# SOME APPLICATIONS OF SCHERER-HOL'S THEOREM FOR POLYNOMIAL MATRICES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we establish some applications of the Scherer-Hol's theorem for polynomial matrices. Firstly, we give a representation for polynomial matrices positive definite on subsets of compact polyhedra. Then we establish a Putinar-Vasilescu Positivstellensatz for homogeneous and non-homogeneous polynomial matrices. Next we propose a matrix version of the Pólya-Putinar-Vasilescu Positivstellensatz. Finally, we approximate positive semi-definite polynomial matrices using sums of squares.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{R}[X] := \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  denote the (commutative) algebra of polynomials in n variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  with real coefficients. For a fix integer t > 0, we denote by  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  the algebra of  $t \times t$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ , and by  $\mathcal{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  the subalgebra of symmetric matrices. Each element  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  is a matrix whose entries are polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ , which is called a polynomial matrix.

For every subset  $\mathscr{G}$  of  $\mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  we associate to the set

$$K(\mathscr{G}) := \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n | \mathbf{G}(x) \ge 0, \forall \mathbf{G} \in \mathscr{G} \}.$$

Here the notation  $\mathbf{G}(x) \geq 0$  means that the matrix  $\mathbf{G}(x)$  is positive semi-definite, i.e.  $v^T \mathbf{G}(x) v \geq 0$  for every vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^t$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the notation  $\mathbf{G}(x) > 0$  means that the matrix  $\mathbf{G}(x)$  is positive definite, i.e.  $v^T \mathbf{G}(x) v > 0$  for every vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^t \setminus \{0\}$ .

In particular, for a subset G of  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ ,

$$K(G) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n | g(x) \ge 0, \forall g \in G \}.$$

A result which represents positive polynomials on K(G) is called a *Positivstellensatz*. Pólya's Positivstellensatz (1928) represents homogenoeus polynomials which are positive on the orthant  $\mathbb{R}^n_+ \setminus \{0\}$ . Another Positivstellensatz "with denominators" was given by Krivine (1964) and Stengle (1974), which yields also a proof for Artin's theorem on Hilbert's  $17^{th}$  problem. The first "denominator-free" Positivstellensatz was discovered by Schmüdgen

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(1991, [15]). Some other "denominator-free" Positivstellensätze were followed by Putinar (1993, [9]), Schweighofer (2006, [19]), etc.

Handelman's Positivstellensatz (1988) represents positive polynomials on convex, compact polyhedra with non-empty interiors. Putinar and Vasilescu (1999, [10]) proposed a Positivstellensatz for polynomials positive on  $K(G) \setminus \{0\}$ . Dickinson and Povh (2015, [4]) combined the Pólya and the Putinar-Vasilescu theorems to establish a representation for homogeneous polynomials positive on the intersection  $\mathbb{R}^n_+ \cap K(G) \setminus \{0\}$ , which is called the Pólya-Putinar-Vasilescu Positivstellensatz in this paper.

A result which represents non-negative polynomials on K(G) is called a *Nichtnegativstellensatz*. A Nichtnegativstellensatz "with denominator" was given also by Krivine (1964) and Stengle (1974). Some other Nichtnegativstellensätze were discovered by Scheiderer ([11, 12]). In particular, Marshall (2003, [8]) approximated non-negative polynomials on K(G) using sums of squares.

A version of Pólya's Positivstellensatz for polynomial matrices was given by Scherer and Hol (2006, [13]), with applications e.g. in robust polynomial semi-definite programs. Schmüdgen's theorem for operator polynomials was discovered by Cimprič and Zalar [3]. Handelman's Positivstellensatz for polynomial matrices was studied in [7]. Some other Positivstellensätze for polynomial matrices were studied in [6], with matrix denominators.

A version of Putniar's Positivstellensatz for polynomial matrices was also given by Scherer and Hol ([13]), see also in [5, Theorem 13].

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be an Archimedean quadratic module and  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ . If  $\mathbf{F}(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in K(\mathcal{Q})$ , then  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{Q}$ .

A direct consequence of the Scherer-Hol theorem is the following

Corollary 1.2. Let  $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be an Archimedean quadratic module and  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ . If  $\mathbf{F}(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in K(\mathcal{Q})$ , then  $\mathbf{F} + \epsilon \mathbf{I} \in \mathcal{Q}$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ .

The main aim of this paper is to apply the Scherer-Hol theorem (Theorem 1.1 and its consequence, Corollary 1.2) to establish some Positivstellensätze (resp. Nichtnegativstellensätze) for polynomial matrices. More precisely, we establish firstly in Section 3 a representation for polynomial matrices positive definite on subsets of compact polyhedra. Next, in Section 4 we establish a Putinar-Vasilescu Positivstellensatz for homogeneous and non-homogeneous polynomial matrices, which also yields a matrix version of Reznick's Positivstellensatz. We propose in Section 5 a matrix version of the Pólya-Putinar-Vasilescu Positivstellensatz. Finally, in Section 6 we propose a version of the Marshall theorem for polynomial matrices, approximating positive semi-definite polynomial matrices using sums of squares.

#### 2. Preliminaries

In this section we shall recall some basis concepts and facts in Real algebraic geometry for matrices over commutative rings which are proposed by Schmüdgen ([16], [17], [18]) and Cimprič ([1], [2]).

Let  $\mathbb{R}[X] := \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  denote the (commutative) algebra of polynomials in n variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  with real coefficients. For a fix integer t > 0, we denote by  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  the algebra of  $t \times t$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ , and by  $\mathcal{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  the subalgebra of symmetric matrices. Each element  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  is a matrix whose entries are polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ , which is called a polynomial matrix.  $\mathbf{A}$  is also called a matrix polynomial, because it can be viewed as a polynomial in  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  whose coefficients come from  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R})$ . Namely, we can write  $\mathbf{A}$  as

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{d} \mathbf{A}_{\alpha} X^{\alpha},$$

where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ ,  $|\alpha| := \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$ ,  $X^{\alpha} := X_1^{\alpha_1} \dots X_n^{\alpha_n}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R})$ , d is the maximum over all degree of the entries of  $\mathbf{A}$  and it is called the *degree* of the polynomial matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . To unify notation, throughout the paper each element of  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  is called a *polynomial matrix*.

A subset  $\mathscr{M}$  of  $\mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  is called a quadratic module if

$$\mathbf{I} \in \mathcal{M}, \quad \mathcal{M} + \mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{M}, \quad \mathbf{A}^T \mathcal{M} \mathbf{A} \subseteq \mathcal{M}, \forall \mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X]).$$

The smallest quadratic module which contains a given subset  $\mathscr{G}$  of  $\mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  will be denoted by  $\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{G})$ . It is clear that

$$\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{G}) = \{ \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^s \mathbf{A}_{ij}^T \mathbf{G}_i \mathbf{A}_{ij} | r, s \in \mathbb{N}_0, \mathbf{G}_i \in \mathscr{G} \cup \{\mathbf{I}\}, \mathbf{A}_{ij} \in \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X]) \}.$$

Each element of the form  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  is called a *square* in  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ . The set of all finite sums of squares in  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  is denoted by  $\sum_t \mathbb{R}[X]^2$ . Note that  $\mathcal{M}(\emptyset) = \sum_t \mathbb{R}[X]^2$ .

In particular, a subset  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}[X]$  is called a quadratic module if

$$1 \in M, \ M + M \subseteq M, \ a^2M \subseteq M \ \forall a \in \mathbb{R}[X].$$

The smallest quadratic module of  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  which contains a given subset  $G \subseteq \mathbb{R}[X]$  will be denoted by M(G), and it consists of all elements of the form  $\sigma_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i g_i$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $g_i \in G$ , and  $\sigma \in \sum \mathbb{R}[X]^2$ -the set of finite sums of squares of polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ .

A subset  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}[X]$  is said to be a *semiring* if

$$M + M \subseteq M$$
,  $MM \subseteq M$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \subseteq M$ .

For  $G = \{g_1, \ldots, g_m\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}[X]$ , the semiring generated by G consists of finite sums of terms of the form

$$a_{\alpha}g_1^{\alpha_1}\dots g_m^{\alpha_m}, \quad \alpha = (\alpha_1,\dots,\alpha_m) \in \mathbb{N}_0^m, a_{\alpha} \ge 0,$$

and denoted by P(G).

For a quadratic module or a semiring M in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ , denote

$$M^t := \{ \sum_i m_i \mathbf{A}_i^T \mathbf{A}_i | m_i \in M, \mathbf{A}_i \in \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X]) \}.$$

Since  $M^t$  contains the set of sums of squares in  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ ,  $M^t$  is always a quadratic module on  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ .

For any matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ , the notation  $\mathbf{A} \geq 0$  means  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive semidefinite, i.e. for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $v^T \mathbf{A}(x)v \geq 0$  for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^t$ ;  $\mathbf{A} > 0$  means  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite, i.e. for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $v^T \mathbf{A}(x)v > 0$  for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^t \setminus \{0\}$ . We associate each set  $\mathscr{G} \subseteq \mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  to the set

$$K(\mathcal{G}) := \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n | \mathbf{G}(x) \ge 0, \forall \mathbf{G} \in \mathcal{G} \},$$

which is a basic closed semi-algebraic set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In particular, for a subset G of  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ ,

$$K(G) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n | g(x) \ge 0, \forall g \in G \}.$$

The following result of Cimprič ([2]) shows that the set  $K(\mathcal{G})$  can be determined by *scalars*, i.e. by polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ .

**Lemma 2.1** ([2, Proposition 5]). Let  $\mathscr{G} \subseteq \mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ . Then there exists a subset G of  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  with the following properties:

- (1)  $K(\mathcal{G}) = K(G)$ ;
- (2)  $M(G)^t \subseteq \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{G})$ .

Moreover, if  $\mathcal{G}$  is finite then G can be chosen to be finite. On the other hand, if  $\mathcal{G}$  consists of homogeneous polynomial matrices, then the polynomials in G are also homogeneous.

A quadratic module or a semiring Q on  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  (resp.  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ ) is said to be *Archimedean* if for every  $f \in \mathbb{R}[X]$  (resp.  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ ), there exists a  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $\lambda \pm f \in Q$  (resp.  $\lambda \cdot \mathbf{I} \pm \mathbf{F} \in Q$ ).

**Lemma 2.2** ([17, Lemma 12.7, Coro. 12.8]). Let Q be a quadratic module or a semiring on  $\mathbb{R}[X_1, \ldots, X_n]$ . Then Q is Archimedean if and only if there exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $\lambda \pm X_i \in Q$ , for all  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ .

Moreover, if Q is a quadratic module, then Q is Archimedean if and only if there exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $\lambda - \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^2 \in Q$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let M be a quadratic module or a semiring on  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ . Then M is Archimedean if and only if  $M^t$  is Archimedean. Moreover, for a finite subset G of  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ , we have

$$K(M(G)^t) = K(M(G)) = K(G) = K(P(G)) = K(P(G)^t).$$
 (2.1)

*Proof.* For the case M is a quadratic module, the result follows from [6, Prop. 4]. If M is a semiring, the result follows from Lemma 2.2. The latter equalities are straightforward.

## 3. Polynomial matrices positive definite on subsets of compact polyhedra

In this section we give an application of the Scherer-Hol theorem to represent polynomial matrices which are positive definite on subsets of compact polyhedra.

Let m and k be positive integers with  $m \leq k$ . Let

$$G = \{g_1, \dots, g_k\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}[X] := \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

such that  $g_1, \dots, g_m$  are linear. Denote  $\hat{G} = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$ . Note that  $K(G) \subseteq K(\hat{G})$ . Let P(G) be the semiring generated by G. The following result is a matrix version of [17, Theorem 12.44].

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose that  $K(\hat{G})$  is non-empty and compact. For  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ , if  $\mathbf{F}(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in K(G)$ , then  $\mathbf{F} \in P(G)^t$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{F}$  can be written as

$$\mathbf{F} = \sum_{i=1}^{r} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{s} a_{\alpha_{ij}} g^{\alpha_{ij}} \right) \mathbf{A}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{A}_{i},$$

with 
$$\alpha_{ij} \in \mathbb{N}_0^k$$
,  $a_{\alpha_{ij}} \ge 0$ ,  $g^{\alpha_{ij}} := g_1^{(\alpha_{ij})_1} \dots g_k^{(\alpha_{ij})_k}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_i \in \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ .

*Proof.* Since  $K(\hat{G})$  is compact, there exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that for each  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ , the linear polynomial  $\lambda \pm X_i$  is non-negative on  $K(\hat{G})$ . Since  $K(\hat{G})$  is non-empty, it follows from an affine form of *Farkas' lemma* (cf. [18, Lemma 12.43]) that for each  $i = 1, \ldots, n$  we have

$$\lambda \pm X_i = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 f_1 + \ldots + \lambda_m f_m$$

with  $\lambda_j \geq 0$ ,  $j = 1, \ldots, m$ . Hence  $\lambda \pm X_i \in P(G)$  for all  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . By Lemma 2.2, the semiring P(G) is Archimedean.

Moreover, since  $P(G)^t$  contains the set of sums of squares  $\sum_t \mathbb{R}[X]^2$ , it is a quadratic module on  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ . It follows from Lemma 2.3 that  $P(G)^t$  is also Archimedean and

$$K\big(P(G)^t\big)=K(P(G))=K(G).$$

For each  $x \in K(P(G)^t)$ , we have  $x \in K(G)$ , hence  $\mathbf{F}(x) > 0$ . It follows from the Scherer-Hol theorem that  $\mathbf{F} \in P(G)^t$ . The proof is complete.

## 4. A Putinar-Vasilescu Positivstellensatz for polynomial matrices

The Putinar-Vasilescu Positivstellensatz for homogeneous polynomials is stated as follows.

**Theorem 4.1** ([10, Theorem 4.5]). Let f and  $g_1, \ldots, g_m$  be homogeneous polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[X] := \mathbb{R}[X_1, \ldots, X_n]$  of even degree. Denote  $G = \{g_1, \ldots, g_m\}$ .

If f(x) > 0 for all  $x \in K(G) \setminus \{0\}$ , then there exists a number N > 0 such that

$$(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2)^N f \in M(G).$$

In this section we apply the Scherer-Hol theorem to give a matrix version of this Positivstellensatz.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a finite set of homogeneous polynomial matrices of even degrees. Let  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a homogeneous polynomial matrix of even degree d > 0. If  $\mathbf{F}(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in K(\mathcal{G}) \setminus \{0\}$ , then there exist a finite set G of homogeneous polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  of even degrees and a number N > 0 such that

$$(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^2)^N \mathbf{F} \in M(G)^t \subseteq \mathscr{M}(\mathscr{G}).$$

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 2.1 that there exists a finite subset  $G = \{g_1, \ldots, g_m\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  consisting of homogeneous polynomials of even degrees  $d_1, \ldots, d_m$ , respectively, such that

$$K(G) = K(\mathcal{G})$$
 and  $M(G)^t \subseteq \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{G})$ .

Let  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $K(G) \cap \mathbb{S}(0; \lambda^2) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $\mathbb{S} := \mathbb{S}(0; \lambda^2)$  denotes the sphere

$${x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \lambda^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = 0}.$$

Denote

$$G' = G \cup \{\lambda^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - \lambda^2\}.$$

Then  $K(G') = K(G) \cap \mathbb{S}$ , and  $M(G') = M(G) + \langle \lambda^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \rangle$ , where  $\langle \lambda^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \rangle$  denotes the ideal in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  generated by the polynomial  $\lambda^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ .

Since  $\lambda^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \in M(G')$ , it follows from Lemma 2.2 that M(G') is an Archimedean quadratic module. Then it follows from Lemma 2.3 that the quadratic module  $M(G')^t$  is also Archimedean on  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ . By Lemma 2.3,

$$K(M(G')^t) = K(M(G')) = K(G') = K(G) \cap \mathbb{S}.$$

For any  $x \in K(M(G')^t) = K(G')$ , we have  $x \in K(G) \cap \mathbb{S}$ , hence  $x \in K(G) \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $\mathbf{F}(x) > 0$ . It follows from the Scherer-Hol theorem that

 $\mathbf{F} \in M(G')^t$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{F}$  can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{F}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \left( \sigma_{i0}(X) + \sigma_{i1}(X)g_1(X) + \dots + \sigma_{im}(X)g_m(X) \right) \mathbf{A}_i^T(X) \mathbf{A}_i(X) +$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{l} h_i(X) (\lambda^2 - \sum_{j=1}^{n} X_j^2) \mathbf{A}_i^T(X) \mathbf{A}_i(X),$$

$$(4.1)$$

where  $\sigma_{ij} \in \sum \mathbb{R}[X]^2$ ,  $h_i \in \mathbb{R}[X]$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_i \in \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ . Substituting each  $X_i$  by  $\frac{\lambda X_i}{\sqrt{\sigma}}$  in both sides of (4.1), where  $\sigma := \sum_{j=1}^n X_j^2$ , observing that

$$\lambda^2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\lambda X_i}{\sqrt{\sigma}}\right)^2 = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{F}\left(\frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}}\right) = \frac{\lambda^d}{\sigma^{d/2}}\mathbf{F}(X), \text{ and } g_j\left(\frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{d_j}}{\sigma^{d_j/2}}g_j(X),$$

we have

$$\frac{\lambda^d}{\sigma^{d/2}} \mathbf{F}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^l \left( \sigma_{i0} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\lambda^{d_j}}{\sigma^{d_j/2}} \sigma_{ij} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) g_j(X) \right) \mathbf{A}_i^T \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) \mathbf{A}_i \left( \frac{\lambda X_i}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right). \tag{4.2}$$

Denote

$$e_1 := \max\{\deg(\sigma_{ij}), j = 0, \dots, m\},\$$
  
 $e_2 := \max\{d_j, j = 1, \dots, m\},\$   
 $e_3 := \max\{\deg(\mathbf{A}_i), i = 1, \dots, l\},\$ 

which are even numbers. Put  $N := d/2 + e_1/2 + e_2/2 + e_3$ , and multiplying both sides of (4.2) for  $\sigma^N$ , we have

$$\lambda^{d} \sigma^{N-d/2} \mathbf{F}(X) = \sigma^{d/2} \sum_{i=1}^{l} \left( \sigma^{e_1/2 + e_2/2} \sigma_{i0} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda^{d_j} \left( \sigma^{e_1/2} \sigma_{ij} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) \right) \sigma^{e_2/2 - d_j/2} g_j(X) \right) \sigma^{e_3} \mathbf{A}_i^T \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) \mathbf{A}_i \left( \frac{\lambda X_i}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right).$$

Note that

$$\sigma_{i0}' := \sigma^{e_1/2 + e_2/2} \sigma_{i0} \big(\frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}}\big) \text{ and } \sigma_{ij}' := \lambda^{d_j} \big(\sigma^{e_1/2} \sigma_{ij} (\frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}})\big) \sigma^{e_2/2 - d_j/2}$$

are sums of squares in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ ;

$$\mathbf{B}_i := \sigma^{e_3/2} \mathbf{A}_i \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) \in \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X]).$$

Then

$$\sigma^{N-d/2}\mathbf{F} = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \left(\theta_{i0} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \theta_{ij}g_{j}\right) \mathbf{B}_{i}^{T}\mathbf{B}_{i},$$

where  $\theta_{ij} := \lambda^{-d} \sigma^{d/2} \sigma'_{ij} \in \sum \mathbb{R}[X]^2$ . It follows that

$$\sigma^{N-d/2}\mathbf{F} \in M(G)^t \subseteq \mathscr{M}(\mathscr{G}).$$

In the case  $\mathscr{G} = \emptyset$ , we have the following matrix version of *Reznick's Positivstellensatz*.

**Corollary 4.3.** Let  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a homogeneous polynomial matrix. If  $\mathbf{F}(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , then there exists a number N > 0 such that  $(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2)^N \mathbf{F} \in \sum_t \mathbb{R}[X]^2$ .

To give a non-homogeneous version of Theorem 4.2, we need the following notions. For a polynomial

$$g(X) = \sum_{|\alpha| \le e} g_{\alpha} X^{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

of degree e, its homogenization in the ring  $\mathbb{R}[X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n]$  is defined by

$$\tilde{g}(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n) := \sum_{|\alpha| \le e} g_{\alpha} X^{\alpha} X_0^{e-|\alpha|}.$$

It is clear that  $\tilde{g}$  is homogeneous of degree e and  $\tilde{g}(1, x_1, \ldots, x_n) = g(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  for all  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ..

For a polynomial matrix  $\mathbf{G} \in \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X_1,\ldots,X_n])$  of degree d, we can write

$$\mathbf{G}(X) = \sum_{|\alpha| \le d} \mathbf{G}_{\alpha} X^{\alpha},$$

with  $\mathbf{G}_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{M}_{t}(\mathbb{R})$ . Its homogenization in the algebra  $\mathcal{M}_{t}(\mathbb{R}[X_{0}, X_{1}, \dots, X_{n}])$  is defined by

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}(X_0,\ldots,X_n) = \sum_{|\alpha| \le d} \mathbf{G}_{\alpha} X^{\alpha} X_0^{d-|\alpha|}.$$

It is obvious that  $\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}$  is homogeneous of degree d and  $\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}(1, x_1, \dots, x_n) = \mathbf{G}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Corollary 4.4.** Let  $\mathscr{G} \subseteq \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a finite set of polynomial matrices of even degrees. Let  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a polynomial matrix of even degree. Denote  $\widetilde{\mathscr{G}} := \{\widetilde{\mathbf{G}} | \mathbf{G} \in \mathscr{G}\} \subseteq \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n])$ . If  $\widetilde{\mathbf{F}}(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in K(\widetilde{\mathscr{G}}) \setminus \{0\}$ , then there exist a finite set G of polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  of even degrees and a number N > 0 such that

$$(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^2)^N \mathbf{F} \in M(G)^t \subseteq \mathscr{M}(\mathscr{G}).$$

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 4.2 that there exist a finite set  $\widetilde{G}$  of homogeneous polynomials of even degrees in  $\mathbb{R}[X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n]$  and a number N > 0 such that

$$\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n} X_{i}^{2}\right)^{N} \widetilde{\mathbf{F}} \in M(\widetilde{G})^{t} \subseteq \mathscr{M}(\widetilde{\mathscr{G}}). \tag{4.3}$$

Denote  $G = \{g(1, X_1, \dots, X_n) | g \in \widetilde{G}\}$ . Since  $M(\widetilde{G})^t \subseteq \mathcal{M}(\widetilde{\mathscr{G}})$ , we have  $M(G)^t \subseteq \mathcal{M}(\mathscr{G})$ . Substituting  $X_0 = 1$  in both sides of (4.3) we obtain

$$(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^2)^N \mathbf{F} \in M(G)^t \subseteq \mathscr{M}(\mathscr{G}).$$

## 5. A PÓLYA-PUTINAR-VASILESCU POSITIVSTELLENSATZ FOR POLYNOMIAL MATRICES

Dickinson and Povh (2015, [4, Theorem 3.5]) proved the following Positivstellensatz, which is so-called the *Pólya-Putinar-Vasilescu Positivstellensatz* for homogeneous polynomials, stated as follows.

**Theorem 5.1.** Let f and  $g_1, \ldots, g_m$  be homogeneous polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  of even degree. Denote  $G = \{g_1, \ldots, g_m\}$ . If f(x) > 0 for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n_+ \cap K(G) \setminus \{0\}$ , then there exists a number N > 0 and homogeneous polynomials  $h_i, i = 1, \ldots, m$  with nonnegative coefficients such that

$$(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i)^N f = \sum_{i=1}^{m} h_i g_i.$$

In this section we apply the Scherer-Hol theorem to establish a version of this Positivstellensatz for homogeneous polynomial matrices.

**Theorem 5.2.** Let  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a finite set of homogeneous polynomial matrices of even degrees. Let  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a homogeneous polynomial matrix of even degree d > 0. If  $\mathbf{F}(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n_+ \cap K(\mathcal{G}) \setminus \{0\}$ , then there exist a set  $G = \{g_1, \ldots, g_m\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}[X]$  consisting of homogeneous polynomials of even degrees, a number N > 0, homogeneous polynomials  $h_{\alpha_{ij}}$  with nonnegative coefficients, and polynomial matrices  $\mathbf{A}_i \in \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ , for  $i = 1, \ldots, l; j = 1, \ldots, r$ , such that

$$(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i)^N \mathbf{F} = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{r} h_{\alpha_{ij}} g^{\alpha_{ij}} \right) \mathbf{A}_i^T \mathbf{A}_i,$$

where  $\alpha_{ij} \in \mathbb{N}_0^m$ ,  $g^{\alpha_{ij}} := g_1^{(\alpha_{ij})_1} \dots g_m^{(\alpha_{ij})_m}$ .

To give a proof for this Positivs tellensatz, we need the following results for semirings in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ .

Let  $P_0$  be the set of all polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  with nonnegative coefficients. For  $G = \{g_1, \ldots, g_m\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}[X]$ , denote by P(G) the semiring in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  generated by G. Put

$$P_0 P_G := \Big\{ \sum_{i=1}^r h_{\alpha_i} g_1^{(\alpha_i)_1} \dots g_m^{(\alpha_i)_m} | r \in \mathbb{N}_0, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{N}_0^m, h_{\alpha_i} \in P_0 \Big\}.$$

Let  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $K(G) \cap \{\lambda - \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i = 0\} \neq \emptyset$ . Denote

$$G' := G \cup \{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \cup \{\lambda - \sum_{j=1}^n X_j, \sum_{j=1}^n X_j - \lambda\}.$$

Let P(G') be the semiring in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  generated by G'.

**Lemma 5.3.** 
$$P(G') = P_0 P(G) + \left\langle \lambda - \sum_{j=1}^n X_j \right\rangle$$
.

*Proof.* Since each element of P(G') is a finite sum of elements of the form

$$a_{\alpha\beta\gamma}X_1^{\alpha_1}\dots X_n^{\alpha_n}g_1^{\beta_1}\dots g_m^{\beta_m}(\lambda-\sum_{j=1}^n X_j)^{\gamma_1}(\sum_{j=1}^n X_j-\lambda)^{\gamma_2},$$

with  $a_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha_i, \beta_j, \gamma_k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we have  $P(G') \subseteq P_0P(G) + \left\langle \lambda - \sum_{j=1}^n X_j \right\rangle$ . Conversely, since  $P_0P(G) \subseteq P(G')$ , it is sufficient to prove that

$$\left\langle \lambda - \sum_{j=1}^{n} X_j \right\rangle \subseteq P(G').$$

In fact, for each polynomial  $p \in \mathbb{R}[X]$ , we have

$$p = p_{+} - p_{-}$$

where  $p_+$  and  $p_-$  are in  $P_0$ . Since  $\lambda - \sum_{j=1}^n X_j \in P(G')$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^n X_j - \lambda \in P(G')$ , it is easy to verify that for every  $p(\lambda - \sum_{j=1}^n X_j) \in \langle \lambda - \sum_{j=1}^n X_j \rangle$  with  $p \in \mathbb{R}[X]$ , we have

$$p(\lambda - \sum_{j=1}^{n} X_j) = p_+(\lambda - \sum_{j=1}^{n} X_j) + p_-(\sum_{j=1}^{n} X_j - \lambda) \in P(G').$$

The proof is complete.

**Lemma 5.4.** P(G') is an Archimedean semiring, hence  $P(G')^t$  is an Archimedean quadratic module in  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ .

*Proof.* For each i = 1, ..., n, since  $X_i \in P(G')$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , we have

$$\lambda + X_i \in P(G').$$

Moreover, we have

$$\lambda - X_i = (\lambda - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i) + \sum_{i=2}^n X_i \in P(G').$$

It follows from Lemma 2.2 that P(G') is an Archimedian semiring.

**Proof of Theorem 5.2.** It follows from Lemma 2.1 that there exists a finite subset  $G = \{g_1, \ldots, g_m\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  consisting of homogeneous polynomials of even degrees  $d_1, \ldots, d_m$ , respectively, such that

$$K(G) = K(\mathcal{G})$$
 and  $M(G)^t \subseteq \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{G})$ .

Let  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $K(G) \cap \{\lambda - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = 0\} \neq \emptyset$ . Denote

$$G' := G \cup \{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \cup \{\lambda - \sum_{j=1}^n X_j, \sum_{j=1}^n X_j - \lambda\}.$$

Let P(G') be the semiring in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  generated by G'. It follows from Lemma 5.3 that

$$P(G') = P_0 P(G) + \left\langle \lambda - \sum_{j=1}^{n} X_j \right\rangle,$$

and by Lemma 2.3, we have

$$K(P(G')^t) = K(P(G')) = K(G') = \mathbb{R}^n_+ \cap K(G) \cap \{\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^n X_k = 0\}.$$

Then, for each  $x \in K(P(G')^t)$ , we have  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n_+ \cap K(G) \cap \{\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^n X_k = 0\}$ , hence  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n_+ \cap K(G) \setminus \{0\}$ . The hypothesis implies that  $\mathbf{F}(x) > 0$ . Note that  $P(G')^t$  is Archimedean by Lemma 5.4. Thus, applying the Scherer-Hol theorem we obtain

$$\mathbf{F} \in P(G')^t = \left(P_0 P(G) + \left\langle \lambda - \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \right\rangle \right)^t.$$

Then  $\mathbf{F}$  can be written as

$$\mathbf{F} = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{r} h'_{\alpha_{ij}} g^{\alpha_{ij}} + \varphi_i (\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^{n} X_k) \right) \mathbf{B}_i^T \mathbf{B}_i, \tag{5.1}$$

with  $\alpha_{ij} \in \mathbb{N}_0^m$ ,  $h'_{\alpha_{ij}} \in P_0$ ,  $g^{\alpha_{ij}} := g_1^{(\alpha_{ij})_1} \dots g_m^{(\alpha_{ij})_m}$ ,  $\varphi_i \in \mathbb{R}[X]$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_i \in \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ .

Substituting each  $X_i$  by  $\frac{\lambda X_i}{\sigma}$  in both sides of (5.1), where  $\sigma := \sum_{k=1}^n X_k$ , observing that

$$\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{\lambda X_k}{\sigma} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{F}\left(\frac{\lambda X}{\sigma}\right) = \frac{\lambda^d}{\sigma^d} \mathbf{F}(X), \text{ and } g^{\alpha_{ij}}\left(\frac{\lambda X}{\sigma}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{p_{ij}}}{\sigma^{p_{ij}}} g^{\alpha_{ij}}(X),$$

where  $p_{ij} = (\alpha_{ij})_1 d_1 + \ldots + (\alpha_{ij})_m d_m$ , we have

$$\frac{\lambda^d}{\sigma^d} \mathbf{F}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^l \left( \sum_{j=1}^r h'_{\alpha_{ij}} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sigma} \right) \frac{\lambda^{p_{ij}}}{\sigma^{p_{ij}}} g^{\alpha_{ij}}(X) \right) \mathbf{B}_i^T \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sigma} \right) \mathbf{B}_i \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sigma} \right). \tag{5.2}$$

Let

$$e_1 := \max\{\deg(h'_{\alpha_{ij}}), i = 1, \dots, l; j = 1, \dots, r\};$$
  
 $e_2 := \max\{p_{ij}, i = 1, \dots, l; j = 1, \dots, r\};$   
 $e_3 := \max\{\deg(\mathbf{B}_i), i = 1, \dots, l\}.$ 

Put  $N := d + e_1 + e_2 + 2e_3$ , and multiplying both sides of (5.2) with  $\sigma^N$ , we get

$$\lambda^{d} \sigma^{N-d} \mathbf{F}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{r} \left( \sigma^{d+e_1+e_2} \frac{\lambda^{p_{ij}}}{\sigma^{p_{ij}}} h'_{\alpha_{ij}} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sigma} \right) \right) g^{\alpha_{ij}}(X) \right) \cdot \left( \sigma^{e_3} \mathbf{B}_i^T \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sigma} \right) \right) \left( \sigma^{e_3} \mathbf{B}_i \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sigma} \right) \right).$$

Note that  $\mathbf{A}_i := \lambda^{-d} \sigma^{e_3} \mathbf{B}_i \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sigma} \right) \in \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ . Moreover, consider the polynomial

$$h_{\alpha_{ij}}''(X) = \sigma^{d+e_1+e_2} \frac{\lambda^{p_{ij}}}{\sigma^{p_{ij}}} h_{\alpha_{ij}}'(\frac{\lambda X}{\sigma}).$$

For any  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}, \mu \neq 0$ , we have

$$h''_{\alpha_{ij}}(\mu X) = \mu^{d+e_1+e_2-p_{ij}} \sigma^{d+e_1+e_2} \frac{\lambda^{p_{ij}}}{\sigma^{p_{ij}}} h'_{\alpha_{ij}} \left(\frac{\lambda X}{\sigma}\right) = \mu^{d+e_1+e_2-p_{ij}} h''_{\alpha_{ij}}(X).$$

It follows that  $h''_{\alpha_{ij}}$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $d + e_1 + e_2 - p_{ij}$ .

Since  $h'_{\alpha_{ij}}$  has nonnegative coefficients, so does  $h''_{\alpha_{ij}}$ . Denote  $h_{\alpha_{ij}} = \frac{h''_{\alpha_{ij}}}{\lambda^d}$ . Then  $h_{\alpha_{ij}}$  is homogeneous with nonnegative coefficients, and

$$\sigma^{N-d}\mathbf{F} = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \Big(\sum_{j=1}^{r} h_{\alpha_{ij}} g^{\alpha_{ij}}\Big) \mathbf{A}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{A}_{i}.$$

This completes the proof.

In the case  $\mathscr{G} = \emptyset$ , we have the following matrix version of the P'olya Positivs tellens atz.

**Corollary 5.5.** Let  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a homogeneous polynomial matrix of even degree d. If  $\mathbf{F}(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n_+ \setminus \{0\}$ , then there exists a number N > 0, homogeneous polynomials  $h_i$  with nonnegative coefficients and polynomial matrices  $\mathbf{A}_i \in \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ , for i = 1, ..., l, such that

$$(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i)^N \mathbf{F} = \sum_{i=1}^{l} h_i \mathbf{A}_i^T \mathbf{A}_i.$$

*Proof.* The result follows from the proof of Theorem 5.2, with the fact that when  $\mathscr{G} = \emptyset$ , we have  $G = \emptyset$  and  $P(\emptyset) = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  - the set of non-negative real numbers, and  $P(G') = P_0 + \langle \lambda - \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \rangle$ .

In the following we give a non-homogeneous version of the Pólya-Putinar-Vasilescu Positivstellensatz for polynomial matrices, whose proof is similar to that of Corollary 4.4.

Corollary 5.6. Let  $\mathscr{G} \subseteq \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a finite set of polynomial matrices of even degrees. Let  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a polynomial matrix of even degree. Denote  $\widetilde{\mathscr{G}} := \{\widetilde{\mathbf{G}} | \mathbf{G} \in \mathscr{G}\} \subseteq \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n])$ . If  $\widetilde{\mathbf{F}}(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}_+ \cap K(\widetilde{\mathscr{G}}) \setminus \{0\}$ , then there exist a finite set  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}[X]$  consisting of polynomials of even degrees, a number N > 0, polynomials  $h_{\alpha_{ij}}$  with nonnegative coefficients, and polynomial matrices  $\mathbf{A}_i \in \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, l; j = 1, \dots, r$ , such that

$$(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i)^N \mathbf{F} = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{r} h_{\alpha_{ij}} g^{\alpha_{ij}} \right) \mathbf{A}_i^T \mathbf{A}_i,$$

where  $\alpha_{ij} \in \mathbb{N}_0^m$ ,  $g^{\alpha_{ij}} := g_1^{(\alpha_{ij})_1} \dots g_m^{(\alpha_{ij})_m}$ .

6. APPROXIMATING POSITIVE SEMI-DEFINITE POLYNOMIAL MATRICES USING SUMS OF SQUARES

Marshall (2003) proved the following theorem, which approximates non-negative polynomials on basic closed semi-algebraic sets.

**Theorem 6.1** ([8, Coro. 4.3]). Let G be a finite subset of  $\mathbb{R}[X] := \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  and  $f \in \mathbb{R}[X]$ . The following are equivalent:

- (1)  $f(x) \ge 0$  for every  $x \in K(G)$ .
- (2) There exists an integer  $k \geq 0$  such that for all rational  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an integer  $l \geq 0$  satisfying  $p^l(f + \epsilon p^k) \in M(G)$ , where p = 0

$$1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^2.$$

In this section we give a matrix version of this theorem, approximating positive semi-definite polynomial matrices using sums of squares. The first version is established for homogeneous polynomial matrices, as follows.

**Theorem 6.2.** Let  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a finite set of homogeneous polynomial matrices of even degrees. Let  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a homogeneous polynomial matrix of even degree d > 0. If  $\mathbf{F}(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in K(\mathcal{G})$ , then there exist a finite set G of homogeneous polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  of even degrees and a number  $\lambda > 0$  such that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a number N > 0 satisfying

$$\sigma^{N-d/2}(\mathbf{F} + \frac{\epsilon}{\lambda^d}\sigma^{d/2}\mathbf{I}) \in M(G)^t \subseteq \mathscr{M}(\mathscr{G}),$$

where  $\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^2$ .

*Proof.* The existence of the set  $G = \{g_1, \ldots, g_m\}$  of homogeneous polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  of even degrees  $d_1, \ldots, d_m$ , respectively, satisfying  $K(G) = K(\mathcal{G})$  and  $M(G)^t \subseteq \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{G})$  is given in the proof of Theorem 4.2.

Let  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $K(G) \cap \mathbb{S} \neq \emptyset$ . Denote

$$G' = G \cup \{\lambda^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - \lambda^2\}.$$

Then  $K(G') = K(G) \cap \mathbb{S}$ , and  $M(G') = M(G) + \langle \lambda^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \rangle$  which is Archimedean. Then the quadratic module  $M(G')^t$  is also Archimedean, and

$$K(M(G')^t) = K(M(G')) = K(G') = K(G) \cap \mathbb{S}.$$

For any  $x \in K(M(G')^t)$ , we have  $x \in K(G) \cap \mathbb{S}$ , hence  $x \in K(G)$ . Then  $\mathbf{F}(x) \geq 0$ . It follows from Corollary 1.2 that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\mathbf{F} + \epsilon \mathbf{I} \in M(G')^t$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{F} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}$  can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{F} + \epsilon \mathbf{I} = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \left( \sigma_{i0}(X) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \sigma_{ij}(X) g_j(X) \right) \mathbf{A}_i^T(X) \mathbf{A}_i(X) +$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{l} h_i(X) (\lambda^2 - \sum_{j=1}^{n} X_j^2) \mathbf{A}_i^T(X) \mathbf{A}_i(X), \tag{6.1}$$

where  $\sigma_{ij} \in \sum \mathbb{R}[X]^2$ ,  $h_i \in \mathbb{R}[X]$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_i \in \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ .

Substituting each  $X_i$  by  $\frac{\lambda X_i}{\sqrt{\sigma}}$  in both sides of (6.1), where  $\sigma := \sum_{j=1}^n X_j^2$ , observing that

$$\lambda^{2} - \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left(\frac{\lambda X_{i}}{\sqrt{\sigma}}\right)^{2} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{F}\left(\frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{d}}{\sigma^{d/2}} \mathbf{F}(X), \text{ and } g_{j}\left(\frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{d_{j}}}{\sigma^{d_{j}/2}} g_{j}(X),$$

we have

$$\frac{\lambda^{d}}{\sigma^{d/2}}\mathbf{F}(X) + \epsilon \mathbf{I} = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \left( \sigma_{i0} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\lambda^{d_{j}}}{\sigma^{d_{j}/2}} \sigma_{ij} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) g_{j}(X) \right) \mathbf{A}_{i}^{T} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) \mathbf{A}_{i} \left( \frac{\lambda X_{i}}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right).$$
(6.2)

Denote

$$e_1 := \max\{\deg(\sigma_{ij}), j = 0, \dots, m\},\$$
  
 $e_2 := \max\{d_j, j = 1, \dots, m\},\$   
 $e_3 := \max\{\deg(\mathbf{A}_i), i = 1, \dots, l\},\$ 

which are even numbers. Put  $N := d/2 + e_1/2 + e_2/2 + e_3$ , and multiplying both sides of (6.2) for  $\sigma^N$ , we have

$$\lambda^{d} \sigma^{N-d/2} \mathbf{F}(X) + \epsilon \sigma^{N} \mathbf{I} = \sigma^{d/2} \sum_{i=1}^{l} \left( \sigma^{e_{1}/2 + e_{2}/2} \sigma_{i0} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda^{d_{j}} \left( \sigma^{e_{1}/2} \sigma_{ij} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) \right) \sigma^{e_{2}/2 - d_{j}/2} g_{j}(X) \right) \sigma^{e_{3}} \mathbf{A}_{i}^{T} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) \mathbf{A}_{i} \left( \frac{\lambda X_{i}}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right).$$

Since 
$$\sigma'_{i0} := \sigma^{e_1/2 + e_2/2} \sigma_{i0} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right)$$
 and  $\sigma'_{ij} := \lambda^{d_j} (\sigma^{e_1/2} \sigma_{ij} \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right)) \sigma^{e_2/2 - d_j/2}$  are

sums of squares in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ , and  $\mathbf{B}_i := \sigma^{e_3/2} \mathbf{A}_i \left( \frac{\lambda X}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \right) \in \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$ , we have

$$\sigma^{N-d/2}(\mathbf{F} + \frac{\epsilon}{\lambda^d}\sigma^{d/2}\mathbf{I}) = \sigma^{N-d/2}\mathbf{F}(X) + \frac{\epsilon}{\lambda^d}\sigma^N\mathbf{I} \in M(G)^t \subseteq \mathscr{M}(\mathscr{G}).$$

The proof is complete.

A non-homogeneous version of Theorem 6.2 is given as follows, whose proof is similar to that of Corollary 4.4.

**Corollary 6.3.** Let  $\mathscr{G} \subseteq \mathscr{M}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a finite set of polynomial matrices of even degrees. Let  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathscr{S}_t(\mathbb{R}[X])$  be a polynomial matrix of even degree d > 0. If  $\widetilde{\mathbf{F}}(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in K(\widetilde{\mathscr{G}})$ , then there exist a finite set G of polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  of even degrees and a number  $\lambda > 0$  such that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a number N > 0 satisfying

$$(1+\sigma)^{N-d/2}(\mathbf{F} + \frac{\epsilon}{\lambda^d}(1+\sigma)^{d/2}\mathbf{I}) \in M(G)^t \subseteq \mathscr{M}(\mathscr{G}),$$

where  $\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^2$ .

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