

MTH 225

Homework #11

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1. Suppose $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ is a positive definite matrix. Prove that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_A : \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n \mapsto \mathbb{C}$ given by

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle_A = \langle A\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$$

defines a complex inner product.

2. Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ be a Hermitian matrix.
- (a) Prove that A is a positive semidefinite matrix if and only if all of the eigenvalues of A are nonnegative.
 - (b) Prove that A is a positive definite matrix if and only if all of the eigenvalues of A are positive.
3. If $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ is a positive definite matrix, prove that

$$\sqrt{A^{-1}} = \left(\sqrt{A} \right)^{-1}.$$

4. Let $A \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{C})$ be a Hermitian matrix.
- (a) Show that A is positive semidefinite if and only if $\text{tr}(A) \geq 0$ and $\det(A) \geq 0$.
 - (b) Show that A is positive definite if and only if $\text{tr}(A) \geq 0$ and $\det(A) > 0$.
5. Give an example of a Hermitian $A \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{C})$ for which $\text{tr}(A) \geq 0$ and $\det A \geq 0$, and A is not positive semidefinite.
6. Consider the following matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show that A, B, C are positive definite, but $\text{tr}(ABC) < 0$. What can you say about $\det(ABC)$?

7. Find the exponential of the following matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

8. Prove that $Ae^A = e^A A$.

9. Let $A \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{C})$.

(a) Prove that

$$A^2 - \operatorname{tr}(A)A + \det(A)I = O.$$

(b) Prove that if $\det(A) \neq 0$ then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\operatorname{tr}(A)I - A}{\det(A)}.$$

(c) Prove that if $\operatorname{tr}(A) = 0$ and $\delta = \sqrt{\det(A)} > 0$ then

$$e^A = \cos(\delta)I + \frac{\sin(\delta)}{\delta}A.$$

(d) Establish a similar formula when $\det(A) < 0$.

10. Consider the following matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find the SVD of the matrix. **Hint:** This problem was assigned in the last homework. Make sure you go through the solutions and know how to find the SVD without computing A^*A . You can just follow my solutions.

(b) Compute both the left and right polar decompositions of A :

$$A = Q\sqrt{A^*A} \text{ and } \sqrt{AA^*}Q,$$

where Q is a unitary matrix.

11. Find a Hermitian matrix H such that $Q = \exp(iH)$.

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#1

Suppose $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ is a positive definite matrix. Prove that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_A: \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ given by

$$\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle_A = \langle A\vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle$$

defines a complex inner product.

Solution:

Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{C}^n$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \langle \vec{v} + \lambda \vec{w}, \vec{u} \rangle_A &= \langle A(\vec{v} + \lambda \vec{w}), \vec{u} \rangle \\ &= \langle A\vec{v} + \lambda A\vec{w}, \vec{u} \rangle \\ &= \langle A\vec{v}, \vec{u} \rangle + \lambda \langle A\vec{w}, \vec{u} \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{v}, \vec{u} \rangle_A + \lambda \langle \vec{w}, \vec{u} \rangle_A \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle_A &= \langle A\vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle \\ &= \overline{\langle \vec{w}, A\vec{v} \rangle} \\ &= \overline{\langle A\vec{w}, \vec{v} \rangle} \\ &= \overline{\langle \vec{w}, \vec{v} \rangle_A} \end{aligned}$$

$$3. \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle_A = \langle A\vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle \geq 0 \text{ and only equals zero when } \vec{v} = \vec{0}.$$

By items 1-3, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_A$ is an inner product.

#2

Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ be a Hermitian matrix.

- (a) Prove that A is positive semidefinite if and only if the eigenvalues of A are nonnegative.
- (b) Prove that A is a positive definite matrix if and only if all of the eigenvalues of A are positive.

Solution:

(a-b) By the spectral theorem for Hermitian matrices there exists orthonormal basis of eigenvectors $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ with corresponding eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. Consequently, for all $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ there exists $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A\vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle &= \langle c_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n \vec{v}_n, c_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n \vec{v}_n \rangle \\ &= |c_1|^2 \lambda_1 + \dots + |c_n|^2 \lambda_n. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $\langle A\vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle \geq 0$ for all $\vec{v}$ if and only if $|c_i|^2 \lambda_i \geq 0$ for all i which implies $\lambda_i \geq 0$ for all i . Moreover, $\langle A\vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle = 0$ if and only if there exists j such that $\lambda_j = 0$.

#3

If A is a positive definite matrix, prove that $\sqrt{A^{-1}} = (\sqrt{A})^{-1}$

Solution:

Since A is positive definite matrix it is Hermitian with positive eigenvalues λ_i . By the spectral theorem there exists a unitary matrix U such that

$$A = U \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} U^*$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{A^{-1}} &= \left(U \begin{pmatrix} 1/\lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1/\lambda_n \end{pmatrix} U^* \right)^{1/2} \\ &= U \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{\lambda_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1/\sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{pmatrix} U^* \\ &= U \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} U^* \\ &= \left(U \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{pmatrix} U^* \right)^{-1} \\ &= (\sqrt{A})^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

#4

Let $A \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{C})$ be a Hermitian matrix.

- (a) Show that A is positive definite if and only if $\text{tr}(A) \geq 0$ and $\det(A) > 0$.
- (b) Show that A is a positive definite matrix if and only if $\text{tr}(A) > 0$ and $\det(A) > 0$.

Solution:

(a-b) We know that $\text{tr}(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ and $\det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2$. Therefore, A is positive semidefinite if and only if $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0$ which is satisfied if and only if $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \geq 0$ and $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \geq 0$. Furthermore, A is positive definite in addition to being positive semidefinite if and only if $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$.

#5

Give an example of a Hermitian $A \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{C})$ for which $\text{tr}(A) \geq 0$ and $\det(A) \geq 0$ and A is not positive semidefinite.

Solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ satisfies } \text{tr}(A) = 1 \geq 0 \text{ and } \det(A) = 3 \geq 0$$

but is not positive definite since its eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = -1, \lambda_3 = -1$.

#6

Consider the following matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show that A, B, C are positive definite, but $\text{tr}(ABC) < 0$.
What can you say about $\det(ABC)$?

Solution:

- $\text{tr}(A) = 11$, $\det(A) = 10 \Rightarrow A$ is positive definite.

- $\text{tr}(B) = 3$, $\det(B) = 1 \Rightarrow B$ is positive definite.

- $\text{tr}(C) = 13$, $\det(C) = 5 \Rightarrow C$ is positive definite.

$$\begin{aligned} ABC &= \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -10 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -20 & -50 \\ 7 & 15 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{tr}(ABC) = -5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(ABC) &= \det(A) \det(B) \det(C) \\ &= 10 \cdot 1 \cdot 5 \\ &= 50. \end{aligned}$$

#7

Find the exponential of the following matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

A:

$$\text{tr}(A) = 0, \det(A) = -1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0, \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = -1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = -1.$$

$\lambda_1 = 1$:

$$\text{Ker}(A - \lambda_1 I) = \text{Ker} \left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

$\lambda_2 = -1$:

$$\text{Ker}(A - \lambda_2 I) = \text{Ker} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \exp(A) &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e/\sqrt{2} & e/\sqrt{2} \\ e^{-1}/\sqrt{2} & -e^{-1}/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(e+e^{-1}) & \frac{1}{2}(e-e^{-1}) \\ \frac{1}{2}(e-e^{-1}) & \frac{1}{2}(e+e^{-1}) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cosh(1) & \sinh(1) \\ \sinh(1) & \cosh(1) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

B:

$$\text{tr}(B) = 0, \det(B) = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0, \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = i, \lambda_2 = -i.$$

$\lambda_1 = i$:

$$\ker(B - \lambda_1 I) = \ker \begin{pmatrix} -i & -1 \\ 1 & -i \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} i/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$\lambda_2 = -i$:

$$\text{By orthogonality, } \ker(B - \lambda_2 I) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -i/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \begin{bmatrix} i/\sqrt{2} & i/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -i/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -i/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \exp(B) &= \begin{bmatrix} i/\sqrt{2} & i/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^i & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -i/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -i/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} i/\sqrt{2} e^i & i/\sqrt{2} e^i \\ 1/\sqrt{2} e^i & -1/\sqrt{2} e^i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -i/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -i/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(e^i + e^{-i}) & \frac{1}{2}(e^i - e^{-i}) \\ -\frac{1}{2}(e^i - e^{-i}) & \frac{1}{2}(e^i + e^{-i}) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(1) & -\sin(1) \\ \sin(1) & \cos(1) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

C:

$$C^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, C^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\exp(A) = I + C + \frac{1}{2} C^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

D:

$$\det(\lambda I - D) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \lambda^3 - 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1, e^{2\pi i/3}, e^{4\pi i/3}$$

$$\approx 1, -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$\lambda = 1$:

$$\ker(\lambda I - D) = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$\lambda = e^{2\pi i/3}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(\lambda I - D) &= \ker \begin{pmatrix} e^{2\pi i/3} & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & e^{2\pi i/3} & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & e^{2\pi i/3} \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -e^{-2\pi i/3} \\ -1 & e^{2\pi i/3} & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & e^{2\pi i/3} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -e^{-2\pi i/3} \\ 0 & e^{2\pi i/3} - e^{-2\pi i/3} \\ 0 & -1 & e^{2\pi i/3} \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -e^{-2\pi i/3} \\ 0 & 1 - e^{-4\pi i/3} \\ 0 & -1 & e^{2\pi i/3} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -e^{4\pi i/3} \\ 0 & 1 - e^{2\pi i/3} \\ 0 & -1 & e^{2\pi i/3} \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -e^{4\pi i/3} \\ 0 & 1 - e^{2\pi i/3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} e^{4\pi i/3} \\ e^{2\pi i/3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda = e^{4\pi i/3}$:

The eigenvector will be the complex conjugate

$$\ker(\lambda I - D) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} e^{-4\pi i/3} \\ e^{-2\pi i/3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} e^{2\pi i/3} \\ e^{4\pi i/3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \\ -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Therefore,

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \exp(4\pi i/3) & \exp(2\pi i/3) \\ \exp(2\pi i/3) & \exp(4\pi i/3) \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \exp(4\pi i/3) & \exp(2\pi i/3) \\ 1 & \exp(2\pi i/3) & \exp(4\pi i/3) \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

$V \qquad \qquad \qquad V^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \exp(D) = V \begin{bmatrix} e^1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i} \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$$

#8

Prove that $Ae^A = e^A A$.

proof:

$$\begin{aligned} Ae^A &= A(I + A + \frac{1}{2}A^2 + \dots) \\ &= A + A^2 + \frac{1}{2}A^3 + \dots \\ &= (I + A + \frac{1}{2}A^2 + \dots)A \\ &= e^A A. \end{aligned}$$

#9

Let $A \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{C})$.

(a) Prove that

$$A^2 - \text{tr}(A)A + \det(A)I = 0$$

(b) Prove that if $\det(A) \neq 0$ then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{tr}(A)I - A}{\det(A)}$$

(c) Prove that if $\text{tr}(A) = 0$ and $\delta = \sqrt{\det(A)} > 0$ then

$$e^A = \cos(\delta)I + \sin(\delta)/\delta A.$$

(d) Establish a similar formula when $\det(A) < 0$.

Solution:

(a) If we let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ then

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 - \text{tr}(A)A + \det(A)I &= \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^2 - (a+d) \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + (ad-bc) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a^2+bc & ab+bd \\ ca+dc & cb+d^2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} a^2+da & ab+bd \\ ac+dc & ad+d^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad + \begin{bmatrix} ad-bc & 0 \\ 0 & ad-bc \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \left(\frac{\text{tr}(A)I - A}{\det(A)} \right) A = \frac{\text{tr}(A)A - A^2}{\det(A)} = \frac{\text{tr}(A) - \text{tr}(A)A + \det(A)I}{\det(A)} = I.$$

(c) If $\text{tr}(A) = 0$ then

$$A^2 = -\det(A)I$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 = -\delta^2 I.$$

Consequently,

$$e^A = I + A + \frac{1}{2}A^2 + \frac{1}{3!}A^3 + \frac{1}{4!}A^4 + \dots$$

$$= I + A - \frac{\delta^2}{2}I - \frac{\delta^3}{3!}A + \frac{\delta^4}{4!}I + \frac{\delta^5}{5!}A + \dots$$

$$= I(1 - \delta^2/2 + \delta^4/4! + \dots) + A(1 - \delta^3/3! + \delta^5/5! + \dots)$$

$$= I \cos(\delta) + A \frac{1}{\delta} (\delta - \delta^3/3! + \delta^5/5! + \dots)$$

$$= \cos(\delta)I + \frac{\sin(\delta)}{\delta} A$$

(d) If $\det(A) < 0$, we will obtain

$$e^A = \cosh(\delta)I + \frac{\sinh(\delta)}{\delta} A.$$

#10

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find the SVD of the matrix.

(b) Compute the left and right polar decomposition of A :

$$A = Q \sqrt{A^* A} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \sqrt{A A^*} Q$$

(c) Find a Hermitian matrix H such that

$$Q = \exp(iH).$$

Solution:

(a) Since $\ker(A) = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ it follows that $v_2 = 0$ and $\tilde{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Therefore, $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and

$$A \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consequently, $v_1 = \sqrt{2}$ and $\tilde{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ which implies $\tilde{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$.
Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= U \Sigma V^* \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Now, $A = U V^* V \Sigma V^*$ and $A = U \Sigma U^* U V^*$ and thus

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) $\text{tr}(Q) = 0$, $\det(A) = -1$ which implies $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm 1$.

$\lambda_1 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(\lambda I - A) &= \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} - 1 & -1 \\ -1 & \sqrt{2} + 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2} - 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}-1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2} - 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda_2 = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(\lambda I - A) &= \ker \begin{pmatrix} -1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} + 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \sqrt{2} - 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{2} - 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{2} - 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}-1)} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}-1)} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}-1)} & \frac{(\sqrt{2}-1)}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}-1)} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)} & \frac{(\sqrt{2}+1)}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2-\sqrt{2})}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2+\sqrt{2})}} \\ \frac{(\sqrt{2}-1)}{\sqrt{2(2-\sqrt{2})}} & \frac{(\sqrt{2}+1)}{\sqrt{2(2+\sqrt{2})}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2-\sqrt{2})}} & \frac{(\sqrt{2}-1)}{\sqrt{2(2-\sqrt{2})}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2+\sqrt{2})}} & \frac{(\sqrt{2}+1)}{\sqrt{2(2+\sqrt{2})}} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2-\sqrt{2})}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2+\sqrt{2})}} \\ \frac{(\sqrt{2}-1)}{\sqrt{2(2-\sqrt{2})}} & \frac{(\sqrt{2}+1)}{\sqrt{2(2+\sqrt{2})}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2+\sqrt{2})}} & -\frac{(\sqrt{2}+1)}{\sqrt{2(2+\sqrt{2})}} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{(1+\sqrt{2})}{2\sqrt{6+2\sqrt{2}}} \\ \frac{(1+\sqrt{2})}{2\sqrt{6+2\sqrt{2}}} & \frac{(3+\sqrt{2})}{2\sqrt{6+2\sqrt{2}}} \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$