

# THE MERSENNE JOIN MATRICES ON A-SETS

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## ABSTRACT

The join matrix  $[S]_f$  on  $S$  with respect to a function  $f: P \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is defined as  $([S]_f)_{ij} = f(x_i \vee x_j)$ . If  $f(x_i \vee x_j) = 2^{x_i \vee x_j} - 1$ , then the  $n \times n$  join matrix obtained is called the Mersenne join matrix on  $S$ . A recursive structure theorem for Mersenne join matrices on  $A$ -sets is verified and a recursive formula for  $\det[S]_f$  and for  $[S]_f^{-1}$  on  $A$ -sets is also verified. The recursive formulae also yield explicit formulae, e.g. the known determinant and inverse formulae on chains and  $a$ -sets.

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## INTRODUCTION

Let  $(P, \leq) = (P, \vee)$  be a join semi lattice, let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a subset of  $P$  and let  $f: P \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  be a function. The join matrix  $[S]_f$  on  $S$  with respect to a function  $f$  is defined as  $([S]_f)_{ij} = f(x_i \vee x_j)$ . We say that  $S$  is join-closed if  $x \vee y \in S$  whenever  $x, y \in S$ . We say that  $S$  is upper-closed if  $(x \in S, x \leq y) \Rightarrow y \in S$  holds for every  $y \in P$ . It is clear that an upper-closed set is always join-closed but the converse does not hold.

In [10] we introduced join matrices and presented formulae for  $\det[S]_f$ , new upper and lower bounds for  $\det[S]_f$  and a new formula for  $[S]_f^{-1}$  on join-closed sets  $S$  (i.e.,  $x_i, x_j \in S \Rightarrow x_i \vee x_j \in S$ ). By assuming the semi-multiplicativity of  $f$ , formulae for  $\det[S]_f$  and  $[S]_f^{-1}$  on join-closed sets are also presented in [10].

We say that  $S$  is an **A-set** if the set  $A = \{x_i \vee x_j / x_i \neq x_j\}$  is a chain. For example, chains and  $a$ -sets (with  $A = \{a\}$ ) are known trivial  $A$ -sets. Since the method, presented in [12], adapted to  $A$ -sets might not be sufficiently effective, we give a new structure theorem for  $[S]_f$  where  $S$  is an  $A$ -set. One of its features is that it supports recursive function calls.

By the structure theorem we obtain a recursive formula for  $\det[S]_f$  and for  $[S]_f^{-1}$  on  $A$ -sets. By dissolving the recursion on certain sets we also obtain e.g. the known explicit determinant and inverse formulae on chains and  $a$ -sets. We also briefly list the dual forms of our results, i.e. the structure theorem, determinant formulae and the inverse formulae for join matrices on join-semilattices.

Note that  $(\mathbf{Z}^+, |) = (\mathbf{Z}^+, \gcd, \text{lcm})$  is a locally finite lattice, where  $|$  is the usual divisibility relation and  $\gcd$  and  $\text{lcm}$  stand for the greatest common divisor and the least common multiple of integers. Thus join matrices are generalizations of LCM matrices

$([S]_f)_{ij} = f(\text{lcm}(x_i, x_j))$  and therefore the results in this paper also hold for LCM matrices. For general accounts of LCM matrices, see [6] and [10, Section 6]. Join matrices are also generalizations of LCUM matrices, the unitary analogies of LCM matrices, see [8]. Thus the results also hold for LCUM matrices (provided that we define LCUM matrices as done in [8]).

**DEFINITIONS**

Let  $(P, <) = (P, \vee)$  be a join-semilattice and let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of  $P$ . We say that  $S$  is join-closed if  $x \vee y \in S$  whenever  $x, y \in S$ .

The method used requires that we arrange the elements of  $S$  analogously to the elements of chain  $A$ . Thus we give a more applicable definition for  $a$ -sets and  $A$ -sets than were seen in Introduction.

**Definition 2.1** The binary operation  $\sqcup$  is defined by

$$S_1 \sqcup S_2 = \{ x \vee y / x \in S_1, y \in S_2, x \neq y \} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are nonempty subsets of  $P$ . Let  $S$  be a subset of  $P$  and let  $a \in P$ . If  $S \sqcup S = \{a\}$ , then the set  $S$  is said to be an  **$a$ -set**.

**Definition 2.2** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a subset of  $P$  and let  $A = \{a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$  be a multichain (i.e. a chain where duplicates are allowed). The set  $S$  is said to be an  **$A$ -set** if  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}\} \sqcup \{x_k\} = \{a_k\}$  for all  $k = 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

Every chain  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is an  $A$ -set with  $A = S \setminus \{x_n\}$  and every  $a$ -set is always an  $A$ -set with  $A = \{a\}$ .

**Definition 2.3** Let  $f$  be a complex-valued function on  $P$ . Then the  $n \times n$  matrix  $[S]_f$ , where  $([S]_f)_{ij} = f(x_i \vee x_j)$ , is called the join matrix on  $S$  with respect to  $f$ . Also the  $n \times n$  matrix  $[S]_f$ , where  $([S]_f)_{ij} = f(x_i \vee x_j) - 2^{x_i \vee x_j} - 1$ , is called the Mersenne join matrix.

In what follows, let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  always be a finite subset of  $P$ . Let also  $A = \{a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$ . Note that  $S$  has always  $n$  distinct elements, but it is possible that the set  $A$  is a multiset. Let  $f$  be a complex-valued function on  $P$ .

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**3.1 Structure Theorem**

**Theorem 3.1 (Structure Theorem)** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a finite set such that  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}\} \sqcup \{x_k\} = \{a_k\}$  for all  $k = 2, 3, \dots, n$ , where  $A = \{a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$  is a multichain. Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  denote the functions on  $P$  defined by  $f_1 = f$  and

$$f_{k+1}(x) = f_k(x) - \frac{f_k(a_{n-k+1})^2}{f_k(x_{n-k+1})} \tag{3.1}$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ .

Then

$$[S]_f = M^T D M, \tag{3.2}$$

where  $D = \text{diag}(f_n(x_1), f_{n-1}(x_2), \dots, f_1(x_n))$  and  $M$  is the  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrix with 1's on its main diagonal, and further

$$(M)_{ij} = \frac{f_{n-i+1}(a_i)}{f_{n-i+1}(x_i)} \tag{3.3}$$

for all  $i > j$ .

*Proof:* Let  $i > j$ . Then

$$(M^T D M)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n (M)_{ki} (D)_{kk} (M)_{kj} = f_i(a_i) + \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \frac{f_k(a_k)^2}{f_k(x_k)} \tag{3.4}$$

$$= f_i(a_i) + \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} (f_k(a_i) - f_{k+1}(a_i)) = f_1(a_i) = f(x_i \vee x_j).$$

The case  $i=j$  is similar, we only replace every  $a_i$  with  $x_i$  in (3.4). Since  $M^TDM$  is symmetric, we do not need to treat the case  $i < j$ .

### 3.2 Determinant of Join matrix on A-sets

By Structure Theorem we obtain a new recursive formula for  $\det[S]_f$  on A-sets.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be an A-set such that  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}\} \sqcup \{x_k\} = \{a_k\}$  where  $A = \{a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$  is a multichain. Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be the functions defined in (3.1). Then

$$\det[S]_f = f_n(x_1)f_{n-1}(x_2)\dots f_1(x_n), \tag{3.5}$$

**Corollary 3.1** If  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is a chain, then

$$\det[S]_f = f(x_n) \prod_{k=2}^n (f(x_{k-1}) - f(x_k)) \tag{3.6}$$

*Proof:* By Theorem 3.2 we have

$$\det[S]_f = f_1(x_1)f_2(x_2)\dots f_n(x_n), \text{ where } f_1 = f \text{ and}$$

$f_{k+1}(x) = f_k(x) - f_k(x_k) = f(x) - f(x_k)$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . This completes the proof.

By Theorem 3.2 we also obtain a known explicit formula for  $\det[S]_f$  on a-sets. This formula has been presented (with different notation) in [4, Corollary of Theorem 3] and [12, Corollaries 5.1 and 5.2], and also in [2, Theorem 3] in number-theoretic setting.

Note that the case  $f(a) = 0$  is trivial, since then  $[S]_f = \text{diag}(f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots, f(x_n))$  and  $\det[S]_f = f(x_1)f(x_2)\dots f(x_n)$ .

### Corollary 3.2

Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set such that  $x_i \vee x_j = a$  whenever  $x_i \neq x_j$  and let  $f(a) \neq 0$ . If  $a \in S$  (i.e.  $a = x_n$ ), then

$$\det[S]_f = (f(x_1) - f(a))\dots (f(x_{n-1}) - f(a))f(a). \tag{3.7}$$

If  $a \notin S$ , then

$$\det[S]_f = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f(a)(f(x_1) - f(a))\dots (f(x_n) - f(a))}{f(x_k) - f(a)} + (f(x_1) - f(a))\dots (f(x_n) - f(a)). \tag{3.8}$$

**Example 3.1** Let  $(P, \leq) = (\mathbf{Z}^+, |)$  and  $S = \{1, 3, 6\}$ .

Then  $S = \begin{bmatrix} 2^1 - 1 & 2^3 - 1 & 2^6 - 1 \\ 2^3 - 1 & 2^3 - 1 & 2^6 - 1 \\ 2^6 - 1 & 2^6 - 1 & 2^6 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Since  $S$  is an A-set with the chain  $A = \{3, 6\}$  by (3.1) we

have  $f_1 = 2^x - 1$ ,  $f_2(x) = f_1(x) - f_1(6)^2/f_1(6)$  and  $f_3(x) = f_2(x) - f_2(3)^2/f_2(3)$ . and. Let  $f(x) = 2^x - 1$ . Then  $f_1(x) = 2^x - 1, f_2(x) = 2^x - 64, f_3(x) = 2^x - 8$

and by Theorem 3.1  $[S]_f = M^TDM$ , where  $D = \text{diag}(-6, -56, 63)$  and  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

and by Theorem 3.2 we have  $\det[S]_f = f_3(1)f_2(3)f_1(6) = (-6)(-56)(63) = 21168$ .

### 3.3 Inverse of Mersenne join matrix on A-sets

By Structure Theorem we obtain a new recursive formula for  $[S_f]^{-1}$  on A-sets.

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be an A-set, where  $A = \{a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$  is a

multichain. Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be the functions defined in (3.1), where  $f_{n-i+1}(x_i) \neq 0$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Then  $[S]_f$  is invertible and  $[S]_f^{-1} = N\Delta N^T$  (3.9)

where  $\Delta = \text{diag}(1/f_1(x_1), 1/f_2(x_2), \dots, 1/f_n(x_n))$  and  $N$  is the  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrix with 1's on its main diagonal, and further

$$(N)_{ij} = \frac{f_{n-i+1}(a_i)}{f_{n-i+1}(x_i)} \prod_{k=j-1}^{i+1} \left( 1 - \frac{f_{n-k+1}(a_k)}{f_{n-k+1}(x_k)} \right) \quad (3.10)$$

for all  $i > j$ .

*Proof* By Structure Theorem  $[S]_f = M^T D M$ , where  $M$  is the matrix defined in (3.3) and  $D = \text{diag}(f_n(x_1), f_{n-1}(x_2), \dots, f_1(x_n))$ . Therefore  $[S]_f^{-1} = N\Delta N^T$ , where  $D^{-1} = \text{diag}(1/f_n(x_1), 1/f_{n-1}(x_2), \dots, 1/f_1(x_n))$  and  $M^{-1} = N$  is the  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrix in (3.10).

**Example 3.1.1**

$S$  is considered the same as in Example 3.1 then by  $[S]_f^{-1} = N\Delta N^T$ ,

$$\Delta = \text{diag}(1/-6, -1/56, 1/63), \quad N = M^{-1}, \quad N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[S]_f^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/6 & 1/6 & 0 \\ 1/6 & -62/336 & 1/56 \\ 0 & 1/56 & -1/504 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Corollary 3.3** Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be an  $a$ -set, where  $f(a) \neq 0$  and  $f(x_k) \neq f(a)$  for all  $k = 2, \dots, n-1$ . If  $a \in S$  (i.e.  $a = x_1$ ), then  $[S]_f$  is invertible and

$$([S]_f^{-1})_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{f(x_i)-f(a)} & \text{if } i = j < 1, \\ \frac{1}{f(a)} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{f(x_k)-f(a)} = n, & \\ \frac{1}{f(a)-f(x_k)} & \text{if } k = i < j = n \text{ or } k = j < i = n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.11)$$

If  $a \notin S$  and further  $\frac{1}{f(a)} \neq \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{f(x_k)-f(a)}$ , then  $[S]_f$  is invertible and

$$([S]_f^{-1})_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{f(x_i)-f(a)} - \frac{1}{[f(x_i)-f(a)]^2} \left( \frac{1}{f(a)} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{f(x_k)-f(a)} \right)^{-1} & \text{if } i = j, \\ \frac{-1}{[f(x_i)-f(a)][f(x_j)-f(a)]} \left( \frac{1}{f(a)} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{f(x_k)-f(a)} \right)^{-1} & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases} \quad (3.12)$$

**CONCLUSION:**

In this paper we prove by examples that the MersenneJoin matrices on  $A$  sets satisfies structure theorem and calculate the determinant and inverse of the MersenneJoin matrix through results based on  $A$  sets.

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