

# The Perron–Frobenius Theorem for Certification of Complexity Proofs

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# Certification Approach

- Take input problem, e.g., Boolean formula
- Analyse using automated untrusted tools, e.g., run SAT-solver
- Obtain answer (SAT/UNSAT) + certificate
- Check certificate by trusted tool (trusted = formal proof)
  - Certification can be easy positive answer of SAT-solver with assignment  $x, \neg y, \neg z, \ldots$
  - Certification can be hard or expensive "there is no satisfying assignment", DRAT, ...

# Complexity of Term Rewrite Systems

 $\begin{aligned} \mathsf{sort}(\mathsf{Cons}(x,xs)) &\to \mathsf{insort}(x,\mathsf{sort}(xs)) \\ &\quad \mathsf{sort}(\mathsf{Nil}) \to \mathsf{Nil} \\ \\ \mathsf{insort}(x,\mathsf{Cons}(y,ys)) &\to \mathsf{Cons}(x,\mathsf{Cons}(y,ys)) & \quad | x \leqslant y \\ \\ &\quad \mathsf{insort}(x,\mathsf{Cons}(y,ys)) \to \mathsf{Cons}(y,\mathsf{insort}(x,ys)) & \quad | x \notin y \\ &\quad \mathsf{insort}(x,\mathsf{Nil}) \to \mathsf{Cons}(x,\mathsf{Nil}) \end{aligned}$ 

Aim: bound on maximal number of rewrite steps starting from

 $sort(Cons(x_1, \dots Cons(x_n, Nil)))$ 

# Running automated complexity tool

Running TCT on TRS yields  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  + certificate

$$\llbracket \text{sort} \rrbracket (xs) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \llbracket xs \rrbracket$$
$$\llbracket \text{insort} \rrbracket (x, xs) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \llbracket xs \rrbracket + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\llbracket \text{Cons} \rrbracket (x, xs) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline A \end{pmatrix}}_{A} \cdot \llbracket xs \rrbracket + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\llbracket \text{Nil} \rrbracket = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Certification — part 1

Obtain strict decrease in every rewrite step:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{sort}(\text{Cons}(x, xs)) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \llbracket xs \rrbracket + \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \ge \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \llbracket xs \rrbracket + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \llbracket \text{insort}(x, \text{sort}(xs)) \rrbracket$$

# Certification — part 2

Bound initial interpretation:

$$[\operatorname{sort}(\operatorname{Cons}(x_1, \dots, \operatorname{Cons}(x_n, \operatorname{Nil})))]] = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^n \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \sum_{i < n} A^i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{O}(n \cdot A^n)$$

Key analysis: growth of values of  $A^n$  depending on n



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# Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

Matrix A has eigenvector  $v \neq 0$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  if

 $Av = \lambda v$ 

Remark

•  $\lambda$  is eigenvalue of A if and only if

 $\lambda$  is root of characteristic polynomial  $\chi_{\rm A}$ 

Consequences

•  $A^n v = \lambda^n v$ 

• 
$$|A^n v| = |\lambda|^n |v|$$

• if  $|\lambda| > 1$  then  $A^n$  grows exponentially

#### Theorem

 $A^n$  grows polynomially if and only if  $|\lambda| \leq 1$  for all eigenvalues  $\lambda$  of A

# Jordan blocks

Matrix A has Jordan normal form  $J = PAP^{-1}$ 

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} J_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & J_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & J_k \end{pmatrix} \qquad J_i = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_i & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \lambda_i & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix}$$

Remarks

- the  $\lambda_i$ s are precisely the eigenvalues of A
- $\chi_A = \chi_J = \prod_{i=1}^k (x \lambda_i)^{s_i}$  where  $s_i$  = size of Jordan block  $J_i$
- J is unique up to permutation of blocks

Consequences

- $A^n = P^{-1}J^nP$ , so A and J have same growth rate
- $J_i^n \in \Theta(n^{s_i-1}|\lambda_i|^n)$
- if  $\max_i |\lambda_i| = 1$  then  $A^n \in \Theta(n^{s-1})$  where  $s = \max_{|\lambda_i|=1} s_i$

# Basic certification algorithm for $A^n \in \mathcal{O}(n^d)$

Input: Matrix *A* and degree *d* Output: Accept or assertion failure.

- Compute all eigenvalues λ<sub>1</sub>,..., λ<sub>n</sub> of A (all complex roots of χ<sub>A</sub>)
- 2. Compute spectral radius  $\rho_A := \max_i |\lambda_i|$
- 3. Assert  $\rho_A \leqslant 1$
- 4. For each  $\lambda_i$  with  $|\lambda_i| = 1$ , and Jordan block of A and  $\lambda_i$  with size  $s_i$ , assert  $s_i 1 \leq d$
- 5. Accept



## Example insertion sort

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Input: 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, d = 1$$
  
1.  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 0$   
2.  $\rho_A = 1$   
4.  $s_1 - 1 = 2 - 1 \leqslant 1 = d$ 

# Another example

Input: 
$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
  
1.  $\chi_A = \frac{(x-1)(8x^3 - 4x^2 - 2x - 1)}{8}$   
 $\lambda_1 = 1$   
 $\lambda_2 = (\text{root } \#1 \text{ of } f_1)$   
 $\lambda_3 = (\text{root } \#1 \text{ of } f_2) + (\text{root } \#1 \text{ of } f_3)\text{i}$   
 $\lambda_4 = (\text{root } \#1 \text{ of } f_2) + (\text{root } \#2 \text{ of } f_3)\text{i}$   
 $f_1 = 8x^3 - 4x^2 - 2x - 1$   
 $f_2 = 32x^3 - 16x^2 + 1$   
 $f_3 = 1024x^6 + 512x^4 + 64x^2 - 11$ 

# The problem and its solution

- algorithm 1 requires precise calculations  $(|\lambda_i| = 1)$
- precise calculations with algebraic numbers are expensive
- aim: avoid explicit computation of eigenvalues
- solution: apply the Perron–Frobenius theorem

# Perron–Frobenius, Part 1

#### Theorem (Perron–Frobenius)

Let A be a non-negative real matrix

•  $\rho_A$  is an eigenvalue of A

#### Consequence



# Perron-Frobenius, Part 2

#### Theorem (Perron-Frobenius)

Let A be a non-negative real and irreducible matrix

- ρ<sub>A</sub> is an eigenvalue of A
- *ρ<sub>A</sub>* has multiplicity 1

• 
$$\exists f k. \ \chi_A = f \cdot (x^k - \rho_A^k) \land (f(y) = 0 \longrightarrow |y| < \rho_A)$$

• . . .

Consequence

 non-negative real and irreducible matrices have constant or exponential growth

## Perron-Frobenius, Part 3

#### Theorem

Let A be a non-negative real matrix

- $\rho_A$  is an eigenvalue of A
- $\exists f \ K. \ \chi_A = f \cdot \prod_{k \in K} (x^k \rho_A^k) \land (f(y) = 0 \longrightarrow |y| < \rho_A)$

#### Consequence



# Uniqueness of f and K

#### Theorem

Let A be a non-negative real matrix

- $\rho_A$  is an eigenvalue of A
- $\exists ! f K. \ \chi_A = f \cdot \prod_{k \in K} (x^k \rho_A^k) \land (f(y) = 0 \longrightarrow |y| < \rho_A)$
- decompose  $\chi_A$  computes f and K for  $\rho_A = 1$

#### Consequence



# New certification algorithm

Input: non-negative matrix *A* and degree *d* Output: Accept or assertion failure.

- 1. Assert that  $\chi_A$  has no real roots in  $(1,\infty)$  via Sturm's method
- 2. Compute K via decompose  $\chi_A$
- 3. If  $|\mathcal{K}| 1 \leqslant d$  then accept
- 4. Check the Jordan blocks for eigenvalue 1, i.e., assert that each Jordan block of A and 1 has size  $s\leqslant d+1$
- 5. If dim  $A \leq 4$  then accept
- 6. For each  $k \in \{2, \ldots, \max K\}$  do
  - $m_k := |\{k' \in K. \ k \text{ divides } k'\}|$
  - If  $m_k 1 > d$  then check the Jordan blocks for all primitive roots of unity of degree k
- 7. Accept

## Experiments

• input: d = 0 and matrix A of dimension 21 with

$$\chi_A = \frac{4096x^{21} - 8192x^{20} + \ldots + 152x^6 - x^4 - 9x^3 + 1}{4096}$$

• basic certification algorithm  
• factor 
$$\chi_A = \frac{(x+1)(x^2+1)(x^2+x+1)\cdot((x-1)(64x^7-64x^6+4x^3-1))^2}{4096}$$

- compute norms of roots of  $64x^7 64x^6 + 4x^3 1$
- timeout after 1 hour
- new certification algorithm
  - apply Sturm's method
  - decompose  $\chi_A = (x^3 1) \cdot (x^4 1) \cdot f$ ,  $K = \{3, 4\}$
  - only check Jordan block of eigenvalue 1
  - finished within fraction of a second
- matrices of termComp (dim  $A \leq 5$ ): new algorithm 5x faster

## Improvements in Automation

- new certification runs in polynomial time for dim  $A \leqslant 5$
- $\implies$  there exists polynomial time SAT/SMT-encoding
- $\implies$  possibility to encode desired degree when searching for matrix interpretation

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# Perron-Frobenius Theorem

- Parts 1 and 2 are well-studied
- New part 3: if A is real non-negative matrix, then
   ∃f K. χ<sub>A</sub> = f · ∏<sub>k∈K</sub>(x<sup>k</sup> − ρ<sup>k</sup><sub>A</sub>) ∧ (f(y) = 0 → |y| < ρ<sub>A</sub>)

#### Proof by induction on the dimension of A.

- If A is irreducible, then apply part 2 and set  $K = \{k\}$
- If dim A = 1 then result is trivial: f = 1,  $K = \{1\}$
- Otherwise,

$$\pi(A) = \begin{pmatrix} B & C \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\pi$  is a permutation of rows and columns

- $\implies$  *B* and *D* are real non-negative matrices,  $\chi_A = \chi_B \cdot \chi_D$
- ⇒ apply induction hypothesis and perform case analysis:  $\rho_B = \rho_D \lor \rho_B < \rho_D \lor \rho_B > \rho_D$

# Largest Jordan blocks

Step 5 of new algorithm (if dim  $A \leq 4$  then accept) requires

#### Theorem

If A is non-negative real matrix, dim  $A \leq 4$  and  $\rho_A \leq 1$  then for every JB with  $|\lambda| = 1$  there exists JB of 1 which is at least as large

#### Proof.

• Let there be JB with  $\lambda\neq$  1,  $|\lambda|=1$  and size s such that all JBs of 1 are smaller than s

$$\implies s>1$$
 since  $ho_{\mathsf{A}}=1$  is eigenvalue

$$\implies \chi_A = (x^2 - 1)^2$$

$$\implies \pi(A) = \begin{pmatrix} B & C \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & c & d \\ \frac{1}{a} & 0 & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{b} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } \begin{array}{c} a, b & > 0 \\ c, d, e, f & \ge 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{b} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Proof continued

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$$\pi(A) = PJP^{-1} \text{ and } h = 0 \longrightarrow g = 0 \text{ for}$$

$$g = \frac{-abe + af + bc - d}{2b}$$

$$h = \frac{abe + af + bc + d}{2a}$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & g & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-a}{2} & \frac{abe + af - bc - d}{8b} & \frac{abe + af - bc - d}{8} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-b}{2} \\ \frac{1}{a} & 1 & \frac{abe - af + bc - d}{2ab} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{b} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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If A is non-negative real matrix, dim  $A \leq 4$  and  $\rho_A \leq 1$  then for every JB with  $|\lambda| = 1$  there exists JB of 1 which is at least as large

#### Conjecture

If A is non-negative real matrix A = 1 then for every JB with  $|\lambda| = 1$  there exists JB of 1 which is at least as large

- ${\scriptstyle \bullet}$  with conjecture it would suffice to only consider JB for 1
- no violation of conjecture among billions of tested matrices
- no idea how to prove it

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# Overview on Formalization

- Carrier-based matrices ( $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times (\mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N} \to \alpha)$ ) for part 3
  - permits decomposition of matrices into smaller ones
- Type-based matrices ( $\iota::\mathsf{finite}\to\iota\to\alpha)$  for part 1
  - continuity of matrix operations, Brouwer's fixpoint theorem
- Combination for part 2
  - proof requires continuity as well as decomposition
  - transfer, local type definitions (see paper or master seminar 2 in SS 2016)

## Summary

- efficient algorithm for certifying polynomial growth of  $A^n$  for non-negative real matrices
- conjecture on largest Jordan blocks for further simplification
- permits SAT/SMT encoding for dim  $A \leqslant 5$
- soundness based on Perron–Frobenius theorem
- Isabelle formalization available in archive of formal proofs
- further application: unique solutions of Markov chains