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# NORMS OF DERIVATIVES OF MATRIX FUNCTIONS

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X, Y Banach spaces.

E ⊂ X open set

f: E → Y is differentiable at  $x_0$

if there exists a linear map

$$Df(x_0) : X \rightarrow Y$$

such that

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + Df(x_0)(h) + o(h).$$

The derivative  $Df(x_0)$  is given by

$$Df(x_0) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} f(x_0 + th).$$

$$\|Df(x_0)\| := \sup_{\|h\|=1} \|Df(x_0)(h)\|.$$

$$\|f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)\| \leq \|Df(x_0)\| \|h\| + o(\|h\|).$$

(A "first order perturbation bound").

Higher derivatives. Taylor Expansion:

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + Df(x_0)(h) + D^2f(x_0)(h, h) + \dots$$

$X, Y$  spaces of matrices/operators 2

$\|\cdot\|$  operator norm / "spectral norm"

$\|\cdot\|_2$  Frobenius norm

$f(A)$  could be

polynomials exp

$\otimes^k A \quad \wedge^k A \quad \det(A)$

indirectly defined  $A = UP, QR, LR.$

For this talk

$f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  induced map

$f: \mathbb{H}_n(I) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_n$

$I = \mathbb{R}_+ = (0, \infty)$

$f: \mathbb{P}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_n$  (pos. def.)

(Special interest  $f(t) = t^n \quad n \in \mathbb{R}$ )

$\mathbb{P}_n$  is open set in  $\mathbb{H}_n$

$Df(A): \mathbb{H}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_n$ .

$f'$  (usual) derivative of the real fn.  $f$

$$\begin{aligned} Df(A)(B) &:= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} f(A+tB) \\ &= f'(A)B \quad \text{if } A, B \text{ commute} \end{aligned}$$

Every scientist should once in a while try  
a damned fool experiment.

(Littlewood's Miscellany).

Could we have

$$\|Df(A)\| = \|f'(A)\| ? \quad (1)$$

i.e.;

$$\sup_{\|B\|=1} \|Df(A)(B)\| = \sup_{\|B\|=1} \|Df(A)(B)\| ?$$

$\|B\|=1$   
 $AB=BA$

Def  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is in class  $\mathcal{D}$

if (1) is true for  $f$ .

Is  $\mathcal{D}$  nonempty?

Interesting examples of  $f \in \mathcal{D}$ ?

Characterisation of  $\mathcal{D}$ ?

Choose an o.n.b. in which

$$A = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n).$$

Let  $f^{[1]}(A)$  be the matrix with  $i,j$  entry

$$\frac{f(\lambda_i) - f(\lambda_j)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \quad i \neq j$$

$$f'(\lambda_i) \quad i=j$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} Df(A)(B) &= f^{[1]}(A) \circ B \quad (\text{Schur prod.}) \\ &:= \left[ \frac{f(\lambda_i) - f(\lambda_j)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} b_{ij} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

So for the Frobenius norm

$$\|Df(A)(B)\|_2 \leq \max_{i,j} \left| \frac{f(\lambda_i) - f(\lambda_j)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \right| \|B\|_2$$

By the Mean Value Theorem

$$\|Df(A)\|_{2 \rightarrow 2} \leq \|f'\|_\infty.$$

(Not so simple for  $\|\cdot\|$  - no good dependence on matrix entries.)

Notation:  $X \geq 0$  positive (semidefinite)

Def.  $f$  operator monotone if  
 $A \geq B \Rightarrow f(A) \geq f(B).$

### Loewner's Theorem

$f$  oper. monotone  $\Leftrightarrow f^{[1]}(A) \geq 0 \quad \forall A.$

Norm of  $A \circ B$  complicated in general, but

Schur's Theorem If  $A \geq 0$ , then

$$\|A \circ B\| \leq \max_i a_{ii} \|B\|.$$

(Subsumed in Russo-Dye Theorem.)

See R.B. Positive Definite Matrices.)

Combining Loewner's, Schur's and D-K formula (2):

If  $f$  is operator monotone, then

$$\|Df(A)\| \leq \max_i |f'(\lambda_i)| = \|f'(A)\|$$

Thus  $f$  oper. monotone  $\Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{D}$

Fact  $f(t) = t^n$  op. mon.  $\Leftrightarrow n \in [0, 1].$

$$f(A) = A^m \quad m=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Matrix version of  $(x^m)' = mx^{m-1}$

$$DA^m(B) = \sum_{\substack{j, k \geq 0 \\ j+k=m-1}} A^j B A^k$$

$$\rightarrow \|DA^m\| \leq \sum_{j+k=m-1} \|A\|^j \|A\|^k = m \|A\|^{m-1}$$

$$= \|mA^{m-1}\| = \|f'(A)\|.$$

i.e.  $f \in \mathcal{D}$ .

Matrix version of  $(e^x)' = e^x$

$$De^A(B) = \int_0^1 e^{(1-t)A} B e^{tA} dt$$

$$\rightarrow \|De^A(B)\| \leq \int_0^1 \|e^{(1-t)A}\| \|B\| \|e^{tA}\| dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{(1-t)\|A\|} \|B\| e^{t\|A\|} dt \|B\| \quad (\|A\| \geq 0)$$

$$= e^{\|A\|} \|B\|$$

$$\rightarrow \|De^A\| = e^{\|A\|} = \|e^A\| = \|\exp'(A)\|.$$

So  $\exp \in \mathcal{D}$

Neither  $A^m$  ( $m > 1$ ) nor  $\exp$  is op. monotone

$$f(A) = A^{-n} \quad n > 0$$

Then  $f \in \mathcal{D}$ .

Idea of Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-n} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda A} \lambda^{n-1} d\lambda \\ &=: \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda A} d\mu(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

Use the property of exp.

(Generally: if  $f(t) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} d\mu(\lambda)$ ,  
then  $f \in \mathcal{D}$ .)

Another argument using integrals shows

$$f(A) = A^n \quad n \geq 2 \quad \text{is in } \mathcal{D}.$$

$$(t^{n+2} = t^2 \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda/t} d\mu(\lambda), \quad n > 0)$$

Thus  $f(t) = t^n$  is in  $\mathcal{D}$  for

$$t \in (-\infty, 1] \cup [2, \infty)$$

Further analysis shows that for

$$1 < r < \sqrt{2}$$

$f(t) = t^r$  is not in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

(The failure occurs for  $2 \times 2$  matrices.)

More surprising (?):

For  $r \in [\sqrt{2}, 2]$

$f(t) = t^r$  is in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

Ideas involved in proofs:

$$\|A\|_S := \sup_{\|X\|=1} \|A \circ X\|$$

$$\text{If } A \geq 0 \quad \|A\|_S = \max_i a_{ii}$$

In general  $\|A\|_S$  is difficult;

expression due to Haagerup:

$$\|A\|_S = \min \left\{ \|X\|_{\text{col}} \|Y\|_{\text{col}} : A = X^* Y \right\}.$$

Special things happen for  $1 < r < 2$ .  
 $2 \times 2$  case is difficult enough.

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & p \end{bmatrix}$   $0 < p < 1$

$$f(t) = t^n \quad n > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(A) = \begin{bmatrix} n & n p^{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\|f'(A)\| = n$$

$$f^{[1]}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} n & \frac{1-p^n}{1-p} \\ \frac{1-p^n}{1-p} & np^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} =: S_n$$

Q: When is  $\|S_n\|_S = 1$  ? (Then  $f \in \mathcal{D}$ )

Using Haagerup's Theorem one gets

Thm  $f \in \mathcal{D}$  iff

$$\left( \frac{1}{n} \frac{1-p^n}{1-p} \right)^2 \leq \frac{1+p^{n-1}}{2}, \quad 0 < p < 1$$

(\*)

1. Let  $p \downarrow 0$  in  $(*)$

$r \geq \sqrt{2}$  necessary for  $f \in \mathcal{D}$   
 ( So:  $1 < r < \sqrt{2}$   $f(t) = t^r$  not in  $\mathcal{D}$  ).

2. Cases

$$r \geq 2, \quad \frac{3}{2} \leq r \leq 2$$

by fairly standard analysis

$f \in \mathcal{D}$  for these values.

Very indirect / unusual argument to show that for  $\sqrt{2} < r < 3/2$

$$\left( \frac{1-p^r}{r(1-p)} \right)^2 \leq \frac{1+p^{r-1}}{2} \quad \forall 0 < p < 1.$$

General ( $n > 2$ ) case:

Interesting Theorem

Loewner: For  $0 < r < 1$

$$f^{[1]}(A) := \frac{\lambda_i^r - \lambda_j^r}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}$$

is positive. ( all eigenvalues positive)

For  $1 < r < 2$  this matrix has one positive and  $n-1$  negative eigenvalues.

For  $n > 2$  this fact is used to find a Haagerup decomposition of  $f^{[1]}(A)$  for evaluation of  $\|f^{[1]}(A)\|_S$ .

Problem of general interest

Inertia of the matrix

$$Q_r := \left[ \frac{\lambda_i^r - \lambda_j^r}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \right]$$

$$0 < r < 1 \quad \text{In } Q_r = (n, 0, 0)$$

$$1 < r < 2 \quad \text{In } Q_r = (1, 0, n-1)$$

$$2 < r < 3 \quad ?$$

Higher derivatives:  $D_k$

$D$  not closed under products

not closed under sums  
( $t + 1/t$  is not in  $D$ )