

# A CLEAN TITLE

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*Ohana* means family.  
Family means nobody gets left behind, or forgotten.  
— Lilo & Stitch

Dedicated to the loving memory of Rudolf Miede.  
1939 – 2005



## ABSTRACT

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Short summary of the contents in English...a great guide by Kent Beck how to write good abstracts can be found here:

<https://plg.uwaterloo.ca/~migod/research/beck00PSLA.html>



*We have seen that computer programming is an art,  
because it applies accumulated knowledge to the world,  
because it requires skill and ingenuity, and especially  
because it produces objects of beauty.*

— Donald E. Knuth [2]

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## Part I

### PART I: \*NAME\*



## INTRODUCTION

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### 1.1 FUNCTIONAL CALCULUS

Functional Calculus refers to the process of extending the domain of a function on  $\mathbb{R}$  to include matrices (or in some cases operators). The most basic formulation uses the fact that the space  $n \times n$  matrices forms a ring and so there is a natural way to evaluate polynomials  $f \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ . If we require that  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is self-adjoint—and hence diagonalizable as  $A = U\Lambda U^*$ —then it is a standard result that:

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) &= a_n A^n + \cdots + a_1 A + a_0 \\ &= a_n (U\Lambda U^*)^n + \cdots + a_1 U\Lambda U^* + a_0 \\ &= a_n U\Lambda^n U^* + \cdots + a_1 U\Lambda U^* + a_0 \\ &= U(a_n \Lambda^n + \cdots + a_1 \Lambda + a_0) U^* \\ &= U(f(\Lambda)) U^* \end{aligned}$$

Further, since  $\Lambda$  is diagonal and  $f$  is a polynomial,

$$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} f(\lambda_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & f(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, given a self-adjoint matrix  $A$  and a polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{C}[x]$

$$f(A) = Uf(\Lambda)U^* = U \operatorname{diag}\{f(\lambda_1), \dots, f(\lambda_n)\} U^*$$

With this in mind, we can extend a function  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  to a function on self adjoint (normal?) matrices with their spectrum in  $[a, b]$ . Let  $A$  be such a matrix (diagonalized by the unitary matrix  $U$ ), and define

$$g(A) = U \begin{bmatrix} g(\lambda_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} U^*$$

Thus, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $g$  induces a function on the self-adjoint  $n \times n$  matrices with spectrum in  $[a, b]$ . The natural ordering **explain why natural?** on self-adjoint matrices is called the **Loewner Order**:

**Definition i.1** (Loewner Ordering). *For like size self-adjoint matrices, we say that  $A \preceq B$  if  $B - A$  is positive semidefinite and  $A \prec B$  if  $B - A$  is positive definite.*

With this ordering in place, we can extend many of the familiar function theoretic properties (monotonicity, convexity) to these matrix-values functions. In fact, these properties are defined identically to their classical counterpart: We say that a function is *matrix-monotone* if  $A \preceq B$  implies that  $f(A) \preceq f(B)$  and *matrix-convex* (or *nc-convex*) if

$$f\left(\frac{X+Y}{2}\right) \preceq \frac{f(X)+f(Y)}{2}$$

for every pair of like-size matrices for which  $f$  is defined. These conditions are rather restrictive (since they must hold for matrices of *all* sizes) so many functions which are convex/monotone (in the traditional sense) fail to be matrix-convex/monotone. For example,  $f(x) = x^4$  fails to be nc-convex. **Below is an example from FCAC (Helton). What is the best way to refer to this?**

Indeed, if

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\frac{X^4 + Y^4}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2}X + \frac{1}{2}Y\right)^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 164 & 120 \\ 120 & 84 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which is not positive definite! Thus  $x^4$  fails to be convex on even  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

**nc-positive if positive for all matrices**

Further, a number of the standard constructions lift identically in this functional calculus.

**Definition i.2** (Directional Derivative). *The derivative of  $f$  in the direction  $H$  is*

$$Df(X)[H] = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(X + tH) - f(X)}{t}$$

where  $H$  and  $X$  are like-size self-adjoint matrices.

Often, the best way to compute these directional derivatives is via an equivalent formulation:

$$Df(X)[H] = \left. \frac{df(X + tH)}{dt} \right|_{t=0}$$

This version allows us to more easily define higher order derivatives

$$D^{(k)}f(X)[H] = \left. \frac{d^{(k)}f(X + tH)}{d^{(k)}t} \right|_{t=0}$$

Despite nc-convexity being so restrictive, Lemma 12 in [1] shows that the standard characterization of convexity via the second derivative: a function  $f$  is convex if and only if  $D^2f(X)[H]$  is nc-positive. Unlike the classical case, however, the only convex polynomials are of degree  $\leq 1$ .

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<sup>1</sup> See [1] for details.

## 1.2 EXTENDING MULTI-VARIABLE FUNCTIONS

We can extend this same functional calculus to functions of several variables, although the details are a bit more subtle. Let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_g)$  be a  $g$ -*tuples* of noncommuting formal variables and let  $\mathbb{R}\langle x \rangle$  **why does everyone use  $\mathbb{R}$  and now  $\mathbb{C}$ ?** be the ring of nc-polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbb{R}$ .





## Part II

### THE SHOWCASE

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## Part III

### APPENDIX

