



## MAJORIZATION OF MATRICES

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**Abstract:**

It is shown that under certain conditions the column majorization of matrices is reversed for the column majorization of their corresponding Moore-Penrose inverses and preserved for the column majorization of their powers. The condition for column majorization of block matrices is determined.

**Index Terms:** Majorization & Moore-Penrose inverse

**1. Introduction:**

Let  $C^{m \times n}$  denote the space of  $m \times n$  complex matrices. If  $A \in C^{m \times n}$  then the Moore-Penrose inverse  $A^+$  of A is the unique solution to the equations:

$$AXA = A, \quad XAX = X, \quad (AX)^* = AX \quad \text{and} \quad (XA)^* = XA \quad [2, p.7].$$

A square matrix A is called *EP* if  $R(A) = R(A^*)$  or equivalently  $AA^+ = A^+A$ , where  $R(A)$  denotes the range space of A. A matrix A is called *EP<sub>r</sub>* if A is EP and is of rank r.

Let  $R^{m \times n}$  denotes the space of  $m \times n$  real matrices. For any column vector  $x \in R^n$ , let  $x_{[1]}, x_{[2]}, \dots, x_{[n]}$  denote the coordinates of x arranged in decreasing order of magnitude:  $x_{[1]} \geq x_{[2]} \geq \dots \geq x_{[n]}$ . We shall write  $x \downarrow = (x_{[1]}, x_{[2]}, \dots, x_{[n]})^t$  where t denotes the transpose. If  $x, y \in R^n$ , we say that y is majorized by x, denote by  $y \prec x$  if

$$\sum_{i=1}^k y_i = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n-1, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

Also y is said to be majorized by x if and only if there exists a doubly stochastic matrix M such that  $y = Mx$  [4, p.7-12]. Throughout this paper we consider only real matrices.

**2. Majorization of Matrices:**

The majorization of vectors is extended to matrices as follows:

**Definition 1:**

Let A and B be  $m \times n$  real matrices. Then A is said to be column majorized by B, denoted by  $A \prec^c B$  if and only if  $A = MB$  where M is a doubly stochastic matrix of order m.

We note that the column majorization of matrices is equivalent to the majorization of the transpose of the corresponding matrices [4, p.430].

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } A \prec^c B &\Leftrightarrow A = MB, \quad \text{where M is doubly stochastic} \\ &\Leftrightarrow A = MB \quad \text{for all } i, \text{ where } A_i \text{ is the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ column of A} \\ &\Leftrightarrow A_i^t = B_i^t \quad \text{for all } i \\ &\Leftrightarrow A^t \prec B^t. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1:**

Let A, B be *EP<sub>r</sub>* matrices and  $A \prec^c B$ . Then  $R(A) = R(B)$  and  $(AB)^+ = B^+A^+$ .

**Proof:**

$A \prec^c B \Rightarrow A = MB \Rightarrow N(B) \subseteq N(A) \quad \text{where } N(A), \text{ denotes the null space of } A.$

Since  $A$  and  $B$  are  $EP_r$ ,  $R(A) = R(B)$ , then by theorem 3 of [1],  $AB$  is  $EP_r$  and by theorem 4 of [1], we get  $(AB)^+ = B^+A^+$ .

**Lemma 2:**

Let  $A$  be an  $EP$  matrix. Then

$$(i) A \prec^c A^+A \Leftrightarrow A^+A \prec^c A^+$$

$$(ii) A^+A \prec^c A \Leftrightarrow A^+ \prec^c A^+A$$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} . (i) A \prec^c A^+A &\Leftrightarrow A = MA^+A \\ &\Leftrightarrow AA^+ = MA^+AA^+ \text{ (on post multiplication by } A^+ \text{ or } A) \\ &\Leftrightarrow AA^+ = MA^+ \text{ (since } A \text{ is } EP \text{ and } A^+AA^+ = A^+) \\ &\Leftrightarrow A^+A \prec^c A^+ \end{aligned}$$

Hence the result (i). Similarly (ii) can be proved.

**Remark 1:**

In particular, if  $A$  is nonsingular, then  $A \prec^c I \Leftrightarrow I \prec^c A^{-1}$ . Hence  $A \prec^c I \Rightarrow A \prec^c A^{-1}$ . If the column sums of  $A$  is one, then  $I \prec^c A^{-1}$ , however  $A$  need not be a doubly stochastic matrix.

**Remark 2:**

We note that the condition on  $A$  cannot be relaxed in the above lemma 2. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & A^+ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ AA^+ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & A^+A &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Here  $A$  is not  $EP$ , however  $A \prec^c A^+A$  and  $A^+A \prec^c A^+$ .

**Remark 3:**

For any  $EP$  matrix  $A$ , if  $A \prec^c I$ , then  $A = AA^+A \prec^c A^+A$ . Hence by lemma 2  $A \prec^c A^+A \prec^c A^+$ . In particular if  $A$  is  $EP$  and doubly stochastic, then  $A \prec^c I$  holds automatically and hence  $A \prec^c A^+A \prec^c A^+$ .

**Theorem 1:**

If  $A$  is  $EP_r$  and  $B$  is symmetric idempotent with rank  $r$ , then

$$(i) A \prec^c B \Leftrightarrow B^+ \prec^c A^+$$

$$(ii) B \prec^c A \Leftrightarrow A^+ \prec^c B^+$$

$$(iii) A \prec^c B \Rightarrow A \prec^c A^+$$

$$(iv) B \prec^c A \Rightarrow A^+ \prec^c A$$

**Proof:**

Since  $A$  is  $EP_r$  and  $B$  is symmetric idempotent with rank  $r$ , both  $A$  and  $B$  are  $EP_r$ . By lemma 1,  $R(A) = R(B) \Rightarrow A^+A = B^+B = B$  (since  $A^+A$  is the projection onto  $R(A)$  along  $N(A)$ ). Then (i) and (ii) follow from lemma 2. (iii) and (iv) follow from (i) and (ii) respectively and  $B = B^+$ .

**Corollary 1:**

Let  $A$  be  $EP_r$ ,  $B$  be symmetric idempotent with rank  $r$  and  $A \prec^c B$ . Then  $A^n \prec^c B \prec^c (A^n)^+$  for any positive integer  $n$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $A \prec^c B$  and by theorem 1 (i),  $B = B^+ \prec^c A^+$ . Hence,  $A \prec^c A^+$  follows from theorem 1 (iii). Since  $B$  is symmetric idempotent and by theorem B2 of [4p.433],

$A^2 \prec^c A^T A = B^T B = B$ . Thus,  $A^n \prec^c B$  is true for  $n=2$ . Now,  $A^3 \prec^c BA = BB^T A = AA^T A = A \prec^c B$ . Hence  $A \prec^c B$ . Thus, it is true for  $n=3$ . By continuing in this manner we can show that  $A \prec^c B \Rightarrow A^n \prec^c B$  for any positive integer  $n$ .  $B \prec^c (A^n)^T$  follows from  $A^n \prec^c B$  and theorem 1(i). Hence the corollary.

**Theorem 2:**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $EP_r$  matrices such that  $AB = BA$ . Then  $A \prec^c B \Leftrightarrow B^+ \prec^c A^+$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $A, B$  are  $EP_r$  and  $A \prec^c B$ , by lemma 1,  $R(A) = R(B) = R(B^+)$ . Since  $A$  and  $B^+$  are  $EP_r$  and  $R(A) = R(B^+)$ , by theorem 3 and 4 of [1],  $AB^+$  is  $EP_r$  and  $(AB^+)^+ = BA^+$

Thus,  $AB^+ = B^+ A$  (by theorem 2 of [5]) (1)

$$\begin{aligned} A \prec^c B &\Rightarrow AB^+ \prec^c BB^+ && \text{(by theorem B2 of [4,p.433])} \\ &\Rightarrow B^+ A \prec^c BB^+ && \text{(by (1))} \\ &\Rightarrow BB^+ \prec^c (B^+ A)^+ && \text{(by theorem 1(i) applied to } BB^+ \text{)} \\ &\Rightarrow B^+ B \prec^c A^+ B \\ &\Rightarrow B^+ BB^+ \prec^c A^+ BB^+ \\ &\Rightarrow B^+ \prec^c A^+ \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, since  $A^+$  and  $B^+$  are  $EP_r$ . And by theorem 2 of [5],  $BA^+ = A^+ B$  is of rank  $r$ . In the above part, replacing  $A$  by  $B^+$  and  $B$  by  $A^+$  and using  $(A^+)^+ = A, (B^+)^+ = B$ ,

We get  $B^+ \prec^c A^+ \Rightarrow A \prec^c B$ . Hence the theorem.

**REMARK 4:**

The condition on  $A$  and  $B$  that they have the same rank, but  $AB \neq BA$  cannot hold in theorem 2. For example, consider,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 1/3 \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 3 & 3 \\ 11 & 12 & 10 \\ 7 & 12 & 11 \end{pmatrix}; \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ A^+ &= 1/45 \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 3 & -6 \\ -51 & 111 & -87 \\ 48 & -123 & 111 \end{pmatrix}; \quad B^+ = 1/15 \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 15 & -25 \\ -3 & -15 & 30 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Here  $AB \neq BA$ , however  $A \prec^c B$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are  $EP_r$  with rank 3 and  $B^+ \prec^c A^+$ .

**Corollary 2:**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $EP_r$  matrices and  $A \prec^c B$  such that  $AB = BA$ . Then  $A^n \prec^c B^n$  for any positive integer  $n$ .

**Proof:**

By theorem B2 of [4, p.433] and  $A \prec^c B$  we have  $AB^+ \prec^c BB^+$ . Since  $BB^+$  is symmetric idempotent by theorem 1 (iii), we get

$$AB^+ \prec^c (AB^+)^+ = BA^+. \text{ By lemma 1, } AB^+ A \prec^c BA^+ A = B.$$

Using (1), we see that  $AAB^+ \prec^c B$ . By lemma 1,  $A^+ A = B^+ B$ .

Hence  $A^2 B^+ B \prec^c B^2 \Rightarrow A^2 \prec^c B^2$ . Thus the corollary is true for  $n=2$ .

Now,  $A^2 \prec^c B^2 \Rightarrow A^3 \prec^c B^2 A = AB^2 \prec^c BB^2 = B^3$

(Since  $A \prec^c B \Rightarrow AB^2 \prec^c BB^2$ ). Thus it is true for  $n=3$ . By continuing in this manner, we can show that  $A \prec^c B \Rightarrow A^n \prec^c B^n$  for any positive integer  $n$ . Hence the corollary.

**Theorem 3:**

Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\text{rank } M = \text{rank } A$  and  $L = \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{pmatrix}$  with

rank  $L = \text{rank } E$  be  $n \times n$  real matrices such that  $A^+B = E^+F$  (2)

Then  $A \prec^c E$  and  $C \prec^c G$  i.e.,  $A = R_1E$  and  $C = R_2G \Leftrightarrow M \prec^c L$  with doubly stochastic matrix  $R$  of

the form  $\begin{pmatrix} O & R_1 \\ O & R_2 \end{pmatrix}$

**Proof:**

Since  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\text{rank } M = \text{rank } A$ , where  $A$  is  $k \times k$  and  $D$  is  $(n-k) \times (n-k)$

matrices, by corollary in [3] it follows that  $N(A) \subseteq N(C)$ ,  $N(A^*) \subseteq N(B^*)$  and  $D = CA^+B$  or equivalently,  $C = CA^+A$ ,  $B = AA^+B$  and  $D = CA^+B$ .

For  $L$ , we have  $G = GE^+E$ ,  $F = EE^+F$  and  $H = GE^+F$ . (3)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } A \prec^c E \text{ and } C \prec^c G &\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A & O \\ C & O \end{pmatrix} \prec^c \begin{pmatrix} E & O \\ G & O \end{pmatrix} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A & O \\ C & O \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & A^+B \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} \prec^c \begin{pmatrix} E & O \\ G & O \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & A^+B \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \prec^c \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{pmatrix} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow M \prec^c L
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the theorem.

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