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ON SOME PROPERTIES FOR SPECTRAL RADIUS OF BRUALDI-LI MATRIX

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Abstract. Let B_{2m} denote the Brualdi-Li matrix, and let $\rho(B_{2m})$ denote the spectral radius of Brualdi-Li matrix. We obtain some properties of $\rho(B_{2m})$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

A tournament matrix of order n is a $(0, 1)$ matrix T satisfying the equation $T + T^t = J - I$, where J is the all ones matrix, I is the identity matrix, and T^t is the transpose of T . The tournament matrices are inspired in the round robin competitions. Tournament matrices (and their generalizations) appear in a variety of combinatorial applications (e.g., in biology, sociology, statistics, and networks).

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Brualdi and Li matrix of order $2m$ is defined by

$$\mathcal{B}_{2m} = \begin{pmatrix} U_m & U_m^t \\ I + U_m^t & U_m \end{pmatrix},$$

where U_m is strictly lower triangular tournament matrix (all of whose entries below the main diagonal are equal to one). A matrix A of order n is said to be a reducible matrix if there exists a permutation matrix P such that

$$PAP^t = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_3 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where A_1 and A_2 are square (non-vacuous), or if $n = 1$ and $A = O$. A matrix is called irreducible matrix if it is not reducible. The spectral radius of a matrix $A_{n \times n}$ defined as $\rho(A) = \max\{|\lambda_1|, |\lambda_2|, \dots, |\lambda_n|\}$, where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are eigenvalues of $A_{n \times n}$. If a nonnegative matrix A is irreducible and it has exactly one eigenvalue of modulus $\rho(A)$, then the matrix is called a primitive matrix. Obviously, Brualdi and Li matrix \mathcal{B}_{2m} ($m \geq 2$) is primitive matrix.

In 1983 Brualdi and Li conjectured that the maximal spectral radius for tournaments of order $2m$ is attained by the Brualdi-Li matrix [1]. This conjecture has recently been confirmed in [2]. The several interesting properties of Brualdi-Li matrix are studied. In this paper we investigate some properties of spectral radius for Brualdi-Li Matrix.

2. PRELIMINARIES

The notation and terminology used in this paper will basically follow those in [3].

Let $\mathbf{1}_m = (1, 1, \dots, 1)_{m \times 1}^t$, $\mathbf{0}_m = (0, 0, \dots, 0)_{m \times 1}^t$, and

$$U_m = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{m \times m},$$

where $m \geq 2$ is an integer.

Lemma 2.1[3] Let n be a nonnegative integer, and A be a primitive matrix of order n . Then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{A}{\rho}\right)^k \mathbf{1}_n = S,$$

where $\rho = \rho(A) > 0, S > 0$ is a eigenvector of A corresponding to the eigenvalue of $\rho(A)$.

Let $b(2m, k) = \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^k \mathbf{1}_{2m}$, $b_l(2m, k) = \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^k \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1}_m \\ \mathbf{0}_m \end{pmatrix}$, and $b_r(2m, k) = \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^k \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_m \\ \mathbf{1}_m \end{pmatrix}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} b(2m, k+1) &= \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^{k+1} \mathbf{1}_{2m} = \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^k \begin{pmatrix} (m-1)\mathbf{1}_m \\ m\mathbf{1}_m \end{pmatrix} \\ &= mb(2m, k) - b_l(2m, k) \\ &= (m-1)b(2m, k) + b_r(2m, k). \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to verify that the follow result.

Lemma 2.2 Let $k, m \geq 2$ be an integer, and $\rho = \rho(\mathcal{B}_{2m})$. Then

- (1) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{b(2m, k)} = \rho$;
- (2) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b(2m, k)}{b(2m, k-1)} = \rho$;
- (3) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_l(2m, k)}{b(2m, k)} = m - \rho$;
- (4) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_r(2m, k)}{b(2m, k)} = \rho - m + 1$;
- (5) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_l(2m, k)}{b_r(2m, k)} = \frac{m-\rho}{\rho-m+1}$.

Let $\mathcal{B}_{2m}^k = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11}^{(k)} & B_{12}^{(k)} \\ B_{21}^{(k)} & B_{22}^{(k)} \end{pmatrix}$, and $b_{ij}(2m, k) = \mathbf{1}_m^t B_{ij}^{(k)} \mathbf{1}_m, i, j = 1, 2$, where $B_{11}^{(k)}, B_{12}^{(k)}, B_{21}^{(k)}, B_{22}^{(k)}$ are matrices of order m .

Now that $b(2m, k+1) = \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^{k+1} \mathbf{1}_{2m} = \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^k \begin{pmatrix} (m-1)\mathbf{1}_m \\ m\mathbf{1}_m \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (m-1)(b_{11}(2m, k) + b_{21}(2m, k)) + m(b_{12}(2m, k) + b_{22}(2m, k)), \\ b(2m, k+1) &= \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t (\mathcal{B}_{2m}^t)^{k+1} \mathbf{1}_{2m} = \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t (\mathcal{B}_{2m}^t)^k \begin{pmatrix} m\mathbf{1}_m^t \\ (m-1)\mathbf{1}_m^t \end{pmatrix} \\ &= m(b_{11}(2m, k) + b_{12}(2m, k)) + (m-1)(b_{21}(2m, k) + b_{22}(2m, k)), \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} b_{11}(2m, k) &= b_{22}(2m, k). \\ b(2m, k+2) &= \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^{k+2} \mathbf{1}_{2m} = (m\mathbf{1}_m^t, (m-1)\mathbf{1}_m^t) \mathcal{B}_{2m}^k \begin{pmatrix} (m-1)\mathbf{1}_m \\ m\mathbf{1}_m \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2(m-1)mb_{11}(2m, k) + m^2b_{12}(2m, k) + (m-1)^2b_{21}(2m, k). \end{aligned}$$

Leading to the following result.

Lemma 2.3 Let $k, m \geq 2$ be an integer. Then

$$(1) \begin{pmatrix} b(2m, k) \\ b(2m, k+1) \\ b(2m, k+2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2m-1 & m & m-1 \\ 2(m-1)m & m^2 & (m-1)^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{11}(2m, k) \\ b_{12}(2m, k) \\ b_{21}(2m, k) \end{pmatrix};$$

$$(2) \begin{pmatrix} b_{11}(2m, k) \\ b_{12}(2m, k) \\ b_{21}(2m, k) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -(m-1)m & 2m-1 & -1 \\ (m-1)^2 & -2m+2 & 1 \\ m^2 & -2m & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b(2m, k) \\ b(2m, k+1) \\ b(2m, k+2) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Lemma 2.4 ([4]) Let $m \geq 2$ be an integer, $\rho = \rho(\mathcal{B}_{2m})$, and

$(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m)^t$ be a eigenvector of \mathcal{B}_{2m} corresponding to the eigenvalue of $\rho(\mathcal{B}_{2m})$, where $\sum_{i=1}^m v_i + \sum_{i=1}^m w_i = 1$. Then

(1) $\rho = m - \sum_{i=1}^m w_i = m - 1 + \sum_{i=1}^m v_i;$

(2) $v_m = \frac{\rho+1-m}{\rho+1};$

(3) $w_k - v_k = \frac{1-v_k(2\rho+1)}{\rho+1}$ and $v_k = \frac{1}{2\rho+1} - \frac{2(\rho+\frac{1-m}{2})^2+(1-m)(\frac{1+m}{2})}{\rho(2\rho+1)} \cdot (\frac{\rho+1}{\rho})^{2k+1},$

$k = 1, 2, \dots, m.$

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Theorem 3.1 Let $m \geq 2$ be an integer, and $\rho = \rho(\mathcal{B}_{2m})$. Then

(1) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{11}(2m, k)}{b(2m, k)} = -\rho^2 + (2m-1)\rho - m(m-1);$

(2) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{12}(2m, k)}{b(2m, k)} = \rho^2 - 2(m-1)\rho + (m-1)^2;$

(3) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{21}(2m, k)}{b(2m, k)} = \rho^2 - 2m\rho + m^2.$

Proof By Lemma 2.3(1), $b_{11}(2m, k) = -m(m-1)b(2m, k) + (2m-1)b(2m, k+1) - b(2m, k+2)$, then $\frac{b_{11}(2m, k)}{b(2m, k)} = -m(m-1)\frac{b(2m, k)}{b(2m, k)} + (2m-1)\frac{b(2m, k+1)}{b(2m, k)} - \frac{b(2m, k+2)}{b(2m, k)}$. By Lemma 2.2(2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{11}(2m, k)}{b(2m, k)} &= -m(m-1) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b(2m, k)}{b(2m, k)} + (2m-1) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b(2m, k+1)}{b(2m, k)} - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b(2m, k+2)}{b(2m, k)} \\ &= -m(m-1) + (2m-1)\rho - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{b(2m, k+2)}{b(2m, k+1)} \cdot \frac{b(2m, k+1)}{b(2m, k)} \right) \\ &= -\rho^2 + (2m-1)\rho - m(m-1). \end{aligned}$$

Using a similar approach, we have obtain (2) and (3).

Theorem 3.2 Let $m \geq 2$ be an integer, and $\rho = \rho(\mathcal{B}_{2m})$. Then

(1) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_l(2m, k)}{b_l(2m, k-1)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_r(2m, k)}{b_r(2m, k-1)} = \rho;$

$$(2)\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{ij}(2m,k)}{b_{ij}(2m,k-1)} = \rho, \text{ for } i, j = 1, 2.$$

Proof By Lemma 2.3(2),(3),

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_l(2m,k)}{b_l(2m,k-1)} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{b_l(2m,k)}{b(2m,k)} \cdot \left(\frac{b_l(2m,k-1)}{b(2m,k-1)} \right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{b(2m,k)}{b(2m,k-1)} \right) \\ &= (m - \rho)(m - \rho)^{-1}\rho \\ &= \rho. \end{aligned}$$

Using a similar approach, we have obtain $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_r(2m,k)}{b_r(2m,k-1)} = \rho$ and (2).

Theorem 3.3 Let $m \geq 2$ be an integer, $\rho = \rho(\mathcal{B}_{2m})$, and

$(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m)^t$ be a eigenvector of \mathcal{B}_{2m} corresponding to the eigenvalue of $\rho(\mathcal{B}_{2m})$, where $\sum_{i=1}^m v_i + \sum_{i=1}^m w_i = 1$. Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^m i(w_i - v_i) = (m - \rho)^2.$$

Proof By Lemma 2.4,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=1}^m i(w_i - v_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m i \left(\frac{1 - v_i(2\rho + 1)}{\rho + 1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{i}{\rho + 1} - \frac{2\rho + 1}{\rho + 1} \sum_{i=1}^m i v_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{i}{\rho + 1} - \frac{2\rho + 1}{\rho + 1} \sum_{i=1}^m i \left(\frac{1}{2\rho + 1} - \left(\frac{2(\rho + \frac{1-m}{2})^2 + \frac{(1-m)(1+m)}{2}}{\rho(2\rho + 1)} \right) \left(\frac{\rho + 1}{\rho} \right)^{2i+1} \right) \\ &= \frac{(2\rho^2 + 2(1-m)\rho + 1 - m)}{\rho(\rho + 1)} \sum_{i=1}^m i \left(\frac{\rho + 1}{\rho} \right)^{2i-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Now that $\sum_{k=1}^m kx^{k-1} = \frac{mx^{m+1} + 1 - (m+1)x^m}{(x-1)^2}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^m i \left(\frac{\rho + 1}{\rho} \right)^{2i-1} &= \frac{m(1 + \frac{1}{\rho})^{2m+3} - (m+1)(1 + \frac{1}{\rho})^{2m+1} + 1 + \frac{1}{\rho}}{\left((1 + \frac{1}{\rho})^2 - 1 \right)^2} \\ &= \frac{\rho^4}{(2\rho + 1)^2} \left(m(1 + \frac{1}{\rho})^{2m+3} - (m+1)(1 + \frac{1}{\rho})^{2m+1} + 1 + \frac{1}{\rho} \right). \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=1}^m i(w_i - v_i) \\ &= \frac{(2\rho^2 + 2(1-m)\rho + 1 - m)}{\rho(\rho + 1)} \left(\frac{\rho^4}{(2\rho + 1)^2} \right) \left(m(1 + \frac{1}{\rho})^{2m+3} - (m+1)(1 + \frac{1}{\rho})^{2m+1} + 1 + \frac{1}{\rho} \right) \\ &= \frac{\rho^3}{2\rho + 1} \left(\frac{(2\rho^2 + 2(1-m)\rho + 1 - m)}{\rho(2\rho + 1)} \right) \left(m(1 + \frac{1}{\rho})^{2m+2} - (m+1)(1 + \frac{1}{\rho})^{2m} + 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{\rho^3}{2\rho + 1} \left(\frac{(2\rho^2 + 2(1-m)\rho + 1 - m)}{\rho(2\rho + 1)} \right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{\rho} \right)^{2m-1} \left(m(1 + \frac{1}{\rho})^3 - (m+1)(1 + \frac{1}{\rho}) \right) + \frac{\rho^2(2\rho^2 + 2(1-m)\rho + 1 - m)}{(2\rho + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{\rho^3}{(2\rho + 1)} \left(\frac{1}{2\rho + 1} - \frac{\rho + 1 - m}{\rho + 1} \right) \left(m(1 + \frac{1}{\rho})^3 - (m+1)(1 + \frac{1}{\rho}) \right) + \frac{\rho^2(2\rho^2 + 2(1-m)\rho + 1 - m)}{(2\rho + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\rho + 1)^2} (m + 2m\rho - \rho^2) (m + 2m\rho - 2\rho^2 - 2\rho) + \frac{\rho^2(2\rho^2 + 2(1-m)\rho + 1 - m)}{(2\rho + 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{(2\rho+1)^2} (4\rho^4 - 4(2m-1)\rho^3 + (4m^2 - 8m + 1)\rho^2 + 2m(2m-1)\rho + m^2) \\
&= \frac{1}{(2\rho+1)^2} (4\rho^4 + 4\rho^3 + (4m^2 + 1)\rho^2 + 4m^2\rho + m^2 - (8m\rho^3 + 8m\rho^2 + 2m\rho)) \\
&= \frac{1}{(2\rho+1)^2} ((4\rho^2 + 4\rho + 1)\rho^2 + 4m^2\rho^2 + 4m^2\rho + m^2 - (4\rho^2 + 4\rho + 1)2m\rho) \\
&= (m - \rho)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Conflict of Interests

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests.

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