# Structural Analysis of Nonsquare Matrices Using Permanent Theory 

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## Summary

Many studies of permanents theory are related on doubly stochastic $n$－square matrices．In this paper，we define a partial doubly stochastic $m \times n$ ．matrices and analyze the structures of such matrices and their permanents．And we investigate the structures of fully indecomposable $m \times n$ matrices，partly decomposable $m \times n$ matrices and contraction matrices of partial doubly stochastic matrices．

1．Introduction and preliminaries

Many studies on permanents theory are related on doubly stochastic $n$－square ma－ trices．In this paper，we define a partial doubly stochastic $m \times n$ matrices and investigate such matrices．

Let $A=\left(a_{i j}\right)$ be an $m \times n$ matrix over any commutative ring．$m \leqslant n$ ．The permanend of $A$ ， written $\operatorname{Per}(A)$ ，is defined by

$$
\operatorname{Per}(\mathrm{A})=\sum_{\sigma} \mathrm{a}_{1 \sigma(1)} \mathrm{a}_{2 \sigma(2)} \cdots \cdots \mathbf{a}_{\mathrm{m} \sigma}(\mathrm{~m})
$$

where the summation extends over all one－to－one functions from $\{1, \cdots, m\}$ to $\{1$ ， $\cdots, n)$ ．The sequence $\left(a_{1 \sigma(1)}, \cdots, a_{m \sigma(m)}\right)$ is called a diagonal of A．

Let $\Gamma_{r, n}$ denote the set of all $n^{r}$ sequences $\mathrm{w}=\left(\mathrm{w}_{1}, \cdots, \mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{r}}\right)$ of integers， $1 \leqslant \mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{i}} \leqslant \mathrm{n}, \mathrm{i}=1$ ， $\cdots, \mathrm{n}$ ．Let $Q_{\mathrm{r}, \mathrm{n}}$ denote the subset of $\Gamma_{\mathrm{r}, \mathrm{n}}$ consisting of all increasing sequences，

$$
Q_{r, n}=\left\{\left(w_{1}, \cdots, w_{r}\right) \cong \Gamma_{r, n}: 1 \leqq w_{l}\left\langle\cdots\left\langle w_{r} \leqq n\right\}\right.\right.
$$

Let $A=\left(a_{i j}\right)$ denote the $m \times n$ matrix with entries from real numbers and let $\alpha \in Q_{h, m}$ and $\beta \in \mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{n}}$. Then $\mathrm{A}[\alpha: \beta]$ denotes the $\mathrm{h} \times \mathrm{k}$ submatrix of $A$ whose ( $\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j}$ ) entry is $\mathrm{a}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{j}}}$ And $A(\alpha \mid \beta)$ denotes the $(m-h) \times(n-k)$ submatrix of A complementary to $\mathrm{A}[\alpha \mid \beta]$ - that is, the submatrix obtained from $A$ by deleting rows $\alpha$ and columns $\beta$. The other definitions are refered to (4] "Permanents".

In this paper, we analyze the structures of fully indecomposable $m \times n$ matrices and partly decomposable $m \times n$ matrices. In particular, we define doubly $c(k)$-stochastic $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}$ matrices and investigate such matrices.
we assume that $\mathrm{m} \leqslant \mathrm{n}$ for all $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}$ matrices in this paper.

## 2. The structure and permanents of doubly $c(k)$-stochastic $m \times n$ matrices.

DEFINITION 1. A nonnegative $m \times n$ matrix is called doubly $c(k)$-stochastic if all its row sums and $k$ column sums are 1 but its remaining ( $n-k$ ) column sums are $\frac{m-k}{n-k}$ for some $0 \leqslant k<m$ $\leq \mathrm{n}$. If $\mathrm{m}=\mathrm{n}$, a doubly $\mathrm{c}(\mathrm{n})$-stochastic matrix is called a doubly stochastic matrix.

For examples, let
$\mathrm{A}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0\end{array}\right], \mathrm{B}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}\frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{8} \\ \frac{2}{8} & \frac{3}{8} & 0 & \frac{3}{8} \\ \frac{3}{8} & 0 & \frac{5}{8} & 0\end{array}\right]$

Then $A$ is a doubly $c(1)$-stochastic $3 \times 4$
matrix and B is a doubly $\mathrm{c}(0)$-stochastic $3 \times 4$ matrix.

DEFINITION 2. ((4)) A nonnegative $m \times n$ matrix $A$ is called fully indecomposable if $\operatorname{Per}(A(i \mid j))>0$ for $i=1, \cdots, m$, and $j=1, \cdots$, n . Otherwise, A is called parlly decomposable.

THEOREM 1. ([4]) Let $A$ be a nonnegative $m \times n$ matrix. Then $\operatorname{Per}(A)=0$ if and only if $A$ contains an $s \times(n-s+1)$ zero submatrix. (Extended version of Frobenius and König Theorem)

LEMMA 2. An $m \times n$ matrix $A$ is partly decomposable if and only if there exist permutation matrices $P$ and $Q$ of orders $m$ and $n$ respectively, such that

$$
\mathrm{PAQ}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\mathrm{B} & C  \tag{1}\\
0 & D
\end{array}\right]_{\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}}
$$

where 0 is an $s \times(n-s)$ submatrix ( $s \geq 1$ ).
Proof. If $A$ is an $m \times n$ partly decomposable matrix, then there exist $i$ and $j$ such that $\operatorname{Per}(A(i \mid j))=0$. By Theorem 1, $A(i \mid j)$ contains an $s \times((n-1)-s+1)$ zero submatrix. Hence $A$ contains an $s \times(n-s)$ zero submatrix.

Now, assume that there exist permutation matrices $P$ and $Q$ of orders $m$ and $n$ respectively such that PAQ is of the form (1). Let ( $\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j}$ ) be a position in the submatrix $C$ of PAQ. Then $(m-1) \times(n-1)$ matrix $\mathrm{PAQ}(\mathrm{i} \mid \mathrm{j})$ contains an $\mathrm{s} \times((\mathrm{n}-1)-\mathrm{s}+1)$ zero submatrix. By Theorem 1, $\operatorname{Per}(\operatorname{PAQ}(\mathrm{j} \mid \mathrm{j}))=0$ and hence $\operatorname{Per}(\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{i} \mid \mathrm{j}))=0$. Therefore A is a partly decomposable $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}$ matrix.

THEOREM 3. If an $m \times n$ matrix $A$ is partly decomposable doubly $c(k)$-stochastic ( $k>0$ ), then there exist permutation matrices $P$ and $Q$ of orders $m$ and $n$ respectively such that PAQ is a direct sum of an s -square doubly
stochastic matrix and an (m-s) $\times(\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{s})$ doubly $\mathrm{c}(\mathrm{k}-\mathrm{s})$-stochastic matrix.

Proof. Since A is partly decomposable, for some permutation matrices P and Q of orders m and n respectively, Lemma 2 implies that PAQ is of the form (1) in Lemma 2. Since PAQ is doubly $c(k)$-stochastic, the sum of entries in last $s$ rows of PAQ is $s$ and hence

$$
\sigma(\mathrm{D})=\mathrm{s}
$$

Where $\sigma(\mathrm{X})$ denotes the sum of entries in the matrix $X$. Since $D$ is $s$-square and nonnegative, the sum of every column in $D$ is 1 and hence $s \leq \mathrm{k}$. Similarly, considering the entries in the first $n-s$ columns of doubly $c(k)$-stochastic matrix PAQ. we can conclude that

$$
\sigma(B) \geq \frac{m-k}{n-k} \times(n-k)+1 \times(k-s)=m-s
$$

But

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{m} & =\sigma(\mathrm{PAQ})=\sigma(\mathrm{B})+\sigma(\mathrm{C})+\sigma(\mathrm{D}) \\
& \geq(\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{s})+\sigma(\mathrm{C})+\mathrm{s}=\mathrm{m}+\sigma(\mathrm{C})
\end{aligned}
$$

and therefore

$$
\sigma(\mathrm{C}) \leq 0 .
$$

Since $C$ is nonnegative, we must have

$$
C=0
$$

and thus

$$
\mathrm{PAQ}=\mathrm{B} \oplus \mathrm{D}
$$

where $D$ is an s-square doubly stochastic matrix and $B$ is an (m-s) $\times(n-s)$ doubly $\mathrm{c}(\mathrm{k}-\mathrm{s})$-stochastic matrix.

THEOREM 4. A doubly $c(0)$-stochastic $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}$ matrix is fully indecomposable if $\mathrm{m}\langle\mathrm{n}$.
Proof. Let $A$ be a doubly $c(0)$-stochastic $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}$ matrix with $\mathrm{m}<\mathrm{n}$. Assume that A is not fully indecomposable. Then there exist permutation matrices $P$ and $Q$ of orders $m$ and $n$ respectively such that PAQ is of the form (1). Since the sum of entries in the last $s$ rows is $s$ and the nonzero entries in them are all in the submatrix $D$, we have

$$
\sigma(\mathrm{D})=\mathrm{s} .
$$

Sincc A is doubly $c(0)$-stochastic and nonneqative. the sum of entries in the last $k$ columns is greater than or equals to the sum of entries in the submatrix D. Hence

$$
\frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{n}} \times \mathrm{s} \geq \sigma(\mathrm{D})=\mathrm{s} .
$$

Therefore $m \subset n$, which is impossible. Hence A is fully indecomposable if $m<n$.

THEOREM 5. The permanent of a doubly $c(k)$-stochastic $m \times n$ matrix is positive.

Proof. If $\operatorname{Per}(\mathrm{A})=0$, then by Theorem 1 , there exist permutation matrices $P$ and $Q$ such that PAQ is of the form (1), where the zero submatrix is $s \times(n-s+1)$ matrix. Since $A$ is a doubly $c(k)$-stochastic $m \times n$ matrix. we have
$\mathrm{m}=\sigma(\mathrm{PAQ})=\sigma(\mathrm{B})+\sigma(\mathrm{D})$
Now, all the nonzero entries in the last $s$ rows are contained in D and thus

$$
\sigma(\mathrm{D})=\mathrm{s} .
$$

This implies that $s \leq k$. Similarly, all the nonzero entries in the first ( $\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{s}+1$ ) columns are contained in $B$ and thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sigma(\mathrm{B}) \geq & \frac{\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{k}}{\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{k}} \times(\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{k})+1 \times((\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{s}+1)-(\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{k})) \\
& =(\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{k})+(\mathrm{k}-\mathrm{s}+1)=\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{s}+1
\end{aligned}
$$

But
$\mathrm{m} \geq o(\mathrm{~B})+\sigma(\mathrm{D}) \geq(\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{s}+1)+\mathrm{s}=\mathrm{m}+1$
which is impossible.
COROLLARY 6. Every doubly $c(k)$-stochastic matrix has a positive diagonal.

LEMMA 7. If $A$ is a fully indecomposable $m \times n$ matrix and $c>0$, then for every $i$ and $j$,

$$
\operatorname{Per}\left(A+c E_{i j}\right)>\operatorname{Per}(A)
$$

where $E_{i j}$ denotes the $m \times n$ matrix with 1 in the ( $\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j}$ ) position and zeros elsewhere.

Proof. Using the expansion theorem for permanents, we have

$$
\begin{gathered}
\operatorname{Per}\left(A+c E_{i j}\right)=\sum_{j=1}^{N} a_{i j} \operatorname{Per}\left(\left(A+c E_{i j}\right)(i \mid j)\right) \\
=\operatorname{Per}(A)+c \operatorname{Per}(A(i \mid j)) .
\end{gathered}
$$

Since A is fully indecomposable,
$\operatorname{Per}(A(i \mid j))>0$ for all $i$ and $j$. Hence we have the result.

THEOREM 8. If an $m \times n$ matrix $A$ is a fully indecomposable ( 0,1 )-matrix, then

$$
\operatorname{Per}\left(A+\sum_{t=1}^{E_{i}} E_{t} i_{t}\right) \geqq \operatorname{Per}(A)+r .
$$

Proof. Since A is a ( 0,1 )-matrix, definition 2 implies that $\operatorname{Per}(A(i \mid j)) \geq 1$ for all $i$ and j. Therefore,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{Per}\left(A+E_{i_{i, j}}\right)=\operatorname{Per}(A)+\operatorname{Per}\left(A\left(i_{i} \mid j_{i}\right)\right) \\
& \quad \geqq \operatorname{Per}(A)+1
\end{aligned}
$$

by lemma 7. Clearly $A+E_{i, j}$, is fully indecomposable. The result now follows by induction on r .

THEOREM 9. Let

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{lllll}
A_{1} & B_{1} & 0 & \cdots & 0  \tag{2}\\
0 & A_{2} & B_{2} & & \vdots \\
\vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \\
0 & 0 & & A_{r-1} & B_{r-1} \\
B_{r} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & A_{r}
\end{array}\right]_{m \times n}
$$

be a nonnegative $m \times n$ matrix, where $A_{i}$ is a fully indecomposable $m_{1} \times n_{i}$ matrix, $i=1, \cdots$, $r$, and $B_{i} \neq 0, i=1, \cdots$. r. Then $A$ is fully indecomposable.

Proof. Suppose that A is partly decomposable-i.e., that $A[\alpha \mid \beta]=0$ for some $\alpha \in Q_{s, m}$ and $\beta \in Q_{L . n}$, where $s+t=n$. Let $s_{j}$ of rows $\alpha$ and $t_{j}$ of columns $\beta$ intersect the submatrix $A_{j}, j=1, \cdots, r$. Then $s_{1}+s_{2}+\cdots+s_{T}$ $=s>1$. so that at least one of the $s_{j}$ must be positive. Similarly, at least one of the $t_{j}$ is not zero. Now, since each $A_{j}$ is fully indecomposable and it contains an $s_{j} \times t_{j}$ zero submatrix (unless either $s_{j}=0$ or $t_{j}=0$ ), we must have $s_{j}+t_{j} \leqslant n_{j}$, where equality can hold only if $s_{j}=0$ or $t_{j}=0$. But

$$
\begin{aligned}
n= & s+t=\sum_{j=1}^{r} s_{j}+\sum_{j=1}^{r} t_{j}=\sum_{j=1}^{r}\left(s_{j}+t_{j}\right) \\
& \leq \sum_{j=1}^{r} n_{j}=n
\end{aligned}
$$

and thus $\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{j}}+\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{j}}=\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{j}}$ for every j . It follows that either $s_{j}=0$ or $t_{j}=0$ for $j=1, \cdots$, r. But not all the $s_{j}$ nor all the $t_{j}$ can be zero, and therefore there must exist an integer $k$ such that $s_{k}=n_{k}$ and $t_{k+1}=n_{k+1}$ (subscripts reduced modulo r). It follows that $B_{k}$ is a submatrix of a zero submatrix, contradicting our hy-
pothesis.

THEOREM 10. A fully indecomposable $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}$ matrix A has a row stochastic matrix which has the same zero pattern as A .

Proof. Since A is fully indecomposable. $\operatorname{Per}(A(i \mid j))>0$ for all $\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j}$, by definition 2. Let $\mathrm{S}=\left(\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{ij}}\right)$ be the $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}$ matrix defined by

$$
s_{i j}=a_{i j} \operatorname{Per}(A(i \mid j)) / \operatorname{Per}(A)
$$

$\mathrm{i}=1, \cdots, \mathrm{~m}$ and $\mathrm{j}=1 . \cdots, \mathrm{n}$. Clearly S is nonnegative, and it has the same zero pattern as A. Also for $\mathrm{i}=1, \cdots, \mathrm{~m}$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathbf{s}_{i j} & =\frac{1}{\operatorname{Per}(A)} \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i j} \operatorname{Per}(A(i \mid j)) \\
& =\frac{1}{\operatorname{Per}(A)} \operatorname{Per}(A)=1
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence $S$ is row stochastic.
DEFINITION 3 ( $(1,3\rceil)$. If column $h$ of an $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}$ matrix A contains exactly two nonzero entries, say, in rows $i$ and $j$, then the ( $\mathrm{m}-1$ ) $\times(\mathrm{n}-1)$ matrix $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{A})$ obtained from A by replacing row $i$ with the sum of rows $i$ and $j$ and deleting row $j$ and column $h$ is called a contraction of A .

THEOREM 11. Let $A$ be a nonnegative $m \times n$ matrix and let $C(A)$ be a contraction of $A$ on columri $h$ relative to rows $i$ and $j$.
(i) If rows $i$ and $j$ each contain at least two positive entries, then $A$ is fully indecomposable if and only if $C(A)$ is fully indecomposable.
(i) If $A$ is a doubly $c(k)$-stochastic matrix such that $a_{i h}+a_{j h}=1, k \geq 1$, then $C(A)$
is a doubly $\mathrm{c}(\mathrm{k}-1)$-stochastic matrix.
Proof. It suffices to consider the case where $C(A)$ is the contraction of $A$ on column 1 relative to rows 1 and 2 . Thus $A$ and $C(A)$ have the form
$A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}a_{11} & U \\ a_{21} & v \\ 0 & B\end{array}\right]_{m \times n} \quad C(A)=\left[\begin{array}{c}U+V \\ B\end{array}\right]_{(m-1) \times(n-1)}$
where $a_{11} \neq 0 * a_{21}$.
(I) Suppose $C(A)$ is not fully
indecomposable. Then there exists an $s \times t$ zero submatrix $0_{s \times 1}$ of $C(A)$ where $s+t=n-1$. If $0_{s \times t}$ is a submatrix of $B$, then clearly A has an $s \times(t+1)$ zero submatrix where $s+(t+1)=n$. Hence in this case $A$ is nof fully indecomposable. Suppose $0_{s \times t}$ is not a submatrix of $B$. Since $a_{11}$ and $a_{21}$ are positive while $U$ and $V$ are nonnegative, $A$ has an $(s+1) \times t$ zero submatrix where $(s+1)+t=n$. Therefore $A$ is not fully indecomposable.

Conversely, suppose A is not a fully indecomposable $m \times n$ matrix. Thus $A$ contains an $s \times t$ zero submatrix $0_{s \times t}$ with $s+t=n$. If $0_{s \times t}$ is contained in the last $\mathrm{m}-2$ rows of $A$, then $B$, and thus $C(A)$, contains an $s+(t-1)$ zero submatrix with $\mathrm{s}+(\mathrm{t}-1)=\mathrm{n}-1$. Let $0_{\mathrm{s} \times \mathrm{t}}$ not be contained in the last $m-2$ rows of $A$. Then, since $a_{11}$ and $\mathrm{a}_{21}$ are positive, $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{s} \times \mathrm{t}}$ is contained in the last $\mathrm{n}-1$ columns of A . Since rows 1 and 2 of $A$ each contain at least two positive entries by assumption, $0_{s \times t}$ is a submatrix of neither $U$ nor $V$. Hence $C(A)$ contains an ( $s-1) \times t$ zero submatrix with $(s-1)+t=n-1$. Therefore $C(A)$ is not fully indecomposable.
(II) Since $A$ is a doubly $c(k)$-stochastic matrix, the sum of entries in the first two
rows of $A$ is 2 . If $a_{11}+a_{21}=1$ in $A$, then the sum of entries in the first row of $C(A)$, that is $\sigma(\mathrm{U}+\mathrm{V})$, is 1 . therefore $C(\mathrm{~A})$ is row stochastic. Since $C(A)$ is a contraction on the first column of $A, C(A)$ has only ( $k-1$ ) columns such that the sums of their columns each are 1. And the sums of the other ( $n-1$ ) $-(k-1)$ columns each are $\frac{m-k}{n-k}$, that is $\frac{(m-1)-(k-1)}{(n-1)-(k-1)}$. Hence $C(A)$ is a doubly $c(k-1)$-stochastic ( $m-1$ ) $\times(\mathrm{n}-1)$ matrix.

Theorem 12. Let $P$ and $Q$ be $m$-and n-square (0. 1)-matrices respectively such that $P$ has no zero rows and $Q$ has no zero columns. Then
(1) if PAQ is partly decomposable for arbitrary $m \times n$ ( 0.1 )-matrix A having a zero row, then $P$ is a permutation matrix.
(2) if PAQ is partly decomposable for arbitrary $m \times n(0,1)$-matrix $A$ having a zero column, then $Q$ is a permutation matrix.
Proof. (1) Suppose PAQ is partly decomposable for every $A$ with a zero row. Let $A_{1}$ be the matrix all of whose entries equal 1 except those in the first row which equal 0 . Since $Q$ has no zero columns, it follows that $A_{1} Q \geq A_{1}$. Let $P^{\prime}=P[\cdot,(2, \cdots$,
$m\}]_{m \times(m-1)}$ and let $A_{1}^{\prime}=A_{1}\{\{2, \cdots, m\}$, ${ }^{-]_{(m-1) \times n}}$ so that all entries of $A_{1}{ }^{\prime}$ equal 1 . Then

$$
P A_{1} Q \geq P A_{1}=P^{\prime} A_{1}^{\prime}
$$

Since $P A_{1} Q$ is partly decomposable, it now
follows that $P^{\prime}$ has a zero row. Since $P$ has no zero rows, we conclude that some row of $P$ equals ( $1,0, \cdots, 0$ ). By considering the matrix $A_{i}$ all of whose entries equal 1 except those in row i which equal $0(\mathrm{i}=1, \cdots, m)$, we conclude in a similar way, that for each $i=1, \cdots, m$, some row of $P$ contains only o's except for a 1 in column $i$. Hence $P$ is a permutation matrix.
(2) Suppose PAQ is partly decomposable for every $A$ with a zero column. Let $A_{1}$ be the matrix all of whose entries equal 1 except those in the first column which equal 0 . Since $P^{t}$ has no zero columns. it follows that
$A_{1}{ }^{1} P_{1}{ }^{t} \geq A_{1}{ }^{t}$. Let $\left(Q^{t}\right)^{\prime}=Q^{t}[\cdot, \quad\{2, \cdots$. $n\})_{n \times(n-1)}$ and let $\left(A_{1}\right)^{\prime}=A_{1}{ }^{t}\{\{2, \cdots n\}$. - $]_{(n-1) \times n}$ so that all entries of $\left(A_{1}\right)^{\prime}$ equal 1. Then

$$
Q^{t} A_{1} P^{t} \geq Q^{t} A_{1}{ }^{t}=\left(Q^{t}\right)^{\prime}\left(A_{1} t^{\prime}\right)^{\prime}
$$

Since $Q^{t} A_{1}{ }^{t}{ }^{t}$ is partly decomppsable, it now follows that $\left(Q^{2}\right)^{\prime}$ has a zero row. Since $Q^{t}$ has no zero rows, we conclude that some row of $Q^{t}$ equals $(1,0, \cdots, 0)$. By considering the matrix $A_{i}$ all of whose entries equal 1 except in column $j$ which equal 0 $(j=1, \cdots, n)$, we conclude in a similar way, that for each $j=1, \cdots$, $n$. some row of $Q^{t}$ contains only $0^{\prime} s$ except for a 1 in a column j. Hence $Q^{t}$ and $Q$ are permutation matrices.

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## 摘 要

퍼머넨트 理論에 관한 많은 研究들은 주로 n 次의 正方行列에 관련되어 왔다．本 論文에서는 이러한 正方行列에 관한 理論을 一般的인 $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}$ 行列로 확장시켰다．곧 分解할 수 없는 $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}$ 行列과 分解가능한 $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}$行列의 構造에 관한 정리돌과 樎䄪에 관한 정리들을 一般的으로 확장시켜 證明하였다．

