DESCRIPTION OF ALGORITHMS FOR BALANCING NUMERICAL MATRICES AND THEIR DIVISION INTO HIERARCHICAL LEVELS ACCORDING TO THEIR TYPE AND COMPLEXITY

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Abstract. This article describes a set of algorithms for so-called balancing of numerical matrices, which were developed by the author. Each section consists of several algorithms that are divided into different levels. The order of these levels depends on the chronology of the creation of certain algorithms. Chronology also affected the complexity of these balancing algorithms, so it can be argued that the algorithms are described in order from the simplest level to the most complex. It is important to emphasize that the purpose of the article is to describe the actions on matrices that determine the balancing algorithm of a certain level, and practical application will be the next step.

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INTRODUCTION

Some of the described algorithms have been mentioned earlier in previous articles of the author [1–7], but some names, designations, definitions, steps and actions may be partially or completely different, due to constant research and development of this "family" of algorithms.

The very first steps in the development of the author were aimed at creating algorithms for data compression [8], initially experiments were performed with text compression. In the further work manipulations with alphabets, keys, the size of the text and other aspects which influenced formation of a numerical matrix were carried out. After that, the obtained matrices of numbers were changed by various manipulations, the size of the matrix and the content were changed. Thus, the author came to the possibility of reducing numerical matrices [9–13]. At the beginning of matrix reduction studies, the results of each iteration had quite unpredictable consequences for the size of these matrices, for example, the number of columns could only decrease, and the number of rows could both decrease and increase. Then the author focused on methodological support, as a result of which various rules, remarks and something like theorems were developed. As experiments on matrix reduction options continued, several interesting cases arose – namely, matrices that could be completely reduced and disappeared. Matrices that were not subject to reduction were also identified and it was impossible to perform at least one iteration. At first glance, this was a problem because such a matrix could not be reduced or restored, it was then that the author developed so-called "auxiliary" algorithms that allowed to change the contents of the matrix so that at least one iteration of reduction was allowed, but it was not reduced completely. All developments and modifications of further algorithms were accompanied by methodological support, which in turn grew more and more. Eventually, a compression algorithm was developed to reduce the amount of text data and return it to its original form.

Testing of the already developed compression method showed quite different results. In some cases, the new algorithm was more efficient than existing counterparts, and sometimes less efficient. Even the most unsuccessful experiments did not disappoint the author, but on the contrary prompted to invent a new approach, algorithm, rule, exclusion from the rules or a new key system for compressing and restoring text.
It can also be noted that the method is a kind of innovation of the author (so far in the field of data encryption), respectively, the actions, steps and manipulations shown may or may not coincide with some algorithms and mathematical operations.

1. First level balancing algorithms

The first level includes two algorithms:

- horizontal balancing,
- vertical balancing.

In the initial stages of research, they were called basic algorithms because they are the basis for the algorithms that will be described below, i.e. all modifications and combinations originate from them.

In this article, these algorithms will have a slightly more complex description and additional definitions that will allow you to more clearly see the difference between these levels. These definitions will be used in future works [12–22].

Each of the balancing types is designed for certain proportions of the matrix. Horizontal balancing is designed for a matrix that has an even number of columns and an odd number of rows. Vertical balancing, in turn, is designed for matrices with an odd number of columns and an even number of rows.

Consider an example with matrices for each of the cases, the matrices are formed from completely random numbers.

![Fig. 1. Starting matrices for balancing the first level](image1.png)

Two simple matrices for convenient and clear presentation of algorithm steps.

Accordingly, Fig. 1a – for horizontal balancing, Fig. 1b – for vertical balancing.

To demonstrate how each balancing occurs, each matrix should be divided into two equal parts, i.e. so that each part has the same number of digits. The so-called “virtual boundary” will be used for this purpose (in earlier works it was called simply the center of a matrix).

![Fig. 2. Separation of matrices by a virtual boundary](image2.png)

When the matrices are separated by a boundary (center), then the opposite parts of the matrix are compared. In the matrix for horizontal balancing (Fig. 2a) the opposite rows will be compared, and in the matrix for vertical balancing the opposite columns will be compared. The sum of the numbers of a row or column separated by a boundary will be compared. This is called a sector-by-sector comparison.

![Fig. 3. Comparison of individual sectors of the matrix](image3.png)

The results of the comparison of sectors are shown in the figure, in parentheses are the sums of opposite rows and columns. Accordingly, the row or column with the larger sum should be reduced, and the sector with the smaller sum should be increased. This operation is as follows – when you increase the sector, all digits (row or column) increase by one, and when you decrease all the digits of the sector are reduced by one. The figure also shows the actions of increase and decrease (plus and minus).

Now we will iterate the balancing of the first level on both matrices.

![Fig. 4. Matrices after balancing the first level](image4.png)

Since matrices with the same numbers were chosen for both balances, the result is the same in both. At first glance, this is a primitive algorithm with simple actions and steps, but we should not forget that this is only the first algorithm and it is designed to provide an accessible explanation of the logic of the developed method.

Some publications have already described the remark about the cyclic change of matrix numbers, but it will be useful to recall it. The matrix uses unique, positive, integers (0–9), so to preserve the integrity of the matrix, the author introduced a rule: if when reducing the sector there is a number zero, then after reducing it by one, zero will become the number nine, and vice versa, if the number nine is present when the sector increases, then it becomes zero. That is, the numbers will change cyclically in the range 0–9.

However, the author has developed separate algorithms for working with fractional, multi-digit and negative numbers, but they have applications in another area, so they will not be described in this article.

There are also cases when the matrix has an even number of rows and columns, then depending on their number you can determine which type of balancing will be optimal. And if the matrix has an even number of rows and columns and their number is the same. In this case, the user can choose the type of balancing at random, or conduct each balancing separately and compare the results, and then based on them to make your choice.

Consider ode from such examples using a small matrix. Hereinafter, such matrices will be called paired symmetric (uniform) matrices.

![Fig. 5. Paired symmetric matrix](image5.png)
Now we need to give a virtual limit, and in this example we give two – one for each type of balancing, and then compare the results.

![variants of the matrix virtual boundary](image)

Fig. 6. Virtual boundaries of the matrix for balancing both types

The principle remains the same, comparing by divided sectors, determining the increase and decrease for each of the sectors.

![comparison of individual sectors of the matrix](image)

Fig. 7. Comparison of individual sectors of the matrix

Even after comparing the sectors, it can be seen that the number of sectors for increasing and decreasing differs depending on the boundary of the matrix, i.e., it is immediately apparent that the results of horizontal and vertical balancing will be different from each other, despite the fact that they are the same matrix.

Let’s carry out one iteration of each balancing.

![The results of balancing the matrix](image)

Fig. 8. The results of balancing the matrix

In general, the results of balancing the matrix differ, although some balanced numbers are the same in both cases. This fact does not indicate the ineffectiveness of any type of balancing. Each of the two types is effective, but to explore it in more detail, it would be necessary to compare not only numerical matrices, but also, for example, encrypted texts. Then you can judge which of the types of balancing will be optimal for this example. For different texts or other data, or even other scientific problems, any of the algorithms described in the article may be the most effective.

2. Second level balancing algorithms

Among the algorithms of the second level there are also our old acquaintances, namely horizontal and vertical balancing, but with a small difference – in the previous section there was a virtual boundary that divided the matrix, and at this level we have a certain limit of matrix division.

The defined boundary (center) of the matrix is the central row or column of the matrix, which will not change (its numbers will be neither increased nor decreased, but will simply remain unchanged).

The question arises – for which matrices is the balance of the second level? The answer is quite obvious: balancing of this level is intended for matrices with an odd number of rows and columns.

This section will cover a number of examples, namely examples with different ratios of an odd number of rows and columns, with both types of balancing applied to each example to illustrate the results. Also, both types of balancing will be used for a matrix with an odd number and the same number of rows and columns. Such matrices will hereinafter be called odd symmetric (uniform) matrices.

For the first example, a matrix is chosen where the number of rows is greater than the number of columns (and their number is odd).

![input matrix for balancing](image)

Fig. 9. Input matrix for balancing

This matrix has 5 rows and 3 columns, in both cases we can select the border in the form of a central row or a central column of the matrix. Therefore, we select both boundaries of the matrix and perform both types of balancing.

![defined matrix boundary](image)

Fig. 10. Matrix with defined boundaries for horizontal and vertical balancing

Next, the standard steps for the algorithms are performed, namely the comparison of opposite sectors and the definition of sectors to increase and decrease. Previously, this process was called determining the direction of balancing, but this definition will be more logical.

![comparison of sectors to increase and decrease them](image)

Fig. 11. Comparison of sectors to increase and decrease them
In the first version (Fig. 11a). For horizontal balancing the sum of numbers in the sectors were not written, because in each of the opposite sectors there is only one digit. In the second variant (Fig. 11b). There is a more interesting case – there are two opposite sectors of the matrix with the same sums, they are denoted by an equal sign. In some previous articles, such cases also occurred, then the user could choose which of the sectors to increase and which to decrease. In this case, we will leave these sectors unchanged. This example is worth remembering, as it will be involved in next-level algorithms, where this kind of situation will be relevant and will be resolved.

![Fig. 12. Balancing of odd non-uniform matrices](image)

For this rather simple example, the first option (horizontal balancing) looks more effective than the second (vertical balancing). This conclusion can be reached due to a larger number of balanced numbers. Because the second option had two sectors with the same sums of numbers, they were not balanced. Such cases will not happen more than once and for each case the author has developed modifications of algorithms, which will be shown in higher-level algorithms.

Now let’s try this level algorithm for a matrix with more columns and fewer rows (in both cases their number will be odd).

![Fig. 13. Input matrix for balancing](image)

An odd asymmetric matrix is obtained again, except that this time we have 5 columns and three rows.

We will draw certain boundaries for horizontal and vertical balancing.

![Fig. 14. Defining the boundaries of the matrix](image)

Now we redefine the sums of the numbers in the opposite sectors of the matrix, then increase and decrease the corresponding sectors. Let’s not forget that a certain limit is not subject to balancing, so it will remain unchanged.

![Fig. 15. The results of comparing opposite sectors](image)

This time there are no opposite sectors with the same sums of numbers, so all sectors will be balanced. In the variant for vertical balancing (Fig. 14b.). The amounts did not fit, as each opposite sector consists of only one digit.

![Fig. 16. Horizontally and vertically balanced matrix](image)

As a result, both versions of the matrix were balanced without any difficulty. Of course, some figures in the balanced sectors turned out to be the same in both cases, but in general the result is different. This is due to the small size of the matrix, but in such a simple example it is easier to explain all the steps in an accessible way.

The last example in this section is the balancing of an odd uniform (symmetric) matrix in both ways.

For example, take a matrix of size 5x5.

![Fig. 17. Uniform odd matrix](image)

This matrix will also be balanced horizontally and vertically, after which we compare the results.

So let’s start with the defined boundaries of the matrix.

![Fig. 18. The limits of the matrix for the two balancing options are defined](image)

Next, we again compare the sectors of the matrix with each other, write the sums of the numbers of sectors and indicate which of the sectors will be increased and which will be reduced.

![Fig. 19. Comparison of sectors of an odd symmetric matrix](image)

In the matrix for horizontal balancing (Fig. 18a.) It is seen that all sectors on the left will be increased, and all sectors on the right will be reduced. Such cases may occur from time to time, but they do not constitute any obstacle to obtaining correct results.

Instead, the matrix for vertical balancing has four sectors (two pairs of opposite sectors) that are equal, i.e. the sum of the numbers of these sectors is the same. We will not balance such sectors (as in the previous similar example), i.e. they will remain unchanged, as well as the defined limit of the matrix.
Fig. 20. The results of balancing an odd uniform matrix

It is immediately clear that horizontal balancing for this variant of the matrix is more efficient than vertical, due to the sectors of the matrix, which were equal in vertical balancing. Therefore, in the first case, all the numbers were balanced except for a certain limit. Although when using combined types of balancing, one of the algorithms used may give an ineffective result, but if we take into account the total results of all involved algorithms, then the applied method will give high results (this is tested in encryption problems).

3. Third level balancing algorithms

The third level balancing algorithms contain some steps from the previous levels and several features of their modification. Here, too, the balancing algorithm is performed horizontally and vertically. In addition, both the virtual boundary of the matrix and the defined one will be taken into account. The peculiarity of the third level balancing is that the separated sectors of the matrix will no longer be compared, but continuous opposite sectors. This means that the adjacent rows or columns will not be compared, but all the digits of both halves of the matrix separated by a border (center). In this way, there will be no more cases when several separate sectors will be equal to each other. The algorithm can be used for matrices of any proportions: even, odd, symmetric, non-uniform matrices. That is, the number of rows or columns will not limit the capabilities of the algorithm.

The most obvious example is a paired symmetric matrix, which will be balanced horizontally and vertically, after which it will be possible to compare the results.

For an illustrative example, the sectors of the matrix, which are separated by a boundary, were identified. Numbers in parentheses are the sum of all numbers in a sector. Accordingly, the plus and minus signs mean the increase and decrease of sectors, namely all numbers of a continuous sector.

Fig. 23. The matrix is balanced horizontally and vertically

The figure shows that the variants of the matrix after horizontal and vertical balancing differ from each other by only half. This is not a flaw or error of the algorithm. Such cases occur in algorithms of this level when they are used for paired uniform (symmetric matrices).

Even if you replace the virtual boundary of the matrix with a defined one, the result will be the same, the matrices after both types of balancing will differ by exactly half, except for the invariant boundary in the form of a row or column of the matrix. Therefore, there is actually no point in conducting an additional experiment, especially if the main result of the demonstration is known in advance.

Several more combined algorithms are based on this algorithm, but they belong to algorithms of another (higher) level, so they will not be described in this article.

These three levels of balancing algorithms that were shown in the article are just the tip of the iceberg, in fact there are many more. In this paper, the algorithms of the initial level are described, and in the following publications the algorithms of other (higher) levels will be shown and described.

It should also be noted that each algorithm of each level is unique, useful and efficient, despite its simplicity.

4. Conclusions

This paper presents three levels of algorithms for balancing numerical matrices. These levels belong to the class of low (initial or basic) levels, because all higher levels in one way or another originate (basis) from them or derivative algorithms.

The uniqueness of this development is that with the right combination of these algorithms, we get a new and effective method of encryption (other areas of science are not excluded). Some algorithms and their combinations have proven themselves at a high level in experiments with data encryption. This cipher is almost impossible to break, because it does not match the generally accepted rules or algorithms. It is known that ideal methods, algorithms or systems do not exist in nature. However, this method is not amenable to statistical or frequency analysis and any patterns in it can not be detected.

After describing all the classes, each of which consists of several levels, which in turn consist of sets of algorithms and their variations, the author's further plans include the development of this field of science. Publications are planned, which will show and describe the application of these algorithms in practice (so far for encryption), search for combinations of developed algorithms, description of methodological support (rules, comments, definitions of abbreviations), demonstration of inverse (inverse) algorithms for decoding, presentation of mathematical formulas and mathematical models of the method, the use of special markers for the formation of encryption keys.
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