

# Self-Equivalent Flows Associated with the Generalized Eigenvalue Problem

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## ABSTRACT

We present a family of flows which includes continuous analogues of the unshifted and shifted *LZ* and *QZ* algorithms for the generalized eigenvalue problem. In order to do this we use elementary Lie theory to create a general family of algorithms, of which the *LZ* and *QZ* algorithms are special cases. For each such algorithm we construct a family of associated flows, some of which are interpolants of the algorithm. We do not restrict our attention to Hessenberg-triangular forms; we consider arbitrary pairs of nonsingular matrices.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years there has been considerable interest in continuous analogues of the *QR* algorithm and other algorithms for calculating eigenvalues of matrices. See for example the works of Symes [18], Deift et al. [9], Nanda

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[14, 15], Chu [6], Watkins [20], and Watkins and Elsner [21], all of which have appeared since 1982. See also the earlier work of Rutishauser [16, 17] from the 1950s, which has been overlooked until recently. Given a matrix  $\hat{A}$  whose eigenvalues are desired, the QR algorithm produces a sequence  $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots$  such that each member of the sequence is similar to  $\hat{A}$ , and the matrices tend to upper triangular or block-triangular form. A continuous analogue of the QR algorithm produces a smooth, matrix-valued function or flow  $B(t)$ , such that, for all  $t$ ,  $B(t)$  is similar to  $\hat{A}$ , and  $B(m) = A_m$  for  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . That is, the flow interpolates the QR algorithm. More generally we may have  $B(t)$  similar to  $\hat{B} = g(\hat{A})$  and  $B(m) = g(A_m)$  for some specified function  $g$ . Such a flow must satisfy

$$B(t) = F(t)^{-1} \hat{B} F(t) \quad (1)$$

for some nonsingular matrix function  $F(t)$ . In [21] we studied functions of the type (1), which we called *self-similar flows*.

When studying eigenvalues it is natural to employ similarity transformations, since they preserve eigenvalues. For certain other problems, such as the generalized eigenvalue problem and the singular-value problem, it is more natural to consider equivalences. Recall that two matrices  $A, \tilde{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  are *equivalent* if there exist nonsingular matrices  $F \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and  $Z \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  such that  $\tilde{A} = FAZ$ . A matrix-valued function  $B(t)$  defined on some interval is called a *self-equivalent flow* if there exist smooth, nonsingular, matrix-valued functions  $F(t) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and  $Z(t) \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ , and  $\hat{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ , such that  $B(t) = F(t) \hat{B} Z(t)$ . In this paper we will develop self-equivalent flows associated with the generalized eigenvalue problem. We discussed flows associated with the singular-value decomposition in [22].

We will use elementary Lie theory to develop a family of algorithms for solving the generalized eigenvalue problem

$$\hat{A}x = \lambda \hat{B}x. \quad (2)$$

The family includes the LZ algorithm of Kaufman [12] and the QZ algorithm of Moler and Stewart [13], as well as new algorithms which we call SZ and HZ. We will refer to the algorithms collectively as FGZ algorithms. The usual formulations of the LZ and QZ algorithms are implicit and require that  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{B}$  be in unreduced upper Hessenberg and upper triangular forms, respectively. Our formulation is explicit and can be applied to arbitrary nonsingular  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{B}$ . While it is not recommended for practical use, our formulation does contribute to the understanding of the QZ and related algorithms and their relationship to self-equivalent flows. Associated with

each *FGZ* algorithm we introduce a family of *FGZ* flows, some of which interpolate the algorithm.

In [8] Chu introduced a flow which is an analogue of the *QZ* algorithm. That flow is a special case of the flows developed here. This paper also generalizes our earlier work [21], since the *FG* flows discussed there correspond to the case  $\hat{B} = I$  in (2).

In Section 2 we summarize the basic Lie-theoretic results which we will use, and we also introduce the specific Lie groups and Lie algebras which give rise to our main examples of algorithms and flows. In Section 3 we introduce the *FGZ* algorithm for solving the generalized eigenvalue problem. For simplicity we stick to the unshifted case at first. In Section 4 we develop a family of flows which are continuous analogues of the unshifted *FGZ* algorithm, and we show that one member of this family interpolates the *FGZ* algorithm. In Section 5 we look at shifted and generalized *FGZ* algorithms, and in Section 6 we develop their continuous analogues. We show how to construct numerous flows which interpolate a given generalized *FGZ* algorithm. In Section 7 we demonstrate that there is some overlap between the flows presented here and the flows associated with the SVD which we introduced in [22].

## 2. NOTATION AND BASIC NOTIONS OF LIE THEORY

Let  $\mathbf{F}$  denote either the real or the complex numbers,  $\mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$  the set of  $n$ -by- $n$  matrices over  $\mathbf{F}$ , and  $GL_n(\mathbf{F})$  the group of  $n$ -by- $n$  nonsingular matrices with entries in  $\mathbf{F}$ .

$GL_n(\mathbf{F})$  is a Lie group [5, 11, 19], as are all of its closed subgroups. Given a closed subgroup  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $GL_n(\mathbf{F})$ , we will let  $\Lambda(\mathcal{H})$  denote the Lie algebra of  $\mathcal{H}$  [5, 11, 19, 21]. If one views  $\mathcal{H}$  as a real manifold, then  $\Lambda(\mathcal{H})$  can be viewed as the tangent space to  $\mathcal{H}$  at the point  $I$ . The Lie algebra of  $GL_n(\mathbf{F})$  is  $\mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$  with the Lie product  $[X, Y] = XY - YX$ , and  $\Lambda(\mathcal{H})$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$ .

Initial-value problems of the form

$$\dot{H} = HX, \quad H(0) = H_0 \in \mathcal{H}$$

or

$$\dot{H} = XH, \quad H(0) = H_0 \in \mathcal{H},$$

where  $X = X(t)$ , will play an important role in the paper. Suppose the

initial-value problem has a unique solution in some interval  $[0, \tilde{t}]$ . Then  $H(t) \in \mathcal{H}$  for all  $t \in [0, \tilde{t}]$  if and only if  $X(t) \in \Lambda(\mathcal{H})$  for all  $t \in [0, \tilde{t}]$ . A proof is given in [21] (Theorem 5.1).

Throughout the paper  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  will denote two closed subgroups of  $GL_n(\mathbf{F})$  such that

$$\mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{G} = \{I\} \quad (3)$$

and

$$\Lambda(\mathcal{F}) \oplus \Lambda(\mathcal{G}) = \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}. \quad (4)$$

From the condition (4) it follows [21, Theorem 5.2] that there is a neighborhood  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $I$  in  $GL_n(\mathbf{F})$  such that every  $A \in \mathcal{V}$  can be expressed as a product

$$A = FG \quad (5)$$

where  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ . By (3)  $F$  and  $G$  are unique. The expression (5) is called an  $FG$  decomposition of  $A$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.1L.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the group of unit lower triangular matrices and  $\mathcal{G}$  the group of nonsingular upper triangular matrices. Then  $\Lambda(\mathcal{F})$  is the Lie algebra of strictly lower triangular matrices, and  $\Lambda(\mathcal{G})$  is the Lie algebra of upper triangular matrices. Clearly  $\mathbf{F}^{n \times n} = \Lambda(\mathcal{F}) \oplus \Lambda(\mathcal{G})$ . Therefore there exists a neighborhood  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $I$  such that every  $A \in \mathcal{V}$  can be expressed as a product  $A = FG$ , where  $F$  is unit lower triangular and  $G$  is upper triangular. Of course this is a weak version of a well-known fact: every matrix whose leading principal submatrices are nonsingular (that is, almost every matrix) has a unique  $LU$  decomposition [10].

**EXAMPLE 2.1Q.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the unitary group and  $\mathcal{G}$  the group of upper triangular matrices with positive, real entries on the main diagonal. Then  $\Lambda(\mathcal{F})$  is the Lie algebra of skew-Hermitian matrices, and  $\Lambda(\mathcal{G})$  consists of the upper triangular matrices having real main-diagonal entries. It is easy to show that  $\mathbf{C}^{n \times n} = \Lambda(\mathcal{F}) \oplus \Lambda(\mathcal{G})$ . Therefore there exists a neighborhood  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $I$  such that every  $A \in \mathcal{V}$  can be expressed as  $A = FG$ , where  $F$  is unitary and  $G$  is upper triangular with positive main-diagonal entries. Again we have a weak version of a well-known fact: every square matrix has a  $QR$  decomposition [10]. In the real case  $\mathcal{F}$  can be taken to be either the orthogonal group or its subgroup, the rotation group, and  $\mathcal{G}$  can be taken to be the group of

nonsingular real upper triangular matrices with positive main-diagonal entries. Then  $\mathbf{R}^{n \times n} = \Lambda(\mathcal{F}) \oplus \Lambda(\mathcal{G})$ . ■

EXAMPLE 2.1S. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the real symplectic group in  $GL_{2n}(\mathbf{R})$ . This is the set of  $S \in GL_{2n}(\mathbf{R})$  such that  $S^T J S = J$ , where  $J \in \mathbf{R}^{2n \times 2n}$  is given by

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ -I_n & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The associated Lie algebra  $\Lambda(\mathcal{F})$  is the set of  $X \in \mathbf{R}^{2n \times 2n}$  such that  $(JX)^T = JX$ . Matrices satisfying this equation are called *Hamiltonian*. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the subgroup of  $GL_{2n}(\mathbf{R})$  consisting of matrices of the form

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ G_{21} & G_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

where each block is upper triangular,  $G_{21}$  and  $G_{12}$  are strictly upper triangular,  $G_{11}$  and  $G_{22}$  are nonsingular, and  $\text{diag}\{G_{11}\} = \text{diag}\{G_{22}\}$ . This group is discussed in greater detail in [21, Example 5.5]. Its Lie algebra is the set of matrices of the form

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

such that all blocks are upper triangular,  $X_{21}$  and  $X_{12}$  are strictly upper triangular, and  $\text{diag}\{X_{11}\} = \text{diag}\{X_{22}\}$ . Again it is not hard to show that  $\mathbf{R}^{2n \times 2n} = \Lambda(\mathcal{F}) \oplus \Lambda(\mathcal{G})$ . Thus there exists a neighborhood  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $I$  such that every  $A \in \mathcal{V}$  can be expressed as a product  $A = FG$ , where  $F$  is symplectic and  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ . This is called the *SR decomposition*. In [2] and [4], for example, it is shown that almost every  $A \in GL_{2n}(\mathbf{R})$  has such a decomposition.

EXAMPLE 2.1H. Let  $J \in GL_n(\mathbf{C})$  be any diagonal matrix whose main-diagonal entries are in  $\{1, -1\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the group of  $J$ -unitary matrices. This is the set of  $G \in GL_n(\mathbf{C})$  such that  $G^* J G = J$ . Then  $\Lambda(\mathcal{F})$  is the set of  $X \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$  such that  $(JX)^* = -JX$ . These are called  *$J$ -skew-Hermitian matrices*. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the group of upper triangular matrices with positive main-diagonal entries. Then  $\Lambda(\mathcal{G})$  consists of the upper triangular matrices with real entries on the main diagonal. It is easy to show that  $\mathbf{C}^{n \times n} = \Lambda(\mathcal{F}) \oplus \Lambda(\mathcal{G})$ .

Therefore there is a neighborhood  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $I$  such that every  $A \in \mathcal{V}$  can be expressed as a product  $A = FG$ , where  $F$  is  $J$ -unitary and  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ . This is known as the *HR decomposition*. For a more precise result see [2, p. 253] or [3], in which it is shown that  $A$  has an *HR decomposition* if and only if the leading principal minors of  $A^*JA$  have the same signs as the respective leading principal minors of  $J$ . Note that in contrast to the conditions in the preceding examples, it is not the case that this condition holds for almost all matrices, but it does hold in a neighborhood of  $I$ . In the case  $J = I$ , this example reduces to Example 2.1Q.

### 3. FGZ ALGORITHMS FOR THE GENERALIZED EIGENVALUE PROBLEM

Given  $\hat{A}, \hat{B} \in GL_n(\mathbb{F})$  we will introduce a family of algorithms to solve the generalized eigenvalue problem

$$\hat{A}x = \lambda \hat{B}x.$$

For simplicity we will present the unshifted algorithms first. The shifted algorithms will be introduced in Section 6.

Given  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ , closed subgroups of  $GL_n(\mathbb{F})$  satisfying (3) and (4), the corresponding *FGZ algorithm* produces two sequences of matrices  $(A_i)$  and  $(B_i)$  as follows: The starting matrices are  $A_0 = \hat{A}$  and  $B_0 = \hat{B}$ . Given  $A_{i-1}$  and  $B_{i-1}$ , perform *FG decompositions* of  $A_{i-1}B_{i-1}^{-1}$  and  $B_{i-1}^{-1}A_{i-1}$ :

$$A_{i-1}B_{i-1}^{-1} = \bar{F}_i\bar{G}_i, \quad B_{i-1}^{-1}A_{i-1} = \bar{Z}_i\bar{R}_i, \tag{6}$$

where  $\bar{F}_i, \bar{Z}_i \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\bar{G}_i, \bar{R}_i \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then define  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  by

$$A_i = \bar{F}_i^{-1}A_{i-1}\bar{Z}_i, \quad B_i = \bar{F}_i^{-1}B_{i-1}\bar{Z}_i. \tag{7}$$

It is easy to show that  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  are also given by

$$A_i = \bar{G}_iA_{i-1}\bar{R}_i^{-1}, \quad B_i = \bar{G}_iB_{i-1}\bar{R}_i^{-1}. \tag{8}$$

Since also

$$\begin{aligned} A_iB_i^{-1} &= \bar{F}_i^{-1}(A_{i-1}B_{i-1}^{-1})\bar{F}_i = \bar{G}_i\bar{F}_i, \\ B_i^{-1}A_i &= \bar{Z}_i^{-1}(B_{i-1}^{-1}A_{i-1})\bar{Z}_i = \bar{R}_i\bar{Z}_i, \end{aligned}$$

we see that one step of the *FGZ* algorithm accomplishes one step of the *FG* algorithm [21] for both  $A_{i-1}B_{i-1}^{-1}$  and  $B_{i-1}^{-1}A_{i-1}$ . Since not every matrix has an *FG* decomposition, it can happen that the algorithm breaks down.

For  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  define  $F_i, Z_i \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $G_i, R_i \in \mathcal{G}$  by

$$F_i = \bar{F}_1 \bar{F}_2 \cdots \bar{F}_i, \quad Z_i = \bar{Z}_1 \bar{Z}_2 \cdots \bar{Z}_i,$$

$$G_i = \bar{G}_i \cdots \bar{G}_2 \bar{G}_1, \quad R_i = \bar{R}_i \cdots \bar{R}_2 \bar{R}_1.$$

Then

$$A_i = F_i^{-1} \hat{A} Z_i = G_i \hat{A} R_i^{-1}, \tag{9}$$

$$B_i = F_i^{-1} \hat{B} Z_i = G_i \hat{B} R_i^{-1}, \tag{10}$$

$$A_i B_i^{-1} = F_i^{-1} (\hat{A} \hat{B}^{-1}) F_i = G_i (\hat{A} \hat{B}^{-1}) G_i^{-1}, \tag{11}$$

$$B_i^{-1} A_i = Z_i^{-1} (\hat{B}^{-1} \hat{A}) Z_i = R_i (\hat{B}^{-1} \hat{A}) R_i^{-1}. \tag{12}$$

By an easy induction argument we get

$$(\hat{A} \hat{B}^{-1})^i = F_i G_i, \tag{13}$$

$$(\hat{B}^{-1} \hat{A})^i = Z_i R_i. \tag{14}$$

These are the unique *FG* decompositions of  $(\hat{A} \hat{B}^{-1})^i$  and  $(\hat{B}^{-1} \hat{A})^i$ , respectively.

If the algorithm does not break down, then, for certain choices of  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\hat{A}$ , and  $\hat{B}$ , the sequences  $A_i B_i^{-1}$  and  $B_i^{-1} A_i$  will converge to triangular form, revealing the generalized eigenvalues on the main diagonal. It is difficult to state exact conditions under which convergence will take place, and we will not attempt to do so here. We have chosen to describe the *FGZ* iteration in a very general context, but we do not claim that every choice of  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  yields a useful algorithm.

**EXAMPLE 3.1.** This example shows that convergence of  $A_i B_i^{-1}$  and  $B_i^{-1} A_i$  to triangular form does not imply the same for  $A_i$  and  $B_i$ . Let  $U$  be any nonsingular matrix, and let  $\hat{A} = \hat{B} = U$ . Then, for all  $i$ ,  $A_i B_i^{-1} = I$ ,  $B_i^{-1} A_i = I$ ,  $A_i = U$ , and  $B_i = U$ .

#### 4. SELF-EQUIVALENT FLOWS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GENERALIZED EIGENVALUE PROBLEM

Let  $F(t)$  and  $Z(t)$  be smooth functions such that  $F(0) = I$ ,  $Z(0) = I$ ,  $F(t) \in GL_n(\mathbf{F})$ , and  $Z(t) \in GL_n(\mathbf{F})$  for all  $t$ . It is easy to show that the smooth function  $C(t) = F(t)^{-1}\hat{C}Z(t)$  satisfies the initial-value problem

$$\dot{C} = CY - XC, \quad C(0) = \hat{C}, \quad (15)$$

where  $Y = Z^{-1}\dot{Z}$  and  $X = F^{-1}\dot{F}$ . Conversely, if (15) has a unique solution, then the solution is  $C(t) = F(t)^{-1}\hat{C}Z(t)$ , where  $F$  and  $Z$  satisfy

$$\dot{F} = FX, \quad F(0) = I, \quad (16)$$

$$\dot{Z} = ZY, \quad Z(0) = I, \quad (17)$$

respectively. A proof is given in [22], but this is an easy exercise. Similar results are given in [7, 8].

We will also find it useful to express self-similar flows in the form  $C(t) = G(t)\hat{C}R(t)^{-1}$ . Then  $C(t)$  satisfies the initial-value problem

$$\dot{C} = XC - CY, \quad C(0) = \hat{C}, \quad (18)$$

where  $X = \dot{C}G^{-1}$  and  $Y = \dot{R}R^{-1}$ . Conversely, if (18) has a unique solution, then the solution is  $C(t) = G(t)\hat{C}R(t)^{-1}$ , where  $G$  and  $R$  satisfy

$$\dot{G} = XG, \quad G(0) = I, \quad (19)$$

$$\dot{R} = YR, \quad R(0) = I. \quad (20)$$

Since  $\mathbf{F}^{n \times n} = \Lambda(\mathcal{F}) \oplus \Lambda(\mathcal{G})$ , every  $M \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$  can be expressed uniquely as a sum

$$M = \rho(M) + \sigma(M),$$

where  $\rho(M) \in \Lambda(\mathcal{F})$  and  $\sigma(M) \in \Lambda(\mathcal{G})$ . Given  $\hat{C}, \hat{D} \in GL_n(\mathbf{F})$  and a locally



analytic function  $f$  defined on an open set containing the common spectrum of  $\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}$  and  $\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C}$ , consider the system of differential equations

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{C} &= C\rho(f(D^{-1}C)) - \rho(f(CD^{-1}))C, & C(0) &= \hat{C}, \\ \dot{D} &= D\rho(f(D^{-1}C)) - \rho(f(CD^{-1}))D, & D(0) &= \hat{D}. \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Each of these differential equations has the form (15). The system (21) satisfies a Lipschitz condition on compact sets, so it has a unique solution on some nonempty interval  $[0, \tilde{t})$ . Therefore the solution is

$$\begin{aligned} C(t) &= F(t)^{-1}\hat{C}Z(t), \\ D(t) &= F(t)^{-1}\hat{D}Z(t), \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

where  $F$  and  $Z$  are solutions of

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{F} &= F\rho(f(CD^{-1})), & F(0) &= I, \\ \dot{Z} &= Z\rho(f(D^{-1}C)), & Z(0) &= I. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\rho(f(D^{-1}C)) \in \Lambda(\mathcal{F})$  and  $\rho(f(CD^{-1})) \in \Lambda(\mathcal{F})$ , we have  $F(t) \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $Z(t) \in \mathcal{F}$  for all  $t \in [0, \tilde{t})$  [21]. In the case when  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  are as in Example 2.1Q,  $C$  is upper Hessenberg,  $D$  is upper triangular, and  $f(x) = x$ , (21) reduces to the flow of Chu [8]. Using the fact that

$$f(CD^{-1})C = Cf(D^{-1}C)$$

and

$$f(CD^{-1})D = Df(D^{-1}C),$$

we see easily that the system (21) can also be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{C} &= \sigma(f(CD^{-1}))C - C\sigma(f(D^{-1}C)), & C(0) &= \hat{C}, \\ \dot{D} &= \sigma(f(CD^{-1}))D - D\sigma(f(D^{-1}C)), & D(0) &= \hat{D}. \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} C(t) &= G(t)\hat{C}R(t)^{-1} \\ D(t) &= G(t)\hat{D}R(t)^{-1}, \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{G} &= \sigma(f(CD^{-1}))G, & G(0) &= I, \\ \dot{R} &= \sigma(f(D^{-1}C))R, & R(0) &= I. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sigma(f(CD^{-1})) \in \Lambda(\mathcal{G})$  and  $\sigma(f(D^{-1}C)) \in \Lambda(\mathcal{G})$ , we have  $G(t) \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $R(t) \in \mathcal{G}$ . From (22) and (24) we see that

$$C(t)D(t)^{-1} = F(t)^{-1}\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}F(t) = G(t)\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}G(t)^{-1}, \tag{25}$$

$$D(t)^{-1}C(t) = Z(t)^{-1}\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C}Z(t) = R(t)\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C}R(t)^{-1}. \tag{26}$$

Furthermore,  $CD^{-1}$  and  $D^{-1}C$  satisfy the differential equations

$$\frac{d}{dt}(CD^{-1}) = [CD^{-1}, \rho(f(CD^{-1}))] = [\sigma(f(CD^{-1})), CD^{-1}], \tag{27}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(D^{-1}C) = [D^{-1}C, \rho(f(D^{-1}C))] = [\sigma(f(D^{-1}C)), D^{-1}C],$$

so  $CD^{-1}$  and  $D^{-1}C$  are self-similar flows of the type discussed in [21]. It follows that

$$\exp(tf(\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1})) = F(t)G(t), \tag{28}$$

$$\exp(tf(\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C})) = Z(t)R(t) \tag{29}$$

for all  $t \in [0, \tilde{t})$ . These are the unique  $FG$  decompositions of  $\exp(tf(\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}))$  and  $\exp(tf(\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C}))$ , respectively. Because of these equations it is possible, in certain cases, to extend the flow past singularities, as discussed in [21]. We will postpone the discussion of this topic until Section 6.

*Connections between FGZ Algorithms and Flows*

In the following theorems we assume that both the FGZ algorithm and the FGZ flow are defined at some integer times  $t = i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ .

**THEOREM 4.1.** *The FGZ algorithm (6, 7) with initial matrices  $\hat{A}$ ,  $\hat{B}$  and the FGZ flow (21) are related as follows:*

(a) *If  $\hat{A}\hat{B}^{-1} = \exp(f(\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}))$ , then  $A_i B_i^{-1} = \exp(f(C(i)D(i)^{-1}))$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ .*

(b) *If  $\hat{B}^{-1}\hat{A} = \exp(f(\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C}))$ , then  $B_i^{-1}A_i = \exp(f(D(i)^{-1}C(i)))$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\hat{A}\hat{B}^{-1} = \exp(f(\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}))$ . Then, comparing (13) with (28) at  $t = i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$ , we have

$$F_i G_i = F(i)G(i). \tag{30}$$

By the uniqueness of the FG decompositions,

$$F_i = F(i), \quad G_i = G(i) \tag{31}$$

for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ . Therefore, by (11) and (25),

$$\begin{aligned} A_i B_i^{-1} &= F_i^{-1} \hat{A} \hat{B}^{-1} F_i \\ &= F(i)^{-1} \exp(f(\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1})) F(i) \\ &= \exp(f(F(i)^{-1} \hat{C} \hat{D}^{-1} F(i))) \\ &= \exp(f(C(i)D(i)^{-1})). \end{aligned}$$

This is the first assertion of the theorem. (We could equally well have used  $G_i$  instead of  $F_i^{-1}$ .) To get the second assertion we compare (14) with (29) at  $t = i = 0, 1, \dots, m$  to obtain

$$Z_i R_i = Z(i)R(i). \tag{32}$$

These are also *FG* decompositions, so

$$Z_i = Z(i), \quad R_i = R(i) \quad (33)$$

for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ . Now applying (12) and (26) we get that

$$B_i^{-1}A_i = \exp\left(f\left(D(i)^{-1}C(i)\right)\right),$$

$i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ . ■

In the special case  $f(x) = \log x$  we get a much nicer result. By  $\log x$  we mean any branch of the natural logarithm for which  $\log(\hat{A}\hat{B}^{-1})$  and  $\log(\hat{B}^{-1}\hat{A})$  are meaningful.

**THEOREM 4.2.** *The FGZ algorithm (6, 7) with initial matrices  $\hat{A}$ ,  $\hat{B}$  and the FGZ flow (21) with  $f(x) = \log x$  and initial matrices  $\hat{C} = \hat{A}$  and  $\hat{D} = \hat{B}$  are related by*

$$A_i = C(i), \quad B_i = D(i), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, m.$$

*That is, the flow interpolates the FGZ algorithm.*

*Proof.* Under the hypotheses of the theorem, the equations  $\hat{A}\hat{B}^{-1} = \exp(f(\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}))$  and  $\hat{B}^{-1}\hat{A} = \exp(f(\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C}))$  are trivially true, so Equations (31) and (33) from the proof of Theorem 4.1 hold. Therefore

$$A_i = F_i^{-1}\hat{A}Z_i = F(i)^{-1}\hat{C}Z(i) = C(i),$$

$$B_i = F_i^{-1}\hat{B}Z_i = F(i)^{-1}\hat{D}Z(i) = D(i).$$

We could equally well have used  $G_i$  and  $R_i^{-1}$  instead of  $F_i^{-1}$  and  $Z_i$ . ■

## 5. SHIFTED AND GENERALIZED FGZ ALGORITHMS

The variants of the *FGZ* algorithm which are used in practice all employ shifts. A simple shifted *FGZ* algorithm would shift  $A_{i-1}B_{i-1}^{-1}$  and  $B_{i-1}^{-1}A_{i-1}$  before performing the *FG* decompositions. Thus instead of (6) we would

have

$$\begin{aligned} A_{i-1}B_{i-1}^{-1} - \sigma_i I &= \bar{F}_i \bar{G}_i, \\ B_{i-1}^{-1}A_{i-1} - \sigma_i I &= \bar{Z}_i \bar{R}_i, \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

where  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots$  are shifts which do not lie in the common spectrum of  $\hat{A}\hat{B}^{-1}$  and  $\hat{B}^{-1}\hat{A}$ . The double shift FGZ algorithm replaces (6) by

$$\begin{aligned} (A_{i-1}B_{i-1}^{-1} - \sigma_i I)(A_{i-1}B_{i-1}^{-1} - \tau_i I) &= \bar{F}_i \bar{G}_i, \\ (B_{i-1}^{-1}A_{i-1} - \sigma_i I)(B_{i-1}^{-1}A_{i-1} - \tau_i I) &= \bar{Z}_i \bar{R}_i. \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

In both cases  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  are defined by (7), as before. Both of these algorithms are special cases of the *generalized FGZ algorithm*: Let  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots$  be a sequence of functions defined on the common spectrum of  $\hat{A}\hat{B}^{-1}$  and  $\hat{B}^{-1}\hat{A}$  such that none of the points of the spectrum is mapped to zero by any of the  $p_i$ . Let  $A_0 = \hat{A}$  and  $B_0 = \hat{B}$ . Given  $A_{i-1}$  and  $B_{i-1}$ , define  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  as follows. First let  $\bar{F}_i, \bar{Z}_i \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\bar{G}_i, \bar{R}_i \in \mathcal{G}$  be given by the FG decompositions

$$p_i(A_{i-1}B_{i-1}^{-1}) = \bar{F}_i \bar{G}_i, \quad p_i(B_{i-1}^{-1}A_{i-1}) = \bar{Z}_i \bar{R}_i. \tag{36}$$

Then define

$$A_i = \bar{F}_i^{-1}A_{i-1}\bar{Z}_i, \quad B_i = \bar{F}_i^{-1}B_{i-1}\bar{Z}_i. \tag{37}$$

Using the identities  $A_{i-1}p_i(B_{i-1}^{-1}A_{i-1}) = p_i(A_{i-1}B_{i-1}^{-1})A_{i-1}$  and  $B_{i-1}p_i(B_{i-1}^{-1}A_{i-1}) = p_i(A_{i-1}B_{i-1}^{-1})B_{i-1}$ , one shows easily that  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  are also given by

$$A_i = \bar{G}_i A_{i-1} \bar{R}_i^{-1}, \quad B_i = \bar{G}_i B_{i-1} \bar{R}_i^{-1}. \tag{38}$$

If we take  $p_i(x) = x - \sigma_i$ , (36) reduces to (34), whereas if  $p_i(x) = (x - \sigma_i)(x - \tau_i)$ , (36) reduces to the double shift algorithm (35).

Equations (9) through (12), which hold for the unshifted FGZ algorithm, continue to be valid for the generalized FGZ algorithm. Equations (13, 14)

are replaced by the generalizations

$$\prod_{j=1}^i p_j(\hat{A}\hat{B}^{-1}) = F_i G_i, \quad (39)$$

$$\prod_{j=1}^i p_j(\hat{B}^{-1}\hat{A}) = Z_i R_i. \quad (40)$$

**EXAMPLE 5.1L.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the group of unit lower triangular matrices, and  $\mathcal{G}$  the group of nonsingular upper triangular matrices. Defining  $p_i$  as in (35), we get an algorithm equivalent to Kaufman's *LZ* algorithm [12] without pivoting. Of course the actual implementation of [12] is an implicit formulation which is very different from what is indicated by (35) and (37).

**EXAMPLE 5.1Q.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the unitary group and  $\mathcal{G}$  the group of upper triangular matrices with positive entries on the main diagonal. Defining  $p_i$  as in (35), we get an algorithm equivalent to the *QZ* algorithm of Moler and Stewart [13]. Once again the actual implementation of [13] is implicit.

**EXAMPLE 5.1S.** Let  $\mathcal{F} \in GL_{2n}(\mathbf{R})$  be the real symplectic group defined in Example 2.1S, and let  $\mathcal{G}$  also be as defined in Example 2.1S. The resulting algorithm is called the *SZ* algorithm. Like the *LZ* and *QZ* algorithms, it can be implemented implicitly. We plan to discuss questions of implementation in general in a subsequent paper.

**EXAMPLE 5.1H.** If we take  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  as in Example 2.1H, we get an algorithm which we will call the *HZ* algorithm.

## 6. FLOWS ASSOCIATED WITH GENERALIZED *FGZ* ALGORITHMS

Given a generalized *FGZ* algorithm, we would like to find self-equivalent flows which interpolate the algorithm. To this end we consider flows satisfying nonautonomous initial value problems of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{C} &= C\rho(f(t, D^{-1}C)) - \rho(f(t, CD^{-1}))C, & C(0) &= \hat{C}, \\ \dot{D} &= D\rho(f(t, D^{-1}C)) - \rho(f(t, CD^{-1}))D, & D(0) &= \hat{D}, \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

where  $f(t, x)$  is piecewise continuous in  $t$  and locally analytic in  $x$ . Solutions of (41) satisfy the following theorem, which generalizes Theorems 6.1 and 9.1 of [21].

**THEOREM 6.1.** *Let  $\hat{C} \in \mathbf{F}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\hat{D} \in GL_n(\mathbf{F})$ , and let  $f(t, x)$  be any function which is piecewise continuous in  $t$  and, for each  $t$ , locally analytic in  $x$  on an open set containing the common spectra of  $\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}$  and  $\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C}$ . Then the initial-value problem (41) has a unique solution on some nonempty interval  $[0, \tilde{t})$ . The solution satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} C(t) &= F(t)^{-1}\hat{C}Z(t) = G(t)\hat{C}R(t)^{-1} \\ D(t) &= F(t)^{-1}\hat{D}Z(t) = G(t)\hat{D}R(t)^{-1}, \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

where  $F, G, Z,$  and  $R$  are solutions of

$$\dot{F} = F\rho(f(t, CD^{-1})), \quad F(0) = I, \tag{43}$$

$$\dot{G} = \sigma(f(t, CD^{-1}))G, \quad G(0) = I, \tag{44}$$

$$\dot{Z} = Z\rho(f(t, D^{-1}C)), \quad Z(0) = I, \tag{45}$$

$$\dot{R} = \sigma(f(t, D^{-1}C))R, \quad R(0) = I. \tag{46}$$

$F(t), Z(t) \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $G(t), R(t) \in \mathcal{G}$  for all  $t \in [0, \tilde{t})$ . They are related by the equations

$$\exp\{M(t)\} = F(t)G(t), \tag{47}$$

$$\exp\{N(t)\} = Z(t)R(t), \tag{48}$$

where

$$M(t) = \int_0^t f(s, \hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}) ds \quad \text{and} \quad N(t) = \int_0^t f(s, \hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C}) ds.$$

Equations (47) and (48) represent  $FG$  decompositions of  $\exp\{M(t)\}$  and  $\exp\{N(t)\}$ , respectively.

*Proof.* There exists a neighborhood  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $I$  such that every  $A \in \mathcal{V}$  has an  $FG$  decomposition. Choose  $\tilde{t} > 0$  such that  $\exp\{M(t)\} \in \mathcal{V}$  and

$\exp\{N(t)\} \in \mathcal{V}$  for all  $t \in [0, \tilde{t})$ , and let  $F(t), Z(t) \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $G(t), R(t) \in \mathcal{G}$  be defined uniquely on  $[0, \tilde{t})$  by (47) and (48). Clearly  $F(0) = G(0) = Z(0) = R(0) = I$ . Define  $C(t)$  and  $D(t)$  by  $C(t) = F(t)^{-1}\hat{C}Z(t)$  and  $D(t) = F(t)^{-1}\hat{D}Z(t)$ . Then  $C(0) = \hat{C}$  and  $D(0) = \hat{D}$ . The next step is to differentiate (47) and (48). Notice that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \exp\{M(t)\} = f(t, \hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}) \exp\{M(t)\}.$$

This would be obvious if  $M(t)$  were a scalar-valued function. It is false in general for matrix functions because of noncommutativity, but it is valid in this case because all matrices involved are functions of  $\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}$ . Differentiating (47), we have

$$f(t, \hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}) \exp\{M(t)\} = \dot{F}(t)G(t) + F(t)\dot{G}(t).$$

Multiplying on the left by  $F(t)^{-1}$  and on the right by  $G(t)^{-1}$ , and noting that  $C(t)D(t)^{-1} = F(t)^{-1}\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}F(t)$ , we find that

$$f(t, C(t)D(t)^{-1}) = F(t)^{-1}\dot{F}(t) + \dot{G}(t)G(t)^{-1}. \quad (49)$$

Since  $F(t)^{-1}\dot{F}(t) \in \Lambda(\mathcal{F})$  and  $\dot{G}(t)G(t)^{-1} \in \Lambda(\mathcal{G})$ , we see that (49) gives the unique decomposition of  $f(t, C(t)D(t)^{-1})$  into components in  $\Lambda(\mathcal{F})$  and  $\Lambda(\mathcal{G})$ :

$$F^{-1}\dot{F} = \rho(f(t, CD^{-1})) \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{G}G^{-1} = \sigma(f(t, CD^{-1})).$$

Rearranging these equations, we find that  $F$  and  $G$  are the unique solutions of (43) and (44), respectively. We now differentiate (48) and perform an analogous sequence of manipulations to find that  $Z$  and  $R$  are the unique solutions of (45) and (46), respectively. Since (43) and (45) have the form (16, 17),  $C(t)$  must satisfy a differential equation of the form (15). This is just the first equation of (41). Similarly  $D(t)$  must satisfy the second equation of (41). Since the right-hand side of (41) satisfies a Lipschitz condition on compact sets, the solution is unique. Our definition of  $C(t)$  and  $D(t)$  establishes half of (42). The other half follows from the fact that (41) can also be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{C} &= \sigma(f(t, CD^{-1}))C - C\sigma(f(t, D^{-1}C)), & C(0) &= \hat{C}, \\ \dot{D} &= \sigma(f(t, CD^{-1}))D - D\sigma(f(t, D^{-1}C)), & D(0) &= \hat{D}. \end{aligned}$$



Each of these equations has the form (18), so  $C(t) = G(t)\hat{C}R(t)^{-1}$  and  $D(t) = G(t)\hat{D}R(t)^{-1}$ . This completes the proof. ■

REMARK. Our proof was based on the differentiation formula

$$\frac{d}{dt} \exp\{P(t)\} = \dot{P}(t) \exp\{P(t)\}.$$

One can just as well use the formula

$$\frac{d}{dt} \exp\{P(t)\} = \exp\{P(t)\} \dot{P}(t).$$

In this case one defines  $C$  and  $D$  by  $C(t) = G(t)\hat{C}R(t)^{-1}$  and  $D(t) = G(t)\hat{D}R(t)^{-1}$  and works in the opposite direction.

EXAMPLES. Taking  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  as in Examples 2.1L, 2.1Q, 2.1S, and 2.1H, we get families of flows which we will call  $LZ$ ,  $QZ$ ,  $SZ$ , and  $HZ$  flows, respectively.

*Singularities in the Flows*

Just as in [21], one can show that the flow (41) has singularities at exactly those  $t$  for which one of the  $FG$  decompositions (47, 48) fails to exist. Thus  $QZ$  flows never have singularities. All of the other types of flows which we have considered can have singularities. A flow can be continued after a singularity provided that the decompositions (47) and (48) exist after the singularity. This is always the case for  $LZ$  and  $SZ$  flows with autonomous differential equations (21), because the points at which the decompositions fail to exist are isolated in time [21]. For general  $LZ$  and  $SZ$  flows (41) we cannot say categorically that the singularities are isolated, because  $M(t)$  and  $N(t)$  are not necessarily analytic. It is nevertheless generically true that the singularities are isolated. In order to extend the  $HZ$  flows one must extend the definition of the  $HR$  decomposition as in [1-3, 21]. The definition of the generalized  $HZ$  flows can then be extended in a natural way. There is no need to carry out that extension here, since the important ideas are already given in [21].

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THEOREM 6.2. Let  $\varphi$  be a locally analytic function defined on an open set containing the common spectrum of  $\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}$  and  $\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C}$ , and let all other

terms be as defined earlier in this section. Suppose

$$\int_{j-1}^j f(s, x) ds = \log p_j(\varphi(x)), \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (50)$$

(a) If  $\hat{A}\hat{B}^{-1} = \varphi(\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1})$ , then the generalized FGZ algorithm based on  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots$ , with initial pair  $\hat{A}, \hat{B}$ , and the generalized FGZ flow based on  $f$ , with initial pair  $\hat{C}, \hat{D}$ , are related by

$$A_i B_i^{-1} = \varphi(C(i)D(i)^{-1}), \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

(b) If  $\hat{B}^{-1}\hat{A} = \varphi(\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C})$ , then the generalized FGZ algorithm based on  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots$ , with initial pair  $\hat{A}, \hat{B}$ , and the generalized FGZ flow based on  $f$ , with initial pair  $\hat{C}, \hat{D}$ , are related by

$$B_i^{-1}A_i = \varphi(D(i)^{-1}C(i)), \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $\hat{A}\hat{B}^{-1} = \varphi(\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1})$ . Substituting  $\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}$  for  $x$  in (50), summing  $j$  from 1 to  $i$ , and taking exponents, we find that for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,

$$\exp\left\{\int_0^i f(s, \hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}) ds\right\} = \prod_{j=1}^i p_j(\hat{A}\hat{B}^{-1}).$$

Then by (39) and (47) with  $t = i$ , we have  $F(i)G(i) = F_i G_i$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . By the uniqueness of the FG decomposition,  $F(i) = F_i$  and  $G(i) = G_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Therefore

$$A_i B_i^{-1} = F_i^{-1} \hat{A} \hat{B}^{-1} F_i = F(i)^{-1} \varphi(\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}) F(i) = \varphi(C(i)D(i)^{-1})$$

for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . This proves the first assertion. The proof of the second assertion is similar. ■

If we take  $\varphi(x) = x$ , we get a flow which interpolates the FGZ algorithm:

**THEOREM 6.3.** *Suppose  $f$  and  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots$  are related by*

$$\int_{j-1}^j f(s, x) ds = \log p_j(x), \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (51)$$

*Then the generalized FGZ algorithm based on  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots$ , with initial pair  $\hat{A}, \hat{B}$ , and the generalized FGZ flow based on  $f$ , with initial pair  $\hat{C}, \hat{D} = \hat{A}, \hat{B}$ , are related by*

$$A_i = C(i), \quad B_i = D(i), \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

*Proof.* Substituting  $\hat{A}\hat{B}^{-1} (= \hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1})$  into (51), summing  $j$  from 1 to  $i$ , and taking exponents, we find that

$$\exp\left\{\int_0^i f(s, \hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1}) ds\right\} = \prod_{j=1}^i p_j(\hat{A}\hat{B}^{-1}).$$

Similarly

$$\exp\left\{\int_0^i f(s, \hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C}) ds\right\} = \prod_{j=1}^i p_j(\hat{B}^{-1}\hat{A}).$$

Comparing (39) and (40) with (47) and (48), respectively, and invoking the uniqueness of FG decompositions, we find that  $F(i) = F_i, G(i) = G_i, Z(i) = Z_i$ , and  $R(i) = R_i$ , for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Thus

$$A_i = F_i^{-1}\hat{A}Z_i = F(i)^{-1}\hat{C}Z(i) = C(i),$$

$$B_i = F_i^{-1}\hat{B}Z_i = F(i)^{-1}\hat{D}Z(i) = D(i)$$

for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  ■

**REMARK.** We could have drawn the same conclusion using  $G$  and  $R^{-1}$  instead of  $F^{-1}$  and  $Z$ .

Provided that  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots$  are chosen so that  $\log p_i(\hat{C}\hat{D}^{-1})$  and  $\log p_i(\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{C})$  are always meaningful, there are many ways to choose  $f(t, x)$  so that the equations (51) are satisfied. Some examples are given in [21] (Examples 9.4–9.7). There is no need to repeat them here.

## 7. RELATIONSHIP TO FLOWS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SVD

There is some overlap between the flows discussed in this paper and the flows associated with the singular-value decomposition which we discussed in [22]. Consider the flow (41) in the case when  $FG$  is  $QR$ . In this case  $\rho(M)$  is skew-Hermitian for all  $M$ . Using this fact and the identity  $(d/dt)(D^{-1}) = -D^{-1}\dot{D}D^{-1}$ , we find that the differential equation for  $D$  can be transformed to

$$\frac{d}{dt}(D^{*-1}) = D^{*-1}\rho(f(t, D^{-1}C)) - \rho(f(t, CD^{-1}))D^{*-1}.$$

Thus  $D^{*-1}$  and  $C$  satisfy the same differential equation. It follows that if  $\hat{D}^{*-1} = \hat{C}$ , then  $D(t)^{*-1} = C(t)$  for all  $t$ . Thus (41) reduces to the single matrix differential equation

$$\dot{C} = C\rho(f(t, C^*C)) - \rho(f(t, CC^*))C, \quad C(0) = \hat{C},$$

which is exactly the form of the flows considered in [22], except that in [22] we allowed singular and even nonsquare  $C$ .

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