



Positive Classes of Matrices

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Abstract

In this lecture we present different types of positivity concept in matrix analysis. Any kind of positive matrix has own typical applications. Entrywise positivity, definite positivity, complete positivity and total positivity are the main types of positivity in matrix analysis. The concept of a positive definite matrix (PD) is well-known for most people having the elementary course in linear algebra, but the other types of positivity are not quiet well-know as PD matrices, thus we present other types of positivities in matrix theory. For more complete information on PD matrices see [1]. In linear algebra any real matrix with nonnegative entries is called *Nonnegative Matrix* (NM).

A matrix which is both nonnegative and positive semi-definite is called *doubly nonnegative matrix* (DNM). The Perron–Frobenius theorem, proved by Oskar Perron (1907) and Georg Frobenius (1912), is the most important result stating that a real square matrix with positive entries has a unique largest real eigenvalue and that the corresponding eigenvector can be chosen to have strictly positive entries. This theorem has significant applications [2, 4–6]. If a symmetric matrix A can be factorized of the form $A = BB^T$ where B is a non-negative matrix, then A is called a *Completely Matrix* (CP). Completely positive matrices have arisen in some situations in economic modelling and appear to have some applications in statistics, and they are also appear in quadratic optimisation, for more details see [3]. Any real matrix with nonnegative minors are called *Totally Non-Negative* (TN) matrix. If all minors are strictly positive then A is called *Totally Positive* (TP). This topic appears in the spectral properties of kernels of ordinary differential equations whose Green’s function is totally positive (studied by M. G. Krein and some colleagues in the mid-1930s) [7–9]. In this presentation we give a detailed picture of all kinds of positivity mentioned above.

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