## 1145-15-773 Wasin So\* (wasin.so@sjsu.edu). On the Spectral Radius of an Equitable Quotient Matrix. Preliminary report.

Let M be a partitioned matrix with blocks  $M_{ij}$  whose rows have a constant sum  $b_{ij}$ . Then the smaller matrix  $B = [b_{ij}]$  is called the equitable quotient matrix of M. It is known in literature that the spectrum of B is contained in the spectrum of M (including algebraic multiplicity). In this talk, we investigate the equality of the spectral radii of M and B, and the structure of the associated eigenvectors under the additional assumption that M is nonnegative. (Received September 14, 2018)