

# Assignment 1

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring.

**Definition 1.** A *matrix with coefficients in  $R$*  is a rectangular array where each entry is an element of  $R$ .

Matrix  $A$  as shown in Equation 1 is said to have  *$m$  rows,  $n$  columns* and is of size  $m \times n$ . The *transpose* of  $A$ , denoted  $A^\top$ , is the  $n \times m$  matrix obtained by interchanging the rows and columns of  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{00} & \dots & a_{0(n-1)} \\ a_{10} & \dots & a_{1(n-1)} \\ \vdots & & \\ a_{(m-1)0} & \dots & a_{(m-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^\top = \begin{pmatrix} a_{00} & \dots & a_{(m-1)0} \\ a_{01} & \dots & a_{(m-1)1} \\ \vdots & & \\ a_{0(n-1)} & \dots & a_{(m-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

The  $i$ th row of  $A$  is

$$(a_{i0} \ a_{i1} \ \dots \ a_{i(n-1)}),$$

and the  $j$ th column of  $A$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{0j} \\ a_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{(m-1)j} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $a_{ij}$  denotes the entry of the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column.

An  $n \times n$  matrix is called a *square matrix* (i.e. a matrix with the same number of rows and columns). If  $A$  is a square matrix and  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ ,  $A$  is said to be a *diagonal matrix*. An  $n \times n$  *identity matrix*, denoted  $I_n$ , is an  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are 1 and all the other entries are 0, i.e.  $a_{ii} = 1$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$  and  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . A  $1 \times n$  matrix is called a *row vector*. An  $n \times 1$  matrix is called a *column vector*.

We define the *addition* of two  $m \times n$  matrices component-wise:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} a_{00} & \dots & a_{0(n-1)} \\ a_{10} & \dots & a_{1(n-1)} \\ \vdots & & \\ a_{(m-1)0} & \dots & a_{(m-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_{00} & \dots & b_{0(n-1)} \\ b_{10} & \dots & b_{1(n-1)} \\ \vdots & & \\ b_{(m-1)0} & \dots & b_{(m-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{00} + b_{00} & \dots & a_{0(n-1)} + b_{0(n-1)} \\ a_{10} + b_{10} & \dots & a_{1(n-1)} + b_{1(n-1)} \\ \vdots & & \\ a_{(m-1)0} + b_{(m-1)0} & \dots & a_{(m-1)(n-1)} + b_{(m-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

**Definition 2.** The *scalar product* of a  $1 \times n$  row vector  $\mathbf{v} = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})$  with an  $n \times 1$  column vector  $\mathbf{w} = (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{n-1})^\top$  is given by

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}) \begin{pmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} v_i w_i$$

**Question 1.** (3 marks)

- a) (0.5 mark) Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ . Matrix  $A$  defined below is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  
 $a_{00} = 9$  and  $a_{01} = 1$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

What are  $a_{10}$  and  $a_{11}$ ?

- b) (0.5 mark) Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ . The identity matrices  $I_2$  and  $I_3$  are given by

$$I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

What is  $I_4$ ?

- c) (0.5 mark) Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ . The matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is a diagonal matrix. Provide another example of a diagonal matrix.

- d) (0.5 mark) Below is an example of addition between two  $2 \times 2$  matrices with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now, let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_6$ . Compute the addition between the following two matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \bmod 6 = ?$$

- e) (1 mark) Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ . The scalar product of  $(2 \ 3)$  and  $(4 \ 0)^\top$  is

$$(2 \ 3) \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \times 4 + 3 \times 0 = 8 + 0 = 8.$$

In case  $R = \mathbb{Z}_5$ , what is the scalar product of  $(2 \ 3)$  and  $(4 \ 0)^\top$ ?

**Question 2.** (5 marks) Recall that a group  $(G, \cdot)$  is a non-empty set  $G$  with a binary operation  $\cdot$  satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $G$  is closed under  $\cdot$ ,  $\forall g_1, g_2 \in G$ ,  $g_1 \cdot g_2 \in G$  (closure)
2.  $\cdot$  is associative,  $\forall g_1, g_2, g_3 \in G$ ,  $g_1 \cdot (g_2 \cdot g_3) = (g_1 \cdot g_2) \cdot g_3$
3.  $\exists e \in G$ , an identity element, s.t.  $\forall g \in G$ ,  $e \cdot g = g \cdot e = g$
4. Every  $g \in G$  has an inverse  $g^{-1} \in G$  s.t.  $g \cdot g^{-1} = g^{-1} \cdot g = e$

During the lecture, we have seen proof that  $(\mathbb{R}_{>0}, \times)$  is a group. Let  $n$  be a positive integer. We define  $\mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(R)$  to be the set of  $n \times n$  square matrices with coefficients in  $R$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(R)$  together with addition defined in Equation 2 is an abelian group.

**Question 3.** (2 marks) During the lecture, we discussed that a byte can be considered as an element in  $\mathbb{F}_2/(f(x))$ , where  $f(x) = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$ . Consequently, we can define the addition and multiplication between bytes using the addition and multiplication in  $\mathbb{F}_2/(f(x))$ .

We have also seen that  $\mathbb{F}_2/(f(x)) \cong \mathbb{F}_{2^8}$ . In particular,  $\mathbb{F}_2/(f(x))$  is a commutative ring. Compute the scalar product of the following two vectors with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}_2/(f(x))$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 02 & 03 & 01 & 01 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D4 \\ BF \\ 5D \\ 30 \end{pmatrix} = ?$$

What is the result of multiplying the following matrix with the column vector?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 02 & 03 & 01 & 01 \\ 01 & 02 & 03 & 01 \\ 01 & 01 & 02 & 03 \\ 03 & 01 & 01 & 02 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D4 \\ BF \\ 5D \\ 30 \end{pmatrix} = ?$$

### What to submit.

- The submission should include detailed solution written in latex
- PDF to be submitted in AIS
- Add full name in both the file name and inside the file

**When to submit:** by Week 2 Thursday 8 am