

# Chapter 12

## Distances on Numbers, Polynomials, and Matrices

### 12.1 Metrics on Numbers

Here we consider the most important metrics on the classical number systems: the semiring  $\mathbb{N}$  of natural numbers, the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  of integers, and the fields  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$  of rational, real, complex numbers, respectively. We consider also the algebra  $\mathbb{Q}$  of quaternions.

- **Metrics on natural numbers**

There are several well-known metrics on the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of natural numbers:

1.  $|n - m|$ ; the restriction of the **natural metric** (from  $\mathbb{R}$ ) on  $\mathbb{N}$ ;
2.  $p^{-\alpha}$ , where  $\alpha$  is the highest power of a given prime number  $p$  dividing  $m - n$ , for  $m \neq n$  (and equal to 0 for  $m = n$ ); the restriction of the  **$p$ -adic metric** (from  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) on  $\mathbb{N}$ ;
3.  $\ln \frac{cm(m,n)}{\gcd(m,n)}$ ; an example of the **lattice valuation metric**;
4.  $w_r(n - m)$ , where  $w_r(n)$  is the *arithmetic  $r$ -weight* of  $n$ ; the restriction of the **arithmetic  $r$ -norm metric** (from  $\mathbb{Z}$ ) on  $\mathbb{N}$ ;
5.  $\frac{|n-m|}{mn}$  (cf.  **$M$ -relative metric** in Chap. 5);
6.  $1 + \frac{1}{m+n}$  for  $m \neq n$  (and equal to 0 for  $m = n$ ); the **Sierpinski metric**.

Most of these metrics on  $\mathbb{N}$  can be extended on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Moreover, any one of the above metrics can be used in the case of an arbitrary countable set  $X$ . For example, the **Sierpinski metric** is defined, in general, on a countable set  $X = \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  by  $1 + \frac{1}{m+n}$  for all  $x_m, x_n \in X$  with  $m \neq n$  (and is equal to 0, otherwise).

- **Arithmetic  $r$ -norm metric**

Let  $r \in \mathbb{N}, r \geq 2$ . The *modified  $r$ -ary form* of an integer  $x$  is a representation

$$x = e_n r^n + \dots + e_1 r + e_0,$$

where  $e_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $|e_i| < r$  for all  $i = 0, \dots, n$ .

An  $r$ -ary form is called *minimal* if the number of nonzero coefficients is minimal. The minimal form is not unique, in general. But if the coefficients  $e_i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , satisfy the conditions  $|e_i + e_{i+1}| < r$ , and  $|e_i| < |e_{i+1}|$  if  $e_i e_{i+1} < 0$ , then the above form is unique and minimal; it is called the *generalized nonadjacent form*.

The *arithmetic  $r$ -weight*  $w_r(x)$  of an integer  $x$  is the number of nonzero coefficients in a *minimal  $r$ -ary form* of  $x$ , in particular, in the generalized nonadjacent form. The **arithmetic  $r$ -norm metric** on  $\mathbb{Z}$  (see, for example, [Ernv85]) is defined by

$$w_r(x - y).$$

- **Distance between consecutive primes**

The **distance between consecutive primes** (or *prime gap*, *prime difference function*) is the difference  $g_n = p_{n+1} - p_n$  between two successive prime numbers.

It holds  $g_n \leq p_n$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n = \infty$  and (Zhang, 2013)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n < 7 \times 10^7$ , improved to  $\leq 246$  (conjecturally, to  $\leq 6$ ) by Polymath8, 2014. There is no  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n$  but  $g_n \approx \ln p_n$  for the average  $g_n$ .

Open *Polignac's conjecture*: for any  $k \geq 1$ , there are infinitely many  $n$  with  $g_n = 2k$ ; the case  $k = 1$  (i.e., that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n = 2$  holds) is the *twin prime conjecture*.

- **Distance Fibonacci numbers**

*Fibonacci numbers* are defined by the recurrence  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$  with initial terms  $F_0 = 0$  and  $F_1 = 1$ . **Distance Fibonacci numbers** are three following generalizations of them in the distance sense, considered by Wloch et al..

Kwaśnik–Wloch, 2000:  $F(k, n) = F(k, n - 1) + F(k, n - k)$  for  $n > k$  and  $F(k, n) = n + 1$  for  $n \leq k$ .

Bednarz et al., 2012:  $Fd(k, n) = Fd(k, n - k + 1) + Fd(k, n - k)$  for  $n \geq k > 1$  and  $Fd(k, n) = 1$  for  $0 \leq n < k$ .

Wloch et al., 2013:  $F_2(k, n) = F_2(k, n - 2) + F_2(k, n - k)$  for  $n \geq k \geq 1$  and  $F_2(k, n) = 1$  for  $0 \leq n < k$ .

- **$p$ -adic metric**

Let  $p$  be a prime number. Any nonzero rational number  $x$  can be represented as  $x = p^\alpha \frac{c}{d}$ , where  $c$  and  $d$  are integers not divisible by  $p$ , and  $\alpha$  is a unique integer. The  *$p$ -adic norm* of  $x$  is defined by  $|x|_p = p^{-\alpha}$ . Moreover,  $|0|_p = 0$  is defined.

The  **$p$ -adic metric** is a **norm metric** on the set  $\mathbb{Q}$  of rational numbers defined by

$$|x - y|_p.$$

This metric forms the basis for the algebra of  $p$ -adic numbers. The **Cauchy completions** of the metric spaces  $(\mathbb{Q}, |x - y|_p)$  and  $(\mathbb{Q}, |x - y|)$  with the **natural metric**  $|x - y|$  give the fields  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  of  *$p$ -adic numbers* and  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers, respectively.

The **Gajic metric** is an **ultrametric** on the set  $\mathbb{Q}$  of rational numbers defined, for  $x \neq y$  (via the integer part  $[z]$  of a real number  $z$ ), by

$$\inf\{2^{-n} : n \in \mathbb{Z}, [2^n(x - e)] = [2^n(y - e)]\},$$

where  $e$  is any fixed irrational number. This metric is **equivalent** to the **natural metric**  $|x - y|$  on  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

- **Continued fraction metric on irrationals**

The **continued fraction metric on irrationals** is a complete metric on the set  $Irr$  of irrational numbers defined, for  $x \neq y$ , by

$$\frac{1}{n},$$

where  $n$  is the first index for which the continued fraction expansions of  $x$  and  $y$  differ. This metric is **equivalent** to the **natural metric**  $|x - y|$  on  $Irr$  which is noncomplete and disconnected. Also, the *Baire 0-dimensional space*  $B(\aleph_0)$  (cf. **Baire metric** in Chap. 11) is homeomorphic to  $Irr$  endowed with this metric.

- **Natural metric**

The **natural metric** (or **absolute value metric**, **line metric**, *the distance between numbers*) is a metric on  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$|x - y| = \begin{cases} y - x, & \text{if } x - y < 0, \\ x - y, & \text{if } x - y \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

On  $\mathbb{R}$  all  $l_p$ -metrics coincide with the natural metric. The metric space  $(\mathbb{R}, |x - y|)$  is called the *real line* (or *Euclidean line*).

There exist many other metrics on  $\mathbb{R}$  coming from  $|x - y|$  by some **metric transform** (Chap. 4). For example:  $\min\{1, |x - y|\}$ ,  $\frac{|x - y|}{1 + |x - y|}$ ,  $|x| + |x - y| + |y|$  (for  $x \neq y$ ) and, for a given  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , the **generalized absolute value metric**  $|x - y|^\alpha$ .

Some authors use  $|x - y|$  as the *Polish notation* (parentheses-free and computer-friendly) of the distance function in any metric space.

- **Zero bias metric**

The **zero bias metric** is a metric on  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$1 + |x - y|$$

if one and only one of  $x$  and  $y$  is strictly positive, and by

$$|x - y|,$$

otherwise, where  $|x - y|$  is the **natural metric** (see, for example, [Gile87]).

- **Sorgenfrey quasi-metric**

The **Sorgenfrey quasi-metric** is a quasi-metric  $d$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$y - x$$

if  $y \geq x$ , and equal to 1, otherwise. Some similar quasi-metrics on  $\mathbb{R}$  are:

1.  $d_1(x, y) = \max\{y - x, 0\}$  (in general,  $\max\{f(y) - f(x), 0\}$  is a quasi-metric on a set  $X$  if  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is an injective function);
2.  $d_2(x, y) = \min\{y - x, 1\}$  if  $y \geq x$ , and equal to 1, otherwise;
3.  $d_3(x, y) = y - x$  if  $y \geq x$ , and equal to  $a(x - y)$  (for fixed  $a > 0$ ), otherwise;
4.  $d_4(x, y) = e^y - e^x$  if  $y \geq x$ , and equal to  $e^{-y} - e^{-x}$  otherwise.

- **Real half-line quasi-semimetric**

The **real half-line quasi-semimetric** is defined on the half-line  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  by

$$\max\{0, \ln \frac{y}{x}\}.$$

- **Janous–Hametner metric**

The **Janous–Hametner metric** is defined on the half-line  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  by

$$\frac{|x - y|}{(x + y)^t},$$

where  $t = -1$  or  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ , and  $|x - y|$  is the **natural metric**.

- **Extended real line metric**

An **extended real line metric** is a metric on  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\} \cup \{-\infty\}$ . The main example (see, for example, [Cops68]) of such metric is given by

$$|f(x) - f(y)|,$$

where  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(+\infty) = 1$ , and  $f(-\infty) = -1$ .

Another metric, commonly used on  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\} \cup \{-\infty\}$ , is defined by

$$|\arctan x - \arctan y|,$$

where  $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < \arctan x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$  for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ , and  $\arctan(\pm\infty) = \pm\frac{1}{2}\pi$ .

- **Complex modulus metric**

The **complex modulus metric** on the set  $\mathbb{C}$  of complex numbers is defined by

$$|z - u|,$$

where, for any  $z = z_1 + z_2i \in \mathbb{C}$ , the number  $|z| = \sqrt{z\bar{z}} = \sqrt{z_1^2 + z_2^2}$  is the *complex modulus*. The *complex argument*  $\theta$  is defined by  $z = |z|(\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta))$ .

The metric space  $(\mathbb{C}, |z - u|)$  is called the *complex* (or *Wessel–Argand*) *plane*. It is isometric to the Euclidean plane  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \|x - y\|_2)$ . So, the metrics on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , given in Chaps. 19 and 5, can be seen as metrics on  $\mathbb{C}$ . For example, the **British Rail metric** on  $\mathbb{C}$  is  $|z| + |u|$  for  $z \neq u$ . The *p*-**relative** (if  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ) and **relative metric** (if  $p = \infty$ ) on  $\mathbb{C}$  are defined for  $|z| + |u| \neq 0$  respectively, by

$$\frac{|z - u|}{\sqrt[p]{|z|^p + |u|^p}} \text{ and } \frac{|z - u|}{\max\{|z|, |u|\}}.$$

•  **$\mathbb{Z}(\eta_m)$ -related norm metrics**

A *Kummer* (or *cyclotomic*) *ring*  $\mathbb{Z}(\eta_m)$  is a subring of the ring  $\mathbb{C}$  (and an extension of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$ ), such that each of its elements has the form  $\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} a_j \eta_m^j$ , where  $\eta_m$  is a primitive *m*-th root  $\exp(\frac{2\pi i}{m})$  of unity, and all  $a_j$  are integers.

The *complex modulus*  $|z|$  of  $z = a + b\eta_m \in \mathbb{C}$  is defined by

$$|z|^2 = z\bar{z} = a^2 + (\eta_m + \overline{\eta_m})ab + b^2 = a^2 + 2ab \cos(\frac{2\pi i}{m}) + b^2.$$

Then  $(a + b)^2 = q^2$  for  $m = 2$  (or 1),  $a^2 + b^2$  for  $m = 4$ , and  $a^2 + ab + b^2$  for  $m = 6$  (or 3), i.e., for the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  of usual integers,  $\mathbb{Z}(i)$  of *Gaussian integers* and  $\mathbb{Z}(\rho)$  of *Eisenstein–Jacobi* (or *EJ*) *integers*.

The set of units of  $\mathbb{Z}(\eta_m)$  contain  $\eta_m^j, 0 \leq j \leq m - 1$ ; for  $m = 5$  and  $m \geq 6$ , units of infinite order appear also, since  $\cos(\frac{2\pi i}{m})$  is irrational. For  $m = 2, 4, 6$ , the set of units is  $\{\pm 1\}, \{\pm 1, \pm i\}, \{\pm 1, \pm \rho, \pm \rho^2\}$ , where  $i = \eta_4$  and  $\rho = \eta_6 = \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

The norms  $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  and  $\|z\|_i = |a| + |b|$  for  $z = a + bi \in \mathbb{C}$  give rise to the **complex modulus** and *i*-**Manhattan** metrics on  $\mathbb{C}$ . They coincide with the Euclidean ( $l_2$ -) and Manhattan ( $l_1$ -) metrics, respectively, on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  seen as the complex plane. The restriction of the *i*-Manhattan metric on  $\mathbb{Z}(i)$  is the path metric of the square grid  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ; cf. **grid metric** in Chap. 19.

The  $\rho$ -**Manhattan metric** on  $\mathbb{C}$  is defined by the norm  $\|z\|_\rho$ , i.e.,

$$\min\{|a| + |b| + |c| : z = a + b\rho + c\rho^2\} = \min\{|a| + |b|, |a + b| + |b|, |a + b| + |a| : z = a + b\rho\}.$$

The restriction of the  $\rho$ -Manhattan metric on  $\mathbb{Z}(\rho)$  is the path metric of the triangular grid of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (seen as the *hexagonal lattice*  $A_2 = \{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : a + b + c = 0\}$ ), i.e., the **hexagonal metric** (Chap. 19).

Let  $f$  denote either  $i$  or  $\rho = \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ . Given a  $\pi \in \mathbb{Z}(f) \setminus \{0\}$  and  $z, z' \in \mathbb{Z}(f)$ , we write  $z \equiv z' \pmod{\pi}$  if  $z - z' = \delta\pi$  for some  $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}(f)$ . For the quotient ring  $\mathbb{Z}_\pi(f) = \{z \pmod{\pi} : z \in \mathbb{Z}(f)\}$ , it holds  $|\mathbb{Z}_\pi(f)| = \|\pi\|_f^2$ .

Call two congruence classes  $z \pmod{\pi}$  and  $z' \pmod{\pi}$  *adjacent* if  $z - z' \equiv fj \pmod{\pi}$  for some  $j$ . The resulting graph on  $\mathbb{Z}_\pi(f)$  called a *Gaussian network* or *EJ network* if, respectively,  $f = i$  or  $f = \rho$ . The path metrics of these networks

coincide with their norm metrics, defined (Fan–Gao, 2004) for  $z \pmod{\pi}$  and  $z' \pmod{\pi}$ , by

$$\min \|u\|_f : u \in z - z' \pmod{\pi}.$$

These metrics are different from the previously defined ([Hube94a, Hube94b]) distance on  $\mathbb{Z}_\pi(f)$ :  $\|v\|_f$ , where  $v \in z - z' \pmod{\pi}$  is selected by minimizing the complex modulus. For  $f = i$ , this is the **Mannheim distance** (Chap. 16), which is not a metric.

- **Chordal metric**

The **chordal metric**  $d_\chi$  is a metric on the set  $\overline{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  defined by

$$d_\chi(z, u) = \frac{2|z - u|}{\sqrt{1 + |z|^2} \sqrt{1 + |u|^2}} \text{ and } d_\chi(z, \infty) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 + |z|^2}}$$

for all  $u, z \in \mathbb{C}$  (cf. **M-relative metric** in Chap. 5).

The metric space  $(\overline{\mathbb{C}}, d_\chi)$  is called the *extended complex plane*. It is homeomorphic and conformally equivalent to the *Riemann sphere*, i.e., the *unit sphere*  $S^2 = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{E}^3 : x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1\}$  (considered as a metric subspace of  $\mathbb{E}^3$ ), onto which  $(\overline{\mathbb{C}}, d_\chi)$  is one-to-one mapped under stereographic projection.

The plane  $\overline{\mathbb{C}}$  can be identified with the plane  $x_3 = 0$  such that the real and imaginary axes coincide with the  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  axes. Under stereographic projection, each point  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  corresponds to the point  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in S^2$ , where the ray drawn from the “north pole”  $(0, 0, 1)$  to the point  $z$  meets the sphere  $S^2$ ; the “north pole” corresponds to the point at  $\infty$ . The chordal (spherical) metric between two points  $p, q \in S^2$  is taken to be the distance between their preimages  $z, u \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$ .

The chordal metric is defined equivalently on  $\overline{\mathbb{R}^n} = \mathbb{R}^n \cup \{\infty\}$ :

$$d_\chi(x, y) = \frac{2\|x - y\|_2}{\sqrt{1 + \|x\|_2^2} \sqrt{1 + \|y\|_2^2}} \text{ and } d_\chi(x, \infty) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 + \|x\|_2^2}}.$$

The restriction of the metric  $d_\chi$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a **Ptolemaic metric**; cf. Chap. 1.

Given  $\alpha > 0, \beta \geq 0, p \geq 1$ , the **generalized chordal metric** is a metric on  $\overline{\mathbb{C}}$  (in general, on  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \|\cdot\|_2)$  and even on any *Ptolemaic space*  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ ), defined by

$$\frac{|z - u|}{\sqrt[p]{\alpha + \beta|z|^p} \cdot \sqrt[p]{\alpha + \beta|u|^p}}.$$

- **Metrics on quaternions**

*Quaternions* are members of a noncommutative division algebra  $\mathcal{Q}$  over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ , geometrically realizable in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  ([Hami66]). Formally,

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{q = q_1 + q_2i + q_3j + q_4k : q_i \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

where the *basic units*  $1, i, j, k \in \mathcal{Q}$  satisfy  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$  and  $ij = -ji = k$ .

The *quaternion norm* is defined by  $\|q\| = \sqrt{q\bar{q}} = \sqrt{q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 + q_4^2}$ , where  $\bar{q} = q_1 - q_2i - q_3j - q_4k$ . The **quaternion metric** is the norm metric  $\|q - q'\|$  on  $\mathcal{Q}$ .

The set of all *Lipschitz integers* and *Hurwitz integers* are defined, respectively, by

$$L = \{q_1 + q_2i + q_3j + q_4k : q_i \in \mathbb{Z}\} \text{ and}$$

$$H = \{q_1 + q_2i + q_3j + q_4k : \text{all } q_i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ or all } q_i + \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

A quaternion  $q \in L$  is *irreducible* (i.e.,  $q = q'q''$  implies  $\{q', q''\} \cap \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\} \neq \emptyset$ ) if and only if  $\|q\|$  is a prime. Given an irreducible  $\pi \in L$  and  $q, q' \in H$ , we write  $q \equiv q' \pmod{\pi}$  if  $q - q' = \delta\pi$  for some  $\delta \in L$ .

For the rings  $L_\pi = \{q \pmod{\pi} : q \in L\}$  and  $H_\pi = \{q \pmod{\pi} : q \in H\}$  it holds  $|L_\pi| = \|\pi\|^2$  and  $|H_\pi| = 2\|\pi\|^2 - 1$ .

The **quaternion Lipschitz metric** on  $L_\pi$  is defined (Martinez et al., 2009) by

$$d_L(\alpha, \beta) = \min \sum_{1 \leq s \leq 4} |q_s| : \alpha - \beta \equiv q_1 + q_2i + q_3j + q_4k \pmod{\pi}.$$

The ring  $H$  is additively generated by its subring  $L$  and  $w = \frac{1}{2}(1 + i + j + k)$ . The **Hurwitz metric** on the ring  $H_\pi$  is defined (Guz eltepe, 2013) by

$$d_H(\alpha, \beta) = \min \sum_{1 \leq s \leq 5} |q_s| : \alpha - \beta \equiv q_1 + q_2i + q_3j + q_4k + q_5w \pmod{\pi}.$$

Cf. the **hyper-K ahler** and **Gibbons–Manton** metrics in Sect. 7.3 and the **unit quaternions** and **joint angle** metrics in Sect. 18.3.

## 12.2 Metrics on Polynomials

A *polynomial* is a sum of powers in one or more variables multiplied by coefficients. A *polynomial in one variable* (or *monic polynomial*) with constant real (complex) coefficients is given by  $P = P(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k$ ,  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $a_k \in \mathbb{C}$ ). The set  $\mathcal{P}$  of all real (complex) polynomials forms a ring  $(\mathcal{P}, +, \cdot, 0)$ . It is also a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  (over  $\mathbb{C}$ ).

- **Polynomial norm metric**

A **polynomial norm metric** is a **norm metric** on the vector space  $\mathcal{P}$  of all real (complex) polynomials defined by

$$\|P - Q\|,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is a *polynomial norm*, i.e., a function  $\|\cdot\| : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that, for all  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$  and for any scalar  $k$ , we have the following properties:

1.  $\|P\| \geq 0$ , with  $\|P\| = 0$  if and only if  $P \equiv 0$ ;
2.  $\|kP\| = |k|\|P\|$ ;
3.  $\|P + Q\| \leq \|P\| + \|Q\|$  (triangle inequality).

The  $l_p$ -norm and  $L_p$ -norm of a polynomial  $P(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k$  are defined by

$$\|P\|_p = \left(\sum_{k=0}^n |a_k|^p\right)^{1/p} \text{ and } \|P\|_{L_p} = \left(\int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi}\right)^{1/p} \text{ for } 1 \leq p < \infty,$$

$$\|P\|_\infty = \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} |a_k| \text{ and } \|P\|_{L_\infty} = \sup_{|z|=1} |P(z)| \text{ for } p = \infty.$$

The values  $\|P\|_1$  and  $\|P\|_\infty$  are called the *length* and *height* of polynomial  $P$ .

• **Distance from irreducible polynomials**

For any field  $\mathbb{F}$ , a polynomial with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$  is said to be *irreducible over*  $\mathbb{F}$  if it cannot be factored into the product of two nonconstant polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$ . Given a metric  $d$  on the polynomials over  $\mathbb{F}$ , the **distance** (of a given polynomial  $P(z)$ ) **from irreducible polynomials** is  $d_{ir}(P) = \inf d(P, Q)$ , where  $Q(z)$  is any irreducible polynomial of the same degree over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

*Polynomial conjecture* of Turán, 1967, is that there exists a constant  $C$  with  $d_{ir}(P) \leq C$  for every polynomial  $P$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $d(P, Q)$  is the *length*  $\|P - Q\|_1$  of  $P - Q$ .

Lee–Ruskey–Williams, 2007, conjectured that there exists a constant  $C$  with  $d_{ir}(P) \leq C$  for every polynomial  $P$  over the Galois field  $\mathbb{F}_2$ , where  $d(P, Q)$  is the **Hamming distance** between the  $(0, 1)$ -sequences of coefficients of  $P$  and  $Q$ .

• **Bombieri metric**

The **Bombieri metric** (or **polynomial bracket metric**) is a **polynomial norm metric** on the set  $\mathcal{P}$  of all real (complex) polynomials defined by

$$[P - Q]_p,$$

where  $[\cdot]_p, 0 \leq p \leq \infty$ , is the *Bombieri  $p$ -norm*.

For a polynomial  $P(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k$  it is defined by

$$[P]_p = \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^{1-p} |a_k|^p\right)^{1/p}.$$

• **Metric space of roots**

The **metric space of roots** is (Ćurgus–Mascioni, 2006) the space  $(X, d)$  where  $X$  is the family of all multisets of complex numbers with  $n$  elements and the distance between multisets  $U = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  and  $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is defined by



the following analog of the **Fréchet metric**:

$$\min_{\tau \in \mathcal{S}ym_n} \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |u_j - v_{\tau(j)}|,$$

where  $\tau$  is any permutation of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . Here the set of roots of some monic complex polynomial of degree  $n$  is considered as a multiset with  $n$  elements. Cf. **metrics between multisets** in Chap. 1.

The function assigning to each polynomial the multiset of its roots is a **homeomorphism** between the metric space of all monic complex polynomials of degree  $n$  with the **polynomial norm metric**  $l_\infty$  and the metric space of roots.

### 12.3 Metrics on Matrices

An  $m \times n$  matrix  $A = ((a_{ij}))$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  is a table consisting of  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns with the entries  $a_{ij}$  from  $\mathbb{F}$ . The set of all  $m \times n$  matrices with real (complex) entries is denoted by  $M_{m,n}$  or  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  ( $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ ). It forms a *group*  $(M_{m,n}, +, 0_{m,n})$ , where  $((a_{ij})) + ((b_{ij})) = ((a_{ij} + b_{ij}))$ , and the matrix  $0_{m,n} \equiv 0$ . It is also an  $mn$ -dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  ( $\mathbb{C}$ ).

The *transpose* of a matrix  $A = ((a_{ij})) \in M_{m,n}$  is the matrix  $A^T = ((a_{ji})) \in M_{n,m}$ . A  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is called a *square matrix* if  $m = n$ , and a *symmetric matrix* if  $A = A^T$ . The *conjugate transpose* (or *adjoint*) of a matrix  $A = ((a_{ij})) \in M_{m,n}$  is the matrix  $A^* = ((\bar{a}_{ji})) \in M_{n,m}$ . An *Hermitian matrix* is a complex square matrix  $A$  with  $A = A^*$ .

The set of all square  $n \times n$  matrices with real (complex) entries is denoted by  $M_n$ . It forms a *ring*  $(M_n, +, \cdot, 0_n)$ , where  $+$  and  $0_n$  are defined as above, and  $((a_{ij})) \cdot ((b_{ij})) = ((\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}))$ . It is also an  $n^2$ -dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  (over  $\mathbb{C}$ ). The *trace* of a square  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = ((a_{ij}))$  is defined by  $\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$ .

The *identity matrix* is  $1_n = ((c_{ij}))$  with  $c_{ii} = 1$ , and  $c_{ij} = 0, i \neq j$ . A *unitary matrix*  $U = ((u_{ij}))$  is a square matrix defined by  $U^{-1} = U^*$ , where  $U^{-1}$  is the *inverse matrix* of  $U$ , i.e.,  $UU^{-1} = 1_n$ . A matrix  $A \in M_{m,n}$  is *orthonormal* if  $A^*A = 1_n$ . A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is *orthogonal* if  $A^T = A^{-1}$ , *normal* if  $A^T A = A A^T$  and *singular* if its determinant is 0.

If for a matrix  $A \in M_n$  there is a vector  $x$  such that  $Ax = \lambda x$  for some scalar  $\lambda$ , then  $\lambda$  is called an *eigenvalue* of  $A$  with corresponding *eigenvector*  $x$ . Given a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ , its *singular values*  $s_i(A)$  are defined as  $\sqrt{\lambda(A^*A)}$ . A real matrix  $A$  is *positive-definite* if  $v^T A v > 0$  for all nonzero real vectors  $v$ ; it holds if and only if all eigenvalues of  $A_H = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T)$  are positive. An Hermitian matrix  $A$  is *positive-definite* if  $v^* A v > 0$  for all nonzero complex vectors  $v$ ; it holds if and only if all  $\lambda(A)$  are positive.

The *mixed states* of a  $n$ -dimensional *quantum system* are described by their *density matrices*, i.e., positive-semidefinite Hermitian  $n \times n$  matrices of trace 1. The set of such matrices is convex, and its extremal points describe the *pure states*. Cf. **monotone metrics** in Chap. 7 and **distances between quantum states** in Chap. 24.

- **Matrix norm metric**

A **matrix norm metric** is a **norm metric** on the set  $M_{m,n}$  of all real (complex)  $m \times n$  matrices defined by

$$\|A - B\|,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is a *matrix norm*, i.e., a function  $\|\cdot\| : M_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that, for all  $A, B \in M_{m,n}$ , and for any scalar  $k$ , we have the following properties:

1.  $\|A\| \geq 0$ , with  $\|A\| = 0$  if and only if  $A = 0_{m,n}$ ;
2.  $\|kA\| = |k|\|A\|$ ;
3.  $\|A + B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$  (triangle inequality).
4.  $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\|$  (*submultiplicativity*).

All matrix norm metrics on  $M_{m,n}$  are equivalent. The simplest example of such metric is the **Hamming metric** on  $M_{m,n}$  (in general, on the set  $M_{m,n}(\mathbb{F})$  of all  $m \times n$  matrices with entries from a field  $\mathbb{F}$ ) defined by  $\|A - B\|_H$ , where  $\|A\|_H$  is the *Hamming norm* of  $A \in M_{m,n}$ , i.e., the number of nonzero entries in  $A$ . Example of a *generalized* (i.e., not submultiplicative one) *matrix norm* is the *max element norm*  $\|A = (a_{ij})\|_{\max} = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$ ; but  $\sqrt{mn}\|A\|_{\max}$  is a matrix norm.

- **Natural norm metric**

A **natural** (or *operator, induced*) **norm metric** is a **matrix norm metric** on the set  $M_n$  defined by

$$\|A - B\|_{\text{nat}},$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{nat}}$  is a *natural* (or *operator, induced*) *norm* on  $M_n$ , induced by the vector norm  $\|x\|$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  ( $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ), is a matrix norm defined by

$$\|A\|_{\text{nat}} = \sup_{\|x\| \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|} = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\| = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|Ax\|.$$

The natural norm metric can be defined in similar way on the set  $M_{m,n}$  of all  $m \times n$  real (complex) matrices: given vector norms  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the *natural norm*  $\|A\|_{\text{nat}}$  of a matrix  $A \in M_{m,n}$ , induced by  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}$ , is a matrix norm defined by  $\|A\|_{\text{nat}} = \sup_{\|x\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}=1} \|Ax\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}$ .

- **Matrix  $p$ -norm metric**

A **matrix  $p$ -norm metric** is a **natural norm metric** on  $M_n$  defined by

$$\|A - B\|_{\text{nat}}^p,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{nat}}^p$  is the *matrix* (or *operator*)  *$p$ -norm*, i.e., a *natural norm*, induced by the vector  $l_p$ -norm,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ :

$$\|A\|_{\text{nat}}^p = \max_{\|x\|_p=1} \|Ax\|_p, \quad \text{where } \|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

The **maximum absolute column** and **maximum absolute row metric** are the **matrix 1-norm** and **matrix  $\infty$ -norm metric** on  $M_n$ . For a matrix  $A = ((a_{ij})) \in M_n$ , the *maximum absolute column* and *maximum absolute row sum norm* are

$$\|A\|_{\text{nat}}^1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ij}| \quad \text{and} \quad \|A\|_{\text{nat}}^\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|.$$

The **spectral norm metric** is the **matrix 2-norm metric**  $\|A - B\|_{\text{nat}}^2$  on  $M_n$ . The matrix 2-norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{nat}}^2$ , induced by the vector  $l_2$ -norm, is also called the *spectral norm* and denoted by  $\|\cdot\|_{sp}$ . For a symmetric matrix  $A = ((a_{ij})) \in M_n$ , it is

$$\|A\|_{sp} = s_{\max}(A) = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^*A)},$$

where  $A^* = ((\bar{a}_{ji}))$ , while  $s_{\max}$  and  $\lambda_{\max}$  are largest singular value and eigenvalue.

- **Frobenius norm metric**

The **Frobenius norm metric** is a **matrix norm metric** on  $M_{m,n}$  defined by

$$\|A - B\|_{Fr},$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{Fr}$  is the *Frobenius* (or *Hilbert–Schmidt*) norm. For  $A = ((a_{ij}))$ , it is

$$\|A\|_{Fr} = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2} = \sqrt{\text{Tr}(A^*A)} = \sqrt{\sum_{1 \leq i \leq \text{rank}(A)} \lambda_i} = \sqrt{\sum_{1 \leq i \leq \text{rank}(A)} s_i^2},$$

where  $\lambda_i, s_i$  are the eigenvalues and singular values of  $A$ .

This norm is strictly convex, is a differentiable function of its elements  $a_{ij}$  and is the only unitarily invariant norm among  $\|A\|_p = (\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}, p \geq 1$ .

The **trace norm metric** is a matrix norm metric on  $M_{m,n}$  defined by

$$\|A - B\|_{tr},$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{tr}$  is the *trace norm* (or *nuclear norm*) on  $M_{m,n}$  defined by

$$\|A\|_{tr} = \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{m,n\}} s_i(A) = \text{Tr}(\sqrt{A^*A}).$$

- **Schatten norm metric**

Given  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the **Schatten norm metric** is a **matrix norm metric** on  $M_{m,n}$  defined by

$$\|A - B\|_{Sch}^p,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{Sch}^p$  is the *Schatten  $p$ -norm* on  $M_{m,n}$ . For a matrix  $A \in M_{m,n}$ , it is defined as the  $p$ -th root of the sum of the  $p$ -th powers of all its *singular values*:

$$\|A\|_{Sch}^p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{m,n\}} s_i^p(A) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

For  $p = \infty, 2$  and  $1$ , one obtains the **spectral norm metric**, **Frobenius norm metric** and **trace norm metric**, respectively.

- **$(c, p)$ -norm metric**

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \leq \min\{m, n\}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $c_1 \geq c_2 \geq \dots \geq c_k > 0$ , and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

The  $(c, p)$ -norm metric is a **matrix norm metric** on  $M_{m,n}$  defined by

$$\|A - B\|_{(c,p)}^k,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{(c,p)}^k$  is the  $(c, p)$ -norm on  $M_{m,n}$ . For a matrix  $A \in M_{m,n}$ , it is defined by

$$\|A\|_{(c,p)}^k = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k c_i s_i^p(A) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

where  $s_1(A) \geq s_2(A) \geq \dots \geq s_k(A)$  are the first  $k$  *singular values* of  $A$ .

If  $p = 1$ , it is the  $c$ -norm. If, moreover,  $c_1 = \dots = c_k = 1$ , it is the *Ky Fan  $k$ -norm*.

- **Ky Fan  $k$ -norm metric**

Given  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \leq \min\{m, n\}$ , the **Ky Fan  $k$ -norm metric** is a **matrix norm metric** on  $M_{m,n}$  defined by

$$\|A - B\|_{KF}^k,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{KF}^k$  is the *Ky Fan  $k$ -norm* on  $M_{m,n}$ . For a matrix  $A \in M_{m,n}$ , it is defined as the sum of its first  $k$  *singular values*:

$$\|A\|_{KF}^k = \sum_{i=1}^k s_i(A).$$

For  $k = 1$  and  $k = \min\{m, n\}$ , one obtains the **spectral** and **trace** norm metrics.

- **Cut norm metric**

The **cut norm metric** is a **matrix norm metric** on  $M_{m,n}$  defined by

$$\|A - B\|_{cut},$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{cut}$  is the *cut norm* on  $M_{m,n}$  defined, for a matrix  $A = ((a_{ij})) \in M_{m,n}$ , as:

$$\|A\|_{cut} = \max_{I \subset \{1, \dots, m\}, J \subset \{1, \dots, n\}} \left| \sum_{i \in I, j \in J} a_{ij} \right|.$$

Cf. in Chap. 15 the **rectangle distance on weighted graphs** and the **cut semimetric**, but the **weighted cut metric** in Chap. 19 is not related.

• **Matrix nearness problems**

A norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is *unitarily invariant* on  $M_{m,n}$  if  $\|B\| = \|UBV\|$  for all  $B \in M_{m,n}$  and all unitary matrices  $U, V$ . All *Schatten  $p$ -norms* are unitarily invariant.

Given a unitarily invariant norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $M_{m,n}$ , a matrix property  $\mathcal{P}$  defining a subspace or compact subset of  $M_{m,n}$  (so that  $d_{\|\cdot\|}(A, \mathcal{P})$  below is well defined) and a matrix  $A \in M_{m,n}$ , then the *distance to  $\mathcal{P}$*  is the **point-set distance** on  $M_{m,n}$

$$d(A) = d_{\|\cdot\|}(A, \mathcal{P}) = \min\{\|E\| : A + E \text{ has property } \mathcal{P}\}.$$

A **matrix nearness problem** is ([High89]) to find an explicit formula for  $d(A)$ , the  *$\mathcal{P}$ -closest matrix* (or matrices)  $X_{\|\cdot\|}(A) = A + E$ , satisfying the above minimum, and efficient algorithms for computing  $d(A)$  and  $X_{\|\cdot\|}(A)$ . The *componentwise nearness problem* is to find  $d'(A) = \min\{\epsilon : |E| \leq \epsilon|A|, A + E \text{ has property } \mathcal{P}\}$ , where  $|B| = ((|b_{ij}|))$  and the matrix inequality is interpreted componentwise.

The most used norms for  $B = ((b_{ij}))$  are the *Schatten 2- and  $\infty$ -norms* (cf. **Schatten norm metric**): the *Frobenius norm*  $\|B\|_{Fr} = \sqrt{\text{Tr}(B^*B)} = \sqrt{\sum_{1 \leq i \leq \text{rank}(B)} s_i^2}$  and the *spectral norm*  $\|B\|_{sp} = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(B^*B)} = s_1(B)$ .

Examples of closest matrices  $X = X_{\|\cdot\|}(A, \mathcal{P})$  follow.

Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then  $A = A_H + A_S$ , where  $A_H = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^*)$  is Hermitian and  $A_S = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^*)$  is *skew-Hermitian* (i.e.,  $A_S^* = -A_S$ ). Let  $A = U\Sigma V^*$  be a *singular value decomposition* (SVD) of  $A$ , i.e.,  $U \in M_m$  and  $V^* \in M_n$  are unitary, while  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{\min\{m,n\}})$  is an  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix with  $s_1 \geq s_2 \geq \dots \geq s_{\text{rank}(A)} > 0 = \dots = 0$ . Fan and Hoffman, 1955, showed that, for any unitarily invariant norm,  $A_H, A_S, UV^*$  are closest Hermitian (symmetric), skew-Hermitian (skew-symmetric) and unitary (orthogonal) matrices, respectively. Such matrix  $X_{Fr}(A)$  is a unique minimizer in all three cases.

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Gabriel, 1979, found the closest normal matrix  $X_{Fr}(A)$ . Higham found in 1988 a unique closest symmetric positive-semidefinite matrix  $X_{Fr}(A)$  and, in 2001, the closest matrix of this type with unit diagonal (i.e., ab correlation matrix).

Given a SVD  $A = U\Sigma V^*$  of  $A$ , let  $A_k$  denote  $U\Sigma_k V^*$ , where  $\Sigma_k$  is a diagonal matrix  $\text{diag}(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k, 0, \dots, 0)$  containing the largest  $k$  singular values of  $A$ . Then (Mirsky, 1960)  $A_k$  achieves  $\min_{\text{rank}(A+E) \leq k} \|E\|$  for any unitarily invariant norm. So,  $\|A - A_k\|_{Fr} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=k+1}^{\text{rank}(A)} s_i^2}$  (Eckart-Young, 1936) and  $\|A - A_k\|_{sp} = s_{\max}(A - A_k) = s_{k+1}(A)$ .  $A_k$  is a unique minimizer  $X_{Fr}(A)$  if  $s_k > s_{k+1}$ .

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be nonsingular. Then its **distance to singularity**  $d(A, \text{Sing}) = \min\{\|E\| : A + E \text{ is singular}\}$  is, for both above norms,  $s_n(A) = \frac{1}{s_1(A^{-1})} = \frac{1}{\|A^{-1}\|_{sp}}$   $= \sup\{\delta : \delta \mathbb{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n} \subseteq A\mathbb{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n}\}$ ; here  $\mathbb{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ .

Given a closed convex cone  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , call a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  *feasible* if  $\{Ax : x \in C\} = \mathbb{R}^m$ ; so, for  $m = n$  and  $C = \mathbb{R}^n$ , feasibility means nonsingularity. Renegar, 1995, showed that, for feasible matrix  $A$ , its **distance to infeasibility**  $\min\{\|E\|_{\text{nat}} : A + E \text{ is not feasible}\} = \sup\{\delta : \delta \mathbb{B}_{\mathbb{R}^m} \subseteq A(\mathbb{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n} \cap C)\}$ .

Lewis, 2003, generalized this by showing that, given two real normed spaces  $X, Y$  and a surjective *convex process* (or *set valued sublinear mapping*)  $F$  from  $X$  to  $Y$ , i.e., a multifunction for which  $\{(x, y) : y \in F(x)\}$  is a closed convex cone, it holds

$$\min\{\|E\|_{\text{nat}} : E \text{ is any linear map } X \rightarrow Y, F + E \text{ is not surjective}\} = \frac{1}{\|F^{-1}\|_{\text{nat}}}.$$

Donchev et al. 2002, extended this, computing **distance to irregularity**; cf. **metric regularity** (Chap. 1). Cf. the above four *distances to ill-posedness* with **distance to uncontrollability** (Chap. 18) and **distances from symmetry** (Chap. 21).

- **$Sym(n, \mathbb{R})^+$  and  $Her(n, \mathbb{C})^+$  metrics**

Let  $Sym(n, \mathbb{R})^+$  and  $Her(n, \mathbb{C})^+$  be the cones of  $n \times n$  symmetric real and Hermitian complex positive-definite  $n \times n$  matrices. The  $Sym(n, \mathbb{R})^+$  **metric** is defined, for any  $A, B \in Sym(n, \mathbb{R})^+$ , as

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \log^2 \lambda_i\right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are the *eigenvalues* of the matrix  $A^{-1}B$  (the same as those of  $A^{-\frac{1}{2}}BA^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ ). It is the **Riemannian distance**, arising from the Riemannian metric  $ds^2 = \text{Tr}((A^{-1}(dA))^2)$ . This metric was rediscovered in Förstner–Moonen, 1999, and Pennec et al., 2004, via *generalized eigenvalue problem:  $\det(\lambda A - B) = 0$* .

The  $Her(n, \mathbb{C})^+$  **metric** is defined, for any  $A, B \in Her(n, \mathbb{C})^+$ , by

$$d_R(A, B) = \|\log(A^{-\frac{1}{2}}BA^{-\frac{1}{2}})\|_{Fr},$$

where  $\|H\|_{Fr} = (\sum_{i,j} |h_{ij}|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is the *Frobenius norm* of the matrix  $H = ((h_{ij}))$ . It is the **Riemannian distance** arising from the Riemannian metric of nonpositive curvature, defined locally (at  $H$ ) by  $ds = \|H^{-\frac{1}{2}}dH H^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|_{Fr}$ . In other words, this distance is the **geodesic distance**

$$\inf\{L(\gamma) : \gamma \text{ is a (differentiable) path from } A \text{ to } B\},$$

where  $L(\gamma) = \int_A^B \|\gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(t)\gamma'(t)\gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(t)\|_{Fr} dt$  and the geodesic  $[A, B]$  is parametrized by  $\gamma(t) = A^{\frac{1}{2}}(A^{-\frac{1}{2}}BA^{-\frac{1}{2}})^t A^{\frac{1}{2}}$  in the sense that  $d_R(A, \gamma(t)) = td_R(A, B)$  for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ . In particular, the geodesic midpoint  $\gamma(\frac{1}{2})$  of  $[A, B]$  can be seen as the *geometric mean* of two positive-definite matrices  $A$  and  $B$ .

The space  $(Her(n, \mathbb{C})^+, d_R)$  is an **Hadamard** (i.e., complete and CAT(0)) **space**, cf. Chap. 6. But  $Her(n, \mathbb{C})^+$  is not complete with respect to matrix norms; it has a boundary consisting of the singular positive-semidefinite matrices.

Above  $Sym(n, \mathbb{R})^+$  and  $Her(n, \mathbb{C})^+$  metrics are the special cases of the distance  $d_R(x, y)$  among **invariant distances on symmetric cones** in Chap. 9.

Cf. also, in Chap. 24, the **trace distance** on all Hermitian of trace 1 positive-definite  $n \times n$  matrices and in Chap. 7, the **Wigner–Yanase–Dyson metrics** on all complex positive-definite  $n \times n$  matrices.

The **Bartlett distance** between two matrices  $A, B \in Her(n, \mathbb{C})^+$ , is defined (Conradsen et al., 2003, for radar applications) by

$$\ln \left( \frac{(\det(A + B))^2}{4\det(A)\det(B)} \right).$$

- **Siegel distance**

The *Siegel half-plane* is the set  $SH_n$  of  $n \times n$  matrices  $Z = X + iY$ , where  $X, Y$  are symmetric or Hermitian and  $Y$  is positive-definite. The **Siegel–Hua metric** (Siegel, 1943, and independently, Hua, 1944) on  $SH_n$  is defined by

$$ds^2 = \text{Tr}(Y^{-1}(dZ)Y^{-1}(d\bar{Z})).$$

It is unique metric preserved by any automorphism of  $SH_n$ . The Siegel–Hua metric on the *Siegel disk*  $SD_n = \{W = (Z - iI)(Z + iI)^{-1} : Z \in SH_n\}$  is defined by

$$ds^2 = \text{Tr}((I - WW^*)^{-1}dW(I - W^*W)^{-1}dW^*).$$

For  $n=1$ , the Siegel–Hua metric is the **Poincaré metric** (cf. Chap. 6) on the *Poincaré half-plane*  $SH_1$  and the *Poincaré disk*  $SD_1$ , respectively.

Let  $A_n = \{Z = iY : Y > 0\}$  be the imaginary axe on the Siegel half-plane. The Siegel–Hua metric on  $A_n$  is (cf. [Barb12]) the Riemannian **trace metric**  $ds^2 = \text{Tr}((P^1 dP)^2)$ . The corresponding distances are  $Sym(n, \mathbb{R})^+$  **metric** or  $Her(n, \mathbb{C})^+$  **metric**. The **Siegel distance** on  $SH_n \setminus A_n$  is defined by

$$d_{Siegel}^2(Z_1, Z_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log^2 \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{\lambda_i}}{1 - \sqrt{\lambda_i}} \right);$$

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are the *eigenvalues* of the matrix  $(Z_1 - Z_2)(Z_1 - \bar{Z}_2) - 1(\bar{Z}_1 - \bar{Z}_2)(\bar{Z}_1 - Z_2)^{-1}$ .

- **Barbaresco metrics**

Let  $z(k)$  be a complex temporal (discrete time) *stationary* signal, i.e., its mean value is constant and its *covariance function*  $\mathbb{E}[z(k_1)z^*(k_2)]$  is only a function of  $k_1 - k_2$ . Such signal can be represented by its covariance  $n \times n$  matrix  $R = ((r_{ij}))$ , where  $r_{ij} = \mathbb{E}[z(i), z^*(j)] = \mathbb{E}[z(n)z^*(n - i + j)]$ . It is a positive-definite *Toeplitz* (i.e. diagonal-constant) Hermitian matrix. In radar applications, such matrices represent the Doppler spectra of the signal. Matrices  $R$  admit a parametrization (complex ARM, i.e.,  $m$ -th order autoregressive model) by *partial autocorrelation coefficients* defined recursively as the complex correlation between the forward and backward prediction errors of the  $(m - 1)$ -th order complex ARM.

Barbaresco ([Barb12]) defined, via this parametrization, a **Bergman metric** (Chap. 7) on the bounded domain  $\mathbb{R} + xD_n \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  of above matrices  $R$ ; here  $D$  is a *Poincaré disk*. He also defined a related **Kähler metric** on  $M \times S_n$ , where  $M$  is the set of positive-definite Hermitian matrices and  $SD_n$  is the *Siegel disk* (cf. **Siegel distance**). Such matrices represent spatiotemporal stationary signals, i.e., in radar applications, the Doppler spectra and spatial directions of the signal.

Ben Jeuris, 2015, extended above metrics on *block Toeplitz matrices*, i.e., those having blocks that are repeated (as elements of a Toeplitz matrix) down the diagonals of the matrix.

Cf. **Ruppiner metric** (Chap. 7) and **Martin cepstrum distance** (Chap. 21).

- **Distances between graphs of matrices**

The *graph*  $G(A)$  of a complex  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is the *range* (i.e., the span of columns) of the matrix  $R(A) = ([IA^T])^T$ . So,  $G(A)$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^{m+n}$  of all vectors  $v$ , for which the equation  $R(A)x = v$  has a solution.

A **distance between graphs of matrices**  $A$  and  $B$  is a distance between the subspaces  $G(A)$  and  $G(B)$ . It can be an **angle distance between subspaces** or, for example, the following distance (cf. also the **Kadets distance** in Chap. 1 and the **gap metric** in Chap. 18).

The **spherical gap distance** between subspaces  $A$  and  $B$  is defined by

$$\max\{\max_{x \in S(A)} d_E(x, S(B)), \max_{y \in S(B)} d_E(y, S(A))\},$$

where  $S(A), S(B)$  are the unit spheres of the subspaces  $A, B$ ,  $d(z, C)$  is the **point-set distance**  $\inf_{y \in C} d(z, y)$  and  $d_E(z, y)$  is the Euclidean distance.

- **Angle distances between subspaces**

Consider the *Grassmannian space*  $G(m, n)$  of all  $n$ -dimensional subspaces of Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^m$ ; it is a compact *Riemannian manifold* of dimension  $n(m - n)$ .

Given two subspaces  $A, B \in G(m, n)$ , the *principal angles*  $\frac{\pi}{2} \geq \theta_1 \geq \dots \geq \theta_n \geq 0$  between them are defined, for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ , inductively by

$$\cos \theta_k = \max_{x \in A} \max_{y \in B} x^T y = (x^k)^T y^k$$

subject to the conditions  $\|x\|_2 = \|y\|_2 = 1, x^T x^i = 0, y^T y^i = 0$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq k - 1$ , where  $\|\cdot\|_2$  is the Euclidean norm.



The principal angles can also be defined in terms of orthonormal matrices  $Q_A$  and  $Q_B$  spanning subspaces  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively: in fact,  $n$  ordered singular values of the matrix  $Q_A Q_B \in M_n$  can be expressed as cosines  $\cos \theta_1, \dots, \cos \theta_n$ .

The **Grassmann distance** between subspaces  $A$  and  $B$  of the same dimension is their geodesic distance defined by

$$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i^2}.$$

The **Martin distance** between subspaces  $A$  and  $B$  is defined by

$$\sqrt{\ln \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta_i}}.$$

In the case when the subspaces represent ARMs (*autoregressive models*), the Martin distance can be expressed in terms of the *cepstrum* of the autocorrelation functions of the models. Cf. the **Martin cepstrum distance** in Chap. 21.

The **Asimov distance** between subspaces  $A$  and  $B$  is defined by  $\theta_1$ . The **spectral distance** (or *chordal 2-norm distance*) is defined by  $2 \sin(\frac{\theta_1}{2})$ .

The **containment gap distance** (or *projection distance*) is  $\sin \theta_1$ . It is the  $l_2$ -norm of the difference of the *orthogonal projectors* onto  $A$  and  $B$ . Many versions of this distance are used in Control Theory (cf. **gap metric** in Chap. 18).

The **Frobenius distance** and **chordal distance** between subspaces  $A$  and  $B$  are

$$\sqrt{2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sin^2 \theta_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sin^2 \theta_i}, \quad \text{respectively.}$$

It is the *Frobenius norm* of the difference of above projectors onto  $A$  and  $B$ .

Similar distances  $\sqrt{1 - \prod_{i=1}^n \cos^2 \theta_i}$  and  $\arccos(\prod_{i=1}^n \cos \theta_i)$  are called the **Binet–Cauchy distance** and (cf. Chap. 7) **Fubini–Study distance**, respectively.

- **Larsson–Villani metric**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two arbitrary orthonormal  $m \times n$  matrices of full rank, and let  $\theta_{ij}$  be the angle between the  $i$ -th column of  $A$  and the  $j$ -th column of  $B$ .

We call **Larsson–Villani metric** the distance between  $A$  and  $B$  (used by Larsson and Villani, 2000, for multivariate models) the square of which is defined by

$$n - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \cos^2 \theta_{ij}.$$

The square of usual Euclidean distance between  $A$  and  $B$  is  $2(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \cos \theta_i)$ .

For  $n = 1$ , above two distances are  $\sin \theta$  and  $\sqrt{2(1 - \cos \theta)}$ , respectively.

- **Lerman metric**

Given a finite set  $X$  and real symmetric  $|X| \times |X|$  matrices  $((d_1(x, y)))$ ,  $((d_2(x, y)))$  with  $x, y \in X$ , their **Lerman semimetric** (cf. **Kendall  $\tau$  distance** on permutations in Chap. 11) is defined by

$$|\{(\{x, y\}, \{u, v\}) : (d_1(x, y) - d_1(u, v))(d_2(x, y) - d_2(u, v)) < 0\}| \binom{|X| + 1}{2}^{-2},$$

where  $(\{x, y\}, \{u, v\})$  is any pair of unordered pairs of elements  $x, y, u, v$  from  $X$ .

Similar **Kaufman semimetric** between  $((d_1(x, y)))$  and  $((d_2(x, y)))$  is

$$\frac{|\{(\{x, y\}, \{u, v\}) : (d_1(x, y) - d_1(u, v))(d_2(x, y) - d_2(u, v)) < 0\}|}{|\{(\{x, y\}, \{u, v\}) : (d_1(x, y) - d_1(u, v))(d_2(x, y) - d_2(u, v)) \neq 0\}|}.$$