

Reverse Cholesky Factorization

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Background and Motivation

Given $P \in B(\ell^2(\mathbb{N}))$ positive semidefinite, the LU-decomposition, a.k.a., the Cholesky algorithm, yields $P = LL^*$ with L lower triangular.

What about $P = UU^*$ with U upper triangular? Why bother?

Answer: UU^* factorizations related to problems in complex analysis.

Szego's Theorem: If $p \geq 0$ on circle, then $p = |f|^2$, a.e. with f analytic on disk iff $\ln(p)$ integrable.

From this it follows that a Toeplitz operator with symbol p , T_p factors as $T_p = UU^*$ iff $\ln(p)$ integrable.

Many multivariable analogues still open.

Multivariable Case

o.n.b. for $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^+)^{\otimes M}$ given by $e_I = e_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{i_M}$ where $I = (i_1, \dots, i_M)$. If $P \in B(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^+)^{\otimes M})$ write $P = (p_{I,J})$ where $p_{I,J} = \langle Pe_J, e_I \rangle$. $U = (u_{I,J})$ is **M-upper triangular** iff $u_{I,J} = 0$ whenever $\exists K, i_K \leq j_K$ (equivalently, $U \in \text{Alg}(\mathbb{Z}^+)^{\otimes M}$ —the tensor product of nest algebras).

Set $z^I = z_1^{i_1} \cdots z_M^{i_M}$.

AFMP: If $P = (p_{I,J}) \in B(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^+)^{\otimes M})^+$, then $K_P(z, w) = \sum_{I,J} p_{I,J} z^I \bar{w}^J$ is the reproducing kernel for a space of analytic functions on \mathbb{D}^M , denoted $\mathcal{H}(K_P)$.
 $P = UU^*$ with U M-upper iff the polynomials are dense in $\mathcal{H}(K_P)$.

PW: Let $P \in B(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^+)^{\otimes M})^+$. If for each J , $p_{I,J}$ is non-zero for only finitely many I , then $P = UU^*$ with U M -upper.

Weak Fejer-Reisz: Let p be a positive trig polynomial in M variables, then $T_p = UU^*$ with U M -upper.

Proof: Set $\phi_J(z) = (J!) \sum_I p_{I,J} z^I$ (a polynomial), we prove that $\phi_J \in \mathcal{H}(K_P)$ and for $f \in \mathcal{H}(K_P)$,

$$f^{(J)}(0) = \langle f, \phi_J \rangle_{\mathcal{H}(K_P)}.$$

Hence, $f \perp \{\text{polynomials}\} \implies f^{(J)}(0) = 0, \forall J \implies f = 0$

The following extends results of Anoussis-Katsoulis in *Factorisation in nest algebras I, II*:

PW: Let $P \in B(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^+)^{\otimes M})^+$. The following are equivalent:

1. $P = UU^*$ for some $U \in \text{Alg}(\mathbb{Z}^+)^{\otimes M}$,
2. $\text{Ran}(P^{1/2}) = \text{Ran}(C)$ for some $C \in \text{Alg}(\mathbb{Z}^+)^{\otimes M}$

In particular, if P is invertible, then P factors.

1 \implies $\text{Ran}(P^{1/2}) = \text{Ran}(U)$ by Douglas factorization.

For 2 \implies 1, AFMP showed that

$$f = \sum_I a_I z^I \in \mathcal{H}(K_P) \iff \sum_I a_I e_I \in \text{Ran}(P^{1/2}).$$

Now show “polynomials” are dense in $\text{Ran}(C)$.

Both our results (and proofs) hold for operator-valued matrices and vector-valued reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces as well.

Thanks!