

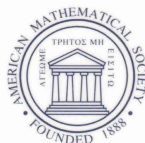
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## Foreword

Many important problems in applied sciences, mathematics, and engineering can be reduced to matrix problems. Moreover, various applications often introduce a special structure into the corresponding matrices, so that their entries can be described by a certain compact formula. Among classical examples are Toeplitz matrices  $[a_{i-j}]$ , Hankel matrices  $[a_{i+j}]$ , Toeplitz-plus-Hankel matrices, Vandermonde matrices  $[a_i^{j-1}]$ , Cauchy matrices  $[\frac{1}{a_i-b_j}]$ , Pick matrices  $[\frac{1-a_i a_j^*}{b_i+b_j^*}]$ , and also Bezoutians, controllability and observability matrices and others. Though standard linear algebra methods are, of course, readily available, there are several reasons why they can be unattractive in many instances. Along with just the desire to find elegant structure-exploiting solutions, there are also practical computational considerations such as the storage limitations, the need in reducing computational complexity as well as in obtaining a better numerical accuracy. In many cases these goals can be achieved by solving the underlying problem in terms of only  $O(n)$  of parameters defining a structured  $n \times n$  matrix via a compact formula as in the above examples.

Structured matrices have been under close study for a long time, and in quite diverse (and seemingly unrelated) areas. Typically, not only an area of application gives rise to certain patterns of structure, but it often provides a technique to solve the associated matrix problems. As an illustration of this principle we mention the classical interpolation problems of Caratheodory-Toeplitz and of Nevanlinna-Pick. Not only are they related to positive definite Toeplitz and Pick matrices, resp., but the recursive algorithms of Schur and Nevanlinna for computing their solutions admit nice matrix interpretations. In fact, these classical interpolation algorithms can be understood as efficient structure-exploiting ways to compute the Cholesky decompositions for these matrices. As was mentioned above, structured matrices were studied from different points of view, in mathematics, computer science and engineering. For example, the same Toeplitz and Pick matrices were closely looked at using the methods of reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces, lifting-of-commutants, state-space methods, as well as the methods of system theory and signal processing, network theory, linear prediction, to mention just a few mathematical and engineering fields. Interestingly, in the latter a physical intuition often provides deep insights into structured matrix problems. An interplay between the techniques of engineers and mathematicians is reflected in these volumes. There are several other areas providing their own applications and their own languages to attack structured matrix problems. It can be quite difficult to survey all such connections; in fact, browsing through the papers of these volumes can give a flavor of the plethora of different techniques and approaches. It appears that the theory of structured matrices is positioned to bridge the gaps between these diverse areas.

Significant progress has been recently made in studying relevant numerical issues. It was quite well-understood for a long time that structure can be exploited to speed-up computations and to design fast algorithms. However, many of those suffered from the loss of numerical accuracy. In the past few years a number of algorithms blending speed and accuracy has been developed. This progress is fully reflected in these volumes.

Though structured matrices have been under close study for a long time, in the past decade they have enjoyed a significant growth in popularity. One reason for this is in that the theory of structured matrices is poised to bridge diverse applications in the sciences and engineering, deep mathematical theories and computational and numerical issues. Hence, it is not surprising that the number of researchers in our scientific community is rapidly increasing. Special sessions and minisymposia devoted to structured matrices were included in the programs of various general mathematical and engineering conferences, among which we mention various SIAM meetings, ILAS, IWOTA, SPIE, and MTNS. Moreover, in the past few years several special international conferences focusing solely on different aspects of structured matrices were held in Santa Barbara (USA, Aug. 1996), Cortona (Italy, Sept. 1996), Boulder (USA, July 1999), Chemnitz (Germany, Jan. 2000), Cortona (Italy, Sep. 2000), and we are looking forward to the next meeting in South Hadley (USA, Aug. 2001).

These meetings, especially the one in Boulder (July 1999), brought together quite diverse audiences of participants, many of which have never actually met earlier in the framework of such a comprehensive cross-disciplinary conference. In fact, it was a unique “cross-fertilization” atmosphere of the Boulder meeting that suggested the idea to pursue this publishing project. The detailed table of contents will provide a general idea of these volumes. Thirty eight papers devoted to the different aspects of the theory of structured matrices and using different techniques are collected under one cover. We hope that the reader will enjoy a plethora of different problems, different focuses, and different methods that all contribute to one unified theory of structured matrices.

Part I is devoted to a connection of structured matrices to several problems in interpolation and approximation. In the first paper the reader will see a natural connection of our subject to reproducing kernels. Other papers emphasize algorithmical aspects of tangential interpolation problems, exploit the maximum-volume concept, and present relations to Pade approximations and to the extended Euclidean algorithm.

Part II provides the perspective of engineers and presents their insights into the subject. It starts with a paper on systems on low Hankel rank. The reader will notice that the other parts of these volumes contain several other papers that discuss some of the related issues but from different points of view. Part 2 also contains an application of the “language of signal flow graphs” to study structured matrices, an exposition of recent advances in tensor analysis, and several applications.

Part III is dedicated to recent relevant developments in control theory.

Part IV contains several papers discussing spectral properties of Toeplitz, block Toeplitz, Pick and Hankel matrices.

PART V presents several fast algorithms for various classes of structured matrices.

Part VI provides a snapshot of the current state-of-art in numerical issues related to structured matrices. It starts with a paper containing a “quite heavy” error

analysis leading to the first provably stable variant of the unitary Hessenberg QR algorithm. The other papers cover stability issues of fast algorithms and inversion formulas.

Part VII contains two papers devoted to preconditioners design.

Finally, part VIII contains a discussion of the concept of approximate displacement rank, new inversion formulas for structured matrices, a survey on completion problems and several related topics.

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Structured matrices have been under close study for a long time and in quite diverse (and seemingly unrelated) areas, for example, mathematics, computer science, and engineering. Considerable progress has recently been made in all these areas, and especially in studying the relevant numerical and computational issues. In the past few years, a number of practical algorithms blending speed and accuracy have been developed. This significant growth is fully reflected in these volumes, which collect 38 papers devoted to the numerous aspects of the topic.

The collection of the contributions to these volumes offers a flavor of the plethora of different approaches to attack structured matrix problems. The reader will find that the theory of structured matrices is positioned to bridge diverse applications in the sciences and engineering, deep mathematical theories, as well as computational and numerical issues. The presentation fully illustrates the fact that the techniques of engineers, mathematicians, and numerical analysts nicely complement each other, and they all contribute to one unified theory of structured matrices.

The book is published in two volumes. The first contains articles on interpolation, system theory, signal and image processing, control theory, and spectral theory. Articles in the second volume are devoted to fast algorithms, numerical and iterative methods, and various applications.

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