

## Về một phương trình ma trận

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### TÓM TẮT

Trong bài báo này, chúng tôi chỉ ra rằng với  $A, B$  là các ma trận xác định dương và  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_m$  là các ma trận không suy biến thì phương trình ma trận

$$X^p = A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i$$

có nghiệm xác định dương duy nhất  $X^*$ . Ngoài ra, bằng cách sử dụng phương pháp lặp, chúng tôi cũng chỉ ra dãy các ma trận hội tụ về nghiệm  $X^*$  của phương trình trên.

**Từ khóa:** Ma trận xác định dương, phương trình ma trận, định lý điểm bất động, phương pháp lặp.

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# On a matrix equation

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we consider one matrix equation that involves a matrix generalization of the the weighted geometric mean. More precisely, for positive definite matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , for nonsingular matrices  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_m$ , we show that the following equation

$$X^p = A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i$$

has a unique positive definite solution. We also study the multi-step stationary iterative method for this equation and prove the corresponding convergence.

**Keywords:** Positive definite matrix, matrix equation, fixed point theorem, multi-step stationary iterative method.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathbb{M}_n$  stand for the algebra of  $n \times n$  complex matrices and let  $\mathcal{P}_n$  denote the normal cone of positive definite matrices in  $\mathbb{M}_n$ . Let  $f$  be a real-valued function which is well-defined on the set of eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix  $A$ . Then the matrix  $f(A)$  can be defined by means of the functional calculus.

Let  $A, B$  be positive definite matrices, it is well-known that the matrix geometric mean  $A \sharp B = A^{1/2} (A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2})^{1/2} A^{1/2}$  was firstly defined<sup>1</sup> by Pusz and Woronowicz. They showed that the geometric mean is the unique positive definite solution of the Riccati equation

$$X A^{-1} X = B. \quad (1)$$

In 2005, Lim<sup>2</sup> studied the inverse means problem for the geometric mean and the contra-harmonic mean. Using the Riccati equation (1) as a lemma, for positive definite matrices  $A \leq B$  he studied the following equation

$$X = A + 2BX^{-1}B.$$

He showed that the last equation has a unique positive solution of the form  $X = \frac{1}{2} (A + A \sharp (A + 4BA^{-1}B))$ . Lim and co-authors<sup>3</sup> studied the non-linear equation

$$X = B \sharp (A + X).$$

They proved that this equation has a unique positive definite solution  $X = \frac{1}{2} (B + B \sharp (B + 4A))$ . Interestingly, both results were based on elementary approach by solving the corresponding quadratic equations. Recently, Lee and co-authors<sup>4</sup> studied the following matrix equation

$$X^p = A + M^T (X \sharp B) M.$$

Similar to the approach<sup>5</sup> of Lim and Palfia, they used the Thompson metric and Banach fixed point theorem to show that the equation has a unique positive definite solution. Recently, Zhai and Jin<sup>6</sup> generalized the last equation for  $m$  nonsingular matrices. More precisely, they studied two non-linear matrix equations as follows

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$$X^p = A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T (X \sharp B) M_i$$

and

$$X^p = A + \sum_{i=1}^j M_i^T (X \sharp B) M_i + \sum_{i=j+1}^m M_i^T (X^{-1} \sharp B) M_i,$$

where  $p, m, j$  are positive integers such that  $1 \leq j \leq m$ ,  $A, B$  are positive definite matrices and  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_m$  are nonsingular real matrices.

Recently, Dinh and co-authors studied a more general case of these two equations. They considered similar matrix equations for the weighted matrix geometric mean

$$A \sharp_t B = A^{1/2} \left( A^{-1/2} B A^{-1/2} \right)^t A^{1/2}.$$

Namely, they studied the following matrix equations

$$X^p = A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T (X \sharp_t B) M_i,$$

and

$$X^p = A + \sum_{i=1}^j M_i^T (X \sharp_t B) M_i + \sum_{i=j+1}^m M_i^T (X^{-1} \sharp_t B) M_i,$$

where  $p, m$  are positive integers,  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$  positive definite matrices and  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_m$  are  $n \times n$  nonsingular real matrices. At the end of the paper, they not only mentioned that the weighted geometric mean  $A \sharp_t B$  is a matrix generalization of  $a^{1-t}b^t$  for two non-negative numbers  $a$  and  $b$  but also noticed that there is another symmetric generalization such as  $\left( A^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} B A^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t$  which appears in the definition of the sandwiched quasi-relative entropy<sup>7</sup>  $\text{Tr} \left( A^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} B A^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t$ .

In this note, we give a detail proof of next theorem:

**Theorem.** Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}_n$ ,  $m$  be positive integers greater than 2, and  $p \geq 1$ . Then, for nonsingular matrices  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_m$  in  $\mathbb{M}_n$ , the following matrix equation

$$X^p = A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i$$

has a unique positive definite solution  $X^*$  in  $\mathcal{P}_n$ .

We also study the multi-step stationary iterative method for this equation and prove the corresponding convergence.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Definition 1.** (<sup>8</sup> [Definition 2.1.1]) An operator  $T : \mathcal{P}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_n$  is said to be increasing if  $0 < x \leq y$  implies  $Tx \leq Ty$ .

The following lemma is crucial for us to prove the main results in this paper.

**Lemma 2.** (<sup>8</sup> [Theorem 2.1.6]) Let  $T : \mathcal{P}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_n$  be an increasing operator, and suppose that there exists  $r \in (0, 1)$  for which

$$T(sx) \geq s^r T(x), \quad x \in \mathcal{P}_n, \quad s \in (0, 1).$$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $x^* \in \mathcal{P}_n$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}_n$ ,  $m$  be positive integers greater than 2, and  $p \geq 1$ . Then, for nonsingular matrices  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_m$  in  $\mathbb{M}_n$ , the following matrix equation

$$X^p = A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i \quad (2)$$

has a unique positive definite solution  $X^*$  in  $\mathcal{P}_n$ .

*Proof.* Let consider the function

$$T(X) = \left( A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

We show that  $T(X)$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 2, so it has a unique fixed point  $X^*$  in  $\mathcal{P}_n$ . That leads to the fact that Equation (2) has a unique positive definite solution  $X^*$  in  $\mathcal{P}_n$ .

Let  $0 < X_1 \leq X_2$  and  $0 < t < 1$ , we have  $\left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X_1 B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t \leq \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X_2 B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} & M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X_1 B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i \\ & \leq M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X_2 B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X_1 B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i$$

$$\leq A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X_2 B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i.$$

Since  $p \geq 1$ , the function  $x^{\frac{1}{p}}$  is a monotone operator on  $(0, +\infty)$ . We have

$$T(X_1) = \left( A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X_1 B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\leq \left( A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X_2 B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$= T(X_2),$$

so the function  $T(X)$  is increasing.

Let  $X \in \mathcal{P}_n$ . For  $t \in (0, 1)$  and  $p \geq 1$ , there exists a constant  $r \in (0, 1)$  such that  $r \geq \frac{t}{p}$ . It is obvious that

$$\left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} (sX) B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t = s^t \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t,$$

for any  $s \in (0, 1)$ .

Since  $rp \geq t$ , we have  $s^{rp} \leq s^t < 1$  for all  $s \in (0, 1)$ . Therefore,

$$A + s^t \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i$$

$$\geq s^{rp} \left( A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i \right).$$

By the monotonicity of the function  $x^{\frac{1}{p}}$ , we have

$$T(sX) = \left( A + s^t \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\geq \left( s^{rp} \left( A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$= s^r \left( A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$= s^r T(X).$$

Thus,  $T(X)$  satisfies all conditions of Lemma 2. In other words, Equation (2) has a unique positive solution  $X^* \in \mathcal{P}_n$ .  $\square$

Now, let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m$  be initial matrices in  $\mathcal{P}_n$  and consider the multi-step stationary iterative method for the equation (2) as following

$$X_{lm+j}$$

$$= \left( A + \sum_{i=1}^m M_i^T \left( B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} X_{(l-1)m+j} B^{\frac{1-t}{2t}} \right)^t M_i \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (3)$$

for  $l = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

In the following theorem, we show that the matrix sequence  $\{X_k\}$  generated by (3) converges to  $X^*$ .

**Theorem 4.** For any  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m \in \mathcal{P}_n$ , the sequence of matrices  $\{X_k\}$  generated by (3) converges to the unique positive definite solution  $X^*$  of the equation (2).

*Proof.* For matrices  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m$  and  $X^*$ , there exists  $a \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$aX^* \leq X_j \leq a^{-1}X^*, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m. \quad (4)$$

We show that for any  $b \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$a^{rb} X^* \leq X_k \leq a^{-rb}, \quad k = bm+j \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, m) \quad (5)$$

for some  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $r \geq \frac{t}{p}$ . Then, according to the fact that  $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} a^{rb} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} a^{-rb} = 1$  and the Squeeze theorem in the normal cone  $\mathcal{P}_n$ , it implies that  $\{X_k\}$  converges to  $X^*$ .

Now, we prove (5) by using the method of mathematical induction. For  $b = 0$ , the inequality (5) reduces to the case of (4). Assume that (5) is true for  $b = q-1$  for some positive interger  $q$ , it means

$$a^{r^{q-1}} X^* \leq X_{(q-1)m+j} \leq a^{-r^{q-1}} X^* \quad (6)$$

for  $k = (q-1)m+j$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

Since  $X_{qm+j} = T(X_{(q-1)m+j})$  and  $T(X)$  is increasing, it implies from (6) that

$$T(a^{r^{q-1}} X^*) \leq T(X_{(q-1)m+j})$$

$$= X_{qm+j} \leq T(a^{-r^{q-1}} X^*).$$

Moreover,  $T(sX) \geq s^r T(X)$  in the case  $s \in (0, 1)$  and  $T(sX) \leq s^r T(X)$  in the case  $s > 1$ . Therefore,

$$T(a^{r^{q-1}} X^*) \geq \left( a^{r^{q-1}} \right)^r T(X^*)$$

$$= a^{r^q} T(X^*) = a^{r^q} X^*$$

and

$$T\left(a^{-r^{q-1}}X^*\right)\leq a^{-r^q}T(X^*)=a^{-r^q}X^*.$$

So, we have

$$a^{r^q}X^*\leq X_{qm+j}\leq a^{-r^q}X^*.$$

Thus, (5) is true, and  $\{X_k\}$  converges to  $X^*$ .  $\square$

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