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Abstract

A majorization permutahedron M(a) is polytope defined by $M(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x \leq a\}$. In this paper we look more precisely to $M_I^+(a)$, all positive integer vectors that are majorized by a, and we discuss about its cardinality.

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1 Introduction

Inequalities in matrix theory and specially majorization is one of the interesting areas that has been researched on it in several ways.

For a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ we say $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is nonincreasing if

$$x_1 \ge x_2 \ge \dots \ge x_n.$$

For a vector $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ we use the notation $x^{\downarrow} = (x_1^{\downarrow}, x_2^{\downarrow}, \ldots, x_n^{\downarrow})$ for the nonincreasing vector consisting elements of x.

Let $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n), y = (y_1, \ldots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$. We say x is majorized by $y, x \prec y$, if

$$\sum_{i=1}^k x_i^\downarrow \leq \sum_{i=1}^k y_i^\downarrow, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n$$

with the equality when k = n[3].

A majorization permutahedron is defined by $M(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x \leq a\}$. Actually this is a special polytope associated with a majorization in \mathbb{R}^n , the set of all vectors majorized by a. In [1] there are some works on the properties of majorization permutahedrons and their cardinality. In this paper we are interested in the set of nonnegative integer vectors majorized by a and discussing about its cardinality. We use the notation \mathbb{R}^n_+ for the set of all nonnegative vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .

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