
Subject: Re: MATRIX LOGARITHM (and EXPONENTIAL)

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On Jan 27, 1:41 pm, teddyallen <teddya...@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Just a quick question. Does IDL have a similar command to the popular
> MATLAB logm and expm so that I can take the matrix logarithm (and
> exponential)? I understand that ALOG and EXP will not function in this
> sense.
> Thank you,
> teddy

If the matrix A is diagonalizable, then:

```
eigenvals = LA_EIGENPROBLEM(A, EIGENVECTORS=evecs)
expA = evecs # diag_matrix(exp(eigenvals)) # invert(evecs)
logA = evecs # diag_matrix(alog(eigenvals)) # invert(evecs)
```
