# Tournament Matrices 

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- Edges denotes the victor between two teams
- $K_{n}$ with direction

Graph Theory

## Example



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## Properties

Let $A$ be a tournament matrix of size $n \times n$

- $[A]_{i i}=0$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$
- $[A]_{i j}+[A]_{j i}=1$ for $1 \leq i<j \leq n$
- $A+A^{T}=J_{n}-I_{n}$
$-\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n}[A]_{i j}=\binom{n}{2}$


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Matrix Form

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$$
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- Tournament matrix where the values of the entries are 0 and 1 inclusive
- Entries are the probabilities that one team will defeat another


## Regular Tournament Matrices

A tournament matrix $A$ of size $n$ with score vector $R$ is a regular tournament matrix if

- $n$ is odd
- Every entry of $R$ is $(n-1) / 2$

Example:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{lll}
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- Spectral radius $\rho=\rho(A)=(n-1) / 2$
- $A j_{n}=\rho j_{n}$
- Tournament matrices of size $n$ where $n$ is odd with the largest spectral radius are regular


## Near-Regular Tournament Matrices

A tournament matrix $A$ of size $n$ with score vector $R$ is a near-regular tournament matrix if

- $n$ is even
- Half the entries of $R$ are $(n-2) / 2$ and the other half are $n / 2$

Example: $\left[\begin{array}{llll}0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0\end{array}\right]$

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Theorem
Let $A$ be any $n \times n$ tournament matrix. Then,

$$
M_{A}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
A & A^{T} \\
A^{T}+I_{n} & A
\end{array}\right]
$$

is a $2 n \times 2 n$ near-regular tournament matrix.

## Proof.

Since $A+A^{T}=J_{n}-I_{n}$, the first $n$ rows of $M_{A}$ have row sum $n-1$ and the last $n$ rows of $M_{A}$ have row sum $n$. So the score vector of $M_{A}$ is

$$
M_{A \dot{j}_{2 n}}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
(n-1) j_{n} \\
n j_{n}
\end{array}\right] .
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Therefore, by definition, $M_{A}$ is a near-regular tournament matrix.

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Properties:

- $\rho\left(\mathcal{B}_{2 m}\right) \geq \rho(A)$ for every $2 m \times 2 m$ tournament matrix $A$
- If $\rho\left(\mathcal{B}_{2 m}\right)=\rho(A), \operatorname{PAP}^{T}=\mathcal{B}_{2 m}$ where $P$ is some permutation matrix
- Diagonalizable, though not unitarily
- First $m$ entries of score vector are $n-1$. Last $m$ entries are $m$.


## Perron-Frobenius Theorem

Theorem
Let $M$ be a nonnegative, irreducible matrix. Then the spectral radius of $M, \rho(M)$, is a unique, positive eigenvalue for $M$, and there is an entrywise positive eigenvector $v$. Such a vector $v$ is called the Perron vector for $\rho$.

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- Continue process up to $A^{k} j_{n}$ where $k$ is an arbitrary positive integer pause
$-\lim _{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A^{k} j_{n}}{\left\|A^{k} j_{n}\right\|}=$ Perron vector $v$ (Power Method)


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- Team $i$ is stronger than team $j$ if $v_{i} / w_{i}>v_{j} / w_{j}$.
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## Brualdi-Li Matrix and Rankings

Let $\mathcal{B}_{2 m}$ be the Brualdi-Li matrix of size $2 m$ with right Perron vector $v$ and left Perron vector $w$

- Kendall-Wei Ranking:

$$
v_{2 m}<v_{2 m-1}<v_{2 m-2}<\ldots<v_{m+1}<v_{1}<v_{2}<\ldots<v_{m}
$$

- Ramanujacharyula Ranking:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{v_{m}}{w_{m}}<\frac{v_{1}}{w_{1}}<\frac{v_{m-1}}{w_{m-1}}<\frac{v_{2}}{w_{2}}<\frac{v_{m-2}}{w_{m-2}}<\ldots<\frac{v_{m / 2}}{w_{m / 2}}<1, \\
& 1<\frac{v_{2 m-m / 2+1}}{w_{2 m-m / 2+1}}<\ldots<\frac{v_{m+3}}{w_{m+3}}<\frac{v_{2 m-1}}{w_{2 m-1}}<\frac{v_{2 m}}{w_{2 m}}<\frac{v_{m+1}}{w_{m+1}}
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where $m / 2$ is rounded up if $m$ is odd

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## Probabilities

Let $v$ be the Perron vector of a tournament matrix $A$

- Probability team $i$ beats team $j$ is $\pi_{i j}=\frac{v_{i}}{v_{i}+v_{j}}$
- Generalized tournament matrix $G:[G]_{i j}=\pi_{i j}$

Big Example
Consider $\mathcal{B}_{12}$ :

$$
\left[\begin{array}{llllllllllll}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
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1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
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$$

The right Perron vector is

| $\mathcal{B}_{12}^{\kappa} 1_{12}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\left.\right\|_{12} ^{k} 1^{\prime}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [. 282 | . 279 | . 275 | . 269 | . 261 | . 250 | . 296 | . 298 | . 302 | . 307 | . 313 |  | 323 | and the left Perron vector is


with decimals rounded to three significant figures.

Strength to weakness ratios

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{v_{6}}{w_{6}}=.845<\frac{v_{1}}{w_{1}}=.873<\frac{v_{5}}{w_{5}}=.876<\frac{v_{2}}{w_{2}}=.890<\frac{v_{4}}{w_{4}}= \\
.891<\frac{v_{3}}{w_{3}}=.896<1 \\
1<\frac{v_{10}}{w_{10}}=1.116<\frac{v_{9}}{w_{9}}=1.122<\frac{v_{11}}{w_{11}}=1.123<\frac{v_{8}}{w_{8}}=1.142< \\
\frac{v_{12}}{w_{12}}=1.145<\frac{v_{7}}{w_{7}}=1.184
\end{gathered}
$$

Ranking according to Kendall-Wei:

$$
12,11,10,9,8,7,1,2,3,4,5,6
$$

Ranking according to Ramanucharyula:

$$
7,12,8,11,9,10,3,4,2,5,1,6 .
$$

Generalized Tournament Matrix:
$\left[\begin{array}{cccccccccccc}0 & .503 & .506 & .512 & .519 & .530 & .488 & .486 & .483 & .479 & .474 & .466 \\ .497 & 0 & .504 & .509 & .517 & .527 & .485 & .484 & .480 & .476 & .471 & .463 \\ .494 & .496 & 0 & .506 & .513 & .524 & .482 & .480 & .477 & .473 & .468 & .460 \\ .488 & .491 & .494 & 0 & .507 & .518 & .476 & .474 & .471 & .467 & .462 & .454 \\ .481 & .483 & .487 & .493 & 0 & .511 & .469 & .467 & .464 & .460 & .455 & .447 \\ .470 & .473 & .476 & .482 & .489 & 0 & .458 & .456 & .453 & .449 & .444 & .436 \\ .512 & .515 & .518 & .524 & .531 & .542 & 0 & .498 & .495 & .491 & .486 & .478 \\ .514 & .516 & .520 & .526 & .533 & .544 & .502 & 0 & .497 & .493 & .488 & .480 \\ .517 & .520 & .523 & .529 & .536 & .547 & .505 & .503 & 0 & .496 & .491 & .483 \\ .521 & .524 & .527 & .533 & .540 & .551 & .509 & .507 & .504 & 0 & .495 & .487 \\ .526 & .529 & .532 & .538 & .545 & .556 & .514 & .512 & .509 & .505 & 0 & .492 \\ .534 & .537 & .540 & .546 & .553 & .564 & .522 & .520 & .517 & .513 & .508 & 0\end{array}\right]$

