

# Perron's Theorem

If  $\mathbf{A}_{n \times n} > \mathbf{0}$  with  $r = \rho(\mathbf{A})$ , then the following statements are true.

- $r > 0$ . (8.2.14)

- $r \in \sigma(\mathbf{A})$  ( $r$  is called the *Perron root*). (8.2.15)

- $\text{alg mult}_{\mathbf{A}}(r) = 1$ . (8.2.16)

- There exists an eigenvector  $\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{0}$  such that  $\mathbf{Ax} = r\mathbf{x}$ . (8.2.17)

- The *Perron vector* is the unique vector defined by

$$\mathbf{Ap} = rp, \quad \mathbf{p} > \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{and} \quad \|\mathbf{p}\|_1 = 1,$$

and, except for positive multiples of  $\mathbf{p}$ , there are no other nonnegative eigenvectors for  $\mathbf{A}$ , regardless of the eigenvalue.

- $r$  is the only eigenvalue on the spectral circle of  $\mathbf{A}$ . (8.2.18)

- The *Collatz-Wielandt formula* says  $r = \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}} f(\mathbf{x})$ , where

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \min_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ x_i \neq 0}} \frac{[\mathbf{Ax}]_i}{x_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{N} = \{\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0} \text{ with } \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}\}.$$