

Hierarchies and Eigenvalue Analysis:
A Generalization to the Continuous Case

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to give an introduction to a possibly wider generalization of the mathematical framework of the theory of hierarchies and eigen value analysis to the continuous case. Extensions and generalization of expressions of eigen functions and basic theorems on consistency are given. A conjecture about what consistency and continuity mean is thus drawn from a simple discussion about judgments.

Introduction

The theory of hierarchies based on pairwise comparison matrices gives a means to generate, through a process of decomposition into levels of vectors of priorities, an overall priority vector whose elements (from 1 to N, say) are the final weights of the N components regarding the top objective of the hierarchy. One can thus ask the question of using a similar process when the decomposition can no longer be done into a discrete set of components, but rather into a continuous interval of components. To illustrate this, let us think of an objective whose achievement depends on time -- different instants of the day, say. A discrete decomposition could roughly be: [Morning, Midday, Evening, Night] for example; and the pairwise comparison analysis would give a priority vector of four components corresponding to the four moments. Now, we can also consider a day as a continuous interval of time, every point of which can be compared to any other. What was a pairwise comparison matrix in a discrete model thus becomes the set of all the values of these judgments, for any couple of instants of the day.

More generally, given an interval $[a,b]$, we can as a first approach assume that the judgments are defined by

$$J(s,t), (s,t) \in [a,b] \times [a,b]$$

where J is a function of the two arguments s and t , points of the "effect" interval $[a,b]$.

The properties of this function J are to translate the reciprocity of the judgments and the scaling of the judgments. This is written as:

$$J(s,t) \cdot J(t,s) = 1 \quad \forall (s,t) \in [a,b]^2 \quad (1)$$

$$0 < \frac{1}{\alpha} \leq J(s,t) \leq \alpha \quad \forall (s,t) \in [a,b]^2 \quad (2)$$

where α is the scale used for the judgments. (Note that for all t in $[a,b]$ $J(t,t) = 1$).

Let us assume, for the moment, that the function J has all nice properties such as continuity, integrability, and so forth, with regard to both arguments, and let w be the function on $[a,b]$ which shall be the eigen function, solution of the integral equation:

$$\int_a^b J(s,t)w(t)dt = \lambda w(s) \quad (3)$$

and a normalization relation:

$$\int_a^b w(t)dt = 1 \quad (4)$$

The integral equation (3) can be rewritten as:

$$w(s) = \int_a^b K_\lambda(s,t)w(t)dt \quad (5)$$

where

$$K_\lambda(s,t) = \frac{J(s,t)}{\lambda} \quad (6)$$

The equation (5) is a particular case of the typical Fredholm's integral equation

$$\alpha(s) \psi(s) + \int_a^b K(s,t) \psi(t) dt = f(s) \quad (7)$$

in which the right hand side would be the function identically null on $[a,b]$.¹ This type of equation has been studied and numerical methods of resolution have been developed and are available. It is not of our present purpose to discuss this point here.²

Overall Priority Function

Similarly to the discrete case, we are bound to consider a succession of dominance levels in a hierarchy. Let us first recall some notation and formulation in the discrete case in order to give the corresponding generalization in the continuous case.

We shall remember a discrete -- complete -- hierarchy to be a sequence of n levels. A level i has N_i elements and therefore the i th level priority vector P_i has N_i components and is expressed as

$$P_i = [p_1^i \ p_2^i \ \dots \ p_{N_i}^i]^T \quad i=1,2,\dots,n$$

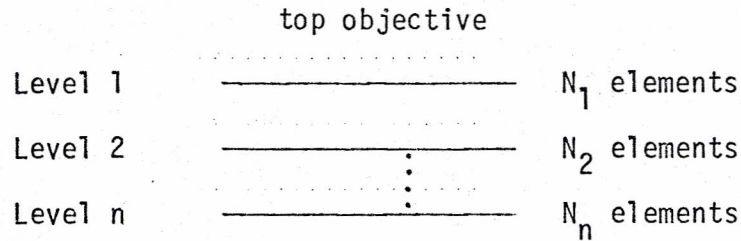
Between two successive levels i and $i+1$, is an eigen matrix, Π_i , whose columns are the eigen vectors resulting from the impact of the higher i th level upon its successor $i+1$ -st level. The matrix Π_i has dimension

¹As $\alpha \neq 1$, the equation (5) is in fact a Fredholm integral equation of the second kind.

²For more details, see [1] and [2], and all referred and abundant literature in these books.

$N_{i+1} \times N_i$ and a recurrent relation exists between the eigen matrices and the priority vectors:

$$P_i = \Pi_{i-1} P_{i-1} \quad i=1,2,\dots,n \quad (8)$$



Expanding the relation (8) to have the expression of a component of P_i in terms of P_{i-1} , we get:

$$p_j^i = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{i-1}} \Pi_{jk}^{i-1} p_k^{i-1} \quad j=1,2,\dots,N_i \quad (9)$$

From (8) and (9), expanding now the recurrence we obtain the expression of the overall priority vector P_n in terms of the first level eigen vector:

$$p_i^n = \sum_{k_1=1}^{N_{n-1}} \sum_{k_2=1}^{N_{n-2}} \dots \sum_{k_{n-1}=1}^{N_1} \Pi_{ik_1}^{n-1} \Pi_{k_1 k_2}^{n-2} \dots \Pi_{k_{n-2} k_{n-1}}^1 p_{k_{n-1}}^1 \quad (10)$$

An interesting remark, here, is that the expression (10) appears to be the expression of a tensor.³

³It is in fact a degenerate tensor of order 1 -- a hypo tensor. However, the important tensorial properties (i.e., multi-linearity, covariance, tensorial product, etc...) hold and it would be of interest to establish the contravariance of the left eigen vector priority vector.

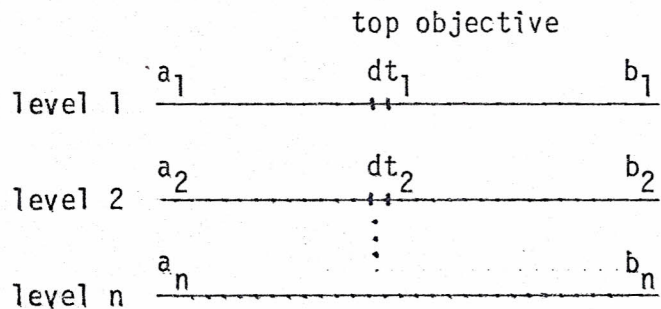
Let us now draw a generalization to a continuous level hierarchy. This is, similarly, a succession of dominance levels, each one being a continuous interval; the i th level is an interval $[a_i, b_i]$, say. We then can define for each level a priority function w_i taking values on $[a_i, b_i]$ and normalized over $[a_i, b_i]$; that is,

$$\int_{a_i}^{b_i} w_i(t) dt = 1 \quad i=1,2,\dots,n \quad (11)$$

Now, between two successive levels, i and $i+1$, a two argument eigen function -- that we shall call the "impact function" -- generalizes the concept of the eigen matrices by a recurrent relation:

$$w_{i+1}(x) = \int_{t=a_i}^{b_i} \Pi_i(x,t) w_i(t) dt, \quad \forall x \in [a_{i+1}, b_{i+1}] \quad (12)$$

obviously equivalent to equation (9).



Accordingly, the expression (10) becomes the expression of the overall priority function:

$$w_n(x) = \int_{t_1=a_1}^{b_1} \int_{t_2=a_2}^{b_2} \dots \int_{t_{n-1}=a_{n-1}}^{b_{n-1}} \Pi_{n-1}(x, t_1) \Pi_{n-2}(t_1, t_2) \dots \Pi_1(t_{n-2}, t_{n-1}) w_1(t_{n-1}) dt_1 \dots dt_{n-1} \quad (13)$$

for all $x \in [a_n, b_n]$

Moreover and to be complete - if not elegant - , we can consider a general mixed hierarchy both discrete and continuous, each level of which being a sequence of finite intervals:

$$\text{ith level } \frac{a_1^i}{b_1^i}, \frac{a_2^i}{b_2^i}, \dots, \frac{a_{N_i}^i}{b_{N_i}^i}$$

and then the overall priority vector of functions (actually, a function from $[0,1]^{N_1}$ to $[0,1]^{N_n}$) would be given by a combination of both (10) and (13), and despite its monstrosity⁴ is easily understandable.

Consistency - The Judgment Function

In the discrete case, the pairwise comparison matrix of judgments is clearly illustrated⁵ by the idea of comparisons of stone weights. The concept of consistency then is significantly introduced and induces a very elegant and solid mathematical framework supporting the various and many applications of hierarchy and eigenvale analysis. It is observed

⁴Which is our reason not to give it here explicitly!

⁵As presented in [3], page 31.

that, except for the case of 2-dimensional matrices, real life (i.e., biased and subjective "experts" judgments due to human incapability to group as a whole a complex and scattered phenomenon), provides but inconsistent matrices. Although consistency as a pure mathematical concept (as we shall see) is nicely generalized to the continuous case, it appears to be linked to continuity of judgments.

Definition 1: A reciprocal judgment function J defined over $[a,b]^2$ is consistent when

$$J(s,t) = J(s,u) \cdot J(u,t) \quad \forall (s,t) \in [a,b]^2 \quad (14)$$

An alternative definition for consistency, easily deduced as equivalent to definition 1, is:

Definition 2: A reciprocal judgment function J defined over $[a,b]^2$ is consistent when

$$J(s,t) = \frac{w(s)}{w(t)} \quad \forall (s,t) \in [a,b]^2 \quad (15)$$

where w is a solution of equation (3).

The second is obtained from the first by noticing that the ratio $\frac{J(s,u)}{J(t,u)}$ is independent of u and we thus can define $\frac{w(s)}{w(t)} = \frac{J(s,u)}{J(t,u)}$ to a multiplicative constant (equal to one by normalization). $w(s)$ thus defined obviously solves (3). The converse (i.e., Definition 2, ~~and~~ Definition 1) is trivial. \Rightarrow

Theorem 1: If J is positive and consistent then

$$J(s,s) = 1 \quad \forall s \in [a,b]$$

and

$$J(s,t) = \frac{1}{J(t,s)} \quad \forall (s,t) \in [a,b]^2$$

Proof: From Definition 1 $J(s,s) = J(s,s) \cdot J(s,s)$ and hence $J(s,s) = 1$. Now $J(s,s) = J(s,t) \cdot J(t,s)$ implies

$$J(s,t) = \frac{1}{J(t,s)} \quad \forall s,t.$$

Theorem 2: If the reciprocal judgment function J is consistent, then $w(s) = J(s,t)$, $\forall t \in [a,b]$, is a solution of equation (3). This is trivially proved by substitution.

Corollary: If J is consistent, equations (3) and (4) are simultaneously and uniquely solved by

$$w(s) = \frac{J(s,t)}{\int_a^b J(x,t) dx}.$$

The following theorem gives a nice extension to Theorem 5 of [3] in both its statement and its proof.

Theorem 3: A reciprocal judgment function J defined over $[a,b]^2$ is consistent if and only if $\lambda = b-a$.

Proof: \Rightarrow assume J is consistent. From equation (3) we have

$$w(s) = \int_a^b \frac{1}{\lambda} J(s,t)w(t)dt$$

substituting under the integral sign, it comes

$$w(s) = \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{1}{\lambda} J(s,t) J(t,u) w(u) du dt$$

By Definition 1:

$$w(s) = \int_a^b \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[\int_a^b \frac{1}{\lambda} J(s,u) w(u) du \right] dt$$

$$w(s) = \int_a^b \frac{1}{\lambda} w(s) dt = \frac{b-a}{\lambda} w(s) \quad \therefore \lambda = b-a$$

⊖ Conversely, from the expression of λ

$$\lambda = \int_a^b J(s,t) \frac{w(t)}{w(s)} dt$$

taking integral of both sides

$$\lambda(b-a) = \int_a^b \int_a^b J(s,t) \frac{w(t)}{w(s)} dt ds = \int_a^b \int_a^b G(s,t) dt ds$$

where

$$G(s,t) = J(s,t) \frac{w(t)}{w(s)}$$

$$\lambda(b-a) = \int_{s=a}^b \int_{t=s}^s G(s,t) dt ds + \int_{s=a}^b \int_{t=s}^b G(s,t) dt ds$$

Inverting the integral signs in the second integral

$$\lambda(b-a) = \int_{s=a}^b \int_{t=a}^s G(s,t) dt ds + \int_{t=a}^b \int_{s=a}^t G(s,t) dt ds$$

hence

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_{s=a}^b \int_{t=a}^s [G(s,t) + G(t,s)] dt ds$$

Noting that

$$G(s,t) = \frac{1}{G(t,s)} \quad \forall (s,t)$$

Handwritten note:
 $\int_{s=a}^b \int_{t=a}^s G(t,s) dt ds$

it comes

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{s=a}^b \int_{t=a}^s [G(s,t) + \frac{1}{G(s,t)}] dt ds$$

But

$$x + \frac{1}{x} \geq 2 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^*$$

hence,

$$\lambda \geq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{s=a}^b \int_{t=a}^s 2 dt ds = b-a$$

λ attains its minimum value when and only when

$G(s,t) + \frac{1}{G(s,t)}$ attains its minimum 2. That is

$$\lambda = b-a \implies G(s,t) + \frac{1}{G(s,t)} = 2 \text{ hence } G(s,t) = 1$$

$$\text{and } J(s,t) = \frac{w(s)}{w(t)} \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Corollary: For any general reciprocal judgment function over $[a,b]^2$, $\lambda \geq b-a$.

Theorem 4: If J is positive and consistent, and if w is a solution of equation (3) then $J(s,t) \geq J(u,v)$ if and only if

$$\frac{w(s)}{w(t)} \geq \frac{w(u)}{w(v)}$$

Proof: By Definition 2.

It is expected, when we give judgments, that we try to be as consistent as possible. The ideal case being attained for the most consistent. In a matrix (discrete case) of judgments, if two elements

to be compared are barely differentiable with respect to a same objective, it is natural to observe, near consistency, the same or very close values of their comparisons with the other elements. So, tending to consistency and making two elements be ~~very~~ closer and closer to each other will make a consistent judgment matrix tend toward a limiting continuous judgment function. In other words, consistency for a judgment function will correspond to continuity of this function.

Nothing prevents us from being more accurate in our definitions of consistency and we thus can define:

1. Consistency at a point: J is consistent at $t_0 \in [a,b]$ when $J(s,t_0) \cdot J(t_0,u) = J(s,u) \forall (s,u)$
2. Consistency: J is consistent on $[a,b]$ when $J(s,t) \cdot J(t,u) = J(s,u) \forall (s,t,u) \in [a,b]^3$

We then could conjecture the following theorem.

// Theorem: a reciprocal positive judgment function J is consistent at t_0 if and only if J is continuous at t_0 . // J, although of two arguments, being reciprocal, has the property that it is continuous with respect to one argument if and if it is continuous with respect to the other one. This comes as a straight forward remark from (1) and (2), and hence we can simply state "J continuous at t_0 " without specifying which argument.

Conclusion

The idea of this paper has no other meaning than pure theoretical generalization. No application to any "real life" (made-up or not) problem has been made yet, but it is not outrageous to think of an example where judgments -- non-consistent if non-continuous -- could be

expressed by a judgment function, and therefore, analysis being drawn would give a priority/distribution at any point which is of real interest for computational purposes.

→ utility fuzzy sets

Examples of Consistent Judgment Functions

a) $J(s,t) = e^{k(s-t)} \quad \forall s,t \in [a,b]$

for $0 < |k| \leq \frac{\text{Ln}\alpha}{b-a}$

where α is the judgment scale. In this case, the eigen function is

$$w(s) = \frac{k e^{ks}}{e^{kb} - e^{ka}}$$

b) Any $J(s,t) = \frac{f(s)}{f(t)}$ where f over $[a,b]$ is such that $0 < f(t)$
 $\forall t \in [a,b]$ and

$$\frac{\text{Max}_{t \in [a,b]} f(t)}{\text{Min}_{t \in [a,b]} f(t)} \leq \alpha$$

and

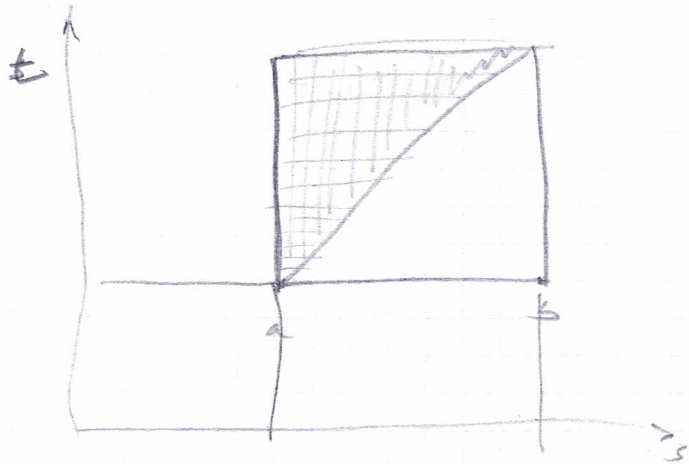
$$\frac{\text{Min}_{t \in [a,b]} f(t)}{\text{Max}_{t \in [a,b]} f(t)} \geq \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

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$$2(b-a) = \int_{s=a}^{s=b} \left[\int_{t=a}^{t=s} G(s,t) dt \right] ds + \int_{t=a}^{t=b} \left[\int_{s=t}^{s=b} \frac{1}{G(t,s)} ds \right] dt$$

$$\int_{s=a}^b \int_{t=s}^b G(s,t) dt ds$$



$$\int_{t=a}^b \int_{s=t}^b G(s,t) ds dt$$

$$\lambda = \int_{t=a}^b J(s,t) \cdot \frac{w(t)}{w(s)} dt$$

$$\lambda(b-a) = \int_{s=a}^b \left(\int_{t=a}^b J(s,t) \cdot \frac{w(t)}{w(s)} dt \right) ds$$

$$\lambda(b-a) = \int_{s=a}^b \int_{t=a}^b \underbrace{J(s,t) \cdot \frac{w(t)}{w(s)}}_{G(s,t)} dt ds$$

$$\lambda(b-a) = \int_{s=a}^b \left[\int_{t=a}^{t=s} G(s,t) dt + \int_{t=s}^{t=b} G(s,t) dt \right] ds$$

$$\lambda(b-a) = \left(\int_{s=a}^b \int_{t=a}^s G(s,t) dt ds \right) + \left(\int_{s=a}^{s=b} \int_{t=s}^{t=b} G(s,t) dt ds \right)$$

$$G(s,t) = J(s,t) \cdot \frac{w(t)}{w(s)} = \left(\frac{1}{J(t,s)} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{w(s)}{w(t)}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{G(t,s)}$$

$$\lambda(b-a) = \left(\int_{s=a}^{s=b} \int_{t=a}^{t=s} G(s,t) dt ds \right) + \left(\int_{s=a}^{s=b} \int_{t=s}^{t=b} \frac{1}{G(t,s)} dt ds \right)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a \neq s \\ \lambda \neq 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\lambda(b-a) = \int_{s=a}^b \int_{t=a}^b J(s,t) \cdot \frac{w(t)}{w(s)} dt ds$$

$$w(s) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_a^b J(s,t) w(t) dt$$

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$w(s)$

$$w(s) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{t=a}^b \left(\frac{w(s)}{\lambda} \right) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} w(s) \cdot (b-a)$$

$$w(s) > 0.$$

$$\lambda = b-a$$

- (i) $J(A, t) = \frac{1}{J(t, A)} \quad \forall A, t \in [a, b]$
- (ii) $0 < \frac{1}{\alpha} \leq J(A, t) \leq \alpha \quad \forall A, t \in [a, b]$
- (iii) $\forall t_0 \in [a, b], \lim_{A \rightarrow t_0} J(A, t_0) = 1.$
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J consistent $\Leftrightarrow J$ continuous?

$$J \text{ consistent} \Leftrightarrow J(A, t) \cdot J(t, u) = J(A, u) \quad \forall A, t, u.$$

~~where~~

~~where~~ u fixed.

we know from (iii) that:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \eta > 0 \text{ such that } |t - t_0| < \eta \Rightarrow |J(t, t_0) - 1| < \epsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow |J(t, t_0) \cdot J(t_0, u) - J(t_0, u)| < \epsilon \cdot J(t_0, u)$$

$$|J(t, u) - J(t_0, u)| < \epsilon J(t_0, u) = \epsilon(u)$$

$\therefore J$ continuous in t . ✓

~~J cont~~

$$J(t, t_0) - J(t_0, u)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{A^k e}{\|A^k\|} \right) = C W_{\max}.$$

$$\|A\| = \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij}$$

$$\int_a^b J(A, t) W(t) dt = A W(A).$$

$$A \times A = \sum_k a_{ik} a_{kj}$$

$$J^2(A, t) = \int_a^b J(A, u) \cdot J(u, t) du$$

$$\|J\| = \int_a^b \int_a^b J(A, t) da dt$$

$$J(A, t) = e^{A-t}$$

$$J^2(A, t) = \int_a^b e^{A-u} \cdot e^{u-t} du = e^{A-t} \int_a^b dt = (b-a) e^{A-t} \\ = (b-a) J(A, t).$$

$$\|J\| = \int_a^b \int_a^b e^{A-t} da dt = \int_a^b e^A \left(\int_a^b e^{-t} dt \right) da$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b e^a da \times \int_a^b e^{-t} dt = e^{b-a} \times e^{a-b} = 1.$$

~~1/2~~

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_a^b \int_k (A, t) dt}{\|J_k\|} = c w(A)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_a^b \int_a^s \frac{J(A, u) \cdot J(u, t)}{k} du dt}{\int_a^b \int_a^s J(u, t) du dt} = c w(A)$$

for $J(A, t) = e^{A-t}$

$$J_k(A, t) = e^{k(A-t)}$$

$$\|J_k\| = \int_a^b \int_a^s e^{k(A-t)} dt du = \int_a^s e^{kA} \left(\int_a^s e^{-kt} dt \right) du$$

$$\int_a^s e^{kA} \frac{1}{k} \left(1 - e^{-ks} \right) du$$

$$J(A, t) = e^{k(A-t)}$$

$$J^2(A, t) = \int_a^b J(A, u) \cdot J(u, t) du$$

$$= \int_a^b e^{k(A-u)} e^{k(u-t)} du$$

$$= \int_a^b e^{k(A-t)} du = (b-a) e^{k(A-t)}$$

$$J^3(A, t) = \int_a^b e^{k(A-t)} \times e^{k(u-t)} e^{k(t-u)} du = (b-a)^2 e^{k(A-t)}$$

$$J^n(A, t) = (b-a)^n e^{k(A-t)}$$

$$\|J\| = \int_a^b \int_a^b e^{k(A-t)} ds dt = \int_a^b e^{ks} \left(\int_a^b e^{-kt} dt \right) ds$$

$$= \left[\int_a^b e^{ks} ds \right] \times \left[\int_a^b e^{-kt} dt \right] =$$

$$= \left(\frac{e^{kb} - e^{ka}}{k} \right) \times \left(\frac{e^{-kb} - e^{-ka}}{-k} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{k^2} \left[1 - e^{-k(b-a)} - e^{-k(b-a)} + 1 \right] = \frac{2(1 - e^{-k(b-a)})}{k^2}$$

$$k = e$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_a^b J_N(t, k) dt}{\|J_N\|}$$

$$= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(b-a) \int_a^b e^{k(t)} dt}{(b-a) \times \left[\frac{e^{k(b-a)} + e^{-k(b-a)} - 2}{k^2} \right]} = (b-a) e^{ka} \times \frac{1}{k} [e^{-ka} - e^{-kb}]$$

~~CW method~~

$$= \frac{k^2 e^{k(a-t)}}{e^{k(b-a)} + e^{-k(b-a)} - 2}$$



$$CW \text{ (2)} = \frac{k \times e^{ka} [e^{-ka} - e^{-kb}]}{e^{k(b-a)} + e^{-k(b-a)} - 2}$$

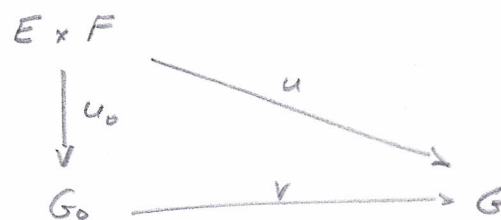
$$\frac{\int_a^b \frac{1}{k} e^{kt} dt}{\frac{e^{k(b-a)} + e^{-k(b-a)} - 2}{k^2}} = \frac{k [e^{-ka} - e^{-kb}]}{e^{k(b-a)} + e^{-k(b-a)} - 2} \times \left[\frac{1}{k} (e^{kb} - e^{ka}) \right]$$

$$\frac{(e^{-ka} - e^{-kb})(e^{kb} - e^{ka})}{e^{k(b-a)} + e^{-k(b-a)} - 2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-k(a-b)} - 1 - 1 + e^{-k(b-a)}}{e^{k(b-a)} + e^{-k(b-a)} - 2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{k(b-a)} + e^{-k(b-a)} - 2}{e^{k(b-a)} + e^{-k(b-a)} - 2} = \underline{1}$$

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- définition du problème universel;
 - théorème fondamental du pt tensoriel;
 - définition du pt tensoriel de deux EV comme solution du pb universel.



E, F, G_0, G EV sur $\text{Corps } \mathbb{K}$

u bilinéaire $E \times F \rightarrow G$

u_0 bilinéaire $E \times F \rightarrow G_0$,

$\exists v$ linéaire unique:

$$u = v \circ u_0$$

$G_0 = E \otimes F$ produit tensoriel de E & F .

$u_0 \in G_0$ définie à un isomorphisme près -

$\left(\begin{array}{l} e \in E \\ f \in F \end{array} \right) \mapsto u_0(e, f) = e \otimes f$ tenseur -

DONC, UN TENSEUR EST LE PRODUIT D'UNE APP. BILINEAIRE -

- m -LINEAIRE (+ généralement m -linéaire) de $E \times F$ (+ généralement $E_1 \times E_2 \times \dots \times E_m$)

sur $E \otimes F$ (+ généralement $E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_3 \dots \otimes E_m$), produit tensoriel.

($E_1 \otimes E_2 \dots \otimes E_m$ de dimension $n_1 n_2 \dots n_m$) -

- Axiome de universalité du TF. (propriétés des tenseurs \otimes) -

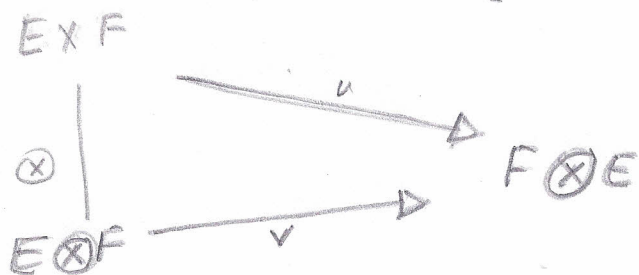
- exemples

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propriétés du produit tensoriel -

$$E^* = \{ \text{formes linéaires sur } E \}$$

$$E^{**} = \{ \text{formes linéaire sur } E^* \}$$



$$e \otimes f \xrightarrow{v} f \otimes e$$

$$u \in E^* \longmapsto E^*$$

$\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ base de E

$$\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n\} \in E^* \quad / \quad \varphi_i(e_j) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$$

$$\varphi \in E^* \quad \varphi: E \rightarrow K$$

$$x \in \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \cdot e_j \quad \varphi(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \cdot \varphi(e_j)$$

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi(e_j) \cdot \varphi_j(x)$$

$$\varphi = \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi(e_j) \cdot \varphi_j$$