ON THE CONSTANTS ASSOCIATED WITH A REVERSIBLE SUMMABILITY MATRIX

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The matrix $A = (a_{nk})$ of real or complex numbers is called reversible if the equations

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk} x_k = y_n \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots)$$

have a unique solution $\{x_k\}$ for each convergent sequence $\{y_n\}$. It is proved in Banach [1, p. 50] that if $A$ is reversible then the equations (1) have their unique solution given by

$$x_k = c_k \lim_{n \to \infty} y_n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{kn} y_n \quad (k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots)$$

where $c_k (k = 0, 1, \ldots)$ and $b_{kn} (k, n = 0, 1, \ldots)$ are constants depending only on $A$ and not on the particular sequence $y = \{y_n\}$ chosen. Banach's further statement that $\{c_k\}$ is a bounded sequence was shown to be incorrect by Macphail [3] after Zeller [8] had thrown doubt on the statement. We now discuss some properties of the constants $c_k$ and $b_{kn}$ and among other results obtain an extension of the following theorem due to Wilansky [5]:

**Theorem A.** A reversible conservative matrix $A$ sums a divergent sequence if and only if

$$\text{l.u.b.}_{0 \leq k < \infty} \left\{ |c_k| + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |b_{kn}| \right\} = \infty.$$

Wilansky's proof, based on Banach's erroneous statement, naturally fails, but Macphail has given a proof without making any assumptions regarding the $c_k$'s.

Theorems 1 and 2 below are extensions of the first part and the second part respectively of Theorem A, while Theorem 5 is an extension of Theorem A as a whole to any reversible matrix, not necessarily a conservative matrix. Theorems 6 and 7 discuss in the case of a reversible conservative matrix, the effect of the finitude or otherwise of $\|B\| \equiv \text{l.u.b.}_{0 \leq k < \infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |b_{kn}|$ on the $c_k$'s.

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Theorem 1. Any reversible matrix $A$ sums an unbounded sequence if $\|B\| = \infty$.

Proof. It is a classical result that if $\|B\| = \infty$ then there exists a sequence $\{y_n\}$ with limit zero and such that $x_k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{kn} y_n \to \infty$.

Theorem 2. If the reversible conservative matrix $A$ sums a divergent sequence, then $\|B\| = \infty$.

Proof. Let us denote the set of equations (1) by the matrix equation $Ax = y$ and similarly in other cases. It is known that $AB = I$, the identity \[6, \text{Lemma 3}]. Now if $\|B\| < \infty$ and $y \in (c)$, where $(c)$ denotes the set of all convergent sequences, then $A(By) = (AB)y = y$ and hence $x = By$ is a solution of $Ax = y \in (c)$. Since $A$ is reversible, it is the only solution. Since $\|B\| < \infty$ and $y \in (c)$ we see that $x$ is a bounded sequence.

We may now either use the fact that $B$ is actually a conservative matrix, as is proved in \[4\], and therefore $x = By$ is a convergent sequence and $A$ does not sum any divergent sequence if $\|B\| < \infty$; or we may use a theorem due to Zeller \[9, \text{Satz 7.1} \] that a conservative matrix which sums only bounded sequences does not sum any divergent sequences.

Theorem 3. There exist reversible matrices $A$ (necessarily not conservative, by Theorem 2) summing an unbounded sequence and for which $\|B\| < \infty$.

Proof. Take for example $A$ to be the matrix of the transformation

$$y_{2m} = \sum_{p=0}^{m} x_{2p},$$

$$y_{2m+1} = x_{2m+1} + 2^m \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} x_{2p} \quad \text{for } m = 0, 1, 2, \ldots.$$ 

Then

$$x_0 = y_0, \quad x_{2m} = y_{2m} - y_{2m-2} \quad (m \geq 1)$$

and

$$x_{2m+1} = -2^m \lim_{n \to \infty} y_n + y_{2m+1} \quad (m \geq 0).$$

It is seen that $A$ is reversible, $\|B\| = 2$ and $c_{2k} = 0$, $c_{2k+1} = -2^k$, for

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all \( k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \), and that \( A \) sums the unbounded sequence
\[
\{1, 0, 0, -2 + 1, 0, -2^2 + 1, 0, \ldots, -2^m + 1, 0, -2^{m+1} + 1, 0, \ldots\}.
\]

**Theorem 4.** If \( A \) is reversible and \( \|B\| < \infty \), then \( A \) sums an unbounded sequence if and only if \( \{c_k\} \) is unbounded.

**Proof.** Let \( y = Ax \in (c) \). Then
\[
x_k = c_k \lim_{n \to \infty} y_n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{kn} y_n.
\]
Also \( By \) is a bounded sequence since \( \|B\| < \infty \). Hence \( \{x_k\} \) is unbounded if and only if \( \{c_k\} \) is unbounded.

The existence of such matrices \( A \) is proved by the example given under the previous theorem.

Combining Theorems 1 and 4 we get the

**Theorem 5.** The reversible matrix \( A \) sums an unbounded sequence if and only if

\[
\text{either } \|B\| = \infty \quad \text{or } \{c_k\} \text{ is unbounded.}
\]

**Theorem 6.** If \( A \) is a reversible conservative matrix and \( \|B\| < \infty \) then

(a) \( c_k = 0 \) for all \( k \), and (b) \( A \) is of type \( M \).

**Proof (a).** As in the proof of Theorem 2, \( x = By \) is the only solution of \( Ax = y \), for all \( y \in (c) \). This implies by (2) that \( c_k = 0 \).

(b) This is a consequence of Theorem 2 and the fact that a reversible conservative matrix not of type \( M \) will sum a divergent sequence, [2, Theorem 3].

**Theorem 7.** There exist reversible conservative matrices \( A \) with \( \|B\| = \infty \) and satisfying also any one of the following conditions:

(a) \( c_k = 0 \) for all \( k \).
(b) \( A \) is of type \( M \).
(c) \( c_k \to \infty \) when \( k \to \infty \).
(d) \( \{c_k\} \) is bounded and \( c_k \neq 0 \) for any \( k \).

**Proof.** We have the following examples.

(a), (b): The matrix of \((C, 1)\) summability is a well-known example.

(c): We take \( A \) to be the matrix of the transformation given by
\[
y_{2m} = \sum_{p=0}^{m} \frac{x_{2p}}{8^p} + \frac{1}{2^m} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{x_{2p}}{8^p}
\]
and
\[ y_{2m+1} = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{x_{2p}}{8^p} - \frac{x_{2m+1}}{2^{2m+1}} \quad \text{for } m = 0, 1, 2, \ldots. \]

Then it is easily verified that \( A \) is reversible, \( \|B\| = \infty \), \( c_0 = -1 \) and \( c_k = 2^k \) for \( k = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \).

(d) If we take \( A \) as the matrix of the transformation

\[ y_{2m} = \sum_{p=0}^{m} \frac{x_{2p}}{2^p} + \frac{1}{2^m} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{x_{2p}}{2^p} \]

and

\[ y_{2m+1} = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{x_{2p}}{2^p} - x_{2m+1}, \quad \text{for } m = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \]

then \( A \) is reversible, \( \|B\| = \infty \), \( c_0 = -1 \) and \( c_k = 1 \) for \( k \geq 1 \).

**Remark.** The conservative matrix \( A \) is said to be **co-regular** if

\[ \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_{nk} - \sum_{k=0}^{n} \lim_{n \to \infty} a_{nk} \neq 0, \]

and **co-null** otherwise. Wilansky and Zeller [7] have proved that a coregular reversible matrix \( A \) has \( c_k = 0 \) for all \( k \). The examples under (c) and (d) above show that for co-null matrices none of the \( c_k \)'s need vanish and that it is even possible that \( \lim_{k \to \infty} c_k = \infty \).

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