

# MATH 4370/7370 – Linear Algebra and Matrix Analysis

Essentially nonnegative matrices and M-matrices

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# Outline

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The Perron-Frobenius can be applied not only to nonnegative matrices, but also to matrices that are *essentially nonnegative*, in the sense that they are nonnegative except perhaps along the main diagonal

### Definition 7.1

A matrix  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n$  is **essentially nonnegative** (or **quasi-positive**) if there exist  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $A + \alpha \mathbb{I} \geq 0$

### Remark 7.2

*An essentially nonnegative matrix  $A$  has non-negative off-diagonal entries. The sign of the diagonal entries is not relevant*

### Remark 7.3

*Irreducibility of a matrix is not affected by the nature of its diagonal entries. Indeed, consider an essentially nonnegative matrix  $A$ . The existence of a directed path in  $G(A)$  does not depend on the existence of “self-loops”. The same is not true of primitive matrices, where the presence of negative entries on the main diagonal has an influence on the values of  $A^k$  and thus ultimately, on the capacity to find  $k$  such that  $A^k > 0$*

So we can apply the “weak” versions of the Perron-Frobenius Theorem (the imprimitive cases in Theorem ??) to  $A + \alpha \mathbb{I}$ , which is a nonnegative matrix (potentially irreducible). One important ingredient is a result that was proved as Theorem ??. Namely, that perturbations of the entire diagonal by the same scalar lead to a shift of the spectrum; this is summarised as

$$\sigma(A + \alpha \mathbb{I}) = \{\lambda_1 + \alpha, \dots, \lambda_n + \alpha, \quad \lambda_i \in \sigma(A)\}$$

### Definition 7.4 (Spectral abscissa)

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n$ . The **spectral abscissa** of  $A$ ,  $s(A)$ , is

$$s(A) = \max\{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda), \lambda \in \sigma(A)\}$$

### Theorem 7.5

*Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  be essentially nonnegative. Then  $s(A)$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  and is associated to a nonnegative eigenvector. If, additionally,  $A$  is irreducible, then  $s(A)$  is simple and is associated to a positive eigenvector*

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### Definition 7.6

A matrix is of class  $Z_n$  if it is in  $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  and such that  $a_{i,j} \leq 0$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$

$$Z_n = \{A \in \mathcal{M}_n : a_{i,j} \leq 0, i \neq j\}$$

We also say that  $A \in Z_n$  has the **Z-sign pattern**

## Theorem 7.7 ([Fie08])

Let  $A \in Z_n$ . TFAE

1. There is a nonnegative vector  $x$  such that  $Ax > 0$
2. There is a positive vector  $x$  such that  $Ax > 0$
3. There is a diagonal matrix  $\text{diag}(D) > 0$  such that the entries in  $AD = [w_{ik}]$  are such that

$$w_{ii} > \sum_{k \neq i} |w_{ik}| \forall i$$

4. For any  $B \in Z_n$  such that  $A \geq B$ , then  $B$  is nonsingular
5. Every real eigenvalue of any principal submatrix of  $A$  is positive.
6. All principal minors of  $A$  are positive

## Theorem 7.7 (Continued)

7. *For all  $k = 1, \dots, n$ , the sum of all principal minors is positive*
8. *Every real eigenvalue of  $A$  is positive*
9. *There exists a matrix  $C \geq 0$  and a number  $k > \rho(A)$  such that  $A = k\mathbb{I} - C$*
10. *There exists a splitting  $A = P - Q$  of the matrix  $A$  such that  $P^{-1} \geq 0$ ,  $Q \geq 0$ , and  $\rho(P^{-1}Q) < 1$*
11.  *$A$  is nonsingular and  $A^{-1} \geq 0$*
12. ...
- 18 *The real part of any eigenvalue of  $A$  is positive*

**Notation:**  $A \in Z_n$  such that any (and therefore all) of these properties holds is a matrix of class  $K$  (or a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix).

### Theorem 7.8

*Let  $A \in Z = \bigcap_{i=1,\dots} Z_n$  be symmetric. Then  $A \in K$  if and only if  $A$  is positive definite.*

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## Theorem 7.9

Let  $A \in Z_n$ . TFAE

1.  $A + \varepsilon \mathbb{I} \in K$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$
2. Every real eigenvalue of a principal submatrix of  $A$  is nonnegative
3. All principal minors of  $A$  are nonnegative
4. The sum of all principal minors of order  $k = 1, \dots, n$  is nonnegative
5. Every real eigenvalue of  $A$  is nonnegative
6. There exists  $C \geq 0$  and  $k \geq \rho(C)$  such that  $A = k\mathbb{I} - C$
7. Every eigenvalue of  $A$  has nonnegative real part

$A \in Z_n$  such that any of these properties holds is a matrix of class  $K_0$

## Theorem 7.10

Let  $A \in Z_n$ . Assume  $A \in K_0$ . Then  $A \in K \iff A$  nonsingular

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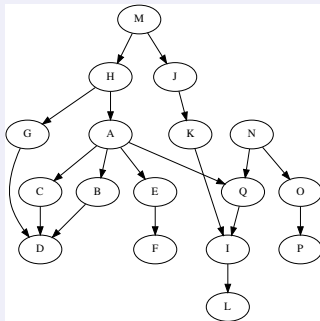
### Definition 7.11 (Signature matrix)

A **signature matrix** is a diagonal matrix  $S$  with diagonal entries  $\pm 1$



## Theorem 7.12 ([BP94])

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n$ . Then for each fixed letter  $\mathcal{C}$  representing one of the following conditions, conditions  $\mathcal{C}_i$  are equivalent for each  $i$ . Moreover, letting  $\mathcal{C}$  then represent any of the equivalent conditions  $\mathcal{C}_i$ , the following implication tree holds:



If  $A \in Z_n$ , each of the following conditions is equivalent to the statement “ $A$  is a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix”

## Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

(A<sub>1</sub>) *All the principal minors of  $A$  are positive*

(A<sub>2</sub>) *Every real eigenvalue of each principal submatrix of  $A$  is positive*

(A<sub>3</sub>) *For each  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  there exists a positive diagonal matrix  $D$  such that*

$$\mathbf{x}^T AD\mathbf{x} > 0$$

(A<sub>4</sub>) *For each  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  there exists a nonnegative diagonal matrix  $D$  such that*

$$\mathbf{x}^T AD\mathbf{x} > 0$$

(A<sub>5</sub>)  *$A$  does not reverse the sign of any vector; that is, if  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x}$ , then for some subscript  $i$ ,  $x_i y_i > 0$*

(A<sub>6</sub>) *For each signature matrix  $S$ , there exists an  $\mathbf{x} \gg \mathbf{0}$  such that*

$$SAS\mathbf{x} \gg \mathbf{0}$$

## Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

- (B<sub>7</sub>) *The sum of all the  $k \times k$  principal minors of  $A$  is positive for  $k = 1, \dots, n$*
- (C<sub>8</sub>)  *$A$  is nonsingular and all the principal minors of  $A$  are nonnegative*
- (C<sub>9</sub>)  *$A$  is nonsingular and every real eigenvalue of each principal submatrix of  $A$  is nonnegative*
- (C<sub>10</sub>)  *$A$  is nonsingular and  $A + D$  is nonsingular for each positive diagonal matrix  $D$*
- (C<sub>11</sub>)  *$A + D$  is nonsingular for each nonnegative diagonal matrix  $D$*
- (C<sub>12</sub>)  *$A$  is nonsingular and for each  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  there exists a nonnegative diagonal matrix  $D$  such that*

$$\mathbf{x}^T D \mathbf{x} \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}^T A D \mathbf{x} > 0$$

- (C<sub>13</sub>)  *$A$  is nonsingular and if  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x}$ , then for some subscript  $i$ ,  $x_i \neq 0$  and  $x_i y_i \geq 0$ .*
- (C<sub>14</sub>)  *$A$  is nonsingular and for each signature matrix  $S$  there exists a vector  $\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{0}$  such that*

$$S A S \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

### Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

( $D_{15}$ )  $A + \alpha \mathbb{I}$  is nonsingular for each  $\alpha \geq 0$

( $D_{16}$ ) Every real eigenvalue of  $A$  is positive

( $E_{17}$ ) All the leading principal minors of  $A$  are positive

( $E_{18}$ ) There exists lower and upper triangular matrices  $L$  and  $U$ , respectively, with positive diagonals such that

$$A = LU$$

( $F_{19}$ ) There exists a permutation matrix  $P$  such that  $PAP^T$  satisfies ( $E_{17}$ ) or ( $E_{18}$ )

## Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

(G<sub>20</sub>)  $A$  is **positive stable**; that is, the real part of each eigenvalue of  $A$  is positive

(G<sub>21</sub>) There exists a symmetric positive definite matrix  $W$  such that

$$AW + WA^T$$

is positive definite.

(G<sub>22</sub>)  $A + \mathbb{I}$  is nonsingular and

$$G = (A + \mathbb{I})^{-1}(A - \mathbb{I})$$

is convergent

## Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

( $G_{23}$ )  $A + \mathbb{I}$  is nonsingular and for

$$G = (A + \mathbb{I})^{-1}(A - \mathbb{I})$$

there exists a positive definite matrix  $W$  such that

$$W - G^T W G$$

is positive definite

## Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

(H<sub>24</sub>) *There exists a positive diagonal matrix  $D$  such that*

$$AD + DA^T$$

*is positive definite*

(H<sub>25</sub>) *There exists a positive diagonal matrix  $E$  such that for  $B = E^{-1}AE$ , the matrix*

$$(B + B^T)/2$$

*is positive definite*

(H<sub>26</sub>) *For each positive semidefinite matrix  $Q$ , the matrix  $QA$  has a positive diagonal element*

## Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

( $I_{27}$ )  $A$  is **semipositive**; that is, there exists  $\mathbf{x} \gg \mathbf{0}$  with  $A\mathbf{x} \gg \mathbf{0}$

( $I_{28}$ ) There exists  $\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{0}$  with  $A\mathbf{x} \gg \mathbf{0}$

( $I_{29}$ ) There exists a positive diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $AD$  has all positive row sums

( $J_{30}$ ) There exists  $\mathbf{x} \gg \mathbf{0}$  with  $A\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{0}$  and

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j > 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

( $K_{31}$ ) There exists a permutation matrix  $P$  such that  $PAP^T$  satisfies ( $J_{30}$ )



## Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

- ( $L_{32}$ ) *There exists  $\mathbf{x} \gg \mathbf{0}$  with  $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{0}$  such that if  $y_{i_0} = 0$ , then there exists a sequence of indices  $i_1, \dots, i_r$  with  $a_{i_{j-1}i_j} \neq 0$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r$  and with  $y_{i_r} \neq 0$*
- ( $L_{33}$ ) *There exists  $\mathbf{x} \gg \mathbf{0}$  with  $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{0}$  such that the matrix  $\hat{A} = [\hat{a}_{ij}]$  defined by*

$$\hat{a}_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a_{ij} \neq 0 \text{ or } y_i \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

*is irreducible*

## Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

( $M_{34}$ ) *There exists  $\mathbf{x} \gg \mathbf{0}$  such that for each signature matrix  $S$*

$$SAS\mathbf{x} \gg \mathbf{0}$$

( $M_{35}$ ) *A has all positive diagonal elements and there exists a positive diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $AD$  is **strictly diagonally dominant**; that is*

$$a_{ii}d_i > \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}d_j|, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

( $M_{36}$ ) *A has all positive diagonal elements and there exists a positive diagonal matrix  $E$  such that  $E^{-1}AE$  is strictly diagonally dominant*

## Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

( $M_{37}$ ) *A has all positive diagonal elements and there exists a positive diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $AD$  is **lower semistrictly diagonally dominant**; that is,*

$$a_{ii}d_i \geq \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}d_j|, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

*and*

$$a_{ii}d_i > \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} |a_{ij}d_j|, \quad i = 2, \dots, n.$$

## Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

(N<sub>38</sub>)  $A$  is **inverse-positive**; that is,  $A^{-1}$  exists and

$$A^{-1} \geq 0$$

(N<sub>39</sub>)  $A$  is **monotone**; that is,

$$Ax \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

(N<sub>40</sub>) There exists inverse-positive matrices  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  such that

$$B_1 \leq A \leq B_2$$

(N<sub>41</sub>) There exists an inverse-positive matrix  $B \geq A$  such that  $I - B^{-1}A$  is convergent

(N<sub>42</sub>) There exists an inverse-positive matrix  $B \geq A$  and  $A$  satisfies  $(I_{27})$ ,  $(I_{28})$  and  $(I_{29})$

## Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

( $N_{43}$ ) *There exists an inverse-positive matrix  $B \geq A$  and a nonsingular M-matrix  $C$  such that*

$$A = BC$$

( $N_{44}$ ) *There exists an inverse-positive matrix  $B$  and a nonsingular M-matrix  $C$  such that*

$$A = BC$$

( $N_{45}$ ) *A has a **convergent regular splitting**; that is, A has a representation*

$$A = M - N, \quad M^{-1} \geq 0, \quad N \geq 0$$

*where  $M^{-1}N$  is convergent*

## Theorem 7.12 (Continued)

( $N_{46}$ )  $A$  has a **convergent weak regular splitting**; that is,  $A$  has a representation

$$A = M - N, \quad M^{-1} \geq 0, \quad M^{-1}N \geq 0$$

where  $M^{-1}N$  is convergent

( $O_{47}$ ) Each weak regular splitting of  $A$  is convergent

( $P_{48}$ ) Every regular splitting of  $A$  is convergent



( $Q_{49}$ ) For each  $\mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{0}$  the set

$$S_{\mathbf{y}} = \{\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0} : A^T \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{y}\}$$

is bounded and  $A$  is nonsingular

( $Q_{50}$ )  $S_{\mathbf{0}} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ ; that is, the inequalities  $A^b \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$  have only the trivial solution  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $A$  is nonsingular

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