

7.4: Verify the relations given by Eqs. (7.3) through (7.6) using the definitions (7.1) and (7.2).

### 3.7 Lie Algebraic Properties

Let  $A$  be any matrix. The exponential of a matrix, written variously as  $e^A$  or  $\exp(A)$ , is defined by the exponential series

$$e^A = \exp(A) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A^n/n!. \quad (3.7.1)$$

Similarly, the logarithm of a matrix  $A$  (sufficiently near the identity) is defined by the series

$$\log(A) = \log[I - (I - A)] = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (I - A)^n/n. \quad (3.7.2)$$

As might be expected, the exponential and logarithmic functions are related. Specifically, if one has

$$B = \log(A), \quad (3.7.3)$$

then it follows that

$$A = \exp(B). \quad (3.7.4)$$

Put another way, one has the relations

$$A = \exp[\log(A)] \text{ for } A \text{ sufficiently near the identity matrix,} \quad (3.7.5)$$

$$B = \log[\exp(B)] \text{ for } B \text{ sufficiently near the zero matrix.} \quad (3.7.6)$$

To verify (7.5), let  $x$  be an ordinary number.

Then we have

$$x \stackrel{?}{=} \exp[\log(x)] \Rightarrow$$

$$x \stackrel{?}{=} \exp\left[(-1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-x)^n/n\right] \Rightarrow$$

$$x \stackrel{?}{=} 1 + [ ] + [ ]^2/2! + [ ]^3/3! + \dots \Rightarrow$$

$$x \stackrel{?}{=} 1 + (-1) \left\{ \frac{(1-x)}{1} + \frac{(1-x)^2}{2} + \dots \right\} + \frac{(-1)^2}{2!} \left\{ (1-x) + \frac{(1-x)^2}{2} + \dots \right\}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 - (1-x) - \frac{(1-x)^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{(1-x)^2}{2} + \dots \Rightarrow$$

$$x = x + \text{all remaining terms cancel.}$$