

# Matrix Analysis Homework 2

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**Problem 1** (4/10, If  $G$  is an abelian group, then  $End(G)$  is a ring):

Let  $G$  be an abelian group with group operation  $*$ . For  $\phi, \psi \in End(G)$ , consider the definition of  $\phi + \psi$  and  $\phi\psi$  that we gave in the class. Verify that  $End(G)$  is a ring under these two operations, i.e., check that all the axioms of the ring structure are true. For example, verify that for  $\phi, \psi, \chi \in End(G)$ , we have that  $\phi(\psi + \chi) = \phi\psi + \phi\chi$ .

*Proof.*

$$\forall \phi, \psi, \chi \in End(G)$$

1. We have that,

$$\begin{aligned} [(\phi + \psi) + \chi](g) &= [\phi + \psi](g) * \chi(g) \\ &= [\phi(g) * \psi(g)] * \chi(g) \end{aligned}$$

$G$  is an abelian group.

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi(g) * \psi(g)] * \chi(g) &= \phi(g) * [\psi(g) * \chi(g)] \\ &= [\phi + (\psi + \chi)](g) \end{aligned}$$

So  $(+)$  is associative),

$$(\phi + \psi) + \chi = \phi + (\psi + \chi)$$

2. And then,

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi + \psi](g) &= \phi(g) * \psi(g) \\ &= \psi(g) * \phi(g) \\ &= [\psi + \phi](g) \quad (+ \text{ is commutative}) \end{aligned}$$

3. Identity under  $+$ ,

Let  $\forall g \in End(V)$   $0_{End(V)} : g \mapsto e_G$  ( $e_G$  is identity of group  $G$ ) be identity of group  $End(V)$  under  $+$ .

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi + 0_{End(V)}](g) &= \phi(g) * 0_{End(V)}(g) \\ &= \phi(g) * e_G(g) \\ &= \phi(g) \end{aligned}$$

We can say that,

$$\phi + 0_{End(V)} = \phi$$

So  $0_{End(V)}$  is identity of  $End(V)$  under operation  $+$

4. Inverse of  $+$ , let  $-\phi : g \mapsto (\phi(g))^{-1}$ .

We can know,

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi + (-\phi)](g) &= \phi(g) * (-\phi)(g) \\ &= \phi(g) * (\phi(g))^{-1} \\ &= e_G \\ &= 0_{\text{End}(V)}(g) \end{aligned}$$

So, we can say that

$$[\phi + (-\phi)] = 0_{\text{End}(V)}$$

5. About  $\cdot$ , we have that,

$$\begin{aligned} [(\phi \cdot \psi) \cdot \chi](g) &= [\phi \cdot \psi](\chi(g)) \\ &= \phi[\psi(\chi(g))] \end{aligned}$$

Also, we have this,

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi \cdot (\psi \cdot \chi)](g) &= \phi[(\psi \cdot \chi)(g)] \\ &= \phi[\psi(\chi(g))] \end{aligned}$$

Finally,  $\cdot$  is associative.

$$[(\phi \cdot \psi) \cdot \chi](g) = [\phi \cdot (\psi \cdot \chi)](g)$$

6. Let  $\forall g \in G \quad 1_{\text{End}(V)} : g \mapsto g$ , then,

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi \cdot 1_{\text{End}(V)}](g) &= \phi(1_{\text{End}(V)}(g)) \\ &= \phi(g) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get

$$(\phi \cdot 1_{\text{End}(V)}) = \phi$$

7. Left distributivity.

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi(\psi + \chi)](g) &= \phi[\psi(g) * \chi(g)] \\ &= [\phi(\psi(g))] * [\phi(\chi(g))] \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi\psi + \phi\chi](g) &= [\phi\psi(g)] * [\phi\chi(g)] \\ &= [\phi(\psi(g))] * [\phi(\chi(g))] \\ &= [\phi(\psi + \chi)](g) \quad (\text{Done.}) \end{aligned}$$

8. Right distributivity.

$$\begin{aligned} [(\phi + \psi)\chi](g) &= [\phi + \psi](\chi(g)) \\ &= [\phi(\chi(g))] * [\psi(\chi(g))] \\ &= [\phi\chi](g) * [\psi\chi](g) \\ &= [\phi\chi + \psi\chi](g) \quad (\text{Done.}) \end{aligned}$$

So,  $\text{End}(V)$  satisfies the all properties of ring.  $\text{End}(V)$  is a ring under  $+$  and  $\cdot$ .

□

**Problem 2** (3/10, *Injectivity of ring homomorphisms on a field*): Let  $V \neq 0$  be a vector space over a field  $F$  and let  $\sigma : F \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$  be its associated ring homomorphism. Show that if  $0 \neq c \in F$ , then  $\sigma(c)$  can not be the zero element of  $\text{End}(V)$ . More generally, show that if  $R \neq 0$  is any ring and  $\tau : F \rightarrow R$  is any ring homomorphism, then  $\tau(c) = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$ .

*Proof.* If  $\exists c \in F$  and  $c \neq 0$ ,  $\sigma(c) = 0_{\text{End}(V)}$ , we have that,

$$\begin{aligned}\forall a \in F \quad \sigma(c \cdot a) &= \sigma(c) \cdot \sigma(a) \\ &= 0_{\text{End}(V)} \cdot \sigma(a) \\ &= 0_{\text{End}(V)}\end{aligned}$$

Actually, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\forall f \in F \quad \exists a \in F \quad f &= c \cdot a \\ \rightarrow \forall f \in F \quad \sigma(f) &= 0_{\text{End}(V)}\end{aligned}$$

So,  $\text{End}(V)$  is a zero ring. And if  $\text{End}(V)$  is not a zero ring, we have  $\forall f \in F : \sigma(f) \neq 0_{\text{End}(V)}$ , except  $c = 0$ . Now I will show that.

Let 0 be identity element of  $F$ . And we can say that,

$$\forall c \in F \quad c + 0 = 0 + c = c$$

Let  $c \neq 0$ , so,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(c + 0) &= \sigma(c) + \sigma(0) \\ \sigma(c) &= \sigma(c) + \sigma(0)\end{aligned}$$

Because

$$\begin{aligned}\forall c \in F : \sigma(c) + 0_{\text{End}(V)} &= 0_{\text{End}(V)} + \sigma(c) = \sigma(c) \\ \sigma(0) &= 0_{\text{End}(V)}\end{aligned}$$

So, we can give a conclusion that if  $\text{End}(V)$  is not a zero ring,  $\forall 0 \neq c \in F \rightarrow \sigma(c)$  can not be the zero element of  $\text{End}(V)$ .

More generally, by contrary, supposed  $\exists c \in R$  and  $c \neq 0$  let  $\tau(c) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\forall a \in R \quad \exists b \in R : a &= b \cdot c \\ \tau(b \cdot c) &= \tau(b) \cdot \tau(c) \\ &= \tau(b) \cdot 0 \\ &= 0 \\ \rightarrow \tau(a) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

So  $F$  is a zero ring. Contrary to condition. And if  $a = 0$  we have  $\tau(0)$  always equals to 0. We can conclude that

$$\tau(c) = 0 \rightarrow c = 0$$

Done. □

**Problem 3** (3/10, *An adventure in ring theory*): Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with additive identity 0 and multiplicative identity 1. Let  $r$  be a nilpotent element of  $R$ , i.e., there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $r^n = 0$ . Show that the element  $u := r + 1$  is an unit of  $R$ , i.e., show that there exists some element  $p \in R$ , such that  $up = 1$ . Terminology: the set of invertible elements of a ring is a group, known as the group of units of the ring. Thus the group of units of a field is the entire field except the zero element.

*Proof.* It means that there always is a inverse if  $u = r + 1$ . Because the properties of the ring. We can say that.

$$\begin{aligned} u \cdot 1 &= u \\ &= r + 1 \\ r + 0 &= r \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Let  $n = 2$ , then we have

$$r^2 = 0 \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u \cdot r &= (r + 1) \cdot r \\ &= r^2 + r \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Bring (2) into (3), we can get

$$u \cdot r = r \tag{4}$$

Then (1) minus (4),

$$u \cdot 1 - u \cdot r = 1$$

And  $R$  is a commutative ring with multiplicative.

$$\begin{aligned} u \cdot (1 - r) &= 1 \\ (1 - r) \cdot u &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

And we can easily get  $1 - r \in R$ . Finally, we can say  $u := r + 1$  is an unit of  $R$ . And the inverse of  $u$  is  $1 - r$ .

Done. □