

# MATRICES COMMUTING WITH A GIVEN NORMAL TROPICAL MATRIX

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# Tropical matrices over $(\mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}, \oplus, \odot)$

$\oplus = \max$  is **tropical sum**,       $\odot = +$  is **tropical product**

$A = (a_{ij}), B = (b_{ij})$  square,       $A \leq B$  means  $a_{ij} \leq b_{ij}$ , all  $i, j$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\infty & \cdots & -\infty \\ -\infty & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & -\infty \\ -\infty & \cdots & -\infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad 0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{identity m.} \\ \text{zero matrix} \end{array}$$

DFN.:  $A = (a_{ij})$  is **normal** if

$$I \leq A \leq 0$$

$A$  normal  $\implies$

$$I \leq A \leq A^2 \leq A^3 \leq \cdots \leq 0$$

$$A^0 = I \leq A \leq A^2 \leq A^3 \leq \cdots \leq A^{n-1} = A^n = A^{n+1} := A^* \leq 0$$

$A^*$  is **Kleene star** of  $A$ , ( $n$  is size of  $A$ )

# The set $\Omega(A)$ in $(M_n^{nor}, \oplus, \odot)$

Given  $A \in M_n^{nor}$  **real**

**Question:** study the set

$$\Omega(A) := \{X \in M_n^{nor} : AX = XA\}$$

If  $n = 2 \implies AB = A \oplus B = BA \quad \forall B \implies \Omega(A) = M_2^{nor}$

Assume  $n \geq 3$ , then

- $\{A^0 := I, A, A^2, \dots, A^{n-1} = A^*, 0\} \subset \Omega(A)$ , (proper subset)
- $\exists \epsilon > 0, \exists i \neq j$  s.t.  $E_{ij}(\epsilon) \in \Omega(A)$ ,  $E_{ij}(\epsilon)$  **perturbation** of matrix 0

$$E_{ij}(\epsilon)_{kl} = \begin{cases} -\epsilon, & \text{if } (i, j) = (k, l) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{not power of } A)$$

$\Omega(A)$  closed under small perturbations? Wait until end of talk!

Bijection:  $M_n^{nor} \longleftrightarrow [-\infty, 0]^{n^2-n}$  has **product interval TOPOLOGY**

# Off-diagonal entries of same size

If  $2a \leq b \leq a \leq 0$  say  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  are of the same size

THM: For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $r \in (-\infty, 0]$ ,  $A, B \in M_n^{nor}$ ,  $M := A \oplus B$

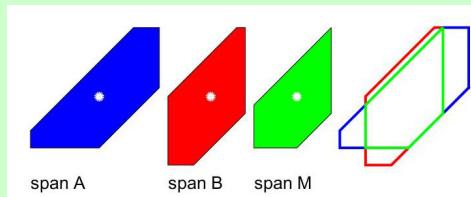
if  $2r \leq a_{ij}, b_{ij} \leq r$ , all  $i \neq j \implies AB = M = BA \implies B \in \Omega(A)$

EXAMPLE:  $r = -4$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 & -8 \\ -6 & 0 & -6 \\ -7 & -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 & -5 \\ -6 & 0 & -8 \\ -4 & -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 & -5 \\ -6 & 0 & -6 \\ -4 & -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = AB = BA$$



Geom: here  $A = A^2$ ,  $B = B^2$ ,  $M = M^2$  are Kleene stars  $\implies$  span  $A$ , span  $B$ , span  $M$  convex and intersection given by  $AB = M = BA$ . Not always so easy!

# w matrix of winning positions

EXAMPLE:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 & -6 & -3 \\ -6 & 0 & -4 & -3 \\ -3 & -6 & 0 & -3 \\ -6 & -3 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 & -4 & -3 \\ -2 & 0 & -3 & -3 \\ -3 & -6 & 0 & -3 \\ -5 & -3 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = AB = BA$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 & -4 & -6 \\ -2 & 0 & -3 & -4 \\ -5 & -6 & 0 & -5 \\ -6 & -5 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} & (1,1) & (1,3) & (4,1) \\ (2,1) & & (2,3) & (4,2) \\ (1,3) & (2,2) & & (4,3) \\ (2,3) & (2,4) & (4,3) & \end{bmatrix} = w$$

$$(AB)_{14} = \max\{-6, -8, -11, \underline{-3}\} = (BA)_{14} = \max\{\underline{-3}, -7, -7, -6\}$$

$$\implies w_{14} = (4,1) \implies B \in \Omega_w(A)$$

$$\text{DFN: } \Omega_w(A) := \{X \in \Omega(A) :$$

$$(AX)_{ij} = a_{i,w_{ij_1}} + x_{w_{ij_1}j} = (XA)_{ij} = x_{i,w_{ij_2}} + a_{w_{ij_2}j}, \forall i \neq j\}$$

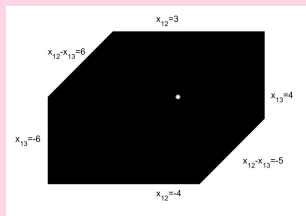
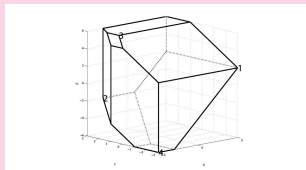
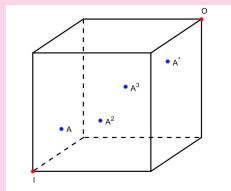
$$\text{THM: } \Omega(A) = \bigcup_{w \in W_n} \Omega_w(A) \text{ (is finite union)}$$

# The structure of $\Omega(A) \subseteq M_n^{nor}$

$X = (x_{ij}) \in M_n^{nor} \simeq [-\infty, 0]^{n^2-n}$  product of closed half-lines (a box)

$$\Omega_w(A) := \{X : (AX)_{ij} = a_{i,w_{ij_1}} + x_{w_{ij_1},j} = (XA)_{ij} = x_{i,w_{ij_2}} + a_{w_{ij_2},j}, \forall i \neq j\}$$

THM:  $\Omega_w(A)$  is **alcoved polytope**, (i.e., defined by linear equations  $x_{ij} = c_{ij}$  and  $x_{ij} - x_{kl} = c_{ijkl}$ ,  $i, j, k, l \in [n]$ ,  $i \neq j, k \neq l$ ) (thus, **convex**)



COR:  $\Omega(A) = \bigcup_{w \in W_n} \Omega_w(A)$  is **finite union** of **alcoved polytopes**

# $\Omega^S(A)$ and $\Omega'(A)$

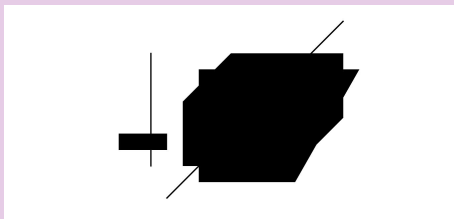
Related subsets:

$$\Omega^S(A) := \{X \in \Omega(A) : XA = AX = S\}, \text{ for } S \in M_n^{nor}$$

$$\Omega'(A) := \{X \in \Omega(A) : XA = AX = X\}$$

EXAMPLES:  $A^*A = AA^* = A^*$ ,  $0A = A0 = 0 \implies A^*, 0 \in \Omega'(A)$   
 $A \in \Omega^{A^2}(A)$

THM:  $\Omega^A(A)$  and  $\Omega'(A)$  are finite unions of alcoved polytopes



# Neighborhoods

Given  $A \in M_n^{nor}$  real

$$\text{DFN: } m(A) := \min_{i \neq j} a_{ij}, \quad M(A) := \max_{i \neq j} a_{ij}$$

$$\text{Notation: } K(r)_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ r & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{normal constant matrix } r, r \in [-\infty, 0]$$

THM:  $B \in \Omega^A(A)$  i.e.,  $BA = AB = A$  whenever  $I \leq B \leq K(m(A))$ . So  $\Omega^A(A)$  is neighborhood of matrix  $I$ .

DFN:  $A$  strictly normal if  $a_{ij} < 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$  (i.e.  $M(A) < 0$ )

THM: Suppose  $A$  strictly normal. Then  $B \in \Omega'(A)$  i.e.,  $BA = AB = B$  whenever  $K(M(A)) \leq B \leq 0$ . So  $\Omega'(A)$  is neighborhood of matrix  $0$ .

THM: Given  $r \in (-\infty, 0)$ ,  $A \in M_n^{nor}$ ,  
if  $2r < a_{ij} < r \quad \forall i \neq j \implies \Omega(A)$  is neighborhood of  $A$

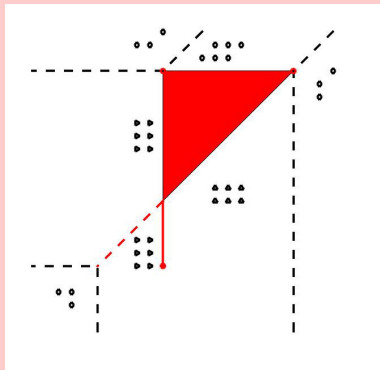
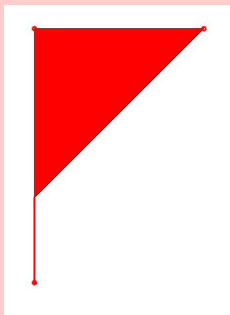


# Geometry and commutativity

$A \in M_n^{\text{nor}}$  real

- span  $A$  is polyhedral complex in  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  non-pure dimensional
- map  $f_A : \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$

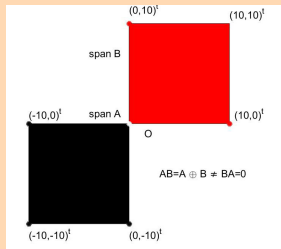
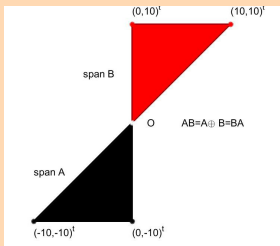
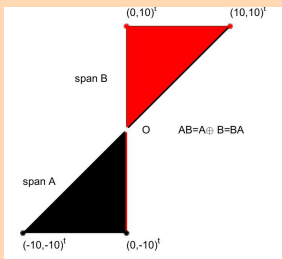
$f_A$  wraps  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  around span  $A$ , *projecting* onto span  $A$  in  $n$  coord. directions



# Geometry and commutativity

Properties:

- $\text{span}(AB) \subseteq \text{span} A$
- $\text{span}(BA) \subseteq \text{span} B$
- $AB = BA \implies \text{span}(AB) \subseteq \text{span} A \cap \text{span} B$  (not equal, in general)



Example on the right:  $AB \neq BA$  and  $B$  is small perturbation of  $B$  in central example  $\implies \Omega(A)$  not closed under small perturbations.

Thank you for your attention!

**Большое спасибо**

