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# The inverse eigenvalue problem for some special kind of matrices (I)

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#### Abstract

In recent paper [1] (Juang Peng, Xi-Yan Hu. Lei Zang) two inverse eigenvalue problems are solved and in the order article [2] (Hubert Pickmann, Juan Egana, Ricardo L. Soto), a correction, for one of the problems stated in the first article, has been presented as well. In this article, according to the article [2], a solution which is different from the one in the article [1] has been presented for one of the problems which are in the article [1]. The matrix solution in the article [1] and the one which is presented by us, in the main diagonal, are similar, but instead of first column and row, we valued second column and row, furthermore other element of the matrix are considered null.

# 1. Introduction

In recent paper [1], an inverse eigenvalue problem is solved, a part of which, considering

$$\lambda_{1}^{(n)} < \lambda_{1}^{(n-1)} < \dots < \lambda_{1}^{(2)} < \lambda_{1}^{(1)} < \lambda_{2}^{(2)} < \dots < \lambda_{n}^{(n)},$$

finds an  $n \times n$  matrix  $B_n$ , such that  $\lambda_1^{(j)}$  and  $\lambda_j^{(j)}$  are the minimal and maximal eigenvalues of  $B_j$  respectively for all j = 1, 2, 3, ..., n, where  $B_j$  to denote the  $j \times j$  leading principal submatrix of  $B_n$ , in which  $B_n$  is as below:

$$B_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & \dots & b_{n-1} \\ b_1 & a_2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ b_2 & 0 & a_3 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ b_3 & 0 & 0 & a_4 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ b_{n-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $a_i$  are distinct for all i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n and all  $b_i$  are positive. Then consider the following matrix:

$$A_{n} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1} & b_{1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ b_{1} & a_{2} & b_{2} & b_{3} & \dots & b_{n-1} \\ 0 & b_{2} & a_{3} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & b_{3} & 0 & a_{4} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & b_{n-1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{n} \end{pmatrix}$$
(1)

where  $a_i$  are distinct for all i = 1, 2, ..., n and all  $b_i$  are positive. Throughout this paper, we use  $A_n$  to denote a special kind of matrices defined as in (1) and  $A_j$  to denote the  $j \times j$  leading principal submatrix of  $A_n$ .

In this paper we, like paper [1], construct a matrix  $A_n$  under the following condition:

For 
$$2n - 1$$
 given real numbers  $\lambda_{1}^{(n)} < \lambda_{1}^{(n-1)} < \dots < \lambda_{1}^{(2)} < \lambda_{1}^{(1)} < \lambda_{2}^{(2)} < \dots < \lambda_{n}^{(n)}$ ,

we find an an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A_n$ , such that  $\lambda_1^{(j)}$  and  $\lambda_j^{(j)}$  are the minimal and maximal eigenvalues of  $A_j$  respectively for all j = 1, 2, 3, ..., n.

One of the main problems of the theory of matrices is inverse eigenvalue problem that in recent decades has been of interest to mathematicians, for example inverse eigenvalue problem of nonnegative matrices [4,5,6] or inverse eigenvalue problem of tridiagonal, Jacobi matrices and distance matrices [7,8,9].

In this paper we try to solve a special inverse eigenvalue problem as [1].

#### **2.** Properties of the Matrix $A_n$

Similar paper [1] we assume later on,  $b_0 = 1$  and let  $\varphi_j(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I_j - A_j)$  and  $\varphi_0(\lambda) = 1$ .

*Lemma 1.* For a given matrix  $A_n$ , the sequence  $\{\varphi_j(\lambda)\}$  satisfies the the following recurrence relation

$$\varphi_{j}(\lambda) = (\lambda - a_{j})\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda) - b_{j}^{2} - \prod_{i=1, i \neq 2}^{j-1} (\lambda - a_{i})$$

$$j = 3, 4, \dots, n.$$
(2)

*Proof.* By expanding determinant on column or row 2 we can verify the result easily.

*Lemma 2.* The characteristic polynomial sequence  $\{\varphi_j(\lambda)\}$  have some properties of a Sturm sequence, satisfying the following properties:

1) All roots of  $\varphi_n(x)$  are real and simple.

2) roots of  $\varphi_{j-1}(x)$  and  $\varphi_{j+1}(x)$  are distinct and if  $\xi$  is a root of  $\varphi_j(x)$ , then  $\varphi_{j+1}(\xi)$ .  $\varphi_{j-1}(\xi) < 0$ .

3)  $\varphi_0(x)$  has no real root.

*Proof.* In order to prove this lemma, first we prove that roots are simple, real and satisfy in the following inequality:

$$x_{1}^{(i)} < x_{1}^{(i-1)} < \dots x_{i-1}^{(i-1)} < x_{i}^{(i)}.$$

By Induction on *i*, for i = 1, we have  $\varphi_1(x) = x - a_1$ , if  $x - a_1 = 0$  then  $x = a_1$  and this root is real and simple.

For = 2,

$$\varphi_2(x) = (x - a_1)(x - a_2) - b_1^2$$
  
=  $x^2 - (a_1 + a_2)x + a_1a_2 - b_1^2 = 0$ 

Then

$$\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 = \frac{(a_1 + a_2) \pm \sqrt{(a_1 + a_2)^2 - 4a_1a_2 + 4b_1^2}}{2}$$

The roots of  $\varphi_2(\mathbf{x})$  are distinct, since if  $(a_1 + a_2)^2 - 4a_1a_2 + 4b_1^2 = 0$ , t hen  $(a_1 - a_2)^2 = -4b_1^2$  and  $a_1 \neq a_2$  which yields contradiction.

The roots of  $\varphi_1(x)$  and  $\varphi_2(x)$  also are distinct because if  $a_1$  is a root of  $\varphi_2(x)$ , then we have:

$$\varphi_2(a_1) = (a_1 - a_1)(a_1 - a_2) - b_1^2 \to b_1 = 0$$

which is simple.

Now we show that if  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  are roots of  $\varphi_2(x)$ , then  $\xi_1 < a_1 < \xi_2$ .

To determine the sign of  $\varphi_2(x)$  we have the following table:

Since  $\varphi_2(a_1) = -b_1^2 < 0$ , then  $\xi_1 < a_1 < \xi_2$ .

Now assume hypothesis satisfies for  $\varphi_j(x)$  where  $j \leq i$ , as

$$\varphi_{j-1}(x) = x^{j-1} + \cdots$$

Coefficient of the largest power of x is positive then for  $x < x_1^{(i-1)}$  the polynomial  $\varphi_{i-1}(x)$  near  $-\infty$  Equals  $(-1)^{i+1}$  or  $(-1)^{i-1}$  then table of sign of  $\varphi_{i-1}(x)$  is:

$$\frac{x - \infty \quad x_1^{(i-1)} \quad \cdots \quad x_{i-1}^{(i-1)} \quad \infty}{\varphi_{i-1}(x) \quad -1^{i+1} \quad 0 \quad -1^{i+2} \quad \cdots \quad -1^{2i-1} \quad 0 \quad -1^{2i}}$$

By hypothesis of induction,  $\varphi_i(x)$  has *i* distinct roots, which put between roots of  $\varphi_{i-1}(x)$ , then we have

$$\frac{x \quad x_1^{(i-1)} \quad x_1^{(i-1)} \quad \cdots \quad x_k^{(i)} \quad \cdots \quad x_{i-1}^{(i-1)} \quad x_i^{(i)}}{\varphi_{i-1}(x) \quad (-1)^{i+1} \quad 0 \quad \cdots \quad (-1)^{i+k} \quad \cdots \quad 0 \quad (-1)^{2i}}$$
  
If  $x_k^{(i)}$  is a root of  $\varphi_i(x)$  then  
$$0 = (x_k^{(i)} - a_i)\varphi_{i-1}(x_k^{(i)}) - b_{i-1}^2(x_k^{(i)} - a_1) \cdots (x_k^{(i)} - a_{i-1})$$
 (3)

And

$$\varphi_{i+1}(x_k^{(i)}) = (x_k^{(i)} - a_{i+1})\varphi_i(x_k^{(i)}) - b_i^2(x_k^{(i)} - a_1) \cdots (x_k^{(i)} - a_i) = -b_i^2(x_k^{(i)} - a_1) \cdots (x_k^{(i)} - a_i)$$
(4)

From (3) and (4) we have

$$\varphi_{i-1}(x_k^{(i)}) = \frac{b_{i-1}^2(x_k^{(i)} - a_1) \cdots (x_k^{(i)} - a_{i-1})}{(x_k^{(i)} - a_i)}$$
$$\times \frac{(x_k^{(i)} - a_i)b_i^2}{(x_k^{(i)} - a_i)b_i^2} = \frac{-\varphi_{i+1}(x_k^{(i)})b_{i-1}^2}{(x_k^{(i)} - a_i)^2b_i^2}$$

consequently  $\varphi_{i-1}(x_k^{(i)})$  and  $\varphi_{i+1}(x_k^{(i)})$  have opposite signs.

Now since  $\varphi_{i-1}$  and  $\varphi_{i-1}$  have opposite signs, the table of  $\varphi_{i+1}(x)$  sign in root of  $\varphi_i(x)$  is:

$$\frac{x - \infty}{\varphi_{i+1}(x)} \frac{x_1^{(i)}}{(-1)^{i+1}} \frac{x_2^{(i)}}{(-1)^{i+2}} \frac{\dots}{(-1)^{i+3}} \frac{x_i^{(i)}}{\dots} \frac{\infty}{(-1)^{2i+1}} \frac{\infty}{(-1)^{2i+2}}$$

and notice that the sign of  $\varphi_{i+1}(x)$  in interval  $(-\infty, x_1^{(i)})$  and  $(x_i^{(i)}, \infty)$  changes and by Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem,  $\varphi_{i+1}(x)$  in both interval has root.

Then we have

$$x^{(i+1)}_{1} < x^{(i)}_{1} < \dots < x^{(i)}_{i} < x^{(i+1)}_{i+1}.$$

According what we mentioned above all  $\varphi_i(x)$  has simple roots and since in *i* intervals the sign of each  $\varphi_i$  changes and also have *i* roots, then all roots are real. Since  $\varphi_0 = 1$ , considering what we said above { $\varphi_i$ } have some properties of a Sturm sequence.

Lemma 3. Assume

$$\lambda_{1}^{(n)} < \cdots < \lambda_{1}^{(2)} < \lambda_{1}^{(1)} < \lambda_{2}^{(2)} < \cdots < \lambda_{n}^{(n)},$$

be real numbers, where  $\lambda_1^{(j)}$  and  $\lambda_j^{(j)}$  are the minimal and maximal eigenvalues of  $A_j$ , then we have

$$\lambda_{1}^{(j)} < a_{i} < \lambda_{j}^{(j)}, for j = 2, \cdots, n. i = 1, 2, \cdots, j$$

*Proof.* By Induction on, if j = 2, since  $\varphi_2(\lambda) = (\lambda - a_1)(\lambda - a_2) - b_1^2$ , then  $\varphi_2(a_1) = \varphi_2(a_2) = -b_1^2 < 0$ , with respect to sign of  $\varphi_2(\lambda)$  between  $\lambda_1^{(2)}$  and  $\lambda_2^{(2)}$  we have

$$\lambda_{1}^{(2)} < a_{1}, a_{2} < \lambda_{2}^{(2)}$$

Now let  $\lambda {j-1 \choose 1} < a_i < \lambda {j-1 \choose j-1}$ , for = 1,2,..., j-1, we show that  $\lambda {j \choose 1} < a_i < \lambda {j \choose j}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, j$  since for  $i = 1, \dots, j-1$  we have

$$\lambda_{1}^{(j)} < \lambda_{1}^{(j-1)} < a_i < \lambda_{j-1}^{(j-1)} < \lambda_{j}^{(j)}$$

It is enough to prove that  $\lambda_{1}^{(j)} < a_{j} < \lambda_{j}^{(j)}$ . The sign of  $\varphi_{j}(\lambda)$  in interval  $(-\infty, \lambda_{1}^{(j)})$  is  $(-1)^{j}$  and in  $(\lambda_{1}^{(j)}, \lambda_{2}^{(j)})$  will be  $(-1)^{j-1}$  and  $\varphi_{j}(\lambda)$  has negative sign in  $(\lambda_{j-1}^{(j)}, \lambda_{j}^{(j)})$  and positive sign in  $(\lambda_{j}^{(j)}, +\infty)$ .

Applying lemma 1, we have:

$$0 = \varphi_{j} \left( \lambda_{1}^{(j)} \right) = \left( \lambda_{1}^{(j)} - a_{j} \right) \varphi_{j-1} \left( \lambda_{1}^{(j)} \right) - b_{j-1}^{2} \left( \lambda_{1}^{(j)} - a_{1} \right) \left( \lambda_{1}^{(j)} - a_{3} \right) \cdots \left( \lambda_{1}^{(j)} - a_{j-1} \right)$$
(5)

In (5), the right hand side expression has sign  $(-1)^{j-1}$  in which the first expression  $\varphi_{j-1}\left(\lambda_{1}^{(j)}\right)$  has sign  $(-1)^{j-1}$ , if  $(-1)^{j-1}$  is root of  $\varphi_{j}(\lambda)$ , this will be necessary for

 $(\lambda_{1}^{(j)}, a_{j})$  to have negative sign. This means

$$\lambda_1^{(j)} < a_j$$

if we repeat this reason for  $\varphi_j \left( \lambda_j^{(j)} \right)$ , then we will have  $a_j < \lambda_j^{(j)}$ , and this proves our claim.

Corollary 1. If  $\lambda_{1}^{(j)}$  and  $\lambda_{j}^{(j)}$  are the minimal and maximal error of  $\alpha_{1}^{(j)}$  correction 1.

ros of 
$$\varphi_j(\lambda)$$
 respectively, then  
1) for  $\mu < \lambda_1^{(j)}$ , we have  $(-1)^j \varphi_j(\mu) > 0$ ,  
2) for  $\mu > \lambda_j^{(j)}$ , we have  $\varphi_j(\mu) > 0$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

#### 3. Existence and Uniqueness

Theorem 1. (existence and uniqueness of matrix  $A_n$ ) Let  $\lambda_1^{(j)}$  and  $\lambda_j^{(j)}$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  be real and satisfy in the following relation:

$$\lambda_{1}^{(n)} < \dots < \lambda_{1}^{(2)} < \lambda_{1}^{(1)} < \lambda_{2}^{(2)} < \dots < \lambda_{n}^{(n)}$$

Then there exist the unique matrix  $A_n$  in form (1) with  $a_i \neq a_j (i, j = 1, 2, ..., n)$  and  $b_i > 0$ , where  $\lambda_1^{(j)}$  and  $\lambda_j^{(j)}$  are minimal and maximal eigenvalues problem of  $A_j$  respectively.

If

$$\lambda_{1}^{(2)} + \lambda_{2}^{(2)} \neq 2\lambda_{1}^{(1)}$$
(6)

and

$$\frac{\lambda_{j-1}^{(j-1)-\lambda_{j}^{(j)}}}{\lambda_{j-1}^{(j-1)-\lambda_{1}^{(j)}}} < \frac{\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda_{1}^{(j)}) \prod_{i=1,i\neq2}^{j-1} (\lambda_{j}^{(j)}-a_{i})}{\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda_{j}^{(j)}) \prod_{i=1,i\neq2}^{j-1} (\lambda_{1}^{(j)}-a_{i})}$$
(7)

for j = 3, 4, ..., n or

$$\frac{\lambda^{(j-1)} - \lambda^{(j)}_{j}}{\lambda^{(j-1)} - \lambda^{(j)}_{1}} > \frac{\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda^{(j)}_{1}) \prod_{i=1, i\neq 2}^{j-1} (\lambda^{(j)}_{j} - a_{i})}{\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda^{(j)}_{j}) \prod_{i=1, i\neq 2}^{j-1} (\lambda^{(j)}_{1} - a_{i})}$$
(8)

for = 3,4, ..., n, and if we define

$$\begin{split} u_{j=}\varphi_{j-1}\left(\lambda_{1}^{(j)}\right) \prod_{i=1,i\neq 2}^{j-1} \left(\lambda_{j}^{(j)} - a_{i}\right) \text{ and} \\ v_{j=}\varphi_{j-1}\left(\lambda_{j}^{(j)}\right) \prod_{i=1,i\neq 2}^{j-1} \left(\lambda_{1}^{(j)} - a_{i}\right) \text{ for } j = 3,4,\ldots,n \text{ , and} \\ h_{j} = \varphi_{j-1}\left(\lambda_{1}^{(j)}\right) \prod_{i=1,i\neq 2}^{j-1} \left(\lambda_{j}^{(j)} - a_{i}\right) - \\ \varphi_{j-1}\left(\lambda_{j}^{(j)}\right) \prod_{i=1,i\neq 2}^{j-1} \left(\lambda_{1}^{(j)} - a_{i}\right) \end{split}$$

Then we can find  $a_i$ ,  $b_j$  by the following relations:

$$a_{1} = \lambda_{1}^{(1)} , a_{2} = \lambda_{2}^{(2)} + \lambda_{1}^{(2)} - \lambda_{1}^{(1)} , b_{1}^{2} = \left(\lambda_{1}^{(2)} - \lambda_{1}^{(1)}\right) \left(\lambda_{1}^{(1)} - \lambda_{2}^{(2)}\right),$$

$$a_{j} = \frac{\lambda_{1}^{(j)} u_{j} - \lambda_{j}^{(j)} v_{j}}{h_{i}} \qquad (9)$$

$$b_{j-1}^{2} = \frac{\lambda_{j}^{(j)} - \lambda_{1}^{(j)})\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda_{1}^{(j)})\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda_{j}^{(j)})}{h_{j}}, j = 3, 4, \dots, n$$
(10)

*Proof:* At first we prove that  $a_j$  and  $b_{j-1}$  exist for all j, if we denote:

 $h_j$  is the denominator  $a_j$  of and  $b_{j-1}^2$ , and we prove that it is always nonzero. The sign of  $\varphi_{j-1}\left(\lambda_1^{(j)}\right)\prod_{i=1,i\neq 2}^{j-1}\left(\lambda_j^{(j)}-a_i\right)$  is  $(-1)^{j-1}$  and since  $a_i < \lambda_j^{(j)}$  for = 1, 2, ..., j, then  $\prod_{i=1,i\neq 2}^{j-1}\left(\lambda_j^{(j)}-a_i\right) > 0$  and the sign of  $\varphi_{j-1}\left(\lambda_1^{(j)}\right)$ according to which we proved is  $(-1)^{j-1}$ . furthermore the sign of  $-\varphi_{j-1}\left(\lambda_1^{(j)}\right)\prod_{i=1,i\neq 2}^{j-1}\left(\lambda_j^{(j)}-a_i\right)$ is $(-1)^{j-1}$  and it is nonzero, then denominator of both terms with same sign and nonzero, is nonzero. Then  $a_j, b_{j-1}^2$  exist. Furthermore

$$b_{j-1}^{2} = \frac{\left(\lambda_{j}^{(j)} - \lambda_{1}^{(j)}\right)\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda_{1}^{(j)})\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda_{j}^{(j)})}{h_{j}}$$
(11)

In numerator 0f (11) sign of  $(\lambda_j^{(j)} - \lambda_1^{(j)})$  and  $\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda_1^{(j)})$  is positive and  $\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda_1^{(j)})$  has sign  $(-1)^{j-1}$ , then the sign of numerator is  $(-1)^{j-1}$  and the denominator of this rational expression has sign  $(-1)^{j-1}$ , therefore  $b_{j-1}^2$  is positive.

Now we prove that  $a_i$  which attained are distinct. From  $\lambda_1^{(2)} + \lambda_2^{(2)} \neq 2\lambda_1^{(1)}$ , we have  $\lambda_1^{(2)} + \lambda_2^{(2)} - \lambda_1^{(1)} \neq \lambda_1^{(1)}$  consequently  $a_2 \neq a_1$ .

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Now we explain j = 3:

The relation (7) includes

$$\frac{\lambda_2^{(2)} - \lambda_3^{(3)}}{\lambda_2^{(2)} - \lambda_1^{(3)}} < \frac{(-1)^2 u_3}{(-1)^2 v_3}$$

since  $v_3$  is negative then  $(-1)^2 (\lambda_1^{(3)} u_3 - \lambda_3^{(3)} v_3) > \lambda_2^{(2)} (-1)^2 (u_3 - v_3)$ , finally

$$a_3 = \frac{(-1)^2 \left(\lambda_1^{(3)} u_3 - \lambda_3^{(3)} v_3\right)}{(-1)^2 (u_3 - v_3)} > \lambda_2^{(2)}$$

whereas  $\lambda_1^{(2)} < a_1, a_2 < \lambda_2^{(2)}$ , then  $a_3 \neq a_1 \neq a_2$ . now we assume  $a_i$  for i = 1, 2, ..., j - 1 are distinct, by relation (7) we have

$$\frac{\lambda_{j-1}^{(j-1)} - \lambda_j^{(j-1)}}{\lambda_{j-1}^{(j-1)} - \lambda_1^{(j-1)}} < \frac{(-1)^{j-1} u_j}{(-1)^{j-1} v_j}$$

note that  $(-1)^{j-1}v_i$  is negative, then

$$\frac{(-1)^{j-1}(\lambda_1^{(j)}u_j - \lambda_j^{(j)}v_j)}{(-1)^{j-1}(u_j - v_j)} > \lambda_{j-1}^{(j-1)}$$

this means  $a_j > \lambda_{j-1}^{(j-1)}$  and since  $\lambda_1^{(j-1)} < a_i < \lambda_{j-1}^{(j-1)}$  for i = 1, ..., j - 1, then we have

$$a_j \neq a_{j-1} \neq \cdots \neq a_1.$$

If we use relation (8) we conclude that  $a_j < \lambda_1^{(j-1)}$ , in which we take distinct  $a_i$  for i = 1, ..., j, then the problem has solution and equivalently the following equations:

$$\varphi_j\left(\lambda_1^{(j)}\right) = 0, \varphi_j\left(\lambda_j^{(j)}\right) = 0$$

which has solution distinct  $a_i$  for all i = 1, ..., n and  $b_{j-1}$  satisfying  $b_{j-1}$  for all j = 2, ..., n. if problem has solution, then

$$\varphi_1(\lambda_1^{(1)}) = (\lambda_1^{(1)} - a_1) = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = \lambda_1^{(1)},$$
  

$$\varphi_2(\lambda_1^{(2)}) = (\lambda_1^{(2)} - a_1)(\lambda_1^{(2)} - a_2) - b_1^2 = 0,$$
  

$$\varphi_2(\lambda_2^{(2)}) = (\lambda_2^{(2)} - a_1)(\lambda_2^{(2)} - a_2) - b_1^2 = 0,$$
 (12)

then the simplifying we get:

$$a_{2} = \frac{(\lambda_{2}^{(2)})^{2} - \lambda_{1}^{(2)^{2}} + \lambda_{1}^{(1)}(\lambda_{1}^{(2)} - \lambda_{2}^{(2)})}{\lambda_{2}^{(2)} - \lambda_{1}^{(2)}} = \lambda_{2}^{(2)} + \lambda_{2}^{(2)} - \lambda_{1}^{(1)}$$

with substituting  $a_2$  in (12) we have  $b_1^2 = (\lambda_1^{(2)} - \lambda_1^{(1)})(\lambda_1^{(1)} - \lambda_2^{(2)})$ , and since

$$\varphi_{j}(\lambda_{1}^{(j)}) = (\lambda_{1}^{(j)} - a_{j})\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda_{1}^{(j)}) - b_{j-1}^{2}\prod_{i=1,i\neq 2}^{j-1}(\lambda_{1}^{(j)} - a_{i}) = 0,$$
(13)

and

$$\varphi_{j}(\lambda_{j}^{(j)}) = (\lambda_{j}^{(j)} - a_{j})\varphi_{j-1}(\lambda_{j}^{(j)}) - b_{j-1}^{2}\prod_{i=1,i\neq 2}^{j-1}(\lambda_{j}^{(j)} - a_{i}) = 0, \qquad (14)$$

for  $3 < j \le n$  note that with

$$(13) \times \prod_{i=1, i \neq 2}^{j-1} (\lambda_j^{(j)} - a_i) - (14) \times \prod_{i=1, i \neq 2}^{j-1} (\lambda_1^{(j)} - a_i)$$

we can find (9) and with

$$(13) \times \varphi_{j-1}(\lambda_j^{(j)}) - (14) \times \varphi_{j-1}(\lambda_1^{(j)})$$

we find (10). Finally uniqueness matrix  $A_n$  by (9) and (10) is trivial.

Example 1

For given 7 real numbers

$$\lambda_1^{(1)} = 6, \lambda_1^{(2)} = 4, \lambda_2^{(2)} = 7, \lambda_1^{(3)} = 3, \lambda_3^{(3)} = 9, \lambda_1^{(4)} = 1, \lambda_4^{(4)} = 14,$$

Finding a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A_4$  that  $\lambda_1^{(j)}$  and  $\lambda_j^{(j)}$  are the minimal and maximal eigenvalue of its  $j \times j$  leading principal submatrix. By applying theorem 1, we get the unique solution

$$A_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2} & 5 & 2.390457218 & 5.108115212 \\ 0 & 2.390457218 & 7.285714286 & 0 \\ 0 & 5.108115212 & 0 & 10.69666390 \end{pmatrix}$$

From the above matrix  $A_4$  we compute the spectrum of  $A_j$ , and get

 $\lambda(A_1) = 6, \lambda(A_2) = 4,7,$ 

 $\lambda(A_3) = 2.99999990, 6.285714319, 8.999999981,$ 

 $\lambda(A_4)$ 

= 1.00000001, 6.166248253, 7.816129917, 14.00000002.

those obtained data show that Algorithm is correct.

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