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A REMARK ON CONFLUENT CAUCHY  
AND CONFLUENT LOEWNER MATRICES

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1. INTRODUCTION

Cauchy matrices are matrices (rectangular in general) with elements  $1/(y_i - z_j)$ , corresponding to two sequences of interpolation nodes

$$(1) \quad y^S = (y_0, \dots, y_{n_1-1}), \quad z^S = (z_0, \dots, z_{n_2-1})$$

( $y_i, z_j$  are  $n_1 + n_2$  mutually distinct nodes, complex in general). For a given function  $\varphi$  defined at least at the points  $y_i, z_j$  we denote by  $L_\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(y^S, z^S)$  the  $n_1$ -by- $n_2$  Loewner matrix with elements  $(\varphi(y_i) - \varphi(z_j))/(y_i - z_j)$  (where  $\mathcal{L}(y^S, z^S)$  is the class of all such matrices for fixed sequences  $y^S$  and  $z^S$ ). Then the Cauchy matrix is a special case of Loewner matrices, obtained for  $\varphi(y_i) = 1 \forall i$  and  $\varphi(z_j) = 0 \forall j$ . Evidently the rational function

$$(2) \quad \varphi(x) = \frac{b^S(x)}{a^S(x) + b^S(x)}$$

where

$$(3) \quad b^S(x) = \prod (x - z_j), \quad a^S(x) = \prod (x - y_i)$$

serves as an example. Denoting the Cauchy matrix by  $C_{y^S, z^S}$  we obtain

$$C_{y^S, z^S} = L_{\frac{b^S}{a^S + b^S}} \in \mathcal{L}(y^S, z^S).$$

(Let us remark that the existence of a rational function  $\varphi$  of Mac-Millan degree<sup>1</sup>  $n$  for the conditions  $\varphi(y_i) = 1, \varphi(z_j) = 0$  follows from the fact that  $C_{y^S, z^S}$  is nonsingular and by Loewner's theory connecting Loewner matrices with interpolation.)

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<sup>1</sup>The Mac-Millan degree of a rational function is the maximum of the degrees of its numerator and denominator.

The present note solves the problem whether the confluent Cauchy matrix, introduced in [5] (see Definition 1 below) has the analogous property of being a special case of confluent Loewner matrices. Theorem 5 in Section 3 proves the validity of the formally identical equality

$$C_{y,z} = L_{\frac{b}{a+b}} \in \mathcal{L}(y, z).$$

## 2. NOTATION AND PRELIMINARIES

Besides the sequences of simple interpolation nodes 1, we introduce the multiple-nodes sequences

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} y &= ([y_0, \varrho_0], \dots, [y_{r-1}, \varrho_{r-1}]), \\ y_i &\neq y_{i'} \quad \text{if } i \neq i', \quad \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \varrho_i = n_1, \end{aligned}$$

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} z &= ([z_0, \sigma_0], \dots, [z_{s-1}, \sigma_{s-1}]), \\ z_j &\neq z_{j'} \quad \text{if } j \neq j', \quad \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} \sigma_j = n_2 \end{aligned}$$

( $\varrho_i, \sigma_j$  are positive integers—multiplicities). We introduce also the corresponding polynomials

$$(6) \quad a(x) = \prod_{i=0}^{r-1} (x - y_i)^{\varrho_i}, \quad b(x) = \prod_{j=0}^{s-1} (x - z_j)^{\sigma_j}.$$

**Definition 1.** If  $y_i \neq z_j \forall i = 0, \dots, r-1$  and  $\forall j = 0, \dots, s-1$  then we introduce the confluent Cauchy matrix  $C_{y,z}$  (of dimension  $n_1$ -by- $n_2$ ) [5]:

$$(7) \quad C_{y,z} = (C_{i,j})_{\substack{i=0,\dots,r-1 \\ j=0,\dots,s-1}}$$

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} C_{ij} &= \left( \binom{k+l}{k} \frac{(-1)^k}{(y_i - z_j)^{k+l+1}} \right)_{\substack{k=0,\dots,\varrho_i-1 \\ l=0,\dots,\sigma_j-1}} \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial^{k+l}}{k!l! \partial \eta^k \zeta^l} \left[ \frac{1}{\eta - \zeta} \right]_{\substack{\eta=y_i \\ \zeta=z_j}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2.** G. Heinig in his paper [3] introduced another generalization of Cauchy matrices, of the form

$$\left( \frac{c_i^T d_j}{y_i - z_j} \right)$$

where  $c_i, d_j$  are  $k$ -term vectors ( $k \ll n$ ). Such matrices have connections with vector interpolation.

**Definition 3.** If  $\varphi(x)$  is a function such that the values  $\varphi^{(k)}(y_i), i = 0, \dots, r-1, k = 0, \dots, \varrho_i - 1$  and  $\varphi^{(l)}(z_j), j = 0, \dots, s-1, l = 0, \dots, \sigma_j - 1$ , exist then we introduce the confluent Loewner matrix  $L_\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(y, z)$  (of dimension  $n_1$ -by- $n_2$ ) (see the “generalized Loewner matrix” in [4]) by

$$(9) \quad L_\varphi = (L_{ij})_{\substack{i=0, \dots, r-1 \\ j=0, \dots, s-1}},$$

$$(10) \quad L_{ij} = \left( \underbrace{[y_i, \dots, y_i]}_{(k+1)\text{times}}, \underbrace{[z_j, \dots, z_j]}_{(l+1)\text{times}} \right)_{\substack{k=0, \dots, \varrho_i - 1 \\ l=0, \dots, \sigma_j - 1}} \varphi.$$

Here  $[\dots]_\varphi$  denotes the divided difference—see e.g. [2]. We admit  $y_i = z_j$  for some  $i$  and  $j$ . If, however,  $y_i \neq z_j$  then

$$(11) \quad [y_i, \dots, y_i, z_j, \dots, z_j]_\varphi = \frac{\partial^{k+l}}{k!l! \partial \eta^k \partial \zeta^l} \left[ \frac{\varphi(\eta) - \varphi(\zeta)}{\eta - \zeta} \right]_{\substack{\eta=y_i \\ \zeta=z_j}}$$

**Remark 4.** 1. The same definition was introduced one year before [4] in [1], up to the constants  $1/k!l!$ .

2. The author decided here to change the name from “generalized” to “confluent” Loewner matrices since this corresponds better to the interpolation connections.

### 3. THE RESULT

**Theorem 5.** *If the sequences of interpolation nodes fulfil the condition*

$$(12) \quad y_i \neq z_j, \quad i = 0, \dots, r-1, j = 0, \dots, s-1$$

*then the confluent Loewner matrix*

$$L_{\frac{b}{a+b}} \in \mathcal{L}(y, z)$$

is defined and equals the confluent Cauchy matrix  $C_{y,z}$ .

The proof will be very easy if we use the following lemma:

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $k$  and  $l$  be positive integers and let the function  $\varphi$  have derivatives up to orders  $k, l$  at the points  $\eta_0, \zeta_0$  respectively ( $\eta_0 \neq \zeta_0$ ). Then the partial derivative*

$$\frac{\partial^{k+l}}{\partial \eta^k \partial \zeta^l} \left[ \frac{\varphi(\eta) - \varphi(\zeta)}{\eta - \zeta} \right]_{\substack{\eta=\eta_0 \\ \zeta=\zeta_0}}$$

exists and can be expressed in the form

$$\frac{1}{(\eta_0 - \zeta_0)^{k+l+1}} \left[ \sum_{\kappa=1}^k \varphi^{(\kappa)}(\eta_0) p_{k,l,\kappa}(\eta_0, \zeta_0) + \sum_{\lambda=1}^l \varphi^{(\lambda)}(\zeta_0) q_{k,l,\lambda}(\eta_0, \zeta_0) + (-1)^k (k+l)! (\varphi(\eta_0) - \varphi(\zeta_0)) \right]$$

where  $p_{k,l,\kappa}, q_{k,l,\lambda}$  are polynomials in two variables.

The proof is easy by induction.

Now we shall return to the proof of Theorem :

**Proof.** Let us denote

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{b(x)}{a(x) + b(x)}.$$

Then

$$\varphi'(x) = \frac{a(x)b'(x) - a'(x)b(x)}{(a(x) + b(x))^2}.$$

This shows that  $\varphi'(x)$  is divisible by  $(x - y_i)^{e_i-1}$  and by  $(x - z_j)^{\sigma_j-1}$ . As an easy consequence we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(y_i) &= 1, & \varphi^{(\kappa)}(y_i) &= 0, & \kappa &= 1, \dots, \varrho_i - 1, \\ \varphi^{(\lambda)}(z_j) &= 0, & \lambda &= 0, \dots, \sigma_j - 1. \end{aligned}$$

This together with Lemma 6 proves Theorem 5. □

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