SOME PROPERTIES OF THE PROPER VALUES
OF A MATRIX¹

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**Introduction.** In [9], we consider a square matrix \( A = (a_{ij}) \) with real or complex elements satisfying the inequalities

\[
(1) \quad s_j = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |a_{ij}| \leq 1 \quad (j = 1, 2, \ldots, n).
\]

Then \( I - A \) is nonsingular if

\[
(2) \quad |a_{11}| < 1, \quad |a_{kk}| + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} s_i |a_{ik}| < 1 \quad (k > 1).
\]

With property (1), condition (2) is implied by

\[
(3) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{j} |a_{ij}| < 1 \quad (j = 1, 2, \ldots, n).
\]

In [10], we show that if \( A \) is non-negative and satisfies (1), then properties (2) and (3) are equivalent, and either property (2) or (3) is a necessary and sufficient condition for the maximal proper value to be less than unity. In this paper, we study some properties of the proper values of a matrix without condition (1). Without assuming (1), property (3) is necessary but not sufficient for a maximal proper value of a non-negative matrix to be less than 1. With condition (1), property (2) is a sufficient condition but not necessary for a real- or complex-valued matrix to have a maximal proper value less than unity in modulus. In §3, we give some equivalent conditions for all the proper values of a non-negative matrix \( A \) to be less than unity in modulus. Property (v) in §3 shows that \( a_{kk} + c_k < 1 \) (see (3.4) and (3.5) below) is an equivalent condition for all the proper values to lie within a unit circle. This property is analogous to property (2) above. Another equivalent property is stated as follows: there exists a principal submatrix \( A_{(p-1)} \) and a positive vector \( w \) (both) of order \( n - 1 \) such that \( w' A_{(p-1)} < w' \) and \( \det(I - A) > 0 \).

1. **Moduli of finite matrices.** The modulus of a finite matrix \( A \) with real or complex elements is a finite real-valued function, \( ||A|| \), satisfying the following axioms:

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(I) \( \|sA\| = |s| \cdot \|A\| \) for every number \( s \).
(II) \( \|I\| = 1 \), independent of the order of \( I \).
(III) \( \|AB\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\| \).
(IV) \( \|A + B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\| \).
(V) For every submatrix \( E \) of an identity matrix \( I \), \( \|E\| \leq \|I\| \).
(VI) If \( \lim A_p = A \), then \( \lim_p\|A - A_p\| = 0 \).
(VII) If \( A \), \( B \) are two non-negative matrices, then \( \|A + B\| \geq \max (\|A\|, \|B\|) \).

The first five axioms give the properties of "norms" in Banach algebras. Axiom (VI) is valid only for finite matrices. The assumption of non-negativeness in (VII) is essential. For if \( A \) and \( B \) are real or complex valued and \( B = -A \neq 0 \), then (VII) is not valid. Axiom (V) is equivalent to (V_0): The modulus of a matrix is not less than the modulus of any one of its submatrices. Axiom (VII) may be replaced by the following statement: (VII_0) Let the matrices \( A \) and \( B \) be non-negative such that \( A \geq B \) (i.e. each element of \( A \) is at least equal to the corresponding element of \( B \)); then \( \|A\| \geq \|B\| \).

The following lemma depends on only (I), (II), (III), and (VI).

**Lemma 1.** The modulus of a maximum proper value of a finite square matrix \( A \) with real or complex elements is equal to \( \lim_p\|A^p\|^{1/p} \).

**Proof.** The limit stated in the lemma exists and is finite. For, let \( a_p = \log \|A^p\| \). Then (II) shows that \( a_0 = 0 \) and (III) shows that \( a_{p+q} \leq a_p + a_q \). Pólya and Szegö [5, p. 171, Problem 98] show that \( \lim (a_p/p) = \inf (a_p/p) = b \geq -\infty \). Then \( \exp (b) \leq \|A\| \), proving that the limit is finite.

Let \( \lambda_i \) be a proper value with maximum modulus. Then \( \lambda_i^p x = A^p x \), where \( x \) is not a zero vector. We may assume that \( \|x\| = 1 \). Hence by (I) and (III), we have \( |\lambda_i|^p \leq \|A^p\| \), and hence \( |\lambda_i| \leq \|A^p\|^{1/p} \).

Let \( r = \lim \|A^p\|^{1/p} \). We shall show that \( |\lambda_i| \) cannot be less than \( r \). If \( |\lambda_i| < r \), let \( s \) be such that \( |\lambda_i| < s < r \). Then the Carl Neumann's series \( R(s, A) = s^{-1} \sum_0^\infty s^{-p} A^p \) converges. It follows that \( s^{-p} A^p \) converges to zero as \( p \) tends to infinity. By the continuity property of the modulus function (see Axiom (VI)), for sufficiently large \( p \), \( \|s^{-p} A^p\| < 1 \), and hence \( \|A^p\|^{1/p} < s \) for sufficiently large \( p \). This result is absurd, as \( s < r \).

For future development, we mention two instances. Consider real- or complex-valued matrices and vectors. Let \( A^* \) denote the conjugate-transpose of \( A \) with \( m \) rows and \( n \) columns. Thus \( x^*x \) gives a non-negative number. We introduce

\[ A \text{ a generalized result in terms of spectral norm in Banach algebra is known.} \]
(1.1) \[ \|x^*\|_1 = \|x\|_1 = \left( \sum_{i} |x_i|^2 \right)^{1/2}; \]

(1.2) \[ \|x^*\|_2 = \max (|x_1|, \cdots , |x_m|), \quad \|x\|_2 = \sum_i |x_i|. \]

Define for \( \nu = 1, 2, \)

(1.3) \[ \|A\|_\nu = \sup \{ \|x^* Ay\| \|x^*\|_\nu = \|y\|_\nu = 1 \}. \]

Then

(1.4) \[ \|A\|_1 = \|A^* 1\|; \quad \|A^* A\|_1 = \|AA^*\|_1 = \|A\|_1^2 = \lambda, \]

where \( \lambda \) is a maximum proper value of \( A^* A \). See [4, pp. 1042-1044];

(1.5) \[ \|A\|_2 = \max_k \left\{ \sum_j |a_{jk}| \right\}. \]

Let us prove (1.5). We can verify that

(1.6) \[ |x^* Ay| \leq \|x^*\|_2 \|A\|_2 \|y\|_2 = \|A\|_2 \]

if the moduli of \( x^* \) and \( y \) are equal to 1. On the other hand, suppose that the \( r \)th column gives the maximum value. Let \( \tilde{a}_{jr} \) be the conjugate of \( a_{jr} \). Take \( x^* = (\tilde{a}_{jr} / |a_{jr}|, j = 1, \cdots , m) \), and \( y = \delta_r \), the \( r \)th column of the identity matrix of order \( n \). Then \( \|x^*\|_2 = \|y\|_2 = 1 \) and \( |x^* Ay| = \sum_j |a_{jr}| \), which together with (1.6) gives (1.5).

One can verify that (1.4) or (1.5) satisfies Axioms (I) to (VII). To prove the continuity property (VI) of \( \|A\|_1 \), we make use of \( \|A\|_1 \leq (\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2)^{1/2} \). If \( A \) consists of non-negative numbers, then \( x, y \) may be restricted to be non-negative in (1.3) without altering the modulus of \( A \). This fact is used to prove (VII). The results in §1 hold for real quaternions.

2. Finite square matrices and their proper values. In the sequel, we shall let \( \lambda_i \) be a proper value of \( A \) with maximum modulus.

**Theorem 1.** Let \( A = (a_{ij}) \) be a finite square matrix of order \( n \) with non-negative elements. If \( \lambda_1 < 1 \), then by permutations of rows and columns, \( A \) has the property

(2.1) \[ \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_{ik} < 1, \quad k = 1, 2, \cdots , n. \]

A similar property holds for the rows of \( A \).

**Proof.** Let \( s_k = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ik} \) for \( k = 1, 2, \cdots , n. \) The minimum of all \( s_k \) is less than 1. For, if \( \min_k (s_k) \geq 1 \), then \( \lambda_1 \geq 1 \). Thus \( \lambda_1 < 1 \) implies that there exists at least one column-sum, say \( s_n \), less than unity. From Axiom (VII) or (VIIo), one can deduce that if \( B \) is a non-
negative matrix whose elements are not greater than the correspon-
ding ones of $A$, then (by Lemma 1), the maximum proper value of $B$
is not greater than that of $A$. Hence, the maximum proper value of
any principal submatrix of $A$ is not greater than that of $A$. Let $A_k$ be
the principal submatrix consisting of the first $k$ rows and columns of
$A$. Then there exists in $A_k$ a column-sum less than unity. Let such a
column be the $k$th one. This proves (2.1).

Note that condition (2.1) is not sufficient for $\lambda_1<1$ as counter-
examples show. Property (2.1) is not valid if we merely assume $A$
to be real-valued, for, in our proof, Axiom (VII) is used.

If we assume that all $s_k$ are at most unity, then (2.1) is sufficient
for $\lambda_1<1$. But this condition is even valid for real or complex valued
matrices.

**Theorem 2.** Let $A$ be a finite square matrix of order $n$ with real or
complex elements such that $s_k = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| a_{ik} \right| \leq 1$ for all $k$. Then

\[
\sum_{i=k}^{n} \left| a_{ik} \right| < 1, \quad k = 1, 2, \ldots, n,
\]

implies

\[
\left| a_{kk} \right| + \sum_{j=k+1}^{n} s_j \left| a_{jk} \right| < 1, \quad k = 1, \ldots, n - 1; \quad \left| a_{nn} \right| < 1.
\]

Property (2.3) implies the existence of an integer $p \leq n$ such that
\[
\|A_p\|_2 < 1.
\]

$\|A\|_2$ is defined by (1.5). The $i$th row and $j$th column of $A$ are de-
noted by $A(i, \cdot)$ and $A(\cdot, j)$ respectively. $A(i, j)$ and $a_{ij}$ have the
same meaning.

**Proof.** We can see easily that (2.2) implies (2.3). By (2.3), we
have $\|A(\cdot, 1)\|_2 < 1$. Let $c_j = \|A^q(\cdot, j)\|_2$, where $0 < q < n$. Suppose that
c$_r < 1$ for $r = 1, 2, \ldots, q$. Then for $k = 1, 2, \ldots, q$,

\[
\|A^{q+1}(\cdot, k)\|_2 \leq \|A\|_2 \|A^q(\cdot, k)\|_2 \leq 1 \cdot c_k < 1.
\]

Let $k = q + 1$ or larger; then

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| A^{q+1}(i, k) \right| = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| A^q(i, \cdot) A(\cdot, k) \right|
\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| A^q(i, j) \right| \cdot \left| A(j, k) \right| \right)
= \sum_{r=1}^{q} c_r \left| a_{rk} \right| + \sum_{i>q} c_i \left| a_{ik} \right|.
\]
Now we have two cases. (i) $a_{1k} = \cdots = a_{qk} = 0$; then the preceding expression is

$$= \sum_{t>q} c_t |a_{tk}| \leq \sum_{t=q+2}^{n} s_t |a_{tk}| + |a_{q+1,k}| < 1.$$ 

(ii) $a_{rk} \neq 0$ for some $r (=1, \cdots, q)$; as $c_r < 1$ the last expression in (2.4) is

$$< \sum_{r=1}^{q} |a_{rk}| + \sum_{t>q} c_t |a_{tk}| \leq \sum_{t=1}^{n} |a_{ik}| = s_k \leq 1.$$ 

In either case, we have $||A^{q+1}(\cdot, k)||_2 < 1$ for $k = q+1$ at least. Thus our theorem is proved.

The important fact is the smallness of the integer $p$. If conditions $s_k \leq 1$ for all $k$ and (2.3) are not assumed, then the integer $p$ is usually very large, unless $A$ is nilpotent. The preceding theorem is valid for real quaternions.

**Lemma 2.** If there exist an integer $p$ and a non-negative number $c$ such that $||A^p|| \leq c < 1$, then $\lim_{q} ||A^q||^{1/q} < 1$ and conversely.

The lemma is well known in Banach algebras. (See the proof of Lemma 1.)

**Corollary 1.** If condition (2.2) or (2.3) is satisfied, then $|\lambda_1| < 1$.

**Lemma 3.** Let $A$ be real- or complex-valued and indecomposable such that $s_k \leq 1$ for $k > 1$ and $s_1 < 1$. Then condition (2.2) holds, subject to the permutations of rows and columns.

**Proof.** Condition (2.2) is satisfied for $k=1$. Let $k=2, \cdots, n$. Consider the submatrix $(a_{pq})$ for $p = 1, \cdots, k-1, q = k, \cdots, n$. The indecomposability shows that there is at least one element different from zero. If one of the elements $a_{1k}, a_{2k}, \cdots, a_{k-1,k}$ is different from zero, then

$$\sum_{i=k}^{n} |a_{ik}| < s_k \leq 1.$$ 

If any other element is different from zero, we make the necessary interchange of rows and columns to achieve the desired result. (Lemma 3 holds also for real quaternions.)

By Lemma 3 and Corollary 1, we get the following result of A. T. Brauer [1, pp. 876-877].

**Corollary 2.** Let $A$ have the properties in the hypothesis of Lemma 3. Then all the proper values of $A$ are less than 1 in modulus.
3. Non-negative matrices. In this section we give some equivalent conditions for $\lambda_i < 1$. Not all the conditions are new; for example, (i) is due to Frobenius [2] and (ii) is due to Carl Neumann [3]. However, our proof is elementary and simple. We shall assume $A$ to be non-negative-valued.

Lemma 4. If $(I - A)^{-1}$ exists and has non-negative values, then $a_{kk} < 1$ for all $k$, and the diagonal elements of $(I - A)^{-1}$ are at least equal to unity.

Proof. Let $(r_{ij}), i, j = 1, \ldots, n,$ be the inverse of $I - A$. The inner product of the $k$th row of $(r_{ij})$ and the $k$th column of $I - A$ gives

\[
(3.1) \quad r_{kk}(1 - a_{kk}) - \sum_{h \neq k} r_{kh}a_{hk} = 1.
\]

If $1 - a_{kk} \leq 0$, the left-hand side of (3.1) would be nonpositive, which is impossible. Thus $1 - a_{kk} > 0$. From (3.1), it follows that $r_{kk}(1 - a_{kk}) \geq 1$. As $0 < 1 - a_{kk} \leq 1$, we have $r_{kk} \geq 1$.

The following properties are mutually equivalent.

(i) The inverse of $I - A$ exists and has non-negative values.

(ii) The series $I + A + A^2 + \cdots$ converges.

(iii) Every principal submatrix $B$ of $A$ has the property that the inverse of $I - B$ exists and is non-negative.

Before stating property (iv), we adopt some notations. For $p$ ranging from 1 to $n$, let $A_p$ be the principal submatrix consisting of the elements in the first $p$ rows and columns of $A$; $A_{-p}$ the principal submatrix of order $n - p$ omitting all the elements in the first $p$ rows and columns; $C = (c_{ir}), D = (d_{is})$ with $i, j = 1, \ldots, p$ and $r, s = p + 1, \ldots, n$. We express $I - A$ in the form

\[
(3.2) \quad I - A = \begin{pmatrix} L & -C \\ -D & M \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & K_p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & -L^{-1}C \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}
\]

where $L = I - A_p$, $M = I - A_{-p}$, and

\[
(3.3) \quad K_p = I - A_{-p} - D(I - A_p)^{-1}C.
\]

(iv) For each $p = 1, \ldots, n - 1$, the inverses of $I - A_p$ and $K_p$ exist and are non-negative.

(v) For each $p = 1, 2, \ldots, n - 1$, the inverse of $I - A_p$ exists and is non-negative, and for $k = 1, 2, \ldots, n$,

\[
(3.4) \quad c_k < 1 - a_{kk},
\]

where

(3.5) \[ c_1 = 0, \quad c_k = \sum_{r,s=1}^{k-1} a_{kr}(I - A_{k-1})^{-1}(r,s)a_{sk}. \]

Similar results hold for every permutation on \(1, \ldots, n\).

(vi) There exists a sequence of principal submatrices \(A_{(p)}\), \(p = 1, \ldots, n\), such that (1) \(A_{(p)}\) of order \(p\) is a principal submatrix of \(A_{(p+1)}\), and (2) \(d_{p+1} \leq d_p\) where \(d_p = \det(I - A_{(p)})\). Moreover, \(d_n > 0\).

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(viii) To each vector \(y\) with non-negative components, the equation \(x'(I - A) = y'\) has a solution such that \(x \geq y\). Moreover, if \(y_k > 0\) for some \(k\), then \(x_k > 0\).

(ix) A vector \(z\) with positive components exists such that \(z'A < z'\).

(x) The maximum proper value \(\lambda_1\) of \(A\) is less than unity.

**Proof.** We shall show that the first seven properties imply each other in cyclic order. (i) **implies** (ii): By Lemma 4, we write \((I - A)^{-1} = I + A\); then \(A\) has non-negative values and commutes with \(A\). For \(m \geq 1\),

\[ A_* = A + A^2 + \cdots + A^m + A^m A_. \]

Let \(S_m = I + A + \cdots + A^m\). Then \(S_m \leq S_{m+1}\) and every element of \(S_m\) is bounded above by the corresponding element of \((I - A)^{-1}\). Hence \(\lim_m S_m\) exists and is the inverse of \(I - A\). That (ii) **implies** (iii) is obvious. (iii) **implies** (iv): From (iii), it follows that the inverse of \(I - A_p\) exists and is non-negative. That the inverse of \(K_p\) exists and is non-negative follows from (3.2) and (iii). (iv) **implies** (v): Let \(L = I - A_p\) for \(p = 1, 2, \ldots, n - 1\) in (3.2). Then (iv) states that the inverse of \(I - A_p\) exists and is non-negative. Obviously (3.4) holds for \(k = 1\). Let \(p = 2, \ldots, n\), and apply (3.2) to \(I - A_p\) with \(L = I - A_{p-1}\). Then \(K_p\) becomes \(1 - a_{pp} - c_p\). Since the inverse of \(I - A_p\) exists and is non-negative, it follows that \(1 - a_{pp} - c_p \neq 0\) and is non-negative, i.e. positive. (v) **implies** (vi): Let \(A_{(p)} = A_p\) as specified above. Then property (1) in (vi) is satisfied. We can show [8, p. 234] that for \(p = 2, \ldots, n\),

\[ d_p = d_{p-1}(1 - a_{pp} - c_p), \]

which by (v), proves property (2) in (vi) and also \(d_n > 0\). That (vi) **implies** (vii) is evident. (vii) **implies** (i): Since \(d_n > 0\), the inverse of \(I - A\) exists. To prove the non-negativeness of \((I - A)^{-1}\), we reduce \(I - A\) into a diagonal matrix by a method similar to (3.2). Let \(e_1 = d_1, e_p = d_p/d_{p-1} \) for \(p > 1\). By hypothesis, \(e_1, \ldots, e_n\) are positive. Put \(B_1 = A\). From the non-negative matrix \(B_p\) of order \(n - p + 1\) such that the first element in the diagonal of \(I - B_p\) is \(e_p\), we construct \(B_{p+1}\) of order \(n - p\) by the method of (3.2) as follows:

Let \(B_p^*\) be the principal submatrix of \(B_p\) with the first row and
column omitted; $\beta_p$ and $\alpha'_p$ be the first column and row respectively of $B_p$ with the first element omitted. Define $B_{p+1}^0 = B_p^0 + \beta_p e_p^{-1} \alpha'_p$. Then $B_{p+1}$ is non-negative, and

$$I - B_p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\beta_p e_p^{-1} I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_p & 0 \\ 0 & I - B_{p+1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -e_p^{-1} \alpha'_p \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}.$$

By the elementary properties of determinants, the first element in the diagonal of $I - B_{p+1}$ is $e_{p+1}$. Thus, $I - A = (I - P)E(I - Q)$, where $E$ is a diagonal matrix with $e_1, \ldots, e_n$ in its diagonal, $P$ and $Q$ have non-negative elements respectively below and above the principal diagonal, and zeros elsewhere. Hence $(I - A)^{-1} = (I + Q)E^{-1}(I + P)$, which is non-negative. This completes the proof that the first 7 properties are equivalent to one another.

To complete the proof, we shall show that (i), (viii), (ix), (x), and (iii) imply one another in that order. That (i) implies (viii) follows from Lemma 4. (viii) implies (ix): For a positive $y$, we have, from (viii), a positive $u$ such that $u' - u' A = y > 0$. (ix) implies (x): If $A$ is nilpotent, then $\lambda_1 = 0 < 1$. If $A$ is not nilpotent, by Frobenius’ result [2], $\lambda_1 > 0$ and $Av = \lambda_1 v$ where $v$ is non-negative. Hence $\lambda_1 u'v = u' Av < u'v$. Since $u'v > 0$, we have property (x). That property (x) implies (iii) is a well known result concerning the Carl Neumann’s series [7, pp. 18–19].

Note that the weak condition (vii) implies that all the principal minors of $I - A$ are positive. The following equivalent condition is useful in practical applications:

**Corollary.** The maximal proper value $\lambda_1$ of $A$ is less than 1 if and only if there exist a principal submatrix $A_{(n-1)}$ and a positive vector $w$ (both) of order $n - 1$ such that $w' A_{(n-1)} < w'$ and $\det (I - A) > 0$.

*Added in the proof.* There is redundancy in (v). The property given by (3.4) and (3.5) implies the existence of non-negative inverses of $I - A_p$ for all $p$. The proof is by induction. See the demonstration for which (vii) implies (i).

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