On Euclidean Distance Matrices and Spherical Configurations.

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Outline

► Survey of EDMs:

- Characterizations.
- Properties.
- Classes of EDMs: Spherical and Nonspherical.
- EDM Inverse Eigenvalue Problem.

Spherical Configurations

- Yielding and Nonyielding Entries.
- Unit Spherical EDMs which differ in 1 entry.

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Two-Distance Sets.

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► An EDM *D* is spherical if its generating points lie on a hypersphere. Otherwise, it is nonspherical.

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- s where e^Ts = 1. Vector s fixes the origin. Two important choices: s = e/n and s = 2w.

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, where $B = PP^T$. Thus $D = \mathcal{K}(B)$ and $D \in S_h^n$ is an EDM iff $B = \mathcal{T}(D) \succeq 0$.

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Characterization of 0 - 1 EDMs

Theorem [A. '18] Let A be the adjacency matrix of a simple graph G. Then A is an EDM if and only if G is a complete multipartite graph.

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Proof:

- For a unit spherical EDM D, let s = 2w, then e^Ts = 1. Let B denote the Gram matrix such that Bw = 0. Then 2B = 2ee^T − D.
- Now for $D = 2A + (2 + 2\delta)\overline{A}$, we have $B = I \delta\overline{A}$. Hence, we need to find δ such that

$$I - \delta \bar{A} \succeq 0$$
 and $Bw = w - \delta \bar{A}w = 0$.

Hence,

$$\delta \leq rac{1}{\lambda_1(ar{A})} ext{ and } \delta \geq rac{1}{\lambda_1(ar{A})}.$$

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