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Assignment-10

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Abstract—This document contains the proof of the property C=AB-BA, iff Trace(C)=0

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1 Problem

Let,

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.1}$$

be a 2×2 matrix. We inquire when it is possible to find 2×2 matrices **A** and **B** such that C=AB-BA. Prove that such matrices can be found if and only if $C_{11} + C_{22}=0$.

2 Solution

We have to find.

$$Trace(\mathbf{C}) = C_{11} + C_{22} = Trace(\mathbf{AB} - \mathbf{BA})$$
(2.0.1)

$$\Rightarrow Trace(\mathbf{C}) = Trace(\mathbf{AB}) - Trace(\mathbf{BA})$$
(2.0.2)

We know that,

$$Trace(\mathbf{AB}) = \sum_{i=1}^{2} (\mathbf{AB})_{ii}$$
 (2.0.3)

$$\implies \sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} a_{ij} b_{ji} \qquad (2.0.4)$$

$$\implies \sum_{j=1}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{2} b_{ji} a_{ij} \qquad (2.0.5)$$

$$\implies Trace(\mathbf{AB}) = \sum_{j=1}^{2} \mathbf{BA}_{jj}$$
 (2.0.6)

$$\implies Trace(\mathbf{AB}) = Trace(\mathbf{BA})$$
 (2.0.7)

Substituting equation (2.0.7) to (2.0.2) we getm

$$\implies Trace(\mathbf{C}) = Trace(\mathbf{AB}) - Trace(\mathbf{BA}) = 0$$
(2.0.8)

Hence, Proved