

# New Bound Estimation of Nonnegative Matrix Spectral Radius

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**Abstract:** In this paper we give an estimate of the upper and lower bounds on the spectral radius of a nonnegative matrix and proved this theorems,it has improved accuracy of the spectral radius estimate. In addition,the validity and precision of these estimation are tested.

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## 1. Introduction

Nonnegative matrix theory is widely applied in numerous fields such as numerical analysis, graph theory, linear programming, management science, and automation control. A matrix  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  is termed a nonnegative matrix if  $a_{ij} \geq 0$ . If the eigenvalues of  $A \in C^{n \times n}$  are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ , then  $\rho(A) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\lambda_i|$  is referred to the spectral radius of  $A$ . Currently, there is a well-known conclusion for  $\rho(A)$  estimating the bound of using the elements of the matrix  $A$ :

Conclusion 1(Frobenius): Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n} \in R^{n \times n}$  is a nonnegative matrix, and let  $\rho(A)$  is spectral radius of  $A$ . Let  $r_i$  and  $c_i$  denote respectively the  $i$  row sums and  $i$  column sums of  $A$ . Then,  $\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} r_i \leq \rho(A) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} r_i$ ,  $\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} c_i \leq \rho(A) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} c_i$ .

Conclusion 2(Wielandt): Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  is  $n$  order nonnegative matrix,  $X$  is  $n$ -dimensional column vector, and  $X_i$  is the  $i$  component. Then,

$$\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{(AX)_i}{X_i} \right\} \leq \rho(A) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{(AX)_i}{X_i} \right\}$$

Lemma1: Let  $A$  is  $n$  order matrix, and let  $A^T$  is the transpose of  $A$ . Let  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue of  $A$ , and let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$  and  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T$  is the eigenvectors of  $A$  and  $A^T$  corresponding to  $\lambda$  the eigenvalue. Then,  $\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i c_i(A)$ ,  $\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i r_i(A)$ , Let  $r_i$  and  $c_i$  denote the  $i$  row sums and  $i$  column sums of  $A$ .

Lemma2: Let  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n$  are positive number, and let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  are arbitrary real numbers. Then

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$$\min_i \left\{ \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right\} \leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n q_i} \leq \max_i \left\{ \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right\}. \text{ Equality holds if and only if all the } \frac{p_i}{q_i} \text{ ratios are equal.}$$

**Lemma3:** Let  $A$  is a  $n$  order nonnegative matrix. If there are several rows (or columns) of  $A$ , denoted by the indices  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s$ , and we delete  $A$  rows (or columns) and the corresponding columns (or rows) to obtain the matrix  $\bar{A}$ , then  $\rho(A) = \rho(\bar{A})$ .

The characteristic of Conclusion 1 is that it is computationally simple but not very accurate, while Conclusion 2 improves the accuracy somewhat, yet still falls short of ideal. This paper presents two new bounds for [or "the spectral radius" if is understood in context], enhancing the precision of spectral radius estimation. All matrices mentioned hereinafter are invertible.

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 1:** Let  $\rho(A)$  is the spectral radius of the nonnegative matrix  $A$ , Let  $r_i$  and  $c_i$  denote respectively the  $i$  row sums and  $i$  column sums of  $A$ ,  $B = (A + I)^{n-1}$ . Then, for any positive integer  $k$ , we have:

$$\min_i \left\{ \frac{c_i(AB^k)}{c_i(B^k)} \right\} \leq \rho(A) \leq \max_i \left\{ \frac{c_i(AB^k)}{c_i(B^k)} \right\} \min_i \left\{ \frac{r_i(\bar{A}B^k)}{r_i(B^k)} \right\} \leq \rho(A) \leq \max_i \left\{ \frac{r_i(\bar{A}B^k)}{r_i(B^k)} \right\}.$$

**Proof:** Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T \geq 0$ ,  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T \geq 0$  is the eigenvectors of  $A$  and  $A^T$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\rho$ , respectively  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 1$ , Since

$$(B^k)X = (A + I)^{k(n-1)}X = (\rho + 1)^{k(n-1)}X,$$

$$\text{we have } A(B^k)X = [A(A + I)^{k(n-1)}]X = \rho(\rho + 1)^{k(n-1)}X.$$

$$\text{By Lemma 1 } \rho(\rho + 1)^{k(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i r_i(AB^k), \text{ and } (\rho + 1)^{k(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i r_i(B^k)$$

. Dividing these two inequalities, we obtain  $\rho = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i r_i(AB^k)}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i r_i(B^k)}$ . By Lemma 2, it follows that

$$\min_i \left\{ \frac{x_i r_i(AB^k)}{x_i r_i(B^k)} \right\} \leq \rho(A) \leq \max_i \left\{ \frac{x_i r_i(AB^k)}{x_i r_i(B^k)} \right\},$$

i.e.  $\min_i \left\{ \frac{r_i(AB^k)}{r_i(B^k)} \right\} \leq \rho(A) \leq \max_i \left\{ \frac{r_i(AB^k)}{r_i(B^k)} \right\}$ . Similarly, it can be proven that

$$\min_i \left\{ \frac{c_i(AB^k)}{c_i(B^k)} \right\} \leq \rho(A) \leq \max_i \left\{ \frac{c_i(AB^k)}{c_i(B^k)} \right\}. \text{ Specifically, when } k = 0, \text{ Theorem 1 reduces to Conclusion 1.}$$

Corollary: Let  $\rho(A)$  is the spectral radius of the nonnegative matrix  $A$ , and let  $r_i$  is the  $i$  row sum of  $A$  (where  $I$  is the identity matrix). Then  $B = (A + I)^{n-1}$ ,  $C = (A^3 + A^2 + A + I)^{n-1}$  for any positive integer  $k$ ,

$$\max_i \left\{ \frac{r_i(A^k C^k)_i}{r_i(A^{k-1} C^k)} \right\} \leq \max_i \left\{ \frac{r_i(AB^k)_i}{r_i(B^k)} \right\}, \quad \min_i \left\{ \frac{r_i(A^k C^k)_i}{r_i(A^{k-1} C^k)} \right\} \geq \min_i \left\{ \frac{r_i(AB^k)_i}{r_i(B^k)} \right\}$$

Proof: Let  $M = A^{k-1} = (m_{ij})$ . Then, by Theorem 1 and its corollary, we have...

$$\max_i \frac{r_i(A^k B^k)}{r_i(A^{k-1} B^k)} = \max_i \frac{r_i(A^{k-1} AB^k)}{r_i(A^{k-1} B^k)} = \max_i \frac{\sum_j m_{ij} r_j(AB^k)}{\sum_j m_{ij} r_j(B^k)} \leq \max_i \max_j \frac{r_i(AB^k)}{r_j(B^k)} = \max_i \frac{r_i(AB^k)}{r_i(B^k)}$$

$$\text{Similarly, it can be proven } \min_i \left\{ \frac{r_i(A^k C^k)_i}{r_i(A^{k-1} C^k)} \right\} \geq \min_i \left\{ \frac{r_i(AB^k)_i}{r_i(B^k)} \right\}.$$

due to  $C = (A^3 + A^2 + A + I)^{n-1} = (A + I)^{n-1} (A^2 + I)^{n-1}$ ,  $\diamond H = (A^2 + I)^{n-1} = (h_{ij})$  so

$$\begin{aligned} \max_i \frac{r_i(A^k C^k)}{r_i(A^{k-1} C^k)} &= \max_i \frac{r_i(A^k (A + I)^{k(n-1)} (A^2 + I)^{k(n-1)})}{r_i(A^{k-1} (A + I)^{k(n-1)} (A^2 + I)^{k(n-1)})} \\ &= \max_i \frac{r_i(HA^k B^k)}{r_i(HA^{k-1} B^k)} = \max_i \frac{\sum_j h_{ij} r_j(A^k B^k)}{\sum_j h_{ij} r_j(A^{k-1} B^k)} \leq \max_i \max_j \frac{r_i(A^k B^k)}{r_j(A^{k-1} B^k)} = \max_i \frac{r_i(A^k B^k)}{r_i(A^{k-1} B^k)} = \max_i \frac{r_i(AB^k)}{r_i(B^k)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, it can be proven } \min_i \frac{r_i(A^k C^k)}{r_i(A^{k-1} C^k)} \geq \min_i \frac{r_i(AB^k)}{r_i(A^{k-1} B^k)} \geq \min_i \frac{r_i(AB^k)}{r_i(B^k)}.$$

Combining Theorem 1 and its inference, the following conclusion can be drawn:

$$\min_i \frac{r_i(AB^k)}{r_i(B^k)} \leq \min_i \frac{r_i(A^k C^k)}{r_i(A^{k-1} C^k)} \leq \rho(A) \leq \max_i \frac{r_i(A^k C^k)}{r_i(A^{k-1} C^k)} \leq \max_i \frac{r_i(AB^k)}{r_i(B^k)}.$$

Lemma 4: Let  $A$  is a nonnegative matrix. Then  $\gamma_x \leq \rho(A) \leq \delta_x$ , for any given nonnegative

$$\text{vector } \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T, \text{ it holds that } \delta_x = \max_{x_i > 0} \left\{ \frac{\sum_j a_{ij} x_j}{x_i} \right\}, \quad \gamma_x = \min_{x_i > 0} \left\{ \frac{\sum_j a_{ij} x_j}{x_i} \right\}.$$

$$\text{when taking } \mathbf{x}^* = (r_1(A), r_2(A), \dots, r_n(A))^T \text{ and } \mathbf{y}^* = (c_1(A), c_2(A), \dots, c_n(A))^T, \text{ we have } \max \{ \gamma_{x^*}, \gamma_{y^*} \} \leq \min \{ \delta_{x^*}, \delta_{y^*} \}$$

$$\text{Proof: Since } A\mathbf{x} = \rho(A)\mathbf{x}, \text{ it follows that } \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j = \rho(A)x_i, \text{ i.e. } \rho(A) = \frac{1}{x_i} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j$$

. Given  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T > 0$ . Let  $D = \text{diag}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , then  $D$  is an invertible matrix and

$$D^{-1} = \text{diag}(x_1^{-1}, x_2^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}).$$

Therefore  $\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \frac{x_2}{x_1} & \cdots & a_{1n} \frac{x_n}{x_1} \\ a_{21} \frac{x_1}{x_2} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \frac{x_n}{x_2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n1} \frac{x_1}{x_n} & a_{n2} \frac{x_n}{x_1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$ , because similar matrices have the same spectral

radius.  $\rho(\mathbf{A}) = \rho(\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D})$  By Conclusion 1,  $\gamma_x \leq \rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq \delta_x$ . Taking and  $\mathbf{x}^* = (r_1(\mathbf{A}), r_2(\mathbf{A}), \dots, r_n(\mathbf{A}))^T$ ,  $\mathbf{y}^* = (c_1(\mathbf{A}), c_2(\mathbf{A}), \dots, c_n(\mathbf{A}))^T$ , we have  $\gamma_{x^*} \leq \rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq \delta_{x^*}$ . Since  $\rho(\mathbf{A}) = \rho(\mathbf{A}^T)$ , it follows that

$$\max\{\gamma_{x^*}, \gamma_{y^*}\} \leq \rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq \min\{\delta_{x^*}, \delta_{y^*}\}.$$

Combining this with Conclusion 1, we have the following theorem:

Theorem 2: Let  $\mathbf{A}$  is a nonnegative matrix. Then, for any given nonnegative vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ ,

it holds that  $\max\{\gamma, \gamma^T\} \leq \max\{\gamma_{x^*}, \gamma_{y^*}\} \leq \rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq \min\{\delta_{x^*}, \delta_{y^*}\} \leq \min\{R, R^T\}$ .

Here,  $R$  and  $R^T$  denote the maximum row sum and column sum, respectively, while  $\gamma, \gamma^T$  denote the minimum row sum and column sum, respectively. Theorem 2 provides a more accurate estimate of  $\rho(\mathbf{A})$  compared to Theorem 1, and it is also more operationally feasible, making it a convenient algorithm.

### 3. Numerical Example

Example: Consider the following  $3 \times 3$  matrix for estimating the spectral radius of a nonnegative

matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

It is easy to calculate that  $\gamma = 4$ ,  $\gamma^T = 5$ ,  $R = 8$ ,  $R^T = 7$ ,  $\mathbf{x}^* = (4, 8, 6)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{y}^* = (7, 5, 6)^T$ . By computing  $\rho(\mathbf{A}) = 5.74165738\dots$ , the estimate based on Conclusion 1 using rows is  $4 \leq \rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq 8$ . The estimate based on Conclusion 2 (Wielandt) using rows is  $5 \leq \rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq 6.25$ . According to Theorem 1, the estimate using rows when is  $k = 3$ ,  $5.5019 \leq \rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq 6.0538$ . According to Theorem 2, we obtain  $5.6 \leq \rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq 5.857143$ . Through this example, it is evident that Theorem 2 provides a more accurate estimate of the spectral radius of a nonnegative matrix, and the range is closer to  $\rho(\mathbf{A})$ . It can be seen that the estimation of the spectral radius of a nonnegative matrix by Theorem 2 is simple, feasible, and desirable, which furthers our understanding of  $\rho(\mathbf{A})$ .

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