

$F(G) = V_T$, there exists an element y of G such that $Fy = x'$. Thus the distinct elements x, y of H are mapped by F into the same element x' of V_T , contrary to condition (ii).

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A NOTE ON A RECENT RESULT IN SUMMABILITY THEORY

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In a recent paper¹ by A. Mary Tropper, the following theorem is given:

THEOREM. *In order that the regular² normal³ matrix A shall sum a bounded divergent sequence, it is sufficient that*

- (a) *its unique reciprocal B shall not be regular and*
- (b) *there exists a normal matrix Q with⁴ $\|Q\| < \infty$ whose columns are all null sequences, such that the matrix $C = BQ$ has bounded columns and $\|C\| = \infty$.*

The author points out that (a) is also a necessary condition, but does not prove the necessity of condition (b); the object of this note is to prove that condition (b) is necessary.

The proof given of the theorem quoted above holds if the K_r

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² A regular matrix is one which satisfies $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{n,k} x_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k$, whenever the latter limit exists.

³ A normal matrix is a lower-semi matrix which has no zero elements in the leading diagonal. Such a matrix has a unique two-sided reciprocal; see e.g., R. G. Cooke, *Infinite matrices and sequence spaces*, Macmillan, 1950, p. 19.

⁴ For an infinite matrix M , $\|M\| \equiv \sup_n \sum_k |m_{n,k}|$ is called the K_r bound of the matrix; a matrix whose K_r bound is finite is called a K_r matrix (ibid. pp. 25, 29).

matrix Q of condition (b) is required to be a lower-semi, but not necessarily a normal, matrix; the necessity of condition (b) will first be proved under these conditions, and then it will be shown that the existence of a *normal* K_r matrix Q is also necessary.

Suppose, therefore, that A sums the bounded divergent sequence $\{x_i\}$ to x . Without loss of generality, we may suppose $x=0$, since, if $x \neq 0$, A sums the bounded divergent sequence $\{x_i - x\}$ to 0.

Let $C^{(1)}$ be the normal matrix defined by

$$c_{i,j}^{(1)} = x_i \ (j < i); \quad c_{i,i}^{(1)} = 1; \quad c_{i,j}^{(1)} = 0 \ (j > i).$$

Any given column of $C^{(1)}$ is thus the sum of $\{x_i\}$ and a null sequence; hence its A -transform tends to 0, i.e., the columns of $Q^{(1)} \equiv AC^{(1)}$ all form null sequences.

Also,

$$(1) \quad |q_{r,s}^{(1)}| = \left| \sum_{t=1}^r a_{r,t} c_{t,s}^{(1)} \right| \leq \sup_t |c_{t,s}^{(1)}| \sup_r \sum_{t=1}^r |a_{r,t}| < K \quad \text{for all } r, s.$$

Now a diagonal matrix D , whose diagonal elements are all either 0 or 1, can be chosen in such a way that D contains an infinity of 1's and $Q=Q^{(1)}D$ is a K_r matrix. For, to choose such a matrix, let the values of n for which $d_n=1$ be denoted by n_1, n_2, \dots , and suppose that n_1, n_2, \dots, n_p have been chosen such that

$$(2) \quad \sum_{s=1}^{n_p} |q_{r,s}| = \sum_{k=1}^p |q_{r,n_k}^{(1)}| \leq 2K \text{ whenever } r \geq n_p \ (p = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Since the columns of $Q^{(1)}$ tend to 0, we may choose $n_{p+1} > n_p$ such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^p |q_{r,n_k}^{(1)}| \leq K \quad (r \geq n_{p+1}),$$

and hence, by (1),

$$\sum_{s=1}^{n_{p+1}} |q_{r,s}| \leq 2K \quad (r \geq n_{p+1}).$$

We may begin this construction by taking $n_1=1$, and it continues indefinitely, so that D contains an infinity of 1's.

We now show that with D so defined, $\|Q\| < \infty$. Given any value of r , there exists p such that $n_p \leq r < n_{p+1}$; then

$$\sum_{s=1}^r |q_{r,s}| = \sum_{k=1}^p |q_{r,n_k}^{(1)}| \leq 2K,$$

by (2), which is what is required.

Also, the columns of Q form null sequences, since they are either columns of $Q^{(1)}$, or they consist entirely of zeros.

Again $C = BQ = BQ^{(1)}D = BAC^{(1)}D = C^{(1)}D$, where B is the unique two-sided reciprocal of A . (The products are associative, since the matrices are all lower-semi.) Hence,

$$\sum_{j=1}^i |c_{i,j}| = \sum_{k=1}^{\lambda_i} |c_{i,n_k}^{(1)}|,$$

where λ_i is the number of 1's in the first i columns of D ; thus

$$\sum_{j=1}^i |c_{i,j}| \geq (\lambda_i - 1) |x_i|.$$

But $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_i = \infty$, and $\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} |x_i| > 0$, since $\{x_i\}$ is divergent. Hence $\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^i |c_{i,j}| = \infty$, so that $\|C\| = \infty$.

Moreover, the columns of C are bounded, for they are either columns of $C^{(1)}$, or they consist entirely of zeros.

This completes the proof in the case where Q is required to be a lower-semi, but not necessarily normal, matrix.

To show that a normal matrix Q also exists, we note that $C^{(1)}$ and $Q^{(1)}$ are normal matrices, and that $I - D$ is a diagonal matrix of 0's and 1's whose nonzero elements occur only in those columns of D which consist entirely of zeros. Hence $\bar{C} \equiv C + I - D = C^{(1)}D + I - D$ is a normal matrix with bounded columns, and $\|\bar{C}\| = \infty$.

The corresponding Q , i.e., $\bar{Q} = A\bar{C}$, is normal (being the product of normal matrices), and, since $\bar{Q} = AC^{(1)}D + A(I - D) = Q^{(1)}D + A(I - D)$, we have $\|\bar{Q}\| \leq \|Q\| + \|A\| < \infty$; also the columns of \bar{Q} , which are all either columns of $Q^{(1)}$ or columns of A , form null sequences.

Hence the existence of a normal matrix Q with the required properties is proved.

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