

A New Approach to Inversion of a Cauchy Matrix

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Abstract: By means of Liouvill theorem of Function of a Complex Variable, the inversion formula for Cauchy matrix is given. As a by-product, the inversion formula of the so-called Hilbert matrix is also obtained.

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1 Introduction

As an important structured matrix, Cauchy matrix and its variety have found many applications, in the areas of signal processing[1], interpolation of Nevanlinna-type[2], rational approximation, among others.

Let $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_m, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$ be $m+n$ pairwise distinct complex numbers throughout the paper. By definition, the Cauchy matrix is of the form

$$K = \left[\frac{1}{\omega_j - z_i} \right]_{i,j=1}^{n,m}. \quad (1)$$

It is well known that K is invertible if and only if $n=m$.

In the present note, a proof to the inversion formula of K is given, essentially based on Liouvill Theorem of Function of Complex Variable. This method can be used in a more general case, i.e., the Loewner matrices case. For more information about Cauchy matrices, see, e.g., [3] and [4].

First of all, we take up some notation, which will be used throughout the paper.

$$\begin{aligned} A_\pi &= \text{diag}[\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n], \\ A_\xi &= \text{diag}[z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n], \\ C_\pi &= \text{row}(\frac{i}{\omega_i - z_j})_{i=1}^n = B_\xi^T, \\ V_\omega &= (\omega_i^j)_{j=0, i=1}^{n-1, n}, \\ V_z &= (z_i^j)_{i=1, j=0}^{n, n-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

2 The Main Results

Lemma 1. Let $m=n$. Then K is the only solution of the Sylvester equation

$$XA_\pi - A_\xi X = B_\xi C_\pi \quad (3)$$

Proof This is immediate from the result of Theorem 3 of [5], since $\sigma(A_\pi) \cap \sigma(A_\xi) = \emptyset$.

Lemma 2 Let $m=n$. Then

(a) K is invertible if and only if $yK = C_\pi$ has a solution $S \in M_{1,n}(C)$;

(b) K is invertible if and only if $Kx = B_\xi$ has a solution $T \in C^n$.

Proof To prove (a), we assume first that S solves $yK = C_\pi$: $SK = C_\pi$.

Put

$$U = A_\xi + B_\xi S. \quad (4)$$

By Lemma 1, K fulfills

$$KA_\pi = A_\xi K + B_\xi SK = UK,$$

and further,

$$KA_\pi^j = U^j K, \quad \forall j \geq 1.$$

A simple calculation shows that $\text{col}(C_\pi A_\pi^j)_{j=0}^{n-1} = V_\omega$, where V_ω is as in (2). Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} V_\omega &= \text{col}(C_\pi A_\pi^j)_{j=0}^{n-1} \\ &= \text{col}(SKA_\pi^j)_{j=0}^{n-1} \\ &= \text{col}(SU^j K)_{j=0}^{n-1} \\ &= \text{col}(SU^j)_{j=0}^{n-1} K. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Observe that V_ω is invertible on account of $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n$ pairwise distinct, so are both K and $\text{col}(SU^j)_{j=0}^{n-1}$.

The necessity of the condition is plain.

The proof of (b) is similar to that just given.

Lemma 3 Let $m=n$. Then

(a) $Kx = B_\xi$ has a solution $P = \text{col}(a_i)_{i=1}^n$,

where

$$a_\alpha = \frac{\prod_{k=1}^n (\omega_\alpha - z_k)}{\prod_{k \neq \alpha} (\omega_\alpha - \omega_k)}, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (6)$$

(b) $yK = C_\pi$ has a solution $Q = \text{row}(b_i)_{i=1}^n$,

where

$$b_\beta = \frac{\prod_{k=1}^n (\omega_k - z_\beta)}{\prod_{k \neq \beta} (z_k - z_\beta)}, \quad \beta = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (7)$$

Proof (a) we need only to verify that a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n defined by (6) are subject to

$$m \times 1 \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{a_\alpha}{\omega_\alpha - z_\beta} = 1, \quad \beta = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

that is

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{\prod_{k \neq \beta} (\omega_\alpha - z_k)}{\prod_{k \neq \alpha} (\omega_\alpha - \omega_k)} = 1, \quad \beta = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (8)$$

Consider ω_n as a complex variable λ in (8), and the other parameters $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_{n-1}, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$ are fixed. The left side of Eq.(8) can be transformed into

$$F(\lambda) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-1} \frac{\prod_{k \neq \beta} (\omega_\alpha - z_k)}{\prod_{k=\alpha, 1 \leq k \leq n-1} (\omega_\alpha - \omega_k)} \times \frac{1}{\omega_\alpha - \lambda} + \frac{\prod_{k \neq \beta} (\lambda - z_k)}{\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (\lambda - \omega_k)}.$$

Observe that $F(\lambda)$ is a rational function in λ with $F(\infty) = 1$ and with possible poles of order at most 1 occurring at $\lambda = \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_{n-1}$. However, the residue of $F(\lambda)$ at the pole $\lambda = \omega_\beta$ is equal to $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \omega_\beta} (\lambda - \omega_\beta) F(\lambda) = 0$, $\beta = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, so that

$F(\lambda)$ with $F(\infty) = 1$ has no pole in the complex plane. Hence $F(\lambda)$ is analytic and bounded in the complex plane. By Liouville theorem of Function of Complex Variable^[6], $F(\lambda) \equiv 1$. Taking up $\lambda = \omega_n$, we get (8), this is, $P = \text{col}(a_i)_{i=1}^n$ is a solution of $Kx = B_\zeta$.

(b) The fact that $\text{row}(b_i)_{i=1}^n K = C_\pi$, where the b_j 's are as in (7), amount to

$$\sum_{\beta=1}^n \frac{b_\beta}{\omega_\alpha - z_\beta} = 1, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

or equivalently,

$$-\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{b_\alpha}{z_\alpha - \omega_\beta} = 1, \quad \beta = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

However, this is a simple consequence of the assertion (a) with ω_α, z_β and a_α wherein replaced by z_α, ω_β and $-b_\alpha$, respectively.

Theorem 4 Let $m = n$. Then K is always invertible, and K^{-1} has an expression

$$K^{-1} = \left[t_{\alpha\beta} \right]_{\alpha, \beta=1}^n, \quad t_{\alpha, \beta} = \frac{\prod_{j \neq \alpha} (\omega_j - z_\beta)}{\prod_{j \neq \beta} (z_\beta - z_j)} \times \frac{\prod_{k=1}^n (\omega_\alpha - z_k)}{\prod_{k \neq \alpha} (\omega_k - \omega_\alpha)}. \quad (9)$$

Proof By Lemma 3, $P = \text{col}(a_i)_{i=1}^n$ and $Q = \text{row}(b_i)_{i=1}^n$ with components a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n and b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n defined by (6) and (7) are solutions of $Kx = B_\zeta$ and $yK = C_\pi$ respectively. Then K is invertible by Lemma 2.

From $KA_\pi - A_\zeta K = B_\zeta C_\pi$, we deduce in turn

$$A_\pi K^{-1} - K^{-1} A_\zeta = K^{-1} B_\zeta C_\pi K^{-1} = PQ = \text{col}(a_i)_{i=1}^n \text{row}(b_i)_{i=1}^n.$$

By comparison of the (α, β) components on both sides of the last equation, this yields

$$\omega_\alpha t_{\alpha\beta} - t_{\alpha\beta} z_\beta = a_\alpha b_\beta, \quad 1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq n,$$

where $t_{\alpha\beta}$ stands for the (α, β) components of K^{-1} . Therefore,

$$K^{-1} = \left[t_{\alpha\beta} \right]_{\alpha, \beta=1}^n, \quad t_{\alpha, \beta} = \frac{\prod_{j \neq \alpha} (\omega_j - z_\beta)}{\prod_{j \neq \beta} (z_\beta - z_j)} \times \frac{\prod_{k=1}^n (\omega_\alpha - z_k)}{\prod_{k \neq \alpha} (\omega_k - \omega_\alpha)}$$

as required.

3 An Application

Consider the so-called Hilbert-Schur matrix of order n

$$\Gamma_\gamma = \left[\frac{1}{j+i+\gamma-1} \right]_{i,j=1}^n, \quad (10)$$

in which γ is either 0 or a fixed non-integral real parameter.

By using j and $1-i-\gamma$ in place of ω_j and z_i in (1), we see that no number j coincides with any number as $1-i-\gamma$, so that Γ_γ is an invertible Cauchy matrix of order n . By Theorem 4, Γ_γ^{-1} can be expressed as

$$\Gamma_\gamma^{-1} = (\nu_{\alpha\beta}^{(\gamma)})_{\alpha, \beta=1}^n,$$

where

$$v_{\alpha\beta}^{(\gamma)} = \frac{\prod_{j\neq\alpha} (j + \beta + \gamma - 1)}{\prod_{j\neq\beta} (j - \beta)} \times \frac{\prod_{k=1}^n (\alpha + k + \gamma - 1)}{\prod_{k\neq\alpha} (k - \alpha)}.$$

In particular, the Hilbert matrix Γ_0 of order n is invertible with

$$\Gamma_0^{-1} = (v_{\alpha\beta}^{(0)})_{\alpha,\beta=1}^n,$$

where

$$v_{\alpha\beta}^{(0)} = \frac{\prod_{j\neq\alpha} (j + \beta - 1)}{\prod_{j\neq\beta} (j - \beta)} \times \frac{\prod_{k=1}^n (\alpha + k - 1)}{\prod_{k\neq\alpha} (k - \alpha)}.$$

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