

by P . For example, for $k=2$ we have

$$\tilde{P}(A, B) = \frac{1}{2} (P(A+B) - P(A) - P(B)).$$

$$\Gamma \quad \tilde{P}: V \times V \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \text{See note P410.}$$

$$P(A) = \tilde{P}(A, A)$$

$$\tilde{P}(A+B, A+B) = \tilde{P}(A+B, A) + \tilde{P}(A+B, B) = \tilde{P}(A, A)$$

$$+ 2 \tilde{P}(A, B) + \tilde{P}(B, B) = P(A+B)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \tilde{P}(A, B) = P(A+B) - P(A) - P(B). \quad \Rightarrow$$

In general, to polarize P^k , if for $(A^1, \dots, A^k) \in (M_n)^k$, $\tau \in S_k$ a permutation and $I \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ a multi-index of order k , we let A_I^τ be the $k \times k$ matrix whose i th column is the i th column of $A_{I, I}^{\tau(i)}$, then

$$\tilde{P}^k(A_1, \dots, A_k) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\tau \in S^k} \sum_{\#I=k} \det(A_I^\tau);$$

and the polarization of a general invariant polynomial-expressed as a polynomial in the elementary invariant polynomials P^i -can be written out in a similarly unenlightening way.

$$\Gamma \quad \text{Clearly, } \tilde{P}^k(A, A, \dots, A) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\tau \in S^k} \sum_{\#I=k} \det(A_I) \\ = \frac{1}{k!} \cdot k! \sum_{\#I=k} \det(A_{I, I}) = P^k(A).$$

$$\tilde{P}^k(g A_1 g^{-1}, \dots, g A_k g^{-1}) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\tau \in S^k} \sum_{\#I=k} \det((g A g^{-1})_I^\tau)$$