

MERCERIAN THEOREMS FOR BEEKMANN MATRICES

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To the memory of B. Martić

Abstract. A matrix $A = (a_{nk})$ is called *normal* if $a_{nk} = 0$ for $k > n$ and $a_{nn} \neq 0$ for all n . Such a matrix has a normal inverse $A^{-1} = (\alpha_{nk})$. If the inverse A^{-1} of a normal and regular matrix A satisfies the conditions $\alpha_{nk} \leq 0$ for $k < n$ and $\alpha_{nn} > 0$ for all n , we call such a matrix a Beekmann matrix. Beekmann introduced those matrices and proved that for such a matrix A , the matrix $B = (I + \lambda A)/(1 + \lambda)$ is Mercerian for $\lambda > -1$. (I is the identity matrix.)

This paper extends Beekmann's theorem to the case of R_β -Mercerian matrices, $\beta > 0$.

1. Let $A = (a_{nk})$ be a *normal* matrix, i.e., such that

$$(1.1) \quad a_{nk} = 0 \text{ for } k > n \text{ and } a_{nn} \neq 0 \text{ for all } n.$$

Such a matrix has a normal inverse $A^{-1} = (\alpha_{nk})$, so that the transformations

$$(1.2) \quad y_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} x_k \dots, \quad n = 2, \dots$$

and

$$(1.3) \quad x_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_{nk} y_k \dots, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

are inverse one to the other.

If the inverse A^{-1} of a normal and regular matrix A satisfies the conditions

$$(1.4) \quad \alpha_{nk} \leq 0 \text{ for } k < n \text{ and } \alpha_{nn} > 0 \text{ for all } n,$$

we shall call such a matrix a *Beekmann matrix*.

Beekmann introduced those matrices in [1] and proved that for such a matrix A , the matrix $B = (I + \lambda A)/(1 + \lambda)$ is Mercerian for $\lambda > -1$. (I is the matrix.)

The aim of this paper is to extend Beekmann's theorem to the case of R -Mercerian matrices, $\beta \geq 0$.

2. A sequence s is said to be *regularly varying* iff

$$(1.5) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (s_{[tn]}/s_n) = h(t)$$

exists for every $t > 0$. ($[x]$ = the greatest integer $\leq x$). Such sequences (and functions) were introduced by J. Karamata [2]; today they play an essential role in summability and probability. (1.5) implies that there is a real number β such that $h(t) = t^\beta$. The number β is called the *order* of s . In addition, a regularly varying sequence of "order 0" (i.e., for which the limit in (1.5) equals 1) is called a *slowly varying sequence*. It can be proved [2] that every regularly varying sequence s of order $\beta > 0$ can be written in the form

$$(1.6) \quad s_n = n^\beta L(n),$$

where L is a slowly varying sequence.

By R_β , $\beta > 0$, we denote the class of regularly varying sequences of order β , and by R_0 the class of slowly varying sequences.

At last, we say that a matrix A is R_β -*regular* ($\beta > 0$) iff for every $s \in R_\beta$ and any sequence r

$$(1.7) \quad r_n \sim s_n \text{ implies } \sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} r_k \sim s_n, \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

and it is called R_β -*Mercerian* iff

$$(1.8) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k = 1^n a_{nk} r_k \sim s_n \text{ implies } r_n \sim s_n, \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

(Obviously, a matrix A is *regular* iff $r_n \rightarrow L$ implies $\sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} r_k \rightarrow L$, and *Mercerian* iff $\sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} r_k \rightarrow L$ implies $r_n \rightarrow L$, $n \rightarrow \infty$).

3. The R_β -regularity theorems for matrices were first established by M. Vuilleumier in [6]. The first R_β -Mercerian theorems for regular, invertible triangular matrices were established by S. Zimring in [3].

Using their results, B. Martić [5] proved the following.

THEOREM M. *Let $A = (a_{nk})$ be normal, nonnegative (i.e. $a_{nk} \geq 0$) and regular matrix which, for some $\gamma > 0$, satisfies the condition.*

$$(3.1) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} k^{-\gamma} = O(n^{-\gamma}), \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

Then the matrix $B = (I + \lambda A)/(1 + \lambda)$, where I is the unit triangular matrix, is R_0 -Mercerian for $|\lambda| < 1$.

(Martić supposed $\sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} = 1$, but his proof is valid also in case $\sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} \rightarrow 1$). Since, in case of a Beekmann matrix A , the conditions (1.4) imply

$$(3.2) \quad a_{nk} \geq 0 \text{ for all } k < n \text{ and } a_{nn} > 0,$$

we can apply Martić's theorem and obtain

LEMMA. 3.1. *If a Beekmann matrix A satisfies the condition (3.1) for some $\gamma > 0$, then the matrix $B = (I + \lambda A)/(1 + \lambda)$ is R_0 -Mercerian for $|\lambda| < 1$.*

Lemma 3.1 reduces the proof of a general R_0 -Mercerian theorem for Beekmann matrices to the case $\lambda \geq 1$. However, a method used by Tanović-Miller [4] and based upon the relations

$$(3.3) \quad \beta_{nk} \leq 0 \text{ for } k < n \text{ and } \beta_{nn} > 0 \text{ for all } n,$$

$$(3.4) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_{nk} \rightarrow 1, \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n |\beta_{nk}| k^{-\gamma} = O(n^{-\gamma}), \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

for the inverse B^{-1} of B above supplies readily the proof in this case. Tanović-Miller considered non-negative, normal, normalized ($\sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} = 1$) matrices A , which satisfy the conditions

$$(3.6) \quad a_{n1} > 0, \quad a_{n+1,i} a_{nk} \leq a_{ni} a_{n=1,k}$$

for $1 \leq k \leq i \leq n - 1$ and the condition (3.1). and from these derived (3.3)-(3.5). Once one has (3.3)-(3.5), the proof is a straightforward application of Theorem 4.1 of M. Vuillemier in [6].

Thus, if we prove that for a Beekmann matrix A , which satisfies (3.1), the inverse B^{-1} of $B = (I + \lambda A)/(1 + \lambda)$ satisfies (3.3)-(3.5) for $\lambda > 1$, Lemma 3.1 will be completed for all $\lambda > -1$.

4. Our main result is contained in

THEOREM 4.1. *If A is a Beekmann matrix and $B = (I + \lambda A)/(1 + \lambda)$, then B is a Beekmann matrix for $\lambda > 0$.*

Proof. Let $A = (a_{nk})$, $A^{-1} = (\alpha_{nk})$, $B = (b_{nk})$ and $B^{-1} = (\beta_{nk})$.

Let us remark that the transformations

$$(4.1) \quad y_n = \sum_{k=1}^n b_{nk} x_k$$

and

$$(4.2) \quad x_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_{nk} y_k$$

are inverse.

Since $b_{nk} = \lambda a_{nk}/(I + \lambda)$ for $k < n$ and $b_{nn} = (1 + \lambda a_{nn})/(1 + \lambda)$, $b_{nk} = 0$ for $k > n$, B is normal and obviously regular. Thus B^{-1} exists and it is normal. Moreover, (4.1) and (4.2) are inverse and (1.2) and (1.3) are inverse.

The case $\lambda = 0$ being trivial, let $\lambda > 0$, and let $\varepsilon = (1 + \lambda)/\lambda$. Obviously, $\varepsilon > 1$.

We have for any sequence x ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} x_k = \varepsilon b_{nk} - (\varepsilon - 1)x_n;$$

introducing the sequence y , defined by (4.1). this gives

$$(4.3) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} x_k = \varepsilon y_n - (\varepsilon - 1)x_n.$$

If in (1.2) we replace y_n by $\varepsilon y_n - (\varepsilon - 1)x_n$ and use (1.3), from (4.3) we obtain

$$x_n = \varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_{nk} y_k - (\varepsilon - 1) \sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} x_k$$

which, using in the second sum on the right side formula (4.2), yields, after some elementary computations,

$$x_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left\{ \varepsilon \alpha_{nk} - (\varepsilon - 1) \sum_{i=k}^n \alpha_{ni} \beta_{ik} \right\} y_k.$$

From this and (4.2) we obtain at once

$$(4.4) \quad \beta_{nk} = \varepsilon \alpha_{nk} - (\varepsilon - 1) \sum_{i=k}^n \alpha_{ni} \beta_{ik},$$

and, in particular, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

$$(4.5) \quad \beta_{kk} = \{\varepsilon/(1 + (\varepsilon - 1)\alpha_{kk})\} \alpha_{kk}$$

and for $k \geq 2$

$$(4.6) \quad \beta_{k,k-1} = \varepsilon \alpha_{k,k-1} / \{1 + (\varepsilon - 1)\alpha_{kk}\} (1 + (\varepsilon - 1)\alpha_{k-1,k-1}).$$

Now, solving (4.4) for β_{nk} and using (4.5) we obtain, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n - 2$

$$(4.7) \quad \beta_{nk} = \frac{\varepsilon}{(1 + (-1)\alpha_{nn})(1 + (\varepsilon - 1)\alpha_{kk})} \alpha_{nk} - \frac{\varepsilon - 1}{1 + (\varepsilon - 1)\alpha_{nn}} \sum_{i=k+1}^{n-1} \alpha_{ni} \beta_{ik}.$$

Since $\alpha_{kk} > 0$ and $\alpha_{k,k-1} \leq 0$ we conclude from (4.5) and (4.6) (with $k = n$) that $\beta_{nn} > 0$ for all n and $\beta_{n,n-1} \leq 0$, for $n \geq 2$. Then, from (4.7) we conclude: if $\beta_{k+1,k}, \beta_{k+2,k}, \dots, \beta_{n-1,k}$ are all ≤ 0 for $k < n$, then $\beta_{nk} \leq 0$ too, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-2$, which completes the proof of the theorem.

COROLLARY. 4.1.1. *Let A be a Beekmann matrix which, for some $\gamma > 0$, satisfies the condition (3.1). Then B^{-1} , the inverse of $B = (I + \lambda A)/(1 + \lambda)$, satisfies the condition (3.5) for $\lambda \geq 0$.*

Proof. We use notations of Theorem 4.1. If D is any matrix, by $(D)_{nk}$ we denote its element in n -th row and k -th column. δ_n^k denotes the Kronecker symbol ($= 1$ if $k = n$, 0 otherwise).

Since

$$\sum_{i=1}^n b_{ni} \beta_{ik} = (BB^{-1})_{nk} = \delta_n^k,$$

we have, for $k < n$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} b_{ni} \beta_{ik} = -b_{nn} \beta_{nk},$$

and, since $\beta_{nn} = 1/b_{nn}$,

$$(4.8) \quad -\beta_{nk} = \beta_{nn} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} b_{ni} \beta_{ik}.$$

Taking into account the relations $\beta_{ik} \leq 0$ for $i \neq k$ (B is Beekmann, by Theorem 4.1), $b_{ni} \geq 0$ and $\beta_{kk} > 0$, we obtain from (4.8), for $k < n$

$$(4.9) \quad -\beta_{nk} \leq \beta_{nn} b_{nk} \beta_{kk} \leq b_{nk} (1 + \lambda)^2.$$

since

$$\beta_{nn} \beta_{kk} = \frac{1 + \lambda}{1 + \lambda a_{nn}} \cdot \frac{1 + \lambda}{1 + \lambda a_{kk}} \leq (1 + \lambda)^2.$$

Using the relations between the elements of A and B , the fact that B is Beekmann, (3.1) and (4.9), we have:

$$\sim_{k=1}^n |\beta_{nk}| k^{-\gamma} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} -\beta_{nk} k^{-\gamma} + \beta_{nn} n^{-\gamma} \leq (1 + \lambda)^2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b_{nk} k^{-\gamma} + \frac{1 + \lambda}{1 + \lambda a_{nn}} n^{-\gamma}$$

i.e.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |\beta_{nk}| k^{-\gamma} \leq \lambda(1 + \lambda) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_{nk} k^{-\gamma} + O(n^{-\gamma}),$$

which, by (3.1), gives (3.5).

COROLLARY 4.1.2. *The matrix B^{-1} of Theorem 4.1 satisfies (3.4).*

Proof. From (4.9) follows

$$|\beta_{nk}| \leq (1 + \lambda)^2 b_{nk}, \quad k < n$$

i.e., (since B is regular) for every fixed k , $|\beta_{nk}| \rightarrow 0$, $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Also, by the same inequality and the fact that

$$\beta_{nn} = 1/b_{nn} = \frac{1 + \lambda}{1 + \lambda a_{nn}}, \quad \sum_{k=1}^n |\beta_{nk}| < (1 + \lambda)^2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b_{nk} + \frac{1 + \lambda}{1 + \lambda a_{nn}}$$

and since B is regular, there is $M > 0$ such that

$$(4.10) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n |\beta_{nk}| \leq M.$$

Set now in (4.1) $x_k = 1$ for all k , so that $y_n = \sum_{k=1}^n b_{nk}$. Then, by (4.2)

$$1 = \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_{nk} y_k$$

and so

$$1 - \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_{nk} = \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_{nk} (y_k - 1).$$

Since $y_k - 1 \rightarrow 0$, $k \rightarrow \infty$, by (4.10) and the fact that, for fixed k , $|\beta_{nk}| \rightarrow 0$, $n \rightarrow \infty$ follows $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_{nk} = 1$ in usual way.

Remark. A consequence of the content of Corollary 4.1.2 is that B^{-1} is a regular matrix. Contrary to this, A^{-1} does not need to be regular. For example, for the matrix $A = (1/n)_{k \leq n}$ of arithmetic means, $\alpha_{nk} = 0$ for $k \leq n - 2$, $\alpha_{n, n-1} = -(n - 1)$, $a_{nn} = n$ and $\sum_{k=1}^n |a_{nk}| = 2n - 1$ is not bounded!

5. We are able now to prove the extensions of Beekmann's Mercerian Theorem to regularly varying functions.

THEOREM. 5.1. *Let A be Beekmann matrix, such that, for some $\gamma > 0$,*

$$(5.1) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} k^{-\gamma} = O(n^{-\gamma}), \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Then, for $\lambda > -1$, the matrix $B = (I + \lambda A)/(1 + \lambda)$ is R_0 -Mercerian.

Proof. Case $|\lambda| < 1$ by Lemma 3.1. For $\lambda \geq 1$, by Theorem 4.1 and its Corollaries, B^{-1} , the inverse of B , satisfies all the conditions (3.3) – (3.5). By the remark at the end of section 3, B is R_0 -Mercerian.

Since every regularly varying sequence s of order $\beta > 0$, satisfies (1.6), applying Theorem 5.1 to the sequence $\{s_n/n^\beta\}$, we obtain, in a similar way as Martić in [5],

THEOREM. 5.2. *Let A be a Beekmann matrix such that there are two numbers α and β , $0 < \alpha < \beta$, for which*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^\alpha \rightarrow A_\alpha, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^\beta \rightarrow A_\beta, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Then, for every λ such that $1 + \lambda A_\alpha > 0$ and $1 + \lambda A_\beta > 0$, the matrix $B_\beta = (I + \lambda A)/(1 + \lambda A_\beta)$ is R_β -Mercerian.

One should remark that conditions $1 + \lambda A_\alpha > 0$ and $1 + \lambda A_\beta > 0$ imply one another, depending on the sign of λ .

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