Overview

Matrices with positive principal minors, known as P-matrices, play an important role in a wide range of applications, including the linear complementarity problem, global univalence of maps, differential inclusion problems, interval matrices and computational complexity.

Of particular concern is the ability to decide as efficiently as possible, whether an n-by-n matrix is a P-matrix or not, referred to as the P-problem. It is receiving attention due to its inherent computational complexity. Motivated by the P-problem and questions about the spectra of P-matrices, in this course we will address the need to construct (generic and special) P-matrices for purposes of experimentation, as well as theoretical and algorithmic development. To this end, we will provide a review of
(i) basic properties of P-matrices and operations that preserve them;
(ii) techniques to generate P-matrices;
(iii) numerical methods to detect P-matrices;
(iv) manifestations of P-matrices in various mathematical contexts.

The objectives include a review of classical and modern theory of P-matrices with the purpose of promoting research activity in this important area. Emphasis will be given in applications with the primary goals being to motivate young researchers and inform them of current mathematical challenges.
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<th>December 18 – December 22, 2017 (1 week): 13 hrs lectures and 6 hrs Tutorials. Number of participants for the course will be limited to sixty.</th>
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| You Should Attend If... | • you are a final year Master’s degree student in Mathematics, then you can apply  
  • you are a researcher (Ph.D. scholar or PDF or a Faculty) in Mathematics or Physics, then you can apply  
  • you are an engineer with a background in first course in Linear Algebra, then you can apply |
| Fees         | The participation fees for taking the course is as follows:  
  Participants from abroad : US $200 /-  
  Industry/ Research Organizations: Rs. 8000 /-  
  Academic Institutions: Faculty:Rs.5000/, other Researchers: Rs.2000/-  
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  In favour of "Registrar, IIT Madras" payable at Chennai. The demand draft is to be sent to the Course Coordinator at the address given below.  
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  The above fee includes all instructional materials, computer use for tutorials and assignments, 24 hr free internet facility. The participants will be given accommodation along with boarding on payment basis. |
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Professor K.C. Sivakumar, the host faculty, has been with the Department of Mathematics, IIT Madras for the past 14 years. His research areas include Functional Analysis and Mathematical Programming. Presently he is working on problems in matrix analysis, especially concerning nonnegative matrices/operators and their applications in the theory of the standard and the semidefinite linear complementarity problems.