

## Perron-Frobenius theory

Def:  $A \geq B$  for real  $A, B$  of same size if  $a_{ij} \geq b_{ij} \forall i, j$ .  
 $A > B$  and  $a_{ij} > b_{ij}$  for some  $i, j$ .

E.g.  $P \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$  entrywise nonnegative  
 $P > 0$  positive

Perron's Thm:  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $P > 0 \Rightarrow P$  has dominant eigenvalue  $\lambda(P)$ :

1.  $\lambda(P) > 0$  and  $Pv = \lambda(P)v$  for some  $v > 0$ ;

2.  $a(\lambda(P)) = 1$ ; algebraic multiplicity 1 and

for  $\kappa \in \Lambda(P) \setminus \{\lambda(P)\}$ :

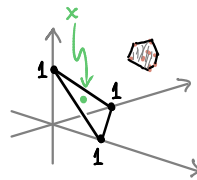
3.  $|\kappa| < \lambda(P)$  and

4.  $Pv = \kappa v$  and  $v \neq 0 \Rightarrow v \not\geq 0$ .

Pf: Set  $L(P) = \{ \lambda \geq 0 \mid Px \geq \lambda x \text{ for some } x \geq 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{1}x = 1 \}$ ,  $\lambda \ll 1 \Rightarrow \lambda \in L(P)$  sufficiently under  $P_0$

Let  $\mathbf{1} = [1 \cdots 1]$  so  $\mathbf{1}x = \|x\|_1 = x_1 + \cdots + x_n$ .

$Px \geq \lambda x \Rightarrow$  same for  $\frac{x}{\|x\|_1} \Rightarrow$  assume  $\mathbf{1}x = 1$ .



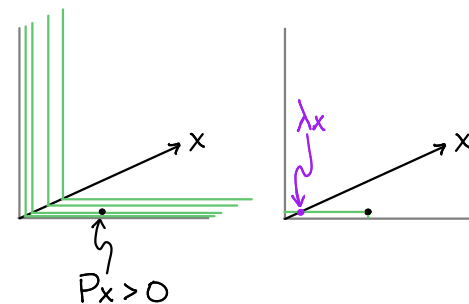
Lemma:  $L(P)$  compact and has some  $\lambda > 0$ .

Pf:  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $0 \neq x \geq 0 \Rightarrow Px > 0$ .

$\lambda \rightarrow 0_+ \Rightarrow \lambda x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \lambda x < \varepsilon \mathbf{1}^T$  eventually

$\Rightarrow \lambda x < Px$  "

$\Rightarrow \lambda \in L(P)$  "



bounded:  $b = b \mathbf{1}x \geq \mathbf{1}Px \geq \mathbf{1}\lambda x = \lambda \mathbf{1}x = \lambda$  as  $\mathbf{1}x = 1$ ;  $b = \|\mathbf{1}P\|_\infty \Rightarrow b = b \mathbf{1}x = \max \text{ entry of } \mathbf{1}P$   
 $\Sigma \text{ rows of } P$

closed:  $\lambda_k \rightarrow \lambda$  with  $\lambda_k \in L(P) \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow \exists x_k$  with  $Px_k \geq \lambda_k x_k \forall k$ ; may as well assume  $\mathbf{1}x_k = 1$ .

$\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  has convergent subsequence since  $\sigma_{n-1}$  compact

$\sigma_{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n \mid \mathbf{1}x = 1\}$   
 simplex

$\Rightarrow$  can replace  $\{\lambda_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  with subsequences to assume

$\lambda_k \rightarrow \lambda$  and  $x_k \rightarrow x$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (Px_k \geq \lambda_k x_k)$  is  $(Px \geq \lambda x) \Rightarrow \lambda \in L(P)$ .  $\square$

1. Set  $\lambda(P) = \max L(P)$ . Lemma  $\Rightarrow \lambda(P) > 0$ . beneath fewer  $Px$ 's.  $\lambda(P)$  is when the last  $Px$  works.

Claim:  $\lambda(P) \in \Lambda(P)$ . In fact,  $Pv \geq \lambda(P)v$  for  $v \geq 0 \Rightarrow Pv = \lambda(P)v$ .

today: proof  
 next time: consequences

$P_0$  is some polytope in  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$

$\lambda \gg 0 \Rightarrow P_0$  entirely under  $\lambda \mathbf{1}x$

$\lambda \ll 1 \Rightarrow \lambda \mathbf{1}x$  sufficiently under  $P_0$

Pf: Suppose  $\lambda \in L(P)$ , so  $Pv \geq \lambda v$  for some  $v \geq 0$ .  $P$  moves  $v + \varepsilon w$  to interior of  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq \lambda v}^n$  (38)

Want: this  $\rightarrow Pv \neq \lambda v \Rightarrow 0 \neq Pv - \lambda v =: w$   
 $\Rightarrow \lambda \neq \lambda(P)$

$\Rightarrow \varepsilon Pw > 0 \forall \varepsilon > 0$ , since  $P > 0$

$\Rightarrow P(v + \varepsilon w) = Pv + \varepsilon Pw > Pv = \lambda v + w$

$\geq \lambda v + \varepsilon \lambda w = \lambda(v + \varepsilon w)$  for  $\varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{\lambda}$ .

So  $x = v + \varepsilon w \Rightarrow Px > \lambda x$

$\Rightarrow Px \geq \lambda' x$  for any  $\lambda' > \lambda$  with  $\lambda' - \lambda \ll 1$

$\Rightarrow \lambda \neq \lambda(P)$  by maximality.  $\square$

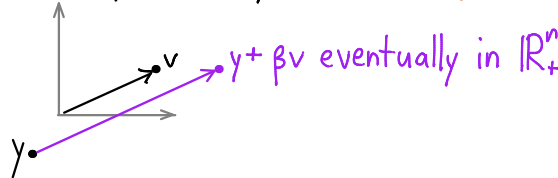
$\lambda(P) \in \Lambda(P) \Rightarrow Pv = \lambda(P)v$  for nonzero  $v \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda(P)v > 0 \Rightarrow v > 0$ .

2.  $g(\lambda(P)) = 1: w \in E(\lambda(P))$  indep. of  $v \Rightarrow$  line  $\overleftrightarrow{vw}$  exits  $\mathbb{R}_+^n \Rightarrow E(\lambda(P)) \cap \partial \mathbb{R}_+^n \setminus \{0\} \neq \emptyset$

For  $a(\lambda(P)) = 1$  need: no  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $P_y = \lambda(P)y + \alpha v$  ( $*$ )  $(P - \lambda(P))y \in \text{span}(v)$

By  $y \mapsto -y$  assume  $\alpha > 0$

$y \mapsto y + \beta v$  assume  $y > 0$ .



( $*$ ) and  $v > 0 \Rightarrow P_y > \lambda(P)y \Rightarrow P_y > \lambda' y$  for any  $\lambda' > \lambda(P)$  with  $\lambda' - \lambda(P) \ll 1$   $\lambda(P)$  maximal

3.  $\kappa \in \Lambda(P)$  with  $P_y = \kappa y$ , both  $\in \mathbb{C}$

$\Rightarrow p_{i1}y_i + \dots + p_{in}y_n = \kappa y_i \Rightarrow p_{i1}|y_i| + \dots + p_{in}|y_n| \geq |p_{i1}y_i + \dots + p_{in}y_n| = |\kappa| |y_i|$  (\*\*)

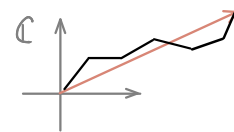
$\Rightarrow |\kappa| \in L(P) \Rightarrow |\kappa| \leq \lambda(P)$ . But

$|\kappa| = \lambda(P) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} |y_1| \\ \vdots \\ |y_n| \end{bmatrix} \in E(\lambda(P))$  by Claim  $\Rightarrow = \alpha v$  and " $=$ " in (\*\*)

$\Rightarrow y_1, \dots, y_n$  lie along a ray in  $\mathbb{C}$

$y_i = \omega |y_i| \forall i$  for some  $\omega \in U_1$

$\Rightarrow \omega \alpha v \in E(\lambda(P)) \Rightarrow \kappa = \lambda(P)$ .



$\| \text{zig-zag} \| = \sum \| \text{segment} \|$

4.  $P > 0 \Rightarrow P^T > 0 \Rightarrow \exists \varphi^T > 0$  in  $E(\lambda(P^T))$  want this for  $P_y = \kappa y$

$\Rightarrow y \neq 0$  if  $\varphi y = 0$ .

$P_y = \kappa y$  and  $P^T \varphi^T = \lambda \varphi^T \Rightarrow \lambda \varphi y = \varphi P_y = \varphi(\kappa y) = \kappa \varphi y$

$\varphi P = \lambda \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi y = 0$  if  $\lambda \neq \kappa$

Take  $\lambda = \lambda(P^T)$

$\lambda(P^T) \varphi y = \underbrace{\varphi}_{\lambda(P^T) \varphi} \underbrace{P_y}_{\kappa y} = \varphi(\kappa y) = \kappa \varphi y$

Lemma:  $\lambda(P) = \lambda(P^T)$ .

Pf:  $(P - \lambda I)^T = P^T - \lambda I$ .  $\square$