

# On Some Properties of Spectral Radius for 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).

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

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

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 an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue of  $\rho(A)$ .

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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  
 $b(2m, k+1) = \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^{k+1} \mathbf{1}_{2m} = \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^k \begin{pmatrix} (m-1)\mathbf{1}_m \\ m\mathbf{1}_m \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= mb(2m, k) - b_l(2m, k)$   
 $= (m-1)b(2m, k) + b_r(2m, k)$ .  
 It is easy to verify the following 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  $b(2m, k+1) = \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^{k+1} \mathbf{1}_{2m}$   
 $= \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^k \begin{pmatrix} (m-1)\mathbf{1}_m \\ m\mathbf{1}_m \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= (m-1)(b_{11}(2m, k) + b_{21}(2m, k))$   
 $+ m(b_{12}(2m, k) + b_{22}(2m, k))$ ,  
 $b(2m, k+1) = \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t (\mathcal{B}_{2m}^k)^{k+1} \mathbf{1}_{2m}$   
 $= \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t (\mathcal{B}_{2m}^k)^k \begin{pmatrix} (m-1)\mathbf{1}_m \\ m\mathbf{1}_m \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= m(b_{11}(2m, k) + b_{12}(2m, k))$   
 $+ (m-1)(b_{21}(2m, k) + b_{22}(2m, k))$ ,  
 we have  
 $b_{11}(2m, k) = b_{22}(2m, k)$ .  
 $b(2m, k+2) = \mathbf{1}_{2m}^t \mathcal{B}_{2m}^{k+2} \mathbf{1}_{2m}$   
 $= (m\mathbf{1}_m^t, (m-1)\mathbf{1}_m^t) \mathcal{B}_{2m}^k \begin{pmatrix} (m-1)\mathbf{1}_m \\ m\mathbf{1}_m \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= 2(m-1)mb_{11}(2m, k) + m^2b_{12}(2m, k)$   
 $+ (m-1)^2b_{21}(2m, k)$ .

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 an 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

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

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

$$(3) w_k - v_k = \frac{1-v_k(2\rho+1)}{\rho+1} \text{ and}$$

$$v_k = \frac{1}{2\rho+1} - \frac{2(\rho+\frac{1+m}{2})^2+(1-m)(\frac{1+m}{2})}{\rho(2\rho+1)} \cdot \left(\frac{\rho+1}{\rho}\right)^{2k+1},$$

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

### 3 Some properties for spectral radius of Brualdi-Li matrix

**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

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

$$= -m(m-1) + (2m-1)\rho - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{b(2m, k+2)}{b(2m, k+1)} \cdot \frac{b(2m, k+1)}{b(2m, k)}\right)$$

$$= -\rho^2 + (2m-1)\rho - m(m-1).$$

Using a similar approach, we have obtained (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),

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

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{b_l(2m, k)}{b(2m, k)} \cdot \left(\frac{b_l(2m, k-1)}{b(2m, k-1)}\right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{b(2m, k)}{b(2m, k-1)}\right)$$

$$= (m-\rho)(m-\rho)^{-1}\rho$$

$$= \rho.$$

Using a similar approach, we have obtained

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_r(2m, k)}{b_r(2m, k-1)} = \rho \text{ and (2).}$$

**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 an 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,

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

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

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

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^m i(w_i - v_i) \\ &= \frac{(2\rho^2+2(1-m)\rho+1-m)}{\rho(\rho+1)} \left( \frac{\rho^4}{(2\rho+1)^2} \right) \cdot \\ & \quad \left( m(1+\frac{1}{\rho})^{2m+3} - (m+1)(1+\frac{1}{\rho})^{2m+1} + 1 + \frac{1}{\rho} \right) \\ &= \frac{\rho^3}{2\rho+1} \left( \frac{(2\rho^2+2(1-m)\rho+1-m)}{\rho(2\rho+1)} \right) \cdot \\ & \quad \left( m(1+\frac{1}{\rho})^{2m+2} - (m+1)(1+\frac{1}{\rho})^{2m} + 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{\rho^3}{2\rho+1} \left( \frac{(2\rho^2+2(1-m)\rho+1-m)}{\rho(2\rho+1)} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\rho} \right)^{2m-1} \cdot \\ & \quad \left( m(1+\frac{1}{\rho})^3 - (m+1)(1+\frac{1}{\rho}) \right) + \frac{\rho^2(2\rho^2+2(1-m)\rho+1-m)}{(2\rho+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{\rho^3}{(2\rho+1)} \left( \frac{1}{2\rho+1} - \frac{\rho+1-m}{\rho+1} \right) \cdot \\ & \quad \left( m(1+\frac{1}{\rho})^3 - (m+1)(1+\frac{1}{\rho}) \right) + \frac{\rho^2(2\rho^2+2(1-m)\rho+1-m)}{(2\rho+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\rho+1)^2} (m+2m\rho-\rho^2)(m+2m\rho-2\rho^2-2\rho) \\ & \quad + \frac{\rho^2(2\rho^2+2(1-m)\rho+1-m)}{(2\rho+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\rho+1)^2} (4\rho^4 - 4(2m-1)\rho^3 + (4m^2 - 8m + 1)\rho^2 \\ & \quad + 2m(2m-1)\rho + m^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\rho+1)^2} (4\rho^4 + 4\rho^3 + (4m^2 + 1)\rho^2 + 4m^2\rho + m^2 \\ & \quad - (8m\rho^3 + 8m\rho^2 + 2m\rho)) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\rho+1)^2} ((4\rho^2 + 4\rho + 1)\rho^2 + 4m^2\rho^2 + 4m^2\rho + m^2 \\ & \quad - (4\rho^2 + 4\rho + 1)2m\rho) \\ &= (m-\rho)^2. \end{aligned}$$



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