

Matrix Polynomials and Matrix Positiv/Nichtnegativstellensätze

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1. Notation

Scalar polynomials

$$\mathbb{F} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$$

$\mathbb{F}[\underline{x}]$... usual multivariate polynomials

$$\underline{x} := (x_1, \dots, x_d); \quad (x_{i_1} \cdots x_{i_k})^* = x_{i_1} \cdots x_{i_k}$$

$\mathbb{F}[\underline{z}, \frac{1}{\underline{z}}]$... Laurent polynomials

$$\underline{z} := (z_1, \dots, z_d), \quad \frac{1}{\underline{z}} := \left(\frac{1}{z_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{z_d}\right); \quad (z_{i_1}^{j_1} \cdots z_{i_k}^{j_k})^* = z_{i_1}^{-j_1} \cdots z_{i_k}^{-j_k}$$

Let $\underline{\alpha} := (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_d) \in \mathbb{N}_0^d / \mathbb{Z}^d$ we write

$$\underline{x}^{\underline{\alpha}} := x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots x_d^{\alpha_d}, \quad \underline{z}^{\underline{\alpha}} := z_1^{\alpha_1} z_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots z_d^{\alpha_d}.$$

Matrix polynomials

$M_n(\mathbb{F})$: $n \times n$ matrices over \mathbb{F} .

Involution $*$ on $M_n(\mathbb{F})$:
$$F^* = \begin{cases} \overline{F}^T, & \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}, \\ F^T, & \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}$$

$F \succ 0 \dots F$ is positive definite. $F \succeq 0 \dots F$ is positive semidefinite.

$M_n(\mathbb{F}[\underline{x}]) \dots$ usual matrix polynomials,

$$\left(\sum_{\text{finite}} F_{\underline{\alpha}} \underline{x}^{\underline{\alpha}} \right)^* = \sum_{\text{finite}} F_{\underline{\alpha}}^* \underline{x}^{\underline{\alpha}}.$$

$M_n(\mathbb{F}[\underline{z}, \frac{1}{\underline{z}}]) \dots$ matrix Laurent polynomials

$$\left(\sum_{\text{finite}} A_{\underline{\alpha}} \underline{z}^{\underline{\alpha}} \right)^* = \sum_{\text{finite}} A_{\underline{\alpha}}^* \underline{z}^{-\underline{\alpha}}.$$

Operator polynomials

\mathcal{H} ... separable Hilbert space over \mathbb{F} .

$B(\mathcal{H})$... bounded linear operators on \mathcal{H} .

Involution $*$... **the usual hermitian adjoint**.

Replacing matrices F_α and A_α with operators from $B(\mathcal{H})$:

$B(\mathcal{H})[\underline{x}]$... operator polynomials

$B(\mathcal{H})[\underline{z}, \frac{1}{\underline{z}}]$... operator Laurent polynomials.

2. Noncommutative Fejér-Riesz theorems

- ▶ matrix version for \mathbb{T} and \mathbb{R}
- ▶ operator version for \mathbb{T}
- ▶ operator version for \mathbb{T}^d

Fejér-Riesz theorem

matrix version for \mathbb{T} , 1958

$$\mathbb{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$$

Let

$$A(z) = \sum_{m=-N}^N A_m z^m \in M_n(\mathbb{C}[z, \frac{1}{z}])$$

be such that $A(z)^* = A(z)$ and $A(z) \succeq 0$ for $z \in \mathbb{T}$. Then there exists

$$B(z) = \sum_{m=0}^N B_m z^m \in M_n(\mathbb{C}[z]),$$

such that

$$A(z) = B(z)^* B(z).$$

Moreover, if

$$\det A(z) = b(z)^* b(z), \quad b(z) \in \mathbb{C}[z],$$

then there exists $B(z)$ additionally satisfying $\det B(z) = b(z)$.

Fejér-Riesz theorem matrix version for \mathbb{R}

Let

$$F(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{2N} F_m x^m \in M_n(\mathbb{C}[x])$$

be such that $F(x)^* = F(x)$ and $F(x) \succeq 0$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then there exists

$$G(x) = \sum_{m=0}^N G_m x^m \in M_n(\mathbb{C}[x])$$

such that

$$F(x) = G(x)^* G(x).$$

Moreover, if

$$\det F(x) = g(x)^* g(x), \quad g(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x],$$

then there exists $g(x)$ additionally satisfying $\det G(x) = g(x)$.

Equivalence of the \mathbb{T} -Fejér-Riesz and \mathbb{R} -Fejér-Riesz

For $z_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ and $w_0 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ let

$$\lambda_{z_0, w_0} : \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}, \quad \lambda_{z_0, w_0}(x) := z_0 \frac{x - w_0}{x - \overline{w_0}}$$

be the **Möbius transformations** that map $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ bijectively into \mathbb{T} . Then

$$\lambda_{z_0, w_0}^{-1} : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}, \quad \lambda_{z_0, w_0}^{-1}(z) = \frac{z \overline{w_0} - z_0 w_0}{z - z_0}.$$

Let $F(x) \in M_n(\mathbb{F}[x])$ and

$$\Lambda_{z_0, w_0, F}(z) := ((z - z_0)^*(z - z_0))^{\lceil \frac{\deg(F)}{2} \rceil} \cdot F(\lambda_{z_0, w_0}^{-1}(z)) \in M_n(\mathbb{F}[z, \frac{1}{z}]),$$

where $\lceil \cdot \rceil$ is the ceiling function. We also have

$$F(x) = \left(\frac{(x - \overline{w_0})(x - w_0)}{4 \cdot \Im(w_0)^2} \right)^{\lceil \frac{\deg(F)}{2} \rceil} \Lambda_{z_0, w_0, F}(\lambda_{z_0, w_0}(x)), \quad (*)$$

where $\Im(a)$ is the imaginary part of $a \in \mathbb{C}$.

Equivalence of the \mathbb{T} -Fejér-Riesz and \mathbb{R} -Fejér-Riesz

Note that

▶ $F(x) \succeq 0$ for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$. $\Leftrightarrow \Lambda_{z_0, w_0, F}(z) \succeq 0$ for every $z \in \mathbb{T}$.

▶ If $\deg F = 2k$, then $\deg \Lambda_{z_0, w_0, F} = k$.










If $\Lambda_{z_0, w_0, F}(z) = B(z)^* B(z)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \left(\frac{(x - \overline{w_0})(x - w_0)}{4 \cdot \Im(w_0)^2} \right)^{\frac{\deg(F)}{2}} B(\lambda_{z_0, w_0}(x))^* B(\lambda_{z_0, w_0}(x)) \\ &= \underbrace{\left(\left(\frac{x - w_0}{2 \cdot \Im(w_0)} \right)^{\frac{\deg(F)}{2}} B(\lambda_{z_0, w_0}(x)) \right)^*}_{G(x)^*} \underbrace{\left(\left(\frac{x - \overline{w_0}}{2 \cdot \Im(w_0)} \right)^{\frac{\deg(F)}{2}} B(\lambda_{z_0, w_0}(x)) \right)}_{G(x)}. \end{aligned}$$

The other direction (\mathbb{R} -Fejér-Riesz version implies \mathbb{T} -Fejér-Riesz version) is analogous.

Many proofs of the matrix Fejér-Riesz theorem

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'Massaging' (using only elementary linear algebraic techniques) the Smith normal form for $z^{\deg A}A(z)$:

$$z^{\deg A}A(z) = \underbrace{P(z)}_{\substack{\in M_n(\mathbb{F}[z]), \\ \text{invertible}, \\ \det \in \mathbb{F} \setminus \{0\}}} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} q_1(z) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & q_2(z) & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & q_n(z) \end{pmatrix}}_{q_i(z) \text{ divides } q_{i+1}(z)} \cdot \underbrace{R(z)}_{\substack{\in M_n(\mathbb{F}[z]), \\ \text{invertible}, \\ \det \in \mathbb{F} \setminus \{0\}}}$$

Fejér-Riesz theorem operator version for \mathbb{T}

Let

$$A(z) = \sum_{m=-N}^N A_m z^m \in B(\mathcal{H})\left[z, \frac{1}{z}\right]$$

be such that $A(z)^* = A(z)$ and $A(z) \succeq 0$ for $z \in \mathbb{T}$. Then there exists

$$B(z) = \sum_{m=0}^N B_m z^m \in B(\mathcal{H})[z],$$

such that

$$A(z) = B(z)^* B(z).$$



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Let $\mathcal{K} \leq \mathcal{H}$ a closed subspace.

$$0 \leq T := \begin{matrix} & \mathcal{K} & \mathcal{K}^\perp \\ \begin{matrix} \mathcal{K} \\ \mathcal{K}^\perp \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} A & B^* \\ B & C \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \in B(\mathcal{H}).$$

$0 \leq S := S(T, \mathcal{K}) \in B(\mathcal{K})$ is the **Schur complement of T supported on \mathcal{K}** if

$$\begin{pmatrix} A-S & B^* \\ B & C \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq \tilde{S} \in B(\mathcal{K}), \begin{pmatrix} A-\tilde{S} & B^* \\ B & C \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \text{ implies that } \tilde{S} \leq S.$$

Main two properties of Schur complements in the proof:

► **Factorization result:** If

$$S(T, \mathcal{K}) = P^*P \text{ and } C = R^*R$$

for some $P \in B(\mathcal{K})$, $R \in B(\mathcal{K}^\perp)$, then there is **unique** $X \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K}^\perp)$ such that

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} P^* & X^* \\ 0 & R^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P & 0 \\ X & R \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \text{Ran } X \subseteq \overline{\text{Ran } R}. \quad (1)$$

► **Inheritance property:** Let $\mathcal{K}_1 \leq \mathcal{K}_2$ be closed subspaces of \mathcal{H} . Then

$$\mathcal{S}(T, \mathcal{K}_1) = \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{S}(T, \mathcal{K}_2), \mathcal{K}_1).$$

Main steps in the proof:

1. Setting $A_m = 0$ for $|m| > N$, let

$$T_A = \begin{pmatrix} A_0 & A_{-1} & A_{-2} & \cdots \\ A_1 & A_0 & A_{-1} & \ddots \\ A_2 & A_1 & A_0 & \ddots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \in B(\oplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \mathcal{H}).$$

2. $A(z) \geq 0$ for every $z \in \mathbb{T}$. $\Leftrightarrow T_A \geq 0$.

3. Construct decomposition (using factorization result & inheritance property)

$$T_A = \begin{pmatrix} B_0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ B_1 & B_0 & 0 & \ddots \\ B_2 & B_1 & B_0 & \ddots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} B_0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ B_1 & B_0 & 0 & \ddots \\ B_2 & B_1 & B_0 & \ddots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

Multivariate Fejér-Riesz theorem Operator version on \mathbb{T}^d

Let

$$A(\underline{z}) = \sum_{\text{finite}} A_{\alpha} \underline{z}^{\alpha} \in B(\mathcal{H}) \left[\underline{z}, \frac{1}{\underline{z}} \right]$$

such that $A(\underline{z})^* = A(\underline{z})$ and $A(\underline{z}) \succeq \delta I_{\mathcal{H}}$ for $\underline{z} \in \mathbb{T}^d$ and some $\delta > 0$. Then there exists

$$B_j(\underline{z}) = \sum_{\text{finite}} B_{j,\alpha} \underline{z}^{\alpha} \in B(\mathcal{H})[\underline{z}],$$

such that

$$A(\underline{z}) = \sum_{\text{finite}} B_j(\underline{z})^* B_j(\underline{z}).$$



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Main steps of the proof

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1. Let $\underline{n} := (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d) \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ and

$$\ell_{\underline{n}}(\underline{z}) = (\underline{z}^{\alpha} l_{\mathcal{H}})_{\alpha \leq \underline{n}}.$$

where the inequality is a coordinate-wise one. Let $|\underline{n}| = \prod_{j=1}^d (n_j + 1)$. Clearly,

$$\exists \underline{n} \exists Q \in B(\mathcal{H}^{|\underline{n}|}) : A(\underline{z}) = \ell_{\underline{n}}(\underline{z})^* \cdot Q \cdot \ell_{\underline{n}}(\underline{z}).$$

2. If we show that there is $Q \geq 0$, then $Q = Q_1^* Q_1$ and

$$A = (Q_1 \ell_{\underline{n}}(\underline{z}))^* (Q_1 \ell_{\underline{n}}(\underline{z})).$$

3. From $A(\underline{z}) \succeq \delta l_{\mathcal{H}}$ for $\underline{z} \in \mathbb{T}^d$ it follows that

$$(A_{\underline{\alpha} - \underline{\beta}})_{\alpha, \beta \leq \underline{n}} \geq \delta l_{\mathcal{H}^{|\underline{n}|}}.$$

4. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\ell_{\underline{n}}(\underline{z}))^* \cdot (\mathbf{A}_{\underline{\alpha}-\underline{\beta}})_{\underline{\alpha}, \underline{\beta} \leq \underline{n}} \cdot \ell_{\underline{n}}(\underline{z}) &= \sum_{-|\underline{n}| \leq \underline{\alpha} \leq |\underline{n}|} \prod_{i=1}^d (n_i + 1 - |\alpha_i|) \cdot \mathbf{A}_{\underline{\alpha}} \underline{z}^{\underline{\alpha}} \\
 &= |\underline{n}| \cdot \sum_{-N \leq \underline{\alpha} \leq n} \underbrace{\frac{\prod_{i=1}^d (n_i + 1 - |\alpha_i|)}{|\underline{n}|}}_{\mu_{\underline{\alpha}, \underline{n}}} \cdot \mathbf{A}_{\underline{\alpha}} \underline{z}^{\underline{\alpha}}
 \end{aligned}$$

5. For \underline{n} large enough

$$\sum_{-n \leq \underline{\alpha} \leq n} \left\| 1 - \frac{1}{\mu_{\underline{\alpha}, \underline{n}}} \right\| \|\mathbf{A}_{\underline{\alpha}}\| < \delta.$$

6. For $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}(\underline{z}) := \sum_{\underline{\alpha}} \frac{1}{\mu_{\underline{\alpha}, \underline{n}}} \mathbf{A}_{\underline{\alpha}} \underline{z}^{\underline{\alpha}}$ we have

$$(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{\underline{\alpha}-\underline{\beta}})_{\underline{\alpha}, \underline{\beta} \leq \underline{n}} \geq 0,$$

whence

$$\frac{1}{\underline{n}} (\ell_{\underline{n}}(\underline{z}))^* \cdot (\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{\underline{\alpha}-\underline{\beta}})_{\underline{\alpha}, \underline{\beta} \leq \underline{n}} \cdot \ell_{\underline{n}}(\underline{z}) = \sum_{-n \leq \underline{\alpha} \leq n} \mathbf{A}_{\underline{\alpha}} \underline{z}^{\underline{\alpha}}.$$

3. Matrix versions of classical theorems of real algebra

- ▶ matrix Artin
- ▶ matrix Schmüdgen
- ▶ matrix Putinar
- ▶ matrix Krivine-Stengle

Matrix version of Artin's theorem

$\sum M_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])^2 \dots$ the set of all finite sums $\sum_j G_j(\underline{x})^* G_j(\underline{x})$ where $G_j(\underline{x}) \in M_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$.

$S_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}]) \dots n \times n$ symmetric matrix polynomials ($G(\underline{x})^T = G(\underline{x})$).

$F(\underline{x}) \in S_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$

$$F(\underline{x}) \succeq 0 \text{ for every } \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d. \quad \Rightarrow \quad p^2 F \in \sum M_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])^2 \\ \text{for some } 0 \neq p(\underline{x}) \in \mathbb{R}[\underline{x}].$$

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Main steps of the proof

K. Schmüdgen, Noncommutative real algebraic

geometry - some basic concepts and first ideas.

LDU decomposition of a matrix ($a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $C \in M_{n-1}(\mathbb{R})$):

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & \beta \\ \beta^T & C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{a}\beta^T & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & C - \frac{1}{a}\beta^T\beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{a}\beta \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & C - \frac{1}{a}\beta^T\beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{a}\beta^T & I \end{pmatrix} \cdot M \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{a}\beta \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix},$$

For

$$F(\underline{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} a & \beta \\ \beta^* & C \end{pmatrix} \in M_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}]), \text{ where } a \in \mathbb{R}[\underline{x}], C = C^* \in M_{n-1}(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$$

it holds

$$a^4 \cdot F = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ \beta^* & aI_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a^3 & 0 \\ 0 & a(aC - \beta^*\beta) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & \beta \\ 0 & aI_{n-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a^3 & 0 \\ 0 & a(aC - \beta^*\beta) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ -\beta^* & aI_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot F \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a & -\beta \\ 0 & aI_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Lemma

Let

$$G = (g_{kl})_{kl} \in M_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$$

be a matrix polynomial. For every $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfying $1 \leq k \leq l \leq n$ there exists an orthogonal matrix $U_{kl} \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$U_{kl} G U_{kl}^* = \begin{bmatrix} p_{kl} & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$p_{kl} = \begin{cases} g_{kl}, & \text{for } 1 \leq k = l \leq n, \\ g_{kl} + \frac{1}{2}(g_{kk} + g_{ll}), & \text{for } 1 \leq k < l \leq n. \end{cases}$$

Proposition

For $0 \neq F(\underline{x}) \in \mathcal{S}_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$ there exist finitely many diagonal matrices $D_l \in M_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$, matrices $X_{+,l}, X_{-,l} \in M_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$ and $z_l \in \sum \mathbb{R}[\underline{x}]^2$ such that

$$D_l = X_{-,l} F X_{-,l}^T, \quad z_l F = X_{+,l} D_l X_{+,l}^T.$$

$$F(\underline{x}) \succeq 0 \Leftrightarrow D_l(\underline{x}) \succeq 0 \text{ for all } l.$$

The proof of the **matrix Artin's theorem**:

Applying both lemmas inductively it is possible diagonalize F :

$$c(\underline{x})^2 \cdot F(\underline{x}) = G(\underline{x})^* \cdot \underbrace{\text{diag}(d_1(\underline{x}), \dots, d_n(\underline{x}))}_{D(\underline{x})} \cdot G(\underline{x})$$

$$F(\underline{x}) \succeq 0 \Leftrightarrow D(\underline{x}) \succeq 0.$$

Finally, apply the **scalar version of Artin's theorem** for each $d_i(\underline{x})$.

Matrix quadratic module and matrix preordering

$I_n \dots n \times n$ identity matrix.

A set $M \subseteq S_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$ is a **matrix quadratic module** if

$$I_n \in M, \quad M + M \subseteq M, \quad A^T M A \subseteq M \text{ for every } A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}]).$$

A set $T \subseteq S_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$ is a **matrix preordering** if it is a matrix quadratic module and

$$T \cap \mathbb{R}[\underline{x}] \cdot I_n \text{ is closed under multiplication.}$$

Matrix quadratic module and matrix preordering

$$\mathcal{G} := \{G_1(\underline{x}), \dots, G_m(\underline{x})\} \subset S_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$$

$$K_{\mathcal{G}} := \{\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d : G_1(\underline{x}) \succeq 0, \dots, G_m(\underline{x}) \succeq 0\}$$

Matrix quadratic module $M_{\mathcal{G}}$ generated by \mathcal{G} :

$$M_{\mathcal{G}} := \left\{ F + \sum_{\text{finite}} F_i^T G_{j_i} F_i : F \in \sum M_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])^2, F_i \in M_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}]), G_{j_i} \in \mathcal{G} \right\}.$$

$$\mathcal{G}' = \{v^T G v : G \in \mathcal{G}, v \in \mathbb{R}[\underline{x}]^n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}[\underline{x}].$$

$\prod \mathcal{G}' \dots$ the set of all finite products of elements from \mathcal{G}' .

Lemma

A preordering $T_{\mathcal{G}}$ generated by \mathcal{G} is equal to

$$M_{\mathcal{G} \cup (\prod \mathcal{G}' \cdot I_n)}.$$

Matrix version of Schmüdgen's theorem

$$\mathcal{G} := \{G_1(\underline{x}), \dots, G_m(\underline{x})\} \subset \mathcal{S}_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$$

$K_{\mathcal{G}} := \{\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d : G_1(\underline{x}) \succeq 0, \dots, G_m(\underline{x}) \succeq 0\}$ is compact.

$$F \in \mathcal{S}_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$$

$$F(\underline{x}) \succ 0 \text{ for every } \underline{x} \in K_{\mathcal{G}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad F \in T_{\mathcal{G}}.$$



J. Cimprič, A. Zalar, Moment problems for operator polynomials. J. Math. Anal. Appl. 401 (2013) 307–316. **By reduction to matrix Putinar's theorem.**

Alternative proof

- Using identities from the proof of matrix Artin's theorem we can replace G_1, \dots, G_m with diagonal matrices

$$D_1 = \text{diag}(d_{11}, \dots, d_{n1}), \dots, D_t = \text{diag}(d_{1t}, \dots, d_{nt}) \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}]).$$

- Choose $\underline{z} \in \mathbb{C}^d$ and find $\varepsilon_{\underline{z}} > 0$ such that

$$F - \varepsilon_{\underline{z}} I_n \succ 0 \text{ on } K_G \text{ and } \text{rank}((F - \varepsilon_{\underline{z}} I_n)(\underline{z})) = n.$$

By a small adaptation of the diagonalization procedure for $F - \varepsilon_{\underline{z}} I_n$ we have

$$\underbrace{b_{\underline{z}}^4}_{\substack{b_{\underline{z}} \in \mathbb{R}[\underline{x}], \\ b_{\underline{z}} > 0 \text{ on } K_G, \\ b_{\underline{z}}(\underline{z}) \neq 0}} (F - \varepsilon_{\underline{z}} I_n) = X_{\underline{z}}^t \underbrace{D_{\underline{z}}}_{\substack{D_{\underline{z}} > 0 \text{ on } K_G, \\ D_{\underline{z}} \text{ diagonal}}} X_{\underline{z}},$$

$$X_{\underline{z}} \in M_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}]),$$

- Let

$$I = \langle b_{\underline{z}}^4 : \underline{z} \in \mathbb{C}^d \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{R}[\underline{x}]$$

be the ideal generated by $b_{\underline{z}}^4$. Since $b_{\underline{z}}(\underline{z}) \neq 0$, we have that

$$I = \mathbb{R}[\underline{x}].$$

Proposition

$R \dots$ a commutative ring with 1 and $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq R$

$K \dots$ a topological space which is compact and Hausdorff.

Let

$$\Phi : R \rightarrow C(K, \mathbb{R})$$

be a ring homomorphism, such that $\Phi(R)$ separates points in K .

Suppose $f_1, \dots, f_k \in R$ are such that

$$\langle f_1, \dots, f_k \rangle = R \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi(f_j) \geq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, k.$$

Then there exist $s_1, \dots, s_k \in R$ such that

$$s_1 f_1 + \dots + s_k f_k = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi(s_j) > 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, k.$$



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Back to the proof of the matrix Schmüdgen's theorem.

4. Let $R := \mathbb{R}[\underline{x}]$ and

$$\Phi : R \rightarrow C(K_G, \mathbb{R}), \quad \Phi(f) = f|_{K_G}.$$

By Proposition, there exist

$$s_1, \dots, s_k \in \mathbb{R}[\underline{x}], \quad s_j > 0 \text{ on } K_G$$

and

$$b_{z_1}^4, \dots, b_{z_k}^4 \in I \text{ such that } \sum_{j=1}^k s_j b_{z_j}^4 = 1.$$

Hence

$$F = \sum_{j=1}^k s_j b_{z_j}^4 F = \sum_j \left(\varepsilon_{z_j} s_j b_{z_j}^4 + X_{z_j}^t s_j D_{z_j} X_{z_j} \right) \in T_G$$

where a **scalar Schmüdgen's theorem** was used for the last inclusion.

Matrix version of Putinar's theorem

$$\mathcal{G} := \{G_1(\underline{x}), \dots, G_m(\underline{x})\} \subset \mathcal{S}_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$$

$K_{\mathcal{G}} := \{\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d : G_1(\underline{x}) \succeq 0, \dots, G_m(\underline{x}) \succeq 0\}$ is compact.

$M_{\mathcal{G}}$ is **archimedean**: $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $N - \sum_i x_i^2 \in M_{\mathcal{G}}$.

$$F \in \mathcal{S}_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$$

$$F(\underline{x}) \succ 0 \text{ for every } \underline{x} \in K_{\mathcal{G}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad F \in M_{\mathcal{G}}.$$



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The proof of the matrix Schmüdgen's theorem presented above works also for the matrix Putinar's theorem by using scalar Putinar's theorem instead of Schmüdgen's in the last step.

Matrix version of Krivine-Stengle's theorem

$$\mathcal{G} := \{G_1(\underline{x}), \dots, G_m(\underline{x})\} \subset S_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$$

$$F \in S_n(\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}])$$

Then:

1. $K_{\mathcal{G}} = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow -I_n \in T_{\mathcal{G}}$.
2. $F(\underline{x}) \succ 0 \forall \underline{x} \in K_{\mathcal{G}} \Leftrightarrow FB = I_n + B'$ for some $B \in T_{\mathcal{G}} \cap (\mathbb{R}[\underline{x}] \cdot I_n)$, $B' \in T_{\mathcal{G}}$.
3. $F(\underline{x}) \succeq 0 \forall \underline{x} \in K_{\mathcal{G}} \Leftrightarrow FB = BF = F^{2k} + B'$ for some $B, B' \in T_{\mathcal{G}}$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$.
4. $F(\underline{x}) = 0 \forall \underline{x} \in K_{\mathcal{G}} \Leftrightarrow -F^{2k} \in T_{\mathcal{G}}$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$.



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4. Matrix versions of Nichtnegativstellensätze in \mathbb{R}

Cases $K = [0, 1]$, $K = [0, \infty)$ $F \in \mathcal{S}_n(\mathbb{R}[x])$

$F(x) \succeq 0$ for every $x \in [0, 1]$ \Rightarrow

$$F(x) = \underbrace{F_0(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F} + \underbrace{x F_1(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F} + \underbrace{(1-x) F_2(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F} + \underbrace{x(1-x) F_3(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F},$$

$$F_i \in \sum M_n(\mathbb{R}[x])^2.$$

$G(x) \succeq 0$ for every $x \in [0, \infty)$ \Rightarrow

$$G(x) = \underbrace{G_0(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg G} + \underbrace{x G_1(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg G}, \quad G_i \in \sum M_n(\mathbb{R}[x])^2.$$

Compactly: $F \in T_{\{x, 1-x\}}$, $G \in T_{\{x\}}$ with the degrees best possible.



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Main steps of the proof of the $[0, \infty)$ case

1. Define $G(x) := F(x^2)$. Note that $G(x) \succeq 0$ on \mathbb{R} .
2. By the Fejér-Riesz theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} G(x) &= H_1(x)^* H_1(x) + H_2(x)^* H_2(x) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^2 (H_{j,1}(x^2) + x H_{j,2}(x^2))^* (H_{j,1}(x^2) + x H_{j,2}(x^2)) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^2 (H_{j,1}(x^2)^* H_{j,1}(x^2) + x^2 H_{j,2}(x^2)^* H_{j,2}(x^2)). \end{aligned}$$

3. So

$$F(x) = \sum_{j=1}^2 \left(H_{j,1}(x)^* H_{j,1}(x) + x H_{j,2}(x)^* H_{j,2}(x) \right).$$

For the bounded interval case one can assume that the interval is $[-1, 1]$. Then by substitution $x = \cos \varphi$, $G(\varphi) := F(\cos \varphi) = \sum_{k=-n}^n G_k e^{ik\varphi} \succeq 0$ for $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$.

Case $K = \{a\} \cup [b, c]$, $a < b < c$ $F \in \mathcal{S}_n(\mathbb{R}[x])$, $F \succeq 0$ on K

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$F \in T_{\{x-a, (x-a)(x-b), (c-x)\}}$ with the degrees best possible.

$\deg F = 2m, m \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$

$$F(x) = \underbrace{F_0(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F} + \underbrace{(x-a)(x-b)F_1(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F} + \underbrace{(x-a)(c-x)F_2(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F} + \underbrace{(x-a)^2(x-b)(c-x)F_3(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F}, \quad F_i \in \sum M_n(\mathbb{R}[x])^2.$$

$\deg F = 2m - 1, m \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$

$$F(x) = \underbrace{(x-a)F_0(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F} + \underbrace{(c-x)F_1(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F} + \underbrace{(x-a)^2(x-b)F_2(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F} + \underbrace{(x-a)(x-b)(c-x)F_3(x)}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F}, \quad F_i \in \sum M_n(\mathbb{R}[x])^2.$$

Proof is done on the dual side by solving the corresponding truncated matrix moment problem.

Compact semialgebraic set K which is not connected and not of the form $[a, b] \cup \{c\}$ or $\{a, b\}$ or $\{a, b, c\}$

$S = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$ finite set with $K_S = K$.

The matrix preordering T_S^n is **saturated** if it contains every $F \in S_n(\mathbb{R}[x])$ such that $F \succeq 0$ on K .

The matrix preordering T_S^n is **strongly boundedly saturated** if it is saturated and every $F \in T_S^n$ has a representation of the form
$$\sum_{\alpha \in \{0,1\}^s} \underbrace{G_\alpha^* G_\alpha}_{\text{degree} \leq \deg F} \cdot g^\alpha.$$

Proposition (Let K be as in the title.)

There does not exist a finite set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$ with a strongly boundedly saturated preordering T_S^n for $n > 1$.

Natural description of a closed semialgebraic set

$$K \subseteq \mathbb{R} \quad K = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : h_1(x) \geq 0, \dots, h_l(x) \geq 0\} \quad \text{for some } h_i \in \mathbb{R}[x].$$

A set $S = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\} \subset \mathbb{R}[x]$ is the **natural description** of K , if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (a) If K has the least element a , then $x - a \in S$.
- (b) If K has the greatest element b , then $b - x \in S$.
- (c) For every $a \neq b \in K$, if $(a, b) \cap K = \emptyset$, then $(x - a)(x - b) \in S$.
- (d) These are the only elements of S .

Theorem

$$f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for every } x \in K. \quad \Rightarrow \quad f \in T_S.$$

Moreover, the degrees are the best possible, i.e., the degree of each summand $t_j \in T_S$ in $f = \sum_j t_j$ is bounded by the degree of f .

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Saturated descriptions of a compact semialgebraic set

$$K \subseteq \mathbb{R} \quad K = \bigcup_{j=1}^m [x_j, y_j] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

A set $S = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\} \subset \mathbb{R}[x]$ with $K = K_S$ is the **saturated description** of K , if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (a) For every left endpoint x_j there exists $k \in \{1, \dots, s\}$, such that $g_k(x_j) = 0$ and $g'_k(x_j) > 0$.
- (b) For every right endpoint y_j there exists $k \in \{1, \dots, s\}$, such that $g_k(y_j) = 0$ and $g'_k(y_j) < 0$.

Theorem

$f(x) \geq 0$ for every $x \in K$. $\Rightarrow f \in M_S$.

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Compact univariate matrix Nichtnegativstellensatz

$K = \bigcup_{j=1}^m [x_j, y_j] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ a compact set.

$S = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\} \subset \mathbb{R}[x]$ a saturated description of K .

$$M_S^n = \left\{ A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^s A_i g_i : A_j \in \sum M_n(\mathbb{R}[x])^2 \right\}$$

$$F \in S_n(\mathbb{R}[x])$$

$$F(x) \succeq 0 \text{ for every } x \in K. \quad \Rightarrow \quad F \in M_S^n.$$



A. Zalar, A matrix Fejér-Riesz theorem with gaps, J. Pure Appl. Algebra **220** (2016), 2533–2548.

The technique is as in the proof of the matrix Schmüdgen's theorem presented above without the subtraction of εI_n part. Due to univariate situation it is possible to construct denominators avoiding chosen complex point z .

Noncompact univariate matrix Nichtnegativstellensatz

$K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ closed semi-algebraic set, S a natural description of K

For $F \in \mathcal{S}_n(\mathbb{R}[x])$, the following are equivalent:

1. $F(x) \succeq 0$ for every $x \in K$.
2. For every point $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus K$ there exists $k_w \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ such that

$$((x - w)(x - \bar{w}))^{k_w} \cdot F \in M_S^n.$$

3. There exists $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ such that

$$(1 + x^2)^k \cdot F \in M_S^n.$$

4. For every natural number $p \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists a polynomial $h \in \mathbb{R}[x]$, $h > 0$ on \mathbb{R} , and a matrix polynomial $G \in M_S^n$ such that

$$hF = F^{2p} + G \in M_S^n.$$



Main steps of the proof of 2.

Fix $z_0 \in \mathbb{T}$, $w_0 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ and define $\lambda_{z_0, w_0} : \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ by

$$\lambda_{z_0, w_0}(x) := z_0 \frac{x - w_0}{x - \overline{w_0}}, \quad \lambda_{z_0, w_0}^{-1}(z) = \frac{z \overline{w_0} - z_0 w_0}{z - z_0}.$$

For $F(x) \in M_n(\mathbb{R}[x])$ we have

$$\Lambda_{z_0, w_0, F}(z) := ((z - z_0)^*(z - z_0))^{\lceil \frac{\deg(F)}{2} \rceil} \cdot F(\lambda_{z_0, w_0}^{-1}(z)) \in M_n\left(\mathbb{R}\left[z, \frac{1}{z}\right]\right)$$

and

$$F(x) = \left(\frac{(x - \overline{w_0})(x - w_0)}{4 \cdot \Im(w_0)^2} \right)^{\lceil \frac{\deg(F)}{2} \rceil} \Lambda_{z_0, w_0, F}(\lambda_{z_0, w_0}(x)),$$

Let

$$\mathcal{H}_{z_0, w_0} := \overline{\lambda_{z_0, w_0}(K)} \subseteq \mathbb{T}.$$

Claim 1. $\Lambda_{1, w, F}(z) \succeq$ on $\mathcal{H}_{1, w}$.

Claim 2. By the \mathbb{T} -version of the Compact Positivstellensatz

$$\Lambda_{1, w, F}(z) = \sum_{i=0}^s A_i^* A_i \cdot \Lambda_{1, w, g_i}$$

where each $A_i \in M_n(\mathbb{R}[z, \frac{1}{z}])$.

For

$$k_w = \max_{i=0, \dots, s} \left\{ \deg(A_i^* A_i) + \deg(\Lambda_{1,w,g_i}) - \left\lceil \frac{\deg(F)}{2} \right\rceil \right\}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{|x-w|}{2 \cdot \mathfrak{S}(w)} \right)^{2k_w} \cdot F(x) &= \left(\frac{|x-w|}{2 \cdot \mathfrak{S}(w)} \right)^{2k_w + 2 \lceil \frac{\deg(F)}{2} \rceil} \cdot \Lambda_{1,w,F}(\lambda_{1,w}(x)) \\ &= \left(\frac{|x-w|}{2 \cdot \mathfrak{S}(w)} \right)^{2k_w + 2 \lceil \frac{\deg(F)}{2} \rceil} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=0}^s A_i^* A_i \cdot \Lambda_{1,w,g_i} \right) (\lambda_{1,w}(x)) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^s \left(\left(\frac{|x-w|}{2 \cdot \mathfrak{S}(w)} \right)^{2k_w + 2 \lceil \frac{\deg(F)}{2} \rceil} \cdot ((A_i^* A_i) \cdot \Lambda_{1,w,g_i}) (\lambda_{1,w}(x)) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^s \left(\frac{|x-w|}{2 \cdot \mathfrak{S}(w)} \right)^{2k_w + 2 \lceil \frac{\deg(F)}{2} \rceil - 2 \lceil \frac{\deg(g_i)}{2} \rceil} \cdot (A_i^* A_i)(\lambda_{1,w}(x)) \cdot g_i(x) \in M_S^n, \end{aligned}$$

Thank you for your attention!