



## The structure of the preservers of SCH-Hadamard majorization

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In this paper we determine the structures of all the linear operators  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  which (Strongly) preserve *SCH*-Hadamard majorization, where  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  is the set of all the  $m$ -by- $n$  real matrices.

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**1 Introduction**

For  $X, Y \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$ , the Hadamard product (entrywise product) of  $X = [x_{ij}]$  and  $Y = [y_{ij}]$ , is denoted by  $X \circ Y$  and is defined by  $X \circ Y = [x_{ij}y_{ij}]$ . A matrix  $C$  in  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  with nonnegative entries is called strictly sub column stochastic if the sum of entries on every column of  $C$  is less than 1. For more details and applications of Hadamard product, the reader can see [1–4]. In this paper, with using the Hadamard product and strictly sub column stochastic matrices, we introduce a relation on  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  which is called strictly sub row Hadamard majorization or in brief *SCH*-majorization. Let  $X, Y \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$ . We say that  $X$  is *SCH-Hadamard majorized* by  $Y$  (denoted by  $X \prec_{SCH} Y$ ), if there exists a strictly sub column stochastic matrix  $C \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  such that  $X = C \circ Y$ .

A linear operator  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  is said to be a preserver (resp. strongly preserver) of *SCH*-Hadamard majorization if  $T(X) \prec_{SCH} T(Y)$  whenever  $X \prec_{SCH} Y$  (resp.  $T(X) \prec_{SCH} T(Y)$  if and only if  $X \prec_{SCH} Y$ ). In this paper, we determine the structure all linear operators on  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  that preserve (resp. strongly preserve) *SCH*-majorization. In the rest of this paper.  $\{E_{11}, E_{12}, \dots, E_{mn}\}$  is the standard basis of  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$ . When we use  $E_{ij}$ , the positive integers  $i$  and  $j$  are either fixed or are understood from the context. The  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix  $\mathbf{J}$  is the matrix of all ones,  $\mathbf{C}_{m,n}$  is the set of all  $m$ -by- $n$  column stochastic matrices, and  $\mathbf{sC}_{m,n}$  is the set of all  $m$ -by- $n$  sub column stochastic matrices.

For  $A \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$ , we say that  $A$  is dominated by a  $(0, 1)$ -column stochastic matrix if there exists a  $(0, 1)$ -column stochastic matrix  $C \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  such that  $A = A \circ C$ . The set of all matrices which are dominated by  $(0, 1)$ -matrices is denoted by  $\Delta_{m,n}$ .

In the next proposition we investigate a useful result from [5]. For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\mathbb{N}_m = \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

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**Proposition 1.1.** [5, Theorem 2.6] Let  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  be a linear operator. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $T(E_{pq}) \circ T(E_{rs}) = 0$  for every  $1 \leq p, r \leq m$  and  $1 \leq q, s \leq n$  with  $(p, q) \neq (r, s)$ .
- (2) There exist a function  $f : \mathbb{N}_m \times \mathbb{N}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_m \times \mathbb{N}_n$  and a matrix  $A \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  such that for every  $X = [x_{i,j}] \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$ ,

$$T(X) = \begin{pmatrix} x_{f(1,1)} \cdots x_{f(1,n)} \\ \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\ x_{f(m,1)} \cdots x_{f(m,n)} \end{pmatrix} \circ A, \quad (1)$$

where  $x_{f(i,j)}$  means  $x_{pq}$  if  $f(i, j) = (p, q)$ .

## 2 Main Results

At the first of this section, we state some properties of preservers of *SCH*-Hadamard majorization on  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$ . Then we give an example of linear preservers and strong linear preservers of *SCH*-Hadamard majorization. Finally, we find the structure of all linear operators on  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  which preserve (strongly) preserve *SCH*-Hadamard majorization. The next remark is helpful in the following.

**Remark 2.1.** The next results hold:

- (i) A linear operator  $X \mapsto T(X)$  on  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$ , preserves  $\prec_{SCH}$  if and only if  $X \mapsto PT(X)Q$  preserves  $\prec_{SCH}$ , where  $P \in \mathbf{M}_m$  and  $Q \in \mathbf{M}_n$  are arbitrary permutation matrices.
- (ii) For  $A \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  with no zero entries, the linear operator  $X \mapsto T(X)$  is a linear preserver of  $\prec_{SH}$  if and only if the linear operator  $X \mapsto T(X) \circ A$  is a linear preserver of  $\prec_{SH}$ .
- (iii) If  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  is a linear preserver of  $\prec_{SCH}$ , then  $T(E_{pq}) \circ T(E_{rs}) = 0$ , for every  $1 \leq p, r \leq m$  and  $1 \leq q, s \leq n$  with  $(p, q) \neq (r, s)$ .

The next theorem gives important properties of linear preservers of *SCH*-Hadamard majorization on  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  be a linear operator. If  $T$  preserves *SCH*-Hadamard majorization, then the following conditions hold:

- (1) For every  $1 \leq p \leq m$  and  $1 \leq q \leq n$ ,  $T(E_{pq}) \in \Delta_{m,n}$ .
- (2) For every  $1 \leq p, r \leq m$  and  $1 \leq q, s \leq n$  with  $p \neq r$ ,  $T(E_{pq})$  and  $T(E_{rs})$  do not simultaneously have a nonzero entry in any column.

By using Proposition 1.1, we can prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  be a linear operator. If  $T$  preserves *SCH*-Hadamard majorization, then the following conditions hold:

- (1) There exist a function  $f : \mathbb{N}_m \times \mathbb{N}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_m \times \mathbb{N}_n$  and a matrix  $A \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  such that for every  $X = [x_{i,j}] \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$ ,

$$T(X) = \begin{pmatrix} x_{f(1,1)} \cdots x_{f(1,n)} \\ \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\ x_{f(m,1)} \cdots x_{f(m,n)} \end{pmatrix} \circ A, \quad (2)$$

where  $x_{f(i,j)}$  means  $x_{pq}$  if  $f(i, j) = (p, q)$ .

(2)  $T(X \circ Y) = T(X) \circ T(Y)$  for all  $X, Y \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  if  $T(\mathbf{J})$  is a  $(0, 1)$ -matrix.

The following example, is helpful to find the structure of the linear preservers of *SCH*-Hadamard majorization.

**Example 2.4.** Assume that  $P$  is an  $m$ -by- $m$  permutation matrix,  $Q$  is an  $n$ -by- $n$  permutation matrix and  $A \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$ . The linear operator  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  defined by  $T(X) = (PXQ) \circ A$  is a preserver of  $\prec_{SCH}$ . Also,  $T$  strongly preserves  $\prec_{SCH}$  if  $A$  has no zero entry. But  $T(X) = (PX^tQ) \circ A$  is not a preserver of  $\prec_{SCH}$  ( $X^t$  is the transpose of  $X$ ).

The following theorem is the key to characterize the linear preservers of *SCH*-Hadamard majorization on  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  be a linear operator. Then  $T$  preserves  $\prec_{SCH}$  if and only if  $T$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $T(E_{rs}) \circ T(E_{pq}) = 0$  for every  $1 \leq p, r \leq m$  and  $1 \leq q, s \leq n$  with  $(r, s) \neq (p, q)$ .
- (2) For every  $C \in \text{ext}(\mathbf{sC}_{m,n})$  there exists a  $(0, 1)$ -matrix  $Z \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  such that  $Z \circ T(\mathbf{J}) = 0$  and  $Z + T(C) \in \Delta_{m,n}$ .

In the next Theorem we completely determine the structure of the linear operators  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$ , which preserves *SCH*-Hadamard majorization.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  be a linear operator. Then  $T$  preserves  $\prec_{SCH}$  if and only if there exist  $A \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  and permutation matrices  $Q_1, \dots, Q_n \in \mathbf{M}_m$  such that

$$T(X) = \begin{pmatrix} Y_{i_1}^t Q_1 \\ Y_{i_2}^t Q_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_{i_n}^t Q_n \end{pmatrix}^t \circ T(\mathbf{J}), \quad \forall X \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}, \quad (3)$$

where  $Y_{i_j}$  are some columnss of  $X$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n$  (not necessarily distinct).

## 2.1 Strong linear preservers of *SCH*-Hadamard majorization

In this section, we characterize the linear operators on  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  which strongly preserve *SCH*-Hadamard majorization. The next lemma shows that every strong linear preserver of  $\prec_{SCH}$  on  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  is invertible.

**Lemma 2.7.** Let  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  be a linear operator. If  $T$  strongly preserves  $\prec_{SCH}$ , then  $T$  is invertible.

*Proof.* Assume that  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  is a strong linear preserver of *SCH*-majorization and  $T(X) = 0$ . Then,  $T(X) \prec_{SCH} 0$  and hence  $X \prec_{SCH} 0$ . Therefore,  $X = 0$  which implies that  $T$  is invertible.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.8.** Let  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  be a linear operator. If  $T$  strongly preserves  $\prec_{SCH}$ , then  $T(\mathbf{J})$  has no zero entry.

*Proof.* Assume that the linear operator  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  strongly preserves  $\prec_{SCH}$ . So by Theorem 2.3,  $T$  has the form 1.1 and by Lemma 2.7,  $T$  is invertible. Thus,  $T(\mathbf{J})$  has no zero entry.  $\square$

The next proposition, gives necessary and sufficient conditions for a linear operator  $T$  on  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  that strongly preserves  $SCH$ -Hadamard majorization.

**Proposition 2.9.** *Let  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  be a linear operator. Then  $T$  strongly preserves  $\prec_{SCH}$  if and only if  $T$  is invertible and  $T$  satisfies the following conditions:*

- (1)  $T(E_{rs}) \circ T(E_{pq}) = 0$  for every  $1 \leq p, r \leq m$  and  $1 \leq q, s \leq n$  with  $(r, s) \neq (p, q)$ .
- (2) For every  $C \in \text{ext}(\mathbf{sC}_{m,n})$ ,  $T(C)$  has exactly one nonzero entry in each column.

The following theorem characterizes the linear preservers of  $SCH$ -Hadamard majorization on  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $T : \mathbf{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  be a linear operator. Then  $T$  strongly preserves  $\prec_{SCH}$  if and only if there exist  $A \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  with no zero entry and permutation matrices  $P \in \mathbf{M}_m$  and  $Q_1, \dots, Q_n \in \mathbf{M}_m$  such that*

$$T(X) = P \begin{pmatrix} Y_1^t Q_1 \\ Y_2^t Q_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n^t Q_n \end{pmatrix} \circ A, \quad \forall X \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}, \quad (4)$$

where  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are columns of  $Y$ .

### 3 Conclusion

In this paper by state some useful results, we completely determine the structure of all the linear operators on  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}$  which preserve (strongly preserve) the  $SCH$ -Hadamard majorization.

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