
Subject: Re: MATRIX LOGARITHM (and EXPONENTIAL)

Posted by [penteado](#) on Thu, 27 Jan 2011 22:37:41 GMT

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Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Thu, 27 Jan 2011 22:39:11 GMT

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No, IDL doesn't have those functions built in.

I don't know if anyone has written routines to compute either of those.

Do you need a solution for general arrays? In special cases (say, if the determinant is small or the matrix can be diagonalized) it may not be too hard to write a routine for it. For more general cases it may be a bit more challenging.

Ciao,
Paolo

Subject: Re: MATRIX LOGARITHM (and EXPONENTIAL)

Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Thu, 27 Jan 2011 22:40:35 GMT

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On Jan 27, 5:37 pm, Paulo Penteado <pp.pente...@gmail.com> wrote:

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If A is a matrix, and # matrix multiplication

$\exp(A) = \sum \text{over } k \text{ of } A^k/k!$

where $A^2 = A \# A$, $A^3 = A \# A \# A$ etc.

Ciao,
Paolo

Subject: Re: MATRIX LOGARITHM (and EXPONENTIAL)

Posted by [James\[2\]](#) on Fri, 28 Jan 2011 00:10:35 GMT

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

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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)
```

Subject: Re: MATRIX LOGARITHM (and EXPONENTIAL)

Posted by [James\[2\]](#) on Fri, 28 Jan 2011 00:11:53 GMT

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On Jan 27, 4:10 pm, James <donje...@gmail.com> wrote:

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sorry, replace INVERT with LA_INVERT to account for complex eigenvectors.

Subject: Re: MATRIX LOGARITHM (and EXPONENTIAL)
Posted by [zhaobw1993](#) on Wed, 21 Oct 2015 23:04:15 GMT
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On Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 5:11:53 PM UTC-7, James wrote:

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> On Jan 27, 4:10 pm, James <donje...@gmail.com> wrote:
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Does logA need to be transposed?

My way was,

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evecs = transpose(evecs)
```

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```

result of this way seems to be transpose of result of your way.

Thanks

Subject: Re: MATRIX LOGARITHM (and EXPONENTIAL)
Posted by [chris_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Fri, 23 Oct 2015 17:52:57 GMT
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On Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 5:04:18 PM UTC-6, zhaob...@gmail.com wrote:

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> Thanks
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Or, you could use the Python bridge:

```
la = Python.Import('scipy.linalg')  
expm = la.expm(A)  
logm = la.logm(A)
```

-Chris
