n \times n$ matrices. Assume that

(i) $C[[n]][[n-1]] \leq C'[[n]][[n-1]]$ and $c_{ik} + c_{in} \leq c'_{ik} + c'_{in}$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$;

- (ii) there exists a k -rooted vector $v' = (v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n)^T$ and a scalar $\lambda' \in \mathbb{R}$ such that λ' is an eigenvalue of C' with associated eigenvector v' ;
- (iii) there exists a nonnegative vector $v^T = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ and a scalar $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that λ is an eigenvalue of C with associated left eigenvector v^T ;
- (iv) $v^T v' > 0$.

Then $\lambda \leq \lambda'$. Moreover, $\lambda = \lambda'$ if and only if

- (a) $c_{ik} + c_{in} = c'_{ik} + c'_{in}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ with $v_i \neq 0$ and $v'_n \neq 0$;
- (b) $c'_{ij} = c_{ij}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n-1, j \neq k$ with $v_i \neq 0$;
- (c) $c'_{ik} = c_{ik}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $v'_k > v'_n$

□

Proof. The proof is based on Theorem (??) with $P = I$ and $Q = I + E_{kn}$ in (??). The assumption (i) $PCQ \leq PC'Q$ of Theorem (??) holds by the condition (i) of this theorem. Let $u = Q^{-1}v'$. Then u is nonnegative and $C'Qu = \lambda'Qu$ by the condition (ii) and Lemma 2.2(i). Hence the assumption (ii) of Theorem (??) holds. The assumptions (iii) and (iv) of Theorem (??) clearly hold by conditions (iii),(iv) of this theorem since $P = I$ and $v' = Qu$. Hence $\lambda \leq \lambda'$ by the conclusion of Theorem (??). Moreover $\lambda = \lambda'$ if and only if (??) holds, and this is equivalent to conditions (a),(b) of this theorem. □

We are interested in the matrices C' that have k -rooted eigenvectors. Motivated by the condition (i) of theorem 2.3, we provide the following two definitions.

Definition .10 ((k,n)-sum). For an $n \times n$ matrix $C' = (c'_{ij})$, the (k,n) -sum vector of C' is the vector of the sum of the k -th and n -th columns of C' , where $k \leq n-1$.

Note that the last column of $C'Q$ is the (k,n) -sum vector of C'

Definition .11 (k -rooted matrix). A matrix $C' = (c'_{ij})$ is called k -rooted if its columns and its (k,n) -sum vector are all k -rooted except the last column of C' .

Lemma .12. Let $C' = (c'_{ij})$ be an $n \times n$ nonnegative matrix. Then the following (i)-(iii) hold.

- (i) C' is a k -rooted matrix, if and only if, $Q^{-1}C'Q$ is nonnegative.
- (ii) Assume that C' is k -rooted and let u be a nonnegative eigenvector of $Q^{-1}C'Q$ for $\rho(C')$. Then C' has a k -rooted eigenvector $v' = Qu$ for $\rho(C')$.
- (iii) $\rho(C') = \rho(Q^{-1}C'Q)$