

Claim: The derivative of the exponential map is given by

$$\exp'(A)[B] = \int_0^1 e^{sA} B e^{(1-s)A} ds$$

Proof: Recall  $\exp(A) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k$ . The derivative of  $A \mapsto A^k$  in direction  $B$  is given by  $\sum_{n=1}^k A^{n-1} B A^{k-n}$ . Hence we obtain

$$\exp'(A)[B] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{n=1}^k A^{n-1} B A^{k-n}.$$

Now we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 e^{sA} B e^{(1-s)A} ds &= \int_0^1 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{s^k}{k!} A^k B \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-s)^n}{n!} A^n ds \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!n!} A^k B A^n \int_0^1 s^n (1-s)^k ds \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!n!} A^k B A^n \frac{k!n!}{(1+k+n)!} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+k+n)!} A^k B A^n. \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used

$$\int_0^1 s^n (1-s)^k ds = \frac{k!n!}{(1+k+n)!},$$

a property of the Beta function.

It is easy to see that the two double series coincide (they have the same terms). Throughout the calculation we have used that all series/integrals converge absolutely, allowing us to exchange order of summation.  $\square$