

ON THE FACTORIZATION AND PARTIAL INDICES OF PIECEWISE CONSTANT MATRIX FUNCTIONS

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Abstract. In this paper, we give algorithm for calculating L_p -partial indices for some classes of the piecewise constant matrix functions. We reduce this problem to calculation of partial indices of a rational matrix function, which leads Fuchsian system of differential equations to a system of a standard form.

1. Φ -FACTORIZATION AND FUNDAMENTAL MATRIX OF SOLUTIONS OF THE FUCHSIAN SYSTEM

Let Γ be a smooth closed positively oriented loop in \mathbb{CP}^1 which separates \mathbb{CP}^1 into two connected domains U_+ and U_- . Suppose $0 \in U_+$ and $\infty \in U_-$. Let $L^p(\Gamma)$, $p > 1$, be the space of p -integrable functions on Γ and $L_{\pm}^p(\Gamma)$ be the space of analytic functions U_{\pm}^{\pm} , respectively, defined by the standard projector operator [5, 7]. Let $L^{\infty}(\Gamma)$ be the Banach space of essentially bounded functions.

Denote by Ω the space of all Hölder-continuous matrix functions $f : \Gamma \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ with the natural topology. For a set \mathcal{S} , let $\mathcal{S}^{n \times n}$ be the set of $n \times n$ -matrices with entries from \mathcal{S} .

Φ -Factorization of a matrix-function $G \in L^{\infty}(\Gamma)^{n \times n}$ in the space $L^p(\Gamma)$ is its representation in the form

$$G(t) = G_+(t)\Lambda(t)G_-(t), \quad t \in \Gamma, \quad (1)$$

where $\Lambda(t) = \text{diag}(t^{k_1}, \dots, t^{k_n})$, $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, $G_+ \in L_+^p(\Gamma)^{n \times n}$ and $G_+^{-1} \in L_+^q(\Gamma)^{n \times n}$, $G_- \in L_-^q(\Gamma)^{n \times n}$ and $G_-^{-1} \in L_-^p(\Gamma)^{n \times n}$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, and the operator $G_-^{-1}Q_{\Gamma}G_+^{-1}$ is bounded in the space $L^p(\Gamma)^n$. Here, we use the standard notation

$$Q_{\Gamma} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{1} - S_{\Gamma}), \quad (S_{\Gamma}f)(t) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\tau)}{\tau - t} d\tau, \quad t \in \Gamma,$$

and $\mathbf{1}$ is an identity operator.

The integers k_1, \dots, k_n , $k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_n$ are called L^p -partial indices of the piecewise constant matrix function $G(t)$.

Let us consider the particular subspace $PC(\Gamma)^{n \times n}$ of piecewise constant matrix-functions on Γ . For elements of this subspace, there exist the one-sided limits $G(t+0)$ and $G(t-0)$ for each $t \in \Gamma$. For such matrix-functions, a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of Φ -factorization is given by the following

Theorem 1 ([5]). *A matrix-function $G \in PC(\Gamma)^{n \times n}$ is Φ -factorizable in the space $L^p(\Gamma)$ if and only if*

- a) *the matrices $G(t+0)$ and $G(t-0)$ are invertible for each $t \in \Gamma$;*
- b) *for each $j = 1, \dots, n$ and $t \in \Gamma$, one has*

$$\theta_j = \frac{1}{2\pi} \arg \lambda_j(t) + \frac{1}{p} \notin \mathbb{Z}. \quad (2)$$

Here, $\lambda_1(t), \dots, \lambda_n(t)$ are the eigenvalues of the matrix $G(t-0)G(t+0)^{-1}$.

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If a matrix-function G is Φ -factorizable, then $\zeta_j(\tau) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \arg \lambda_j(\tau)$ is a single-valued function taking values in the interval $(\frac{1}{p} - 1, \frac{1}{p})$.

Suppose G has m singular (discontinuity) points $s_1, \dots, s_m \in \Gamma$, then

$$\kappa = \sum_{k=1}^m \left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \arg \det G(t) \right]_{t=s_k+0}^{s_{k+1}-0} + \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \zeta_j(s_k). \tag{3}$$

The quantity κ is called the *index* of the matrix function which is equal to the sum of partial indices: $\kappa = k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_n$. It can be seen from (3) that κ depends on $L^p(\Gamma)$. If $\lambda_j(\tau)$ are positive real numbers, then $\zeta_j(\tau) = 0$ and, consequently, κ does not depend on the space $L^p(\Gamma)$.

Suppose $G \in PC(\Gamma)^{n \times n}$ is a piecewise constant matrix function with singular points $s_1, \dots, s_m \in \Gamma$ occurring in the given order, which is factorizable in the space $L^p(\Gamma)$. Let $M_k = G(s_k - 0)G(s_k + 0)^{-1}$, $k = 1, \dots, m$. Thus G is constant on the arc (s_k, s_{k+1}) , and we assume that, $s_{m+1} = s_1$, $M_1 M_2 \dots M_m = \mathbf{I}$, where \mathbf{I} is an identity matrix. Suppose that the matrices $M_k, k = 1, \dots, m$, are similar to the matrices $\exp(-2\pi i E_k)$ and eigenvalues of E_k belong to the interval $(\frac{1}{p} - 1, \frac{1}{p})$ which determines the matrices E_k uniquely. The numbers $\zeta_1(s_k), \dots, \zeta_n(s_k)$ are equal to the real parts of eigenvalues of E_k . This implies that for the index κ one has the formula $\kappa = \sum_{k=1}^m \text{tr} E_k$. Thus the matrices E_1, \dots, E_m depend on the space $L^p(\Gamma)$. They also depend on the choice of a logarithm of eigenvalues of the matrices M_k . Thus $G \in PC(\Gamma)^{n \times n}$ produces two m -tuples (M_1, \dots, M_m) and (E_1, \dots, E_m) of matrices.

Let

$$\frac{df}{dz} = A(z)f(z) \tag{4}$$

be an n -system of differential equations with regular singularities, having s_1, \dots, s_m as singular points, and ∞ as an apparent singular point. It is known that such system has n linearly independent solutions in the neighborhood of a regular point.

Let us denote such a fundamental system of solutions by $F(\tilde{z})$. It is possible to characterize the behavior of $F(\tilde{z})$ near the singular points s_1, \dots, s_m by the matrices M_1, \dots, M_m which are determined by E_1, \dots, E_m and by the behavior at ∞ which is characterized by partial indices k_1, \dots, k_m . Therefore it is said that system (4) has the standard form with respect to the matrices (M_1, \dots, M_m) and (E_1, \dots, E_m) satisfying the condition $M_1 \dots M_m = 1$, where M_k are similar to $\exp(-2\pi i E_k)$, $k = 1, \dots, m$, and E_j are not resonant and with singular points s_1, \dots, s_m , and with partial indices $k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_n$, if

- i) s_1, \dots, s_m are the only singular points of (4), with ∞ as an apparent singular point;
- ii) the monodromy group of (4) is conjugate to the subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ generated by the matrices M_1, \dots, M_m ;
- iii) in a neighborhood U_j of the point s_j , the solution has the form

$$F(\tilde{z}) = Z_j(z)(\tilde{z} - s_j)^{E_j} C,$$

where $Z_j(z)$ is an analytic and invertible matrix-function on $U_j \cup \{s_j\}$ and C is a nondegenerate matrix;

- iv) the solution of the system in the neighborhood U_∞ of ∞ has the form

$$F(z) = \text{diag}(z^{k_1}, \dots, z^{k_n}) Z_\infty(z) C, \quad z \in U_\infty,$$

where $Z_\infty(z)$ is holomorphic and invertible in U_∞ .

In particular, every coordinate function $f_k(\tilde{z})$ of a solution $F(\tilde{z})$ of system (4) is

$$f_k(\tilde{z}) = \sum_{p,q} \tilde{z}^{\tau_p} h_{p,q}(z) \ln^{l_q} \tilde{z}, \quad \text{where } 0 \leq \text{Re} \tau_q < 1, l_q \in \mathbb{Z}, l_q \geq 0. \tag{5}$$

Theorem 2 ([5]). *Suppose $G \in PC(\Gamma)^{n \times n}$ is a piecewise constant function with jump points s_1, \dots, s_m which admits Φ -factorization in the space $L_p(\Gamma)$, $1 < p < \infty$, and (M_1, \dots, M_m) , (E_1, \dots, E_m) are the matrices associated to G .*

Suppose there exists a system of differential equations in the standard form (4) with singular points s_1, \dots, s_m and partial indices k_1, \dots, k_n . Let $F_1(z), F_2(z)$ be fundamental systems of its solutions in U_+ and $U_- \setminus \{\infty\}$, respectively.

Then there exist nondegenerate $n \times n$ -matrices C_1 and C_2 such that

$$G(t) = G_+(t)\Lambda(t)G_-(t)$$

is a Φ -factorization of G in $L^p(\Gamma)$, where $\Lambda(t) = \text{diag}(t^{k_1}, \dots, t^{k_n})$,

$$G_+(z) = C_1^{-1}F_1^{-1}(z), \quad z \in U_+, \quad G_-(z) = \Lambda^{-1}(z)F_2(z)C_2, \quad z \in U_- \setminus \{\infty\}.$$

We use the above factorization of the piecewise constant matrix function $G(t)$ for a proof of the main result of this paper.

2. L_p -FACTORIZATION OF PIECEWISE CONSTANT MATRIX FUNCTION

We consider the regular system of the differential equations of the form

$$dF = \omega F, \tag{6}$$

where $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ is an unknown vector-valued function defined in a complex domain $U \subset \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ and ω is the given matrix-valued meromorphic 1-form on \mathbb{CP}^1 , with an $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\}$ set of singular points. If the above system is Fuchsian, then

$$dF = \left(\sum_j^m \frac{A_j}{z - s_j} dz \right) F, \tag{7}$$

where $A_j, j = 1, \dots, m$ are constant matrices: $A_j = \text{res}_{z=s_j} \omega(z)$ and $\sum_{j=1}^m A_j = 0$ if $s_j \neq \infty$ for all $j = 1, \dots, m$.

Let $X_m = \mathbb{CP}^1 \setminus S$ and let \mathcal{X}_m be a universal covering of X_m . Then the group of deck transformations Γ of the covering $p : \mathcal{X}_m \rightarrow X_m$ is the infinite cyclic group generated by the deck transformations g_j corresponding to one counterclockwise trip around $s_j, j = 1, \dots, m$.

If we identify the fundamental group $\pi_1(X_m, z_0), z_0 \notin S$, of the noncompact Riemann surface X_m with Γ , we obtain the monodromy representation of systems (6), (7),

$$\rho : \pi_1(X_m, z_0) \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \tag{8}$$

defined by the correspondence

$$g_j \rightarrow M_j.$$

Here, we preserve the notation for the deck transformation $g_j \in \Gamma$ for the generators of the fundamental group $\pi_1(X_m, z_0)$ and in this new notation, g_j are the homotopy classes of simple loops starting and ending at z_0 which goes around s_j counterclockwise. Therefore the generators of the fundamental group $\pi_1(X_m, z_0)$ are the homotopy classes $g_j, j = 1, \dots, m$, with the relation $g_1 \dots g_m = 1$. The monodromy representation (8) is homomorphism of groups and the monodromy matrices $M_j, j = 1, \dots, m$ are generators of the monodromy group of Fuchsian system (7) and they satisfy the relation $M_1 \dots M_m = \mathbf{I}$.

By Levelt's theory [3], the fundamental matrix of solutions of (6) in the neighborhood of s_j is

$$\Phi_j(\tilde{z}) = U_j(z)(z - s_j)^{\Psi_j}(\tilde{z} - s_j)^{E_j}, \tag{9}$$

where \tilde{z} is a local variable on \mathcal{X}_m , $\Psi_j = \text{diag}(\varphi_j^1, \dots, \varphi_j^m)$ are diagonal matrices with integer entries, $E_j = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \ln M_j$ are upper triangular matrices with eigenvalues $\mu_j^k = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \ln m_j^k, k = 1, \dots, n$ satisfying the conditions $0 \leq \text{Re } \mu_j^k < 1$. The numbers $\beta_j^k = \varphi_j^k + \mu_j^k$ will be called *exponents* of the solution space \mathcal{V} at the point s_j (or j -exponents). The integers $\varphi_j^k = [\text{Re } \beta_j^k]$, are called *valuations* at s_j and Ψ_j is called a *matrix of valuations* of the solution space \mathcal{V} at the singular points $s_j, j = 1, \dots, m$. It is clear that $\beta_j^1, \dots, \beta_j^n$ are eigenvalues of the matrices $A_j, j = 1, \dots, m$, from system (7) and $\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_j^k = 0$.

For our goals, we use a version of the Riemann–Hilbert monodromy problem known as *Riemann–Hilbert problem with the given asymptotics* [4]:

For the given representation (8) and a collection of diagonal matrices $\Psi = (\Psi^1, \dots, \Psi^m)$ such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \Psi^k = 0, \quad (10)$$

construct Fuchsian system (7) with the given monodromy ρ and with the given Ψ as a collection of matrices of valuations.

In general, this problem has a negative solution for the class of Fuchsian systems. Moreover, the following theorem holds.

Theorem 3 (see [3]). *There exists a system of differential equations*

$$\frac{dy(z)}{dz} = B(z)y(z) \quad (11)$$

with the given matrix of valuations $\Psi = (\Psi^1, \dots, \Psi^m)$, whose monodromy representation coincides with ρ defined by (8) which is Fuchsian at the given points s_1, \dots, s_m and have apparent singularity at ∞ .

The existence of system (11) with the given monodromy and singular points s_1, \dots, s_m follows from a positive solution of the Riemann–Hilbert monodromy problem for regular systems (Plemelj Theorem [3]). The first part of the theorem follows from Proposition 1 below.

Proposition 1 ([4,6,8]). *Let $\tilde{\Psi} = (\tilde{\Psi}^1, \dots, \tilde{\Psi}^m)$ be given. Then there exists a rational matrix function $T(z)$ such that the Fuchsian system (7) is a gauge equivalent to system (11):*

$$B(z) = T(z) \left(\sum_{j=0}^m \frac{A_j}{z - s_j} \right) T^{-1}(z) + \frac{dT(z)}{dz} T^{-1}(z).$$

In addition, the fundamental matrix of solutions of this system at the singular points s_j has the form

$$\Phi_j(\tilde{z}) = U_j(z)(z - s_j)^{\tilde{\Psi}^j}(\tilde{z} - s_j)^{E_j} \quad (12)$$

for each $j = 1, \dots, m$.

We call a rational matrix function $T(z)$ a *transform matrix*.

Proposition 2 ([1,2]). *The transform matrix $T(z)$ can be calculated algorithmically.*

Consider a canonical extension (E^0, ∇^0) of the holomorphic vector bundle induced from system (11) and suppose that the splitting type of this bundle is $K = (k_1, \dots, k_n), k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_n$:

$$E^0 \cong \mathcal{O}(k_1) \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{O}(k_n). \quad (13)$$

Note that the canonical extension is induced from the regular system of the form (11) with valuations $\Psi^j = (0, \dots, 0)$ at each singular points $s_j, j = 1, \dots, m$. As mentioned above (see [5]), such system is the system of standard form with indices k_1, \dots, k_n . It follows from (12) and (13) that the fundamental matrix of solutions of the system of standard form at the points s_j and ∞ has the forms

$$\Phi_j(\tilde{z}) = U_j(z)(\tilde{z} - s_j)^{E_j} \quad (14)$$

and

$$\Phi_\infty(z) = \text{diag}(k_1, \dots, k_n)U_\infty(z), \quad (15)$$

where $U_j(z)$ and $U_\infty(z)$ are holomorphic invertible matrix functions at $s_j, j = 1, \dots, m$ and ∞ , respectively.

Proposition 3 ([4,6,8]). *The splitting type of the canonical vector bundle E^0 coincides with the partial indices of the transform matrix $T(z)$.*

Suppose that two m -tuples (M_1, \dots, M_m) and (E_1, \dots, E_m) of matrices are produced from the piecewise constant matrix function $G(t) \in PC(\Gamma)^{n \times n}$. Let (11) be the system of standard form induced from the following data: collection of singular points $\{s_1, \dots, s_m\}$, monodromy matrices (M_1, \dots, M_m) and nonresonant matrices (E_1, \dots, E_m) .

Suppose $\theta = \min_{s_k, j} \{\theta_j\}, j = 1, \dots, n, k = 1, \dots, m$, where θ_j is defined by (2).

Theorem 4. *A piecewise constant matrix function $G(t) \in PC(\Gamma)^{n \times n}$ is factorisable in the space $L^p(\Gamma)$, $p > \theta$ and L^p -partial indices of $G(t)$ coincide with partial indices of the transform matrix $T(z)$.*

Proof. Let (M_1, \dots, M_m) and (E_1, \dots, E_m) be the matrices associated with G . Let (11) be the system of standard form with unknown partial indices k_1, \dots, k_n induced from the given data. Let $F_1(z), F_2(z)$ be the fundamental systems of their solutions in U_+ and $U_- \setminus \{\infty\}$, respectively. Then by Theorem 2, there exist nondegenerate $n \times n$ -matrices C_1 and C_2 such that

$$G(t) = C_1^{-1}F_1^{-1}(t)\Lambda(t)\Lambda^{-1}(t)F_2(t)C_2,$$

and if we take

$$G_+(z) = C_1^{-1}F_1^{-1}(z), \quad z \in U_+, \quad G_-(z) = \Lambda^{-1}(z)F_2(z)C_2, \quad z \in U_- \setminus \{\infty\},$$

we obtain the Φ -factorization of $G(t)$ in L_p :

$$G(t) = G_+(t)\Lambda(t)G_-(t),$$

where $\Lambda(t) = \text{diag}(t^{k_1}, \dots, t^{k_n})$. On the other hand, it follows from (13) and (15) that n -tuple (k_1, \dots, k_n) coincides with the splitting type of the canonical vector bundle induced from this system of equations. Therefore by Proposition 3, the partial indices k_1, \dots, k_n coincide with the partial indices of the transform matrix $T(z)$. This completes the proof.

Example. Consider the second order Fuchsian system with four singular points

$$\frac{dy}{dz} = \left(\frac{\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{7}{4} & i \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}}{z - (-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3i}{2})} + \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}}{z - (\frac{1}{3} + \frac{3i}{2})} + \frac{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{4} & -i \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}}{z - (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{4})} + \frac{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}}{z - (-\frac{1}{3} - \frac{i}{3})} \right) y.$$

The transform matrix for valuations $\Psi = ((0, 0), (0, 0), (0, 0), (0, 0))$ which corresponds to canonical extension of vector bundle or, equivalently, to the system of standard form, is

$$T(z) = \frac{1}{z - 1/2 + i/4} \begin{pmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ 0 & -T_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} T_{11} &= (z + 1/2 - 3i/4)^2(z - 1/3 - 3i/2), \\ T_{12} &= (-12/11 - 12i/11)(z + 1/2 - 3i/4)(z - 1/3 - 3i/2), \\ T_{22} &= (z - 1/2 + i/4)(z + 1/2 - 3i/4)(z - 1/3 - 3i/2). \end{aligned}$$

The partial indices of $T(z)$ are $k_1 = 1, k_2 = 1$ and therefore the splitting type of the associated vector bundle is $(1, 1)$.

The local monodromy matrices corresponding to singular points $1/2 - 3i/2, 1/3 + 3i/2, 1/2 - i/4, -1/3 - i/3$ are

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} i & \frac{4}{5} - \frac{4}{5}i \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 3i(-2 + \sqrt{3}) \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \\ M_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} i & \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{19} + \frac{2}{19} - \frac{6}{19}i \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i\sqrt{3}i}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively.

Consider the quadrilateral with vertices at points $s_1 = 1/2 - 3i/2, s_2 = 1/3 + 3i/2, s_3 = 1/2 - i/4$ and $s_4 = -1/3 - i/3$ as a closed contour on the complex plane. Let $f(t)$ be a piecewise constant matrix function defined as follows: $f(t) = M_1$ if $t \in (s_1, s_2]$; $f(t) = M_2M_1$, if $t \in (s_2, s_3]$, $f(t) = M_3M_2M_1$, if $t \in (s_3, s_4]$ and $f(t) = M_4M_3M_2M_1$, if $t \in (s_4, s_1]$. The eigenvalues of the monodromy matrices are $\pm i, 1, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2}$. The quantities θ_j are $\frac{1}{2\pi} \arg(i) = \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2\pi} \arg(-i) = \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{2\pi} \arg(1) = 0, \frac{1}{2\pi} \arg(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2}) = \frac{1}{6}$. Therefore $\theta = \frac{6}{5}$. Consequently, L^p -partial indices of piecewise constant matrix function $f(t)$ are $k_1 = 1$ and $k_2 = 1$, where $p > \frac{6}{5}$.

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