

## Decomposition of nonnegative singular matrices into product of nonnegative idempotent matrices

## **Decomposition of nonnegative singular matrices into product of nonnegative idempotent matrices and mORE...(skew) codes.**

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# Pioneers

- J.M.Howie (1966) The maps from a finite set to itself that are not onto can be presented as products of idempotents.
- J.A. Erdos (1968): singular matrices over fields.
- J. Laffey (1983): singular matrices over commutative euclidean domains.
- Hannah and O'Meara decomposition of some elements in a von Neumann ring into product of idempotent elements.
- Bhaskara Rao (2009) considered matrices over commutative PID's.
- W. Ruitenberg (1993) Matrices over Hermite domains.
- There are connections between decompositions into products of idempotents and factorizations of invertible matrices into product of elementary matrices. (Facchini-Leroy(2016), Salce-Zanardo,...)

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(d) with  $b \in U(R)$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b(b^{-1}a) & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is factorized as in (c).



## Particular matrices

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- (a) If  $R$  is a ring and  $A \in M_n(R)$  is strictly upper triangular then  $A$  is a product of idempotent matrices.
- (b) If  $n > 1$  and a matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  (resp.  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}^+)$ ) has only one nonzero row, then it is a product of (resp. nonnegative) idempotent matrices.

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### Lemma (Particular matrices)

- (a) If  $B \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}^+)$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix which is a product of nonnegative idempotents, then the same is true for the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} B & C \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $C \in M_{n \times 1}(\mathbb{R})$  (resp.  $C \in M_{n \times 1}(\mathbb{R}^+)$ ) and the other blocks are of appropriate sizes.
- (b) If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  (resp.  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}^+)$ ),  $n \geq 3$ , has all its  $i^{\text{th}}$  rows and columns zero whenever  $i \geq 3$ , then  $A$  is a product of (resp. nonnegative ) idempotent matrices.

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**Remark (A.Alahmadi,S.K. Jain, A.L., Sathaye,2016)**

It can be shown that in fact rank 1 nonnegative matrices can be decomposed into a product of *three* idempotent nonnegative matrices.

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The proof is based on the following easy lemma:

### Lemma

*Let  $S \subset (\mathbb{R}^+)^n$  be a finite set such that  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \langle S \rangle \leq 2$ . Then there exist  $s_1, s_2 \in S$  such that every element of  $S$  is a positive linear combination of  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ .*

## Counter-example

For singular nonnegative matrices of higher rank the decomposition does not necessarily exist:

### Example

$$A_\alpha := \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha & \alpha \\ \alpha & 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & 0 & \alpha \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+, \alpha \neq 0.$$

If  $A_\alpha = E_1 \dots E_n$  is such that  $E_i^2 = E_i \in M_n(\mathbb{R}^+)$  then  $A_\alpha = A_\alpha E_n$  and a direct computation shows that  $E_n = Id..$  Remark that  $A_{\frac{1}{2}}$  is a positive doubly stochastic matrix.



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*Let  $A$  be a nonnegative periodic matrix with no zero row or zero column. If either the index of  $A$  is 1 or  $A > A^n$  for some  $n$ , then  $A$  is a product of nonnegative idempotent matrices.*

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- 3  $k$  a field,  $A_1 = k[x][y; Id., \frac{d}{dx}]$  the first Weyl algebra.
  - If  $char(k) = p > 0$ ,  $Z(A_1) = k[x^p, y^p]$
  - If  $char(k) = 0$  then  $Z(A_1) = k$  and  $A_1$  is simple.

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Let  $q = p^l$ ,  $p$  a prime and  $A$  be the subring of  $M_2(\mathbb{F}_q)$  given by

$$A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{F}_q, c \in \mathbb{F}_p \right\}.$$

Define  $\sigma$  and  $\delta$  as follows:

$$\sigma\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} a^p & b^p \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \delta\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b^p \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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Recurrence formulas:

$$N_0(a) = 1, \quad N_1(a) = a, \quad N_{i+1}(a) = \sigma(N_i(a))a + \delta(N_i(a))$$

# Roots

For  $f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i \in R$  and  $a \in A$  we have  
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- 1 If  $\sigma = Id$ . and  $\delta = 0$  we have the usual evaluation  $N_i(a) = a^i$ .  
But  $A$  can be non commutative so  $j$  is not a right root of  
 $(x - j)(x - i) \in \mathbb{H}[x]$ .
- 2 Many (right) roots:  $f(x) = x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{H}[x]$  then  $f(yiy^{-1}) = 0$   
for  $0 \neq y \in \mathbb{H}$ .
- 3 (Wedderburn)  $D$  a division ring  $f(x) \in Z(D)[x]$  and  $d \in D$   
such that  $f(d) = 0$  then there exists elements  
 $a_1, \dots, a_n \in D \setminus 0$  such that

$$f(x) = (x - d^{a_1}) \dots (x - d^{a_n}).$$

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A nice formula: let  $f(t), g(t) \in R = D[t; \sigma, \delta]$  where  $D$  is a division ring and  $a \in D$ .

$$(fg)(a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } g(a) = 0 \\ f(a^{g(a)})g(a) & \text{if } g(a) \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

where for  $a \in D$  and  $c \in D^*$  we define  $a^c = \sigma(c)ac^{-1} + \delta(c)c^{-1}$

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- 1  $\delta$  is a P.L.T. defined on  $V = A$
- 2 Let  $C \in M_n(A)$  then  $T_C : A^n \rightarrow A^n$  defined by  $T_C(v) = \sigma(v)C + \delta(v)$  for any  $v \in A^n$ , is a P.L.T.

## More PLT

### Proposition

Let  $R = A[t; \sigma, \delta]$ .

- 1  $p(t) \in R, a \in A, p(a) = p(T_a)(1)$
- 2 For  $x \in U(R)$   $p(a^x)x = p(T_a)(x)$
- 3 If  $T :_A V \rightarrow_A V$  is a PLT, then the map

$$\phi_T : R \rightarrow \text{End}(V, +) : f(t) \mapsto f(T)$$

is a ring homomorphism.

- 4 for  $f, g \in R$  and  $a \in A$ , we have  $(fg)(a) = f(T_a)(g(a))$
- 5 If  $A = D$  is a division ring and  $a \in D$  then  $\ker(P(T_a))$  is a right vector space over the division ring  
 $C(a) := \{x \in D^* | a^x = a\} \cup \{0\}$

# Factorizations

## Theorem {Lam, L.}

Let  $D$  be a division ring,  $\sigma \in \text{End}(D)$  and  $\delta$  a  $\sigma$ -derivation. A polynomial  $f(t) \in D[t; \sigma, \delta]$  has roots in  $l$   $(\sigma, \delta)$ -conjugacy classes  $\Delta(a_i) := \{a_i^x = \sigma(x)a_i x^{-1} + \delta(x)x^{-1} \mid x \in D^*\}$ . We have

$$\sum_{i=1}^l \text{Dim}_{C_i} \text{Ker}(f(T_{a_i})) \leq \text{deg}(f(t))$$

The equality occurs if and only if  $f(t)$  is a Wedderburn polynomial.

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# Ulmer, Boucher

Just to give an idea: there are 603 different nontrivial right divisors of  $t^{14} - 1 \in \mathbb{F}_4[t; \theta]$  with  $\theta(z) = z^2$  comparing with 25 different factors of  $x^{14} - 1 \in \mathbb{F}_4[x]$ .

F. Ulmer, D. Boucher started to use skew polynomial rings ( $\delta = 0$ ) to create codes and study them. As an alphabet they not only used fields but also cyclic modules of the form  $\frac{R}{Rf(t)}$  where  $R = F[t; \sigma]$ .

## Example

In  $\mathbb{F}_4[t; \theta]$  with  $\theta(z) = z^2$  where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_4$  satisfies  $\alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 = 0$ , we have:  $t^4 + t^2 + 1 = (t^2 + t + 1)^2 = (t^2 + \alpha^2)(t^2 + \alpha) = (t^2 + \alpha)(t^2 + \alpha^2) = (t^2 + \alpha^2 t + 1)^2 = (t^2 + \alpha t + 1)^2$ ,

$$C \subseteq \frac{R}{Rf} \text{ with } R = A[t; \sigma, \delta]$$

## Definition

Let  $f(t), g(t) \in R = A[t; \sigma, \delta]$  monic and such that  $f(t) \in Rg(t)$ .  
A subset of  $C \subseteq A^n$  consisting of the coordinates of the elements of  $Rg/Rf$  in the basis  $\{1, t, \dots, t^{n-1}\}$  is called a cyclic  $(f, \sigma, \delta)$ -code.

## Theorem

Let  $g(t) := \sum_{i=0}^r g_i t^i \in R$  be a monic right divisor of  $f(t)$ .

- (a) The code corresponding to  $Rg/Rf$  is a free left  $A$ -module of dimension  $n - r$  where  $\deg(f) = n$  and  $\deg(g) = r$ .
- (b) If  $v := (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in C$  then  $T_f(v) \in C$ .
- (c) The rows of the matrix generating the code  $C$  are given by

$$(T_f)^k(g_0, g_1, \dots, g_r, 0, \dots, 0), \quad \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq n - r - 1.$$

## Example

Consider  $f(t) = t^5 - 1 \in R = \frac{\mathbb{F}_5[X]}{X^5-1}[t; Id., \frac{d}{dX}]$ . In this case  
 $f(x) = f(x + x^4) = 0$  (with  $x = X + (X^5 - 1)$ ) and  
 $g(t) = [t - x, t - (x + x^4)]_I = t^2 - 2xt + x^2 - 1$ . The generating  
 matrix of the code corresponding to the module  $Rg/Rf$  is given by:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x^2 - 1 & -2x & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x & x^2 + 2 & -2x & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4x & x^2 & -2x & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Lemma

$f(t), p(t), q(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \in R = A[t; \sigma, \delta]$  such that  
 $\deg(q(t)) < \deg(f(t)) = n$ . Then  
 $p(t)q(t) \in Rf(t) \Leftrightarrow p(T_f)(q_0, \dots, q_{n-1}) = (0, \dots, 0)$

## Theorem

Let  $f, g, h, h' \in R$  monic such that  $f = gh = h'g$  and let  $C$  denote the code corresponding to the cyclic module  $Rg/Rf$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $(c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in C$ ,
- (ii)  $(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_i t^i)h(t) \in Rf$ ,
- (iii)  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_i T_f^i(\underline{h}) = \underline{0}$ ,

## Definition

For a left (resp. right) linear code  $C \subseteq A^n$ , we say that a matrix  $H$  is a control matrix if  $C = \text{lann}(H)$  (resp.  $C = \text{rann}(H)$ ).

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$f(t) = t^5 - 1 = g(t)h(t) = h(t)g(t) \in R := \mathbb{F}_5[x]/(x^5 - 1)[t; \frac{d}{dx}]$ ,  
 with  $h(t) = t^3 + 2xt^2 + (3x^2 + 2)t + (4x^3 + 3x)$  and  
 $g(t) := t^2 - 2xt + x^2 - 1$ .  $C$  corresponding to  $Rg(t)/(t^5 - 1)$ .

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 4x^3 + 3x & 3x^2 + 2 & 2x & 1 & 0 \\ 2x^2 + 3 & 4x^3 + 4 & 3x^2 + 4 & 2x & 1 \\ 4x + 1 & 4x^2 + 2 & 4x^3 & 3x^2 + 1 & 2x \\ 2x + 4 & 2x + 1 & x^2 + 2 & 4x^3 + 6x & 3x^2 + 3 \\ 3x^2 & 2x + 1 & 4x + 1 & 3x^2 + 3 & 4x^3 + 2x \end{pmatrix}$$

## ( $\sigma, \delta$ ) W codes

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b) The  $n \times r$  generalized Vandermonde matrix defined by  $a_1, \dots, a_r$  is given by:

$$V_n(a_1, \dots, a_r) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_r \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ N_{n-1}(a_1) & N_{n-1}(a_2) & \dots & N_{n-1}(a_r) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The Wedderburn polynomials play the role of separable polynomials.



## Proposition

Let  $f(t), g(t) \in R = A[t; \sigma, \delta]$  be monic polynomials of degree  $n$  and  $r$  respectively. Suppose that  $g(t)$  is a Wedderburn polynomial with  $f(t) \in Rg(t)$  and let  $C$  be the  $(\sigma, \delta)$ -W-code of length  $n$  corresponding to the left cyclic  $R$ -module  $Rg(t)/Rf(t)$ . Let  $a_1, \dots, a_r \in A$  be such that  $Rg(t) = \bigcap_{i=0}^r R(t - a_i)$ . Then  $(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in C$  if and only if  $(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})V_n(a_1, \dots, a_r) = (0, \dots, 0)$ .

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