# Reconstructing the Sanxian's Music Score by BD Matrix

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#### Outline

- Isospectral tridiagonal matrices.
- Extension to Hermitizable ones.
- Applications.

#### Tridiagonal/Birth-death matrix

$$T \sim (a_k, -c_k, b_k), E = \{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : 0 \leq k < N+1\}$$

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 $T: (a_k), (b_k), (c_k)$  complex sequences.  $Q: a_k > 0, b_k > 0, c_k = a_k + b_k, c_N \geqslant a_N$ 

#### Sanxian (Chinese traditional plucked instruments )

## Qin Dynasty (214 BC). Nanyin Trichord





#### Sanxian and Yis Sanxian Dance

#### Sanxian's Music Score & Hermitizable tridiagonal m

Sanxian: three strings

Sound of each string, a Fourier series

Three sequence → tridiagonal matrix

Real spectrum → Hermitizable [selfadjoint]

#### Corollary

 $m{T}$  is Hermitizable iff  $(m{c_k})$  is real and

$$a_{k+1}b_k > 0 [\iff b_k/\bar{a}_{k+1} > 0] \ \forall k.$$

$$\mu_k b_k \!\!=\! \mu_{k\!+\!1} ar{a}_{k\!+\!1}, \;\; \mu_0 \!\!=\! 1, \mu_{k\!+\!1} \!\!=\! \mu_k rac{b_k}{ar{a}_{k+1}}$$

#### Theorem/Algorithm

Given Hermitizable  $T{\sim}(a_k,-c_k,b_k)$  with  $c_k{\geqslant}|a_k|{+}|b_k|$  (or  $\tilde{c}_k{=}c_k{+}m)$  Then  $\exists$  an explicit birth-death matrix  $\widetilde{Q}{\sim}(\tilde{a}_k,-\tilde{c}_k,\tilde{b}_k)$  such that T is isospectral to  $\widetilde{Q}$ .

In general, we have  $\tilde{c}_N \geqslant \tilde{a}_N$ . We assume that  $\tilde{c}_N > \tilde{a}_N$  in what follows. The case  $\tilde{c}_N = \tilde{a}_N$  was also treated in the published paper (2018).

Explicit 
$$u_k\!:=\!a_kb_{k-1}\!>\!0$$
 &  $c_k\!=\!:\! ilde{c}_k$ 

$$ilde{b}_k = c_k - rac{u_k}{c_{k-1} - rac{u_{k-1}}{c_{k-2} - rac{u_{k-2}}{u_{k-2}}}}$$

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 $ilde{a}_k \!\!=\!\! c_k \!-\! ilde{b}_k, \; k \!<\! N; \; \; \; ilde{a}_N \!=\! u_N ig/ ilde{b}_{N-1}.$ 

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PF-a:  $ilde{b}_k \! > \! 0$ .  $c_k \! = \! |a_k| \! + \! |b_k|$ .  $u_k \! = \! a_k b_{k-1}$ 

$$egin{aligned} & ilde{b}_0 = c_0 = |b_0| > 0, & ilde{m{b}_k} = |b_k| > 0 \ & ilde{b}_1 = c_1 - rac{|a_1 b_0|}{ ilde{b}_0} = c_1 - rac{|a_1 b_0|}{|b_0|} = |b_1| > 0, \ & ilde{b}_2 = c_2 - rac{|a_2 b_1|}{ ilde{b}_1} = c_2 - rac{|a_2 b_1|}{|b_1|} = |b_2| > 0, \end{aligned}$$

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$$ilde{b}_{N-1}\!=\!c_{N-1}-rac{|a_{N-1}b_{N-2}|}{b_{N-2}}\!=\!|b_{N-1}|\!>\!0$$
 if  $N\!<\!\infty$  ,

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## PF-a: $b_k \!>\! 0$ if $c_k \!\geqslant\! |a_k| \!+\! |\overline{b_k}|$ .

Let  $ar{c}_0 > c_0$  and  $c_k = (\geqslant) |a_k| + |b_k|$  for

k 
eq 0 . Then  $ar{b}_0 = ar{c}_0 > c_0 = ilde{b}_0$  .

Furthermore, by induction,  $\bar{b}_k > \bar{b}_k$ ,  $k \ge 1$ . In general, let  $(\tilde{b}_k)$  is increasing in  $(c_k)$ 

$$k_0 = \min\{k: c_k > |a_k| + |b_k|\}.$$

Then we have  $ar{b}_k=ar{b}_k,\ 0\leqslant k\leqslant k_0-1$  and  $ar{b}_k>ar{b}_k,\ k\geqslant k_0.$ 

#### PF-b: $ilde{a}_k > 0$ , $1 \leqslant k < N+1$

$$egin{aligned} ilde{a}_k &= c_k - ilde{b}_k, \ 1\leqslant k < N \ ilde{b}_k &= c_k - ilde{a}_k ilde{b}_{k-1} \ ilde{b}_{k-1} &= c_k - rac{a_k b_{k-1}}{ ilde{b}_{k-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$b_k = c_k - rac{\kappa}{ ilde{b}_{k-1}} = c_k - rac{\kappa}{ ilde{b}_{k-1}}.$$

#### PF-b: $ilde{a}_k > 0$ , $1 \leqslant k < N+1$ .

We obtain the invariant:

$$ilde{oldsymbol{a}}_{k} ilde{oldsymbol{b}}_{k-1} = oldsymbol{a}_{k}oldsymbol{b}_{k-1}, \quad 1\leqslant k < N.$$

Equivalently,

$$ilde{a}_k = u_k ig/ ilde{b}_{k-1} > 0, \quad 1 \leqslant k < N.$$

By def, this holds also for  $oldsymbol{k} = oldsymbol{N}$  when  $oldsymbol{N} < oldsymbol{\infty}$ .

## PF-c: T and $\widetilde{Q}$ are isospectral

Define

Cost 4 years to get  $\widetilde{m{Q}}$ 

$$h_0 = 1, \; h_{k+1} = h_k rac{ ilde{b}_k}{b_k}, \quad 0 \leqslant k < N.$$

Then we have

C. & Xu Zhang, 2014

$$\widetilde{oldsymbol{Q}} = \mathsf{Diag}(oldsymbol{h})^{-1}oldsymbol{T}\mathsf{Diag}(oldsymbol{h})$$

and so the conclusion follows.

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## Discrete spectrum. $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \{0,1,2,\cdots\}$

Let 
$$\widetilde{Q}\sim ( ilde{a}_k,- ilde{c}_k, ilde{b}_k).$$
 Define  $ilde{\mu}_0=1,\ ilde{\mu}_k=rac{ ilde{b}_0\cdots ilde{b}_{k-1}}{ ilde{a}_1\cdots ilde{a}_k},\qquad k\geqslant 1.$ 

## Theorem (C. 2014. $\widetilde{\boldsymbol{Q}} \to \boldsymbol{T}$ )

(1) Let 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( ilde{\mu}_k ilde{b}_k \right)^{-1} < \infty$$
. Then  $\operatorname{\mathsf{Spec}}(\widetilde{Q}_{\min})$  is discrete iff  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ilde{\mu}_j \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( ilde{\mu}_k ilde{b}_k \right)^{-1} = \mathbf{0}.$ 

## Discrete spectrum. $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \{0, 1, 2, \cdots\}$

#### Theorem (Continued)

(2) Let  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} ilde{\mu}_j < \infty$ . Then

 $\mathsf{Spec}(\widetilde{m{Q}}_{ ext{max}})$  is discrete iff

$$\lim_{n o\infty}\sum_{j=n+1}^{} ilde{\mu}_{j}\sum_{k=0}^{}\left( ilde{\mu}_{k} ilde{b}_{k}
ight)^{-1}=0.$$
(3) Let  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\left( ilde{\mu}_{k} ilde{b}_{k}
ight)^{-1}=\infty=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} ilde{\mu}_{j}.$ 

Then  $\mathsf{Spec}(\widetilde{m{Q}}_{\min}) = \mathsf{Spec}(\widetilde{m{Q}}_{\max})$  is not discrete.  $\left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ilde{\mu}_{i}\sum_{j=i}^{\infty}\left( ilde{\mu}_{j} ilde{b}_{j}
ight)^{-1}\!\!=\!\infty
ight]$ 

#### Hermitizable matrix

#### Definition

 $oldsymbol{A} = (oldsymbol{a_{ij}})$  is Hermitizable if  $\exists oldsymbol{\mu} > oldsymbol{0}$ such that  $\mu_i a_{ij} = \mu_j \bar{a}_{ji} \ \forall i,j.$ 

Equivalently,

$$\mathsf{Diag}(oldsymbol{\mu})oldsymbol{A} = oldsymbol{A}^H \mathsf{Diag}(oldsymbol{\mu}) \ \ oldsymbol{A}^H := ar{oldsymbol{A}}^*$$

$$A^H := ar{A}^*$$

#### Lemma

$$oldsymbol{A} = (oldsymbol{a_{ij}})$$
 is Hermitizable iff  $oldsymbol{H} :=$ 

 $\mathsf{Diag}(\boldsymbol{\mu})^{1/2} A \mathsf{Diag}(\boldsymbol{\mu})^{-1/2}$  is Hermite.

Each theory/algorithm for Hermite  $\rightarrow$  Hermitizable

## Criterion for Hermitizability

#### Theorem (C. (2018))

Complex  $oldsymbol{A}=(oldsymbol{a_{ij}})$  is Hermitizable iff two conditions hold simultaneously.

- ullet For each pair  $m{i,j}$ , either  $m{a_{ij}\&a_{ji}} = m{0}$  or  $m{a_{ij}a_{ji}} > m{0} \ (\Leftrightarrow m{a_{ij}}/ar{a}_{ji} > m{0})$ .
- The circle condition holds for each smallest closed path without round-trip

$$egin{aligned} \dot{i}_0 
ightarrow \dot{i}_1 
ightarrow \cdots 
ightarrow \dot{i}_n &= i_0,\ a_{i_k i_{k+1}} 
eq 0 \ \Rightarrow a_{i_0 i_1} \cdots a_{i_{n-1} i_n} 
eq ar{a}_{i_n i_{n-1}} \cdots ar{a}_{i_1 i_0} 
eq egin{aligned} ext{One} \end{aligned}$$

### Computing the Hermitizing measure $\mu$

Fix reference point  $i_0$  and set  $\mu_{i_0}=1$ . For each  $j \neq i_0$ , choose and fix a path  $i_0 \rightarrow i_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow i_n=j$ , then

$$\mu_j = rac{a_{i_0 i_1}}{ar{a}_{i_1 i_0}} rac{a_{i_1 i_2}}{ar{a}_{i_2 i_1}} \cdot \cdot \cdot rac{a_{i_{n-1} i_n}}{ar{a}_{i_n i_{n-1}}}.$$

Circle condition  $\Rightarrow$  path-independence. Irreducible  $\Rightarrow$  unique  $\mu$  up to +constant, determined by  $A=(a_{ij})$  only.

#### Householder transformation

#### Lemma

For each Hermite H, one can construct unitary U such that  $T := UHU^H$  becomes a real, symmetric tridiagonal matrix.  $\Rightarrow$  Hermitizable

Extended reflection matrices  $\{U_j\}$ :

$$oldsymbol{U_j} = oldsymbol{I} + (oldsymbol{\kappa} - 1) oldsymbol{u} oldsymbol{u}^H$$

 $\kappa$ : constant with  $|\kappa|=1$ , u: unit vector.

$$U:=\prod_{j=0}^\ell U_j$$
 for some  $\ell\leqslant N$  .

## History remark

Eigenproblem: started by C.G.J. Jacobi in 1846. 173 years

In 2000, two journals selected

"Top 10 algorithms in 20th century"

Three of them are on matrix eigenproblem,

Householder transformation

Any progress on eigenproblem is not easy!

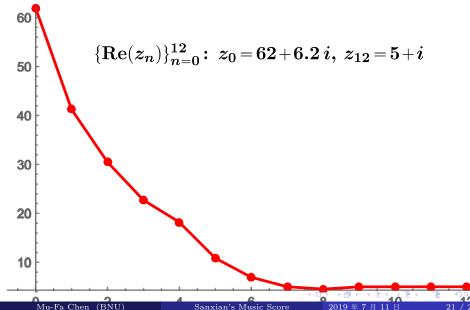
Remove condition "tridiagonal"

#### Theorem (C. 2018)

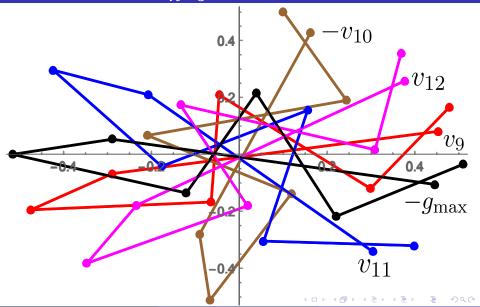
Each irreducible Hermitizable matrix is isospectral to a birth-death Q-matrix.

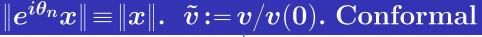
Complex A: complex on  $L^2(\mu)$ ightarrow real BD  $\widetilde{Q}$ : on real  $L^2(|h|^2 dx)$ Difference of h and |h|: the wave  $e^{i\theta}$ . Quantum mechanics: wave-particle Hermitizable ← Hermite → BD-matrix (non-uniform) (uniform media) (real) Unified reference frame (spectrum)

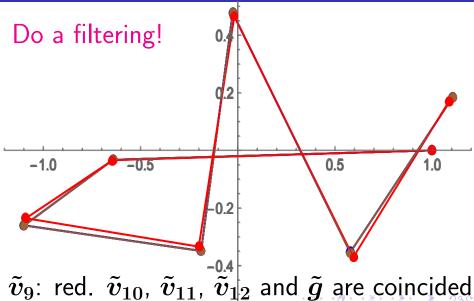




## Vectors $\{v_n\}_{n=9}^{12}$ converge? 7-dim







#### Conclusions

Suggested in 20–30 minutes talk, use no more than 5 notation A, T, Q, h, u and state no more than three main results:

- ullet Isospectral of tridiagonal T and BD Q.
- Criterion for Hermitizability.
- $oldsymbol{\cdot}$  Isospectral of Hermitizable  $oldsymbol{A}$  and BD  $oldsymbol{Q}.$

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The end!
Thank you, everybody!
谢谢大家!