

$$F(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) = f \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix},$$

then F is a symmetric holomorphic function in $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$.

Since $f(gAg^{-1}) = f(A)$, and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ a & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix},$$

F is symmetric in $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. \Rightarrow

Write $F(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) = G(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$, where $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$ are the elementary symmetric polynomials in the λ_i ; the equality

$$f(A) = G(P^1(A), \dots, P^n(A))$$

then holds throughout the connected and dense open set of semisimple (i.e., diagonalizable) matrices in GL_n , hence in all of M_n .

F can be expressed in terms of power series and each part of homogeneous deg n is symmetric in $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. \Rightarrow By the fundamental theorem, each homogeneous part of deg n is expressed as a polynomial in $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$, where $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$ are the elementary symmetric polynomials.

Let K be the set of all diagonalizable matrices in GL_n . Given $A \in K$, $\exists g \in GL_n$ s.t.