

Let  $I = \{1, \dots, i\}$  for  $i \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ . Then

$$\det(\mathbf{D}_x \mathbf{V}_u \mathbf{A} \mathbf{W}_v \mathbf{D}_y)_{I,I} = \sum_{\substack{|J|=i \\ |K|=i}} \det(\mathbf{D}_x \mathbf{V}_u)_{I,J} \det(\mathbf{A})_{J,K} \det(\mathbf{W}_v \mathbf{D}_y)_{K,I}$$

but  $\det(\mathbf{D}_x \mathbf{V}_u)_{I,J} = x_1 \cdots x_i \det(\mathbf{V}_u)_{I,J}$ . So the monomial  $x_1 \cdots x_i$  do not depend on  $J$  and is not unique in the sum.

In fact, Pan uses the following regularization in his book  $\mathbf{A}'' = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{D}_x \mathbf{A}' \mathbf{D}_y \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{v},\mathbf{b}}$  since

$$\det(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{D}_x)_{I,J} = x_{j_1} \cdots x_{j_i} \det(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{u}})_{I,J}.$$