

# Nonlinear matrix equations and canonical factorizations

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# Quadratic matrix equations

Given the  $m \times m$  matrix polynomial  $A(z) = A_{-1} + zA_0 + z^2A_1$  such that  $\det A(z)$  has zeros

$$|\xi_1| \leq \dots \leq |\xi_m| < |\xi_{m+1}| \leq \dots \leq |\xi_{2m}|$$

compute the solution  $G$  of

$$A_{-1} + A_0X + A_1X^2 = 0$$

such that  $\lambda(G) = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_m\}$ .

Such  $G$  is called the **minimal solvent** (Gohberg, Lancaster, Rodman '82)

**Applications** Quadratic eigenvalue problems (damped vibration problems), polynomial factorization, Markov chains, etc.



# Functional interpretation (Gohberg, Lancaster, Rodman '82)

- 1 The matrix function  $S(z) = z^{-1}A_{-1} + A_0 + zA_1$  can be factorized as

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# Matrix $p$ th root

**Assumptions**  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  with no eigenvalues on the closed negative real axis.

**Definition** The principal matrix  $p$ th root of  $A$ ,  $A^{1/p}$ , is the unique matrix  $X$  such that:

- 1  $X^p = A$ .
- 2 The eigenvalues of  $X$  lie in the segment  $\{z : -\pi/p < \arg(z) < \pi/p\}$ .

**Applications** Computation of the matrix logarithm, computation of the matrix sector function (control theory).



# Functional interpretation

## Theorem (Bini, Higham, Meini 04)

Assume  $p = 2q$ , where  $q$  is odd. Let

$$S(z) = z^{-q} \sum_{j=0}^p z^j \binom{p}{j} (A + (-1)^{j+1} I).$$

If  $U(z) = U_0 + zU_1 + \cdots + z^q U_q$  is such that  $\det U(z) \neq 0$  for  $|z| \leq 1$ , and  $S(z) = U(z)U(z^{-1})$  then

$$A^{1/p} = -\sigma^{-1}(qI + 2U'(-1)U(-1)^{-1})$$

where  $\sigma = 1 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor q/2 \rfloor} \cos(2\pi j/p)$ .

# Power series matrix equations

**An application** M/G/1-type Markov chains, introduced by M. F. Neuts in the 80's, which model a large variety of queueing problems.

**Problem** Given nonnegative matrices  $A_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $i \geq -1$ , such that  $\sum_{i=-1}^{+\infty} A_i$  is stochastic, compute the **minimal component-wise solution  $G$** , among the nonnegative solutions, of

$$X = A_{-1} + A_0 X + A_1 X^2 + \dots$$



# Some properties of $G$

Let  $\phi(z) = zI - \sum_{i=-1}^{+\infty} z^{i+1} A_i$ .

If the M/G/1-type Markov chain is positive recurrent, then:

- $G$  is row stochastic.
- $\det \phi(z)$  has exactly  $m$  zeros in the closed unit disk.
- The eigenvalues of  $G$  are the zeros of  $\det \phi(z)$  in the closed unit disk.

Therefore  $G$  is the spectral minimal solution, i.e.,  $\rho(G) \leq \rho(X)$  for any other possible solution  $X$ .



# The induced factorization

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# Wiener algebra

## Definition ( $\mathcal{W}$ )

The Wiener algebra  $\mathcal{W}$  is the set of complex  $m \times m$  matrix valued functions  $A(z) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} z^i A_i$  such that  $\sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} |A_i|$  is finite.

## Definition ( $\mathcal{W}_+$ and $\mathcal{W}_-$ )

The set  $\mathcal{W}_+$  ( $\mathcal{W}_-$ ) is the subalgebra of  $\mathcal{W}$  made up by power series of the kind  $\sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} z^i A_i$  ( $\sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} z^{-i} A_i$ ).



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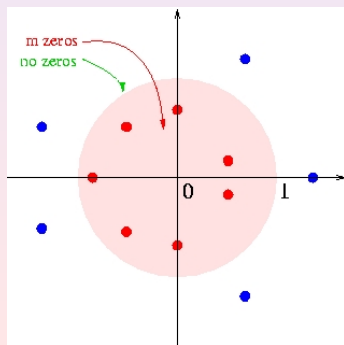
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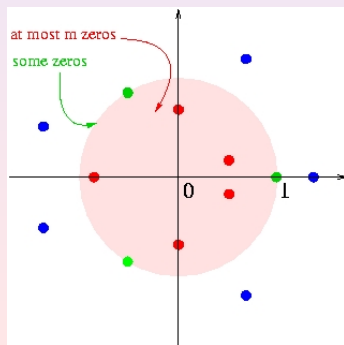
An example:  $S(z) = \sum_{i=-1}^{+\infty} z^i A_i$

Location of the zeros of  $\det(zS(z))$

Canonical factorization



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# Some questions

Let  $S(z) = \sum_{i=-1}^{+\infty} z^i A_i \in \mathcal{W}$  and define  $A(z) = zS(z)$ . Consider

$$\sum_{i=-1}^{+\infty} A_i X^{i+1} = 0 \quad (1)$$

- 1 Existence of a canonical factorization  $\implies$  existence of a spectral minimal solution? Viceversa?
- 2 What can we say if the canonical factorization is **weak**?
- 3 Can we transform a weak canonical factorization into a canonical factorization?



# Existence of solutions and canonical factorization

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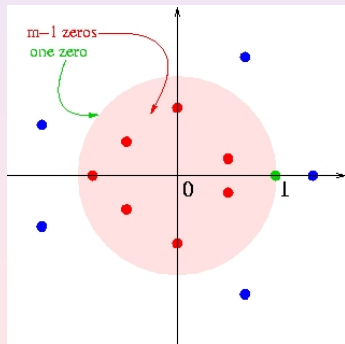
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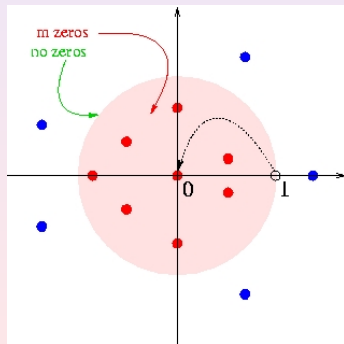


# Shift technique: removing zeros of modulus 1

Before shifting



After shifting



# Assumptions

- $S(z) = \sum_{i=-N}^{+\infty} z^i A_i \in \mathcal{W}$  and  $S'(z) \in \mathcal{W}$ , where  $N \geq 1$ .
- There is only one simple zero  $\lambda$  of  $\det S(\lambda)$  on the unit circle.
- $\mathbf{v}$  is a vector such that  $S(\lambda)\mathbf{v} = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{v} \neq 0$ .

In problems arising in Markov chains these assumptions are satisfied, moreover  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)^T$ .



# Shift technique

Define

$$\tilde{S}(z) = S(z)(I - z^{-1}\lambda Q)^{-1}, \quad Q = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{u}^T$$

where  $\mathbf{u}$  is any fixed vector such that  $\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{u} = 1$ . Let  $\tilde{A}(z) = z^N\tilde{S}(z)$ .

Then:

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# Weak $\longrightarrow$ canonical factorization

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$$\tilde{S}(z) = \tilde{U}(z)\tilde{L}(z),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{U}(z) &= U(z), \\ \tilde{L}(z) &= L(z)(I - z^{-1}\lambda Q)^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

# Back to matrix equations

Let  $S(z) = \sum_{i=-1}^{+\infty} z^i A_i$  and let  $G$ , with  $\rho(G) = |\lambda|$ , be the spectral minimal solution of  $\sum_{i=-1}^{+\infty} A_i X^{i+1} = 0$ .

Then the matrix equation

$$\sum_{i=-1}^{+\infty} \tilde{A}_i X^{i+1} = 0$$

has one minimal spectral solution

$$\tilde{G} = G - \lambda Q.$$

Moreover  $\rho(\tilde{G}) = \rho_2(G) < 1$ .



## Computational issues

- Shift technique  $\implies$  larger isolation ratio of the roots of  $S(z)$  with respect to the unit circle.
- Experimentally, larger isolation ratio  $\implies$  faster speed of convergence of functional iterations, cyclic reduction.
- Experimentally, larger isolation ratio  $\implies$  better numerical stability

A theoretical proof of the latter experimental observations is still missing



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