

## ON THE HADAMARD PRODUCTS OF GCD AND LCM MATRICES

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### ABSTRACT

Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set of distinct positive integers. The matrix  $(S)$  having the greatest common divisor  $(x_i, x_j)$  of  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  as its  $i, j$ -entry is called the greatest common divisor (GCD) matrix on  $S$ . The matrix  $[S]$  having the least common multiple  $[x_i, x_j]$  of  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  as its  $i, j$ -entry is called the least common multiple (LCM) matrix on  $S$ . In this paper we obtain some results related with Hadamard products of GCD and LCM matrices. The set  $S$  is factor-closed if it contains every divisor of each of its elements. It is well-known, that if  $S$  is factor-closed, then there exist the inverses of the GCD and LCM matrices on  $S$ . So we conjecture that if the set  $S$  is factor-closed, then  $(S) \circ (S)^{-1}$  and  $[S] \circ [S]^{-1}$

matrices are doubly stochastic matrices and  $\text{tr}((S) \circ (S)^{-1}) = \text{tr}((S)) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set of distinct positive integers. The matrix  $(S)$  having the greatest common divisor  $(x_i, x_j)$  of  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  as its  $i, j$ -entry is called the greatest common divisor (GCD) matrix on  $S$ . The study of GCD matrices was introduced by Beslin and Ligh [1]. They have shown that every GCD matrix is positive definite.

The matrix  $[S]$  having the least common multiple  $[x_i, x_j]$  of  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  as its  $i, j$ -entry is called the least common multiple (LCM) matrix on  $S$ . Smith [3] also considered the determinant of LCM matrix on a factor-closed set. We note that GCD matrix  $(S)$  and LCM matrix  $[S]$  are invertible when  $S$  is factor-closed set. In this

paper we obtained some results related with determinant, rank, norm and permanent of the Hadamard product of GCD matrix (S) and LCM matrix [S]. Moreover we conjecture that if S is factor-closed, then the Hadamard product of GCD matrix (S) and the inverse of GCD matrix (S) is a doubly stochastic matrix and also the Hadamard product of LCM matrix [S] and the inverse of LCM matrix [S] is a doubly stochastic matrix. Again we conjecture that if S is factor-closed, then

$$\text{tr}((S) \circ (S)^{-1}) = \text{tr}((S)) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i.$$

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Definition 1.** The Hadamard product of two matrices  $A = (a_{ij})$  and  $B = (b_{ij})$  of the same size is just their element-wise product  $A \circ B = (a_{ij} b_{ij})$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set of distinct positive integers. If (S) is the GCD matrix and [S] is the LCM matrix defined on S, then

$$((S) \circ [S])_{ij} = \begin{cases} x_i^2 & \text{if } i = j \\ x_i x_j & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}.$$

**Proof.** Consider the set S and if we denote the greatest common divisor of  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  with  $(x_i, x_j)$  and the least common multiple of  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  with  $[x_i, x_j]$ , then we have

$$(x_i, x_j)[x_i, x_j] = x_i x_j, \quad (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

Therefore by the definition 1, we get the proof.

**Remark 1.** Clearly (S)  $\circ$  [S] matrix is symmetric.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set of distinct positive integers. If (S) is the GCD matrix and [S] is the LCM matrix defined on S, then

$$\det((S) \circ [S]) = 0.$$

**Proof.** By Lemma 1 and using the properties of determinants we have

$$\begin{aligned} \det((S) \circ [S]) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1 x_2 & \dots & x_1 x_n \\ x_2 x_1 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2 x_n \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_n x_1 & x_n x_2 & \dots & x_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (x_1 x_2 \dots x_n) \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \\ x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (x_1 x_2 \dots x_n) \cdot 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and thus the proof is complete.

**Definition 2.** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set of distinct positive integers. The matrix  $1/(S)$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix whose  $i, j$ -entry is  $\frac{1}{(x_i, x_j)}$ . We call  $1/(S)$  the reciprocal GCD matrix on  $S$ .

**Corollary 1.** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set of distinct positive integers. If  $(S)$  is the GCD matrix and  $1/(S)$  is the reciprocal GCD matrix defined on  $S$ , then

$$\det((S) \circ 1/(S)) = 0.$$

**Proof.** Since  $(S) \circ 1/(S)$  is the matrix whose all entries are equal to 1, it is easily seen that

$$\det((S) \circ 1/(S)) = 0.$$



**Theorem 3.** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be an ordered set of distinct positive integers. If  $(S)$  and  $[S]$  are the GCD and LCM matrices defined on  $S$ , respectively, then

$$\text{per}((S) \circ [S]) = n! \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^2.$$

**Proof.** For the brevity if we take  $C = (S) \circ [S]$  and  $C = (c_{ij})$  then by the Definition 3, we have

$$\text{per}(C) = \sum_{\sigma} c_{1\sigma(1)} c_{2\sigma(2)} \dots c_{n\sigma(n)}.$$

On the other hand we note that the sequence  $(c_{1\sigma(1)}, c_{2\sigma(2)}, \dots, c_{n\sigma(n)})$  is called a diagonal of  $C$ , and the product  $c_{1\sigma(1)} c_{2\sigma(2)} \dots c_{n\sigma(n)}$  is a diagonal product of  $C$ . Thus the permanent of  $C$  is the sum of all diagonal products of  $C$ . Considering the structure of the matrix  $C = (S) \circ [S]$  we get result.

**Corollary 2.** If  $(S)$  is the GCD matrix defined on the set  $S$  of distinct positive integers, and  $1/(S)$  is the reciprocal matrix of GCD matrix, then

$$\text{per}((S) \circ 1/(S)) = n!$$

**Proof.** Since  $(S) \circ 1/(S)$  is the matrix whose all entries are equal to 1, it is easily seen that

$$\text{per}((S) \circ 1/(S)) = n!$$

**Definition 4.(i)** The  $1$  norm is defined for  $A \in M_n$  by

$$\|A\|_1 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{ij}|.$$

**(ii)** The Euclidean norm or  $2$  norm is defined for  $A \in M_n$  by

$$\|A\|_2 = \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

(iii) The  $\infty$  norm is defined for  $A \in M_n$  by

$$\|A\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}|.$$

(iv) The maximum row sum matrix norm is defined  $A \in M_n$  by

$$\|A\|_r = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|.$$

(v) The maximum column sum matrix norm is defined for  $A \in M_n$  by

$$\|A\|_c = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ij}|.$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be an ordered set of distinct positive integers. If  $(S)$  and  $[S]$  are the GCD and LCM matrices defined on  $S$ , respectively, then the following statements are satisfied:

$$(i) \ \| (S)o[S] \|_1 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2$$

$$(ii) \ \| (S)o[S] \|_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$$

$$(iii) \ \| (S)o[S] \|_\infty = x_n^2$$

$$(iv) \ \| (S)o[S] \|_r = \| (S)o[S] \|_c = x_n \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right).$$

**Proof.** If we denote  $i$ -th row sum of  $(S)o[S]$  with  $r_{S_i}$  ( $i=1,2,\dots,n$ ). Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} r_{S_1} &= x_1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \\ r_{S_2} &= x_2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ r_{S_n} &= x_n \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right). \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(S)o[S]\|_1 &= r_{S_1} + r_{S_2} + \dots + r_{S_n} \\ &= x_1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) + x_2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) + \dots + x_n \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \\ &= (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Again for the brevity let take as  $C = (S)o[S]$  and  $C = (c_{ij})$ . Then we have

$$\text{tr}(CC^T) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n |c_{ij}|^2 = \|C\|_2^2.$$

On the other hand from the structure of the matrix  $(S)o[S]$ , it is easily seen that

$$\text{tr}(CC^T) = \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n x_i^2 \right)^2.$$

So we obtain

$$\|C\|_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2.$$

(iii) Since  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is an ordered set of distinct positive integers, without loosing the generality we can assume that  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$ .

Considering the definition of  $\infty$  norm we find

$$\|(S)o[S]\|_{\infty} = x_n^2.$$

(iv) Clearly since  $(S)o[S]$  is symmetric, we have

$$\|(S)o[S]\|_r = \|(S)o[S]\|_c.$$

On the other hand we can assume that  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$ . Therefore by the definition maximum row sum matrix norm (or maximum column sum matrix norm) we have

$$\|(S)o[S]\|_r = \|(S)o[S]\|_c = x_n \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right).$$

Thus the Theorem 4 is completely proved.

**Definition 5.** A set  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  of positive integers is said to be factor-closed (FC) is whenever  $x_i$  is in  $S$  and  $d$  divides  $x_i$ , then  $d$  is in  $S$ .

The above definition is due to J.J. Malone.



**Remark 2.** We note that if the set  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  of distinct positive integers is not factor-closed, then an LCM matrix may not be invertible. But the GCD matrix  $(S)$  defined on any set  $S$  of distinct positive integers is always invertible.

**Theorem 5. [2]** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set of distinct positive integers. If  $S$  is factor-closed, then the inverse of the GCD matrix  $(S)$  defined on  $S$  is the matrix  $(S)^{-1} = (t_{ij})$ , where

$$t_{ij} = \sum_{\substack{x_i | x_k \\ x_j | x_k}} \frac{1}{\varphi(x_k)} \mu(x_k / x_i) \mu(x_k / x_j),$$

$\varphi(\cdot)$  is Euler's totient function and  $\mu(\cdot)$  denotes Moebius function.

Now we present the following.

**Conjecture 1.** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set of distinct positive integers and  $(S)^{-1}$  be the inverse of the GCD matrix  $(S)$  defined on  $S$ . If  $S$  is factor-closed, then  $(S) \circ (S)^{-1}$  is a doubly stochastic matrix, i.e.,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ (x_i, x_j) \sum_{\substack{x_i | x_k \\ x_j | x_k}} \frac{1}{\varphi(x_k)} \mu(x_k / x_i) \mu(x_k / x_j) \right\} = 1 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ (x_i, x_j) \sum_{\substack{x_i | x_k \\ x_j | x_k}} \frac{1}{\varphi(x_k)} \mu(x_k / x_i) \mu(x_k / x_j) \right\} = 1 \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

**Theorem 6. [2]** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set of distinct positive integers. If  $S$  is factor-closed, then the inverse of the LCM matrix  $[S]$  defined on  $S$  is the matrix

, where

$$b_{ij} = \frac{1}{x_i x_j} \sum_{\substack{x_i | x_k \\ x_j | x_k}} \frac{1}{g(x_k)} \mu(x_k / x_i) \mu(x_k / x_j),$$

and  $g$  is defined for each positive integer  $m$  by

$$g(m) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{d|m} d \mu(d).$$

**Conjecture 2.** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set of distinct positive integers and  $[S]^{-1}$  be the inverse of the LCM matrix  $[S]$  defined on  $S$ . If  $S$  is factor-closed, then  $[S]o[S]^{-1}$  is a doubly stochastic matrix, i.e.,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \frac{[x_i, x_j]}{x_i x_j} \sum_{\substack{x_i | x_k \\ x_j | x_k}} \frac{1}{g(x_k)} \mu(x_k / x_i) \mu(x_k / x_j) \right\} = 1 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{[x_i, x_j]}{x_i x_j} \sum_{\substack{x_i | x_k \\ x_j | x_k}} \frac{1}{g(x_k)} \mu(x_k / x_i) \mu(x_k / x_j) \right\} = 1 \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

**Conjecture 3. .** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set of distinct positive integers and  $(S)^{-1}$  be the inverse of the GCD matrix  $(S)$  defined on  $S$ . If  $S$  is factor-closed, then

$$\text{tr}((S)o(S)^{-1}) = \text{tr}((S)) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i,$$

i.e.,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ x_i \sum_{x_i | x_k} \frac{1}{\varphi(x_k)} \mu^2(x_k / x_i) \right\} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i .$$

**Remark 3.** The Conjecture 3 is not true for  $[S]o[S]^{-1}$  matrix, i.e.,

$$\text{tr}([S]o[S]^{-1}) \neq \text{tr}([S]) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i .$$

For example, if  $S = \{1, 2, 4\}$  (we note that the set  $S$  is factor-closed), then we have the following:

$$[S] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, [S]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$[S]o[S]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus since  $\text{tr}([S]o[S]^{-1}) = -5$  and  $\text{tr}([S]) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 7$ , it follows that

$$\text{tr}([S]o[S]^{-1}) \neq \text{tr}([S]).$$

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