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## Linear Preserves of Logarithm Majorization

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**Abstract.** Let  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n, X, Y > 0$ , we say  $X$  logarithm majorized by  $Y$ , written  $X \prec_{\log} Y$  if  $\log X \prec \log Y$ . Let  $M_{nm}^+$  be the collection of matrices with positive entries. For  $X, Y \in M_{nm}^+$ , it is said that  $X$  is *logarithm column (row) majorized* by  $Y$ , and is denoted as  $X \prec_{\log}^{column} Y$  ( $X \prec_{\log}^{row} Y$ ), if  $X_j \prec_{\log} Y_j$  ( $X_i \prec_{\log} Y_i$ ) for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), where  $X_j$  and  $Y_j$  ( $X_i$  and  $Y_i$ ) are the  $i$ th column (row) of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. In the present paper, the relations column (row) logarithm majorization on  $M_{nm}^+$  are studied and also all linear operators  $T : M_{nm}^+ \rightarrow M_{nm}^+$  preserving column (row) logarithm majorization will be characterized.

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## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

A square matrix  $D$  is said to be doubly stochastic matrix if its entries are all nonnegative and all column sums and row sums are one.

Throughout the paper,  $M_{nm}$  is the set of all  $n \times m$  real matrices,  $M_n$  is the set of all  $n \times n$  real matrices,  $M_{nm}^+$  is the collection of matrices with positive entries,  $\mathcal{DS}(n)$  is the set of all  $n \times n$  doubly stochastic matrices,  $\mathcal{P}(n)$  is the set of all  $n \times n$  permutation matrices,  $\mathbb{R}^n = M_{n1}$  is the set of all  $n \times 1$  (column) vectors, and  $\mathbb{R}_n$  is the set of all  $1 \times n$  (row) vectors. The canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  will be denoted by  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ ,  $e = \sum_{j=1}^n e_j$ ,  $J = ee^t$ , and  $tr(X) = e^t X$  for any  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  denoted by  $\mathbb{N}_k$ .

The symbol  $X = [X_1|X_2|\dots|X_m]$  ( $X = [X_1/X_2/\dots/X_n]$ ) is used for the  $n \times m$  matrix whose columns (rows) are  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  ( $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ).

For  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $X, Y > 0$ , it is said that  $X$  logarithm majorized by  $Y$ , written  $X \prec_{\log} Y$  if  $\log X \prec \log Y$ . This definition  $X \prec_{\log} Y$  is equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} \prod_{i=1}^k x_{[i]} \leq \prod_{i=1}^k y_{[i]}, & k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \\ \prod_{i=1}^n x_{[i]} = \prod_{i=1}^n y_{[i]} \end{cases}$$

where  $x_{[i]}$  denotes the  $i$ th component of the vector  $X^\downarrow$  whose components are a decreasing rearrangement of the components of  $X$ .

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a relation on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A linear operator  $T : M_{nm} \rightarrow M_{nm}$  is said to be a linear preserver of  $\mathcal{R}$  if  $X\mathcal{R}Y$  implies  $T(X)\mathcal{R}T(Y)$  for all  $X, Y \in M_{nm}$ .

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear operator. We say  $T$  is a preserver of  $\prec_{\log}$  if  $T(X) > 0$  whenever  $X > 0$  and  $T(X) \prec_{\log} T(Y)$  whenever  $X \prec_{\log} Y$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** ([1]) *Suppose that  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear operator. Then  $T$  preserves  $\prec$  if and only if  $T$  satisfies one of the following conditions (i) or (ii).*

- (i)  $T(X) = tr(X)a$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

(ii)  $T(X) = rPX + str(X)e = rPx + sJX$  for some  $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $P \in \mathcal{P}(n)$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** ([3]) *Suppose that  $T : M_{nm} \rightarrow M_{nm}$  is a linear operator. Then  $T$  preserves  $\prec^{\text{column}}$  if and only if there exist  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \in M_{nm}$ ,  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m \in \cup_{i=1}^m \text{span}\{e_i\}$ ,  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m \in \mathcal{P}(n)$  and  $S \in M_m$  such that for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}_m$ ,  $b_i = 0$  or  $A_1e_i = A_2e_i = \dots = A_me_i = 0$  and for all  $X = [X_1|X_2|\dots|X_m] \in M_{nm}$ ,*

$$T(X) = \sum_{j=1}^m (\text{tr} X_j) A_j + [P_1 X b_1 | P_2 X b_2 | \dots | P_m X b_m] + JXS. \quad (1)$$

In section 2, we show that every linear mapping which preserves logarithm majorization on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has the form  $X \mapsto rPX$ , for all  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $P \in \mathcal{P}(n)$  and some positive number  $r$ .

In section 3, we characterize linear operators  $T : M_{nm}^+ \rightarrow M_{nm}^+$  which preserve logarithm column (row) majorization.

For more details on multivariate majorization, we suggest the reader to [2], [4], [7], [10]. Some types of majorization such as multivariate or matrix majorization were motivated by the senses of vector majorization and were (see [8], [13]).

The study of doubly stochastic matrices in relationship to majorization, see [1], [5], [6], [9], [14], [15].

In recent years, characterize the structure of majorization preserving linear operators on certain spaces of matrices has been intensively studied (see [11], [12], [16], [17]).

## 2 Linear Preservers of Logarithm Majorization on $\mathbb{R}^n$

In this section we characterize linear operators  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  which preserve  $\prec_{\log}$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $X, Y > 0$ . Then  $X \prec_{\log} Y \prec_{\log} X$  if and only if  $X = PY$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}(n)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n, X, Y > 0$ . Thus  $X \prec_{log} Y \prec_{log} X$  if and only if

$$\begin{cases} 0 < \prod_{i=1}^k x_{[i]} \leq \prod_{i=1}^k y_{[i]} \leq \prod_{i=1}^k x_{[i]}, & k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \\ 0 < \prod_{i=1}^n x_{[i]} = \prod_{i=1}^n y_{[i]}. \end{cases}$$

The above condition holds, if and only if  $x_{[i]} = y_{[i]}$  for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , i.e. if and only if  $X = PY$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}(n)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear preserves  $\prec_{log}$ . Then  $T$  preserves  $\prec$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $T$  is a linear preserver of  $\prec_{log}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We show that

$$X \prec Y \prec X \implies T(X) \prec T(Y) \prec T(X)$$

for all  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . First, assume that  $X, Y > 0$  and  $X \prec Y \prec X$ . It follows that  $X = PY$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}(n)$  and hence  $X \prec_{log} Y \prec_{log} X$  by Lemma 2.1. Thus by hypothesis  $T(X) \prec_{log} T(Y) \prec_{log} T(X)$  and hence there exist  $P' \in \mathcal{P}(n)$  such that  $T(X) = P'T(Y)$ . It follows that  $T(X) \prec T(Y) \prec T(X)$ .

Next, assume  $X = DY$  for some  $D \in \mathcal{DS}(n)$ . Then  $X = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i P_i Y$  where  $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i = 1, \lambda_i \geq 0$  and  $P_i \in \mathcal{P}(n)$ . Therefore, for every  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) there exist  $Q_i \in \mathcal{P}(n)$  such that  $T(X) = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i T(P_i Y) = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i Q_i T(Y) = D'T(Y)$  where  $D' = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i Q_i$ . It follows that  $T(X) \prec T(Y)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *A linear operator  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear preserves  $\prec_{log}$  if and only if it has the form*

$$X \mapsto rPX, \quad X \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

for some permutation matrix  $P$  and some positive number  $r$ .

**Proof.** We first prove the necessity of the condition. Let  $T$  be a linear preserves  $\prec_{log}$ . If  $n = 1$ , the result is trivial. So we may suppose that  $n > 1$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $T$  preserves  $\prec$ . Hence, by Theorem 1.1,  $T$  is of the form (i) or (ii).

We show that  $T$  not is of the form (i). Put

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Y = \begin{pmatrix} n \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \frac{1}{n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $X \prec_{\log} Y$ , and hence  $T(X) \prec_{\log} T(Y)$ . Thus  $na \prec_{\log} (2n + \frac{1}{n} - 2)a$ , for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , it follows that  $n = (2n + \frac{1}{n} - 2)$  or  $n = 2 - \frac{1}{n}$ ; a contradiction.

Now, suppose that  $T$  is of the form (ii). So,

$$\begin{aligned} T(X) = rPX + str(X)e &= P \begin{pmatrix} r+s & s & s & \cdots & s \\ s & r+s & s & \cdots & s \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ s & s & s & \cdots & r+s \end{pmatrix} \\ &= P \begin{pmatrix} rx_1 + str(X) \\ rx_2 + str(X) \\ \vdots \\ rx_n + str(X) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $s < 0$ , choose a positive number  $m$  such that  $|\frac{r+s}{m}| < |s|$ . Since

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{m} \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} > 0, \text{ we get } T \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{m} \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} > 0 \text{ and also}$$

$$T \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{m} \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{r+s}{m} + (n-1)s \\ r+ns \\ \vdots \\ r+ns \end{pmatrix} < 0,$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore  $s$  can not negative.

If  $s > 0$ , put

$$X := e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Y := \begin{pmatrix} n \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $X \prec_{\log} Y$ , and hence,  $T(X) \prec_{\log} T(Y)$ . Since

$$T(X) = P \begin{pmatrix} r + ns \\ \vdots \\ r + ns \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T(Y) = P \begin{pmatrix} rn + s(2n - 2 + \frac{1}{n}) \\ r + s(2n - 2 + \frac{1}{n}) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{r}{n} + s(2n - 2 + \frac{1}{n}) \end{pmatrix},$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} (r + ns)^n &= [rn + s(2n - 2 + \frac{1}{n})][r + s(2n - 2 + \frac{1}{n})] \\ &\quad \cdots [r + s(2n - 2 + \frac{1}{n})][\frac{r}{n} + s(2n - 2 + \frac{1}{n})] \\ &> (rn + ns)(r + ns)^{n-2}(\frac{r}{n} + ns) \\ &= [r^2 + n^2rs + n^2s^2 + rs](r + ns)^{n-2} \\ &> [r^2 + 2nrs + n^2s^2](r + ns)^{n-2} \\ &= (r + ns)^n, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore  $s = 0$ , and the form of  $T$  is

$$X \mapsto rPX$$

where  $P \in \mathcal{P}(n)$  and  $r > 0$ , since  $T > 0$ .

Clearly, the linear operator  $X \mapsto rPX$ , for  $r > 0$  and  $P \in \mathcal{P}(n)$ , preserves logarithm majorization  $\prec_{\log}$ .  $\square$

### 3 Linear Preservers of Logarithm Column (Row) Majorization on $M_{nm}$

In this section, we characterize linear operators  $T : M_{nm}^+ \rightarrow M_{nm}^+$  which preserve logarithm column (row) majorization. First we need some

known facts and lemmas.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X = [X_1|X_2|\cdots|X_m], Y = [Y_1|Y_2|\cdots|Y_m] \in M_{nm}^+$ . The matrix  $X$  is said to be *logarithm column(row) majorized* by  $Y$ , and is denoted as  $X \prec_{\log}^{\text{column}} Y$  ( $X \prec_{\log}^{\text{row}} Y$ ), if  $X_j \prec_{\log} Y_j; (X_i \prec_{\log} Y_i)$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ).

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $T : M_{nm}^+ \rightarrow M_{nm}^+$  be a linear operator that preserve logarithm column majorization  $\prec_{\log}^{\text{column}}$ . Then  $T$  preserves  $\prec^{\text{column}}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $X, Y \in M_{nm}^+$  and  $X \prec^{\text{column}} Y \prec^{\text{column}} X$ . Then  $X_i \prec Y_i \prec X_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , and hence  $X_i \prec_{\log} Y_i \prec_{\log} X_i$ . Thus  $X \prec_{\log}^{\text{column}} Y \prec_{\log}^{\text{column}} X$ , and hence by hypothesis  $T(X) \prec_{\log}^{\text{column}} T(Y) \prec_{\log}^{\text{column}} T(X)$ . Therefore  $(TX)_i \prec_{\log} (TY)_i \prec_{\log} (TX)_i$ , and hence  $(TX)_i \prec (TY)_i \prec (TX)_i$  for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . It follows that  $T(X) \prec^{\text{column}} T(Y) \prec^{\text{column}} T(X)$ .

Now, suppose that  $X \prec^{\text{column}} Y$ . Then there exist  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_m \in \mathcal{DS}(n)$  such that  $Y_i = D_i X_i$  for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= [D_1 X_1 | D_2 X_2 | \cdots | D_m X_m] \\ &= \left[ \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_{1j} P_j X_1 \mid \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_{2j} P_j X_2 \mid \cdots \mid \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_{mj} P_j X_m \right] \\ &= \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m=1}^k (\lambda_{1i_1} \lambda_{2i_2} \cdots \lambda_{mi_m}) [P_{i_1} X_1 | P_{i_2} X_2 | \cdots | P_{i_m} X_m], \end{aligned}$$

since  $\sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_{ij} = 1$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $P_j \in \mathcal{P}(n)$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, k$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} T(Y) &= \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m=1}^k (\lambda_{1i_1} \lambda_{2i_2} \cdots \lambda_{mi_m}) T([P_{i_1} X_1 | P_{i_2} X_2 | \cdots | P_{i_m} X_m]) \\ &= \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m=1}^k (\lambda_{1i_1} \lambda_{2i_2} \cdots \lambda_{mi_m}) [Q_{i_1} X'_1 | Q_{i_2} X'_2 | \cdots | Q_{i_m} X'_m] \\ &= [D'_1 X'_1 | D'_2 X'_2 | \cdots | D'_m X'_m]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $T(X) \prec^{\text{column}} T(Y)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $T : M_{nm}^+ \rightarrow M_{nm}^+$  be a linear operator. Then  $T$  preserves  $\prec_{log}^{column}$  if and only if there exist positive real numbers  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m$ , and  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m \in \mathcal{P}(n)$  such that*

$$T(X) = [r_1 P_1 X e_{i_1} | r_2 P_2 X e_{i_2} | \dots | r_m P_m X e_{i_m}]$$

where  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m \in \mathbb{N}_m$ .

**Proof.** The case  $n = 1$  being clear, we let  $n \geq 2$ . Assume the linear operator  $T : M_{nm}^+ \rightarrow M_{nm}^+$  preserves  $\prec_{log}^{column}$ . Then, by Lemma 3.2,  $T$  preserves  $\prec^{column}$ . Thus, by Theorem 1.2,  $T$  is of the form (1). So it is enough to show that  $A_1 = A_2 = \dots = A_m = 0$ , and  $S = 0$ .

First, we prove that  $A_j = 0$  for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}_m$ . Assume that  $A_j \neq 0$  for some  $j \in \mathbb{N}_m$ . Without loss of generality suppose that  $A_j e_1 \neq 0$ , then  $b_1 = 0$ . Put

$$X := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times m}, \quad Y := \begin{pmatrix} n & n & \dots & n \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \frac{1}{n} & \frac{1}{n} & \dots & \frac{1}{n} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times m}.$$

It is clear that  $X \prec_{log}^{column} Y$ , so  $T(X) \prec_{log}^{column} T(Y)$ . It easy to see that

$$(TX)_1 = \sum_{j=1}^m (tr X_j) A_j e_1 + J X S e_1 = n \left( \sum_{j=1}^m A_j e_1 + J S e_1 \right)$$

and,

$$(TY)_1 = \sum_{j=1}^m (tr Y_j) A_j e_1 + J Y S e_1 = \left( 2n + \frac{1}{n} - 2 \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^m A_j e_1 + J S e_1 \right),$$

where  $(TX)_1$  is the first column of  $T(X)$  and  $(TY)_1$  is the first column of  $T(Y)$ . Since  $(TX)_1 \prec_{log} (TY)_1$ , it follows that  $n = 2n + \frac{1}{n} - 2$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $A_j = 0$ , for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}_m$ .

Now, we show that  $S = 0$ . By Theorem 1.2, for every  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}_m$ , there exist  $r_j \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $b_j = r_j e_{i_j}$ .

For every  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}_m$ , consider the embedding  $\psi, \psi_j : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow M_{nm}$  by  $\psi(X) := [X|X|\cdots|X] = \sum_{i=1}^m X e_i^t$ ,  $\psi_j(X) := [X|\cdots|X|2X|X|\cdots|X] = \psi(X) + X e_j^t$  and projection  $E_i : M_{nm} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $E_i(X) := X e_i$ . Put  $S = [S_1|S_2|\cdots|S_m]$ . It is easy to show that for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}_m$ ,  $E_j T \psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $E_j T \psi(X) = r_j P_j X + \text{tr}(S_j) \text{tr}(X) e$  preserves  $\prec_{\log}$ . Then by Theorem 2.3, the form of  $E_j T \psi$  is  $X \mapsto r P X$ , where  $r > 0$ . Therefore

$$T(X) = [r_1 P_1 X e_{i_1} | r_2 P_2 X e_{i_2} | \cdots | r_m P_m X e_{i_m}] + J X S,$$

where  $r_j$  is positive real number, for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}_m$ .

Fix  $j \in \mathbb{N}_m$ . For every  $i \in \mathbb{N}_m$ ,  $E_j T \psi_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $E_j T \psi_i(X) = t_i P_i X + \sum_{k=1}^m S_{kj} \text{tr}(X) e + S_{ij} \text{tr}(X) e$  preserves  $\prec_{\log}$ . So, the form of  $E_j T \psi_i$  is  $X \mapsto r P X$ , where  $r > 0$ . It follows that for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}_m$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{k=1}^m S_{kj} + S_{ij} = 0 \quad (2)$$

and  $t_i = r_i$  or  $t_i = 2r_i$ . So,  $S_{1j} = S_{2j} = \cdots = S_{mj} = 0$  is a solution of the system of  $m$  linear equations in  $m$  variables (2). Since  $j \in \mathbb{N}_m$  is arbitrary, therefore  $S = 0$   $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $T : M_{nm}^+ \rightarrow M_{nm}^+$  be a linear operator. Then  $T$  preserves  $\prec_{\log}^{\text{row}}$  if and only if there exist positive real numbers  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$ , and  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n \in \mathcal{P}(m)$  such that*

$$T(X) = [r_1 e_{i_1} X P_1 / r_2 e_{i_2} X P_2 / \cdots / r_n e_{i_n} X P_n]$$

where  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n \in \mathbb{N}_n$ .

**Proof.** Define  $T' : M_{nm}^+ \rightarrow M_{nm}^+$  by  $T'(X) = [T(X^t)]^t$  for all  $X \in M_{nm}^+$ . It is easy to see that  $T$  is a linear preserve of  $\prec_{\log}^{\text{row}}$  if and only if  $T'$  is a linear preserver of  $\prec_{\log}^{\text{column}}$ . By Theorem 3.3, the desired conclusion is obtained.  $\square$

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