

# Linear Algebra

## Assignment 1

1. Two non-trivial subfields of complex numbers are -

- i) Real Numbers
- ii) Rational Numbers

We are given that the complex numbers form a field, so now consider

i) Real Numbers :

a) Take two real numbers  $a$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , then we can write them

$$\text{as } a + 0i \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } b + 0i \in \mathbb{C} \quad \{ \text{where } i = \sqrt{-1} \}$$

$$a + 0i + b + 0i = a + b + (0+0)i = a + b + 0i \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ thus addition under}$$

$\mathbb{R}$  is closed and closed under addition  $\{ \text{since } a+b \text{ constitutes a part of } \mathbb{R} \}$

$$(b) \quad a + 0i + b + 0i = a + b + (0+0)i = a + b + 0i$$

$$b + 0i + a + 0i = a + b + (0+0)i = a + b + 0i$$

Since  $\mathbb{C}$  form a field, they must be commutative under addition

$$\begin{aligned} a + 0i + b + 0i &= b + 0i + a + 0i \\ a + b &= b + a \\ \mathbb{R} &\text{ are commutative under addition} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Let  $A = a + 0i$ ,  $B = b + 0i$  and  $C = c + 0i$ , then  $\{a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C \quad \{ \text{since } \mathbb{C} \text{ forms a field} \}$$

$$a + 0i + (b + 0i + c + 0i) = (a + 0i + b + 0i) + c + 0i$$

$$a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c \Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is associative under addition}$$

(d) Take  $D \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $D = 0 + 0i$

$A \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a + 0i = A$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$A + D = A + 0 + 0i = a + 0i + 0 + 0i = a + 0i = a$$

Since  $\mathbb{C}$  forms a field, it has identity element

$$D + A = 0 + 0i + A = 0 + 0i + a + 0i = a + 0i = a$$

Thus,  $\mathbb{R}$  has additive identity zero

(e) For  $a + bi \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\exists c + di \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$a + bi + c + di = 0 + 0i$$

Taking  $b = d = 0$ , we get

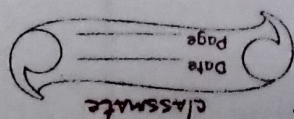
$$a + 0i + c + 0i = 0 + 0i$$

$$a + c + (0+0)i = 0 + 0i$$

$$a + c + 0i = 0 + 0i$$

$$a + c = 0 \Rightarrow c = -a$$

Thus,  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \exists c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a + c = 0$



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5)  $(0+0i)(c+di) \in \mathbb{C}$  where  $\mathbb{C}$  forms a field

$$ac + (ad+0c)i + 0d(-1) \in \mathbb{C}$$

Setting  $d=0$ , we get  $ac + (0+0+0+0)i + 0 \cdot (-1) \in \mathbb{C}$

$$ac \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$ac + 0i \in \mathbb{C}$$

Thus,  $ac \in \mathbb{R}$  since it contains real part of complex numbers

6) Again take  $A = a+0i$ ,  $B = b+0i$  and  $C = c+0i \in \mathbb{C}$   $\{a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$

~~$A+B$~~   $(A \cdot B) \cdot C = A \cdot (B \cdot C)$   $\{ \text{since } \mathbb{C} \text{ forms a field} \}$

$$(a+0i) \cdot (b+0i) \cdot (c+0i) = (a+0i) \cdot (b+0i) \cdot (c+0i)$$

$$(ab) \cdot c = a \cdot (bc) \Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is associative under multiplication}$$

7) From 2), consider  $A, B$  and  $C$

1)  $A(B+C) = A \cdot B + A \cdot C$   $\{ \text{since } \mathbb{C} \text{ is a field} \}$

$$(a+0i)(b+0i+c+0i) = (a+0i)(b+0i) + (a+0i)(c+0i)$$

$$a(b+c) = ab+ac$$

2)  $(B+C)A = BA + CA$   $\{ \text{since } \mathbb{C} \text{ is a field} \}$

$$(b+0i+c+0i)(a+0i) = (b+0i)(a+0i) + (c+0i)(a+0i)$$

$$(b+c)a = ba+ca \Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ obeys distributivity}$$

3)  $AB = BA$   $\{ \text{since } \mathbb{C} \text{ is a field} \}$

$$(a+0i)(b+0i) = (b+0i)(a+0i)$$

$$a \cdot b = b \cdot a \Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is commutative under multiplication}$$

8) Considering all non-zero  $\mathbb{R}$  numbers -

1) They are closed under  $\times$  from 5)

2) They are commutative under  $\times$  from 3)

3) They are associative under  $\times$  from 4)

4)  $\exists 1+0i \forall a+bi \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$(a+bi)(1+0i) = (1+0i)(a+bi) = a+bi$$

Setting  $b=0$ , we get  $a \times 1 = 1 \times a = a \Rightarrow 1 \in \mathbb{R}$  is multiplicative identity for  $\mathbb{R}$

5)  $\exists c+di \forall a+bi \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$(a+bi)(c+di) = 1 = 1+0i \Rightarrow ac-bd + (ad+bc)i$$

Setting  $d=0$ , we get  $ac=1 \Rightarrow \exists c \in \mathbb{R} \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $ac=1$

Thus,  $\mathbb{R}$  forms a field and is hence a sub-field of  $\mathbb{C}$ !



(i) Rational Numbers :

$\mathbb{Q}$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and since we've proved above  $\mathbb{R}$  is a ~~subset~~ subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$ , it follows that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is also a sub-field of  $\mathbb{C}$ !

2. We consider a general matrix  $A_{m \times n}$  and the following operations -

i) Multiplying a row by a constant  $c$  ( $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $c \neq 0$ )

$$e(A)_{ij} = \begin{cases} cA_{ij}, & \text{if } i = r \in \mathbb{N} \\ A_{ij}, & \text{if } i \neq r \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Now take } e'(A)_{ij} = \begin{cases} dA_{ij}, & \text{if } i = s \in \mathbb{N}, s \neq r, d \in \mathbb{R} \\ A_{ij}, & \text{if } i \neq s \end{cases}$$

$$e'(e(A))_{ij} = \begin{cases} cA_{ij}, & \text{if } i = r \\ A_{ij}, & \text{if } i \neq r, s \\ dA_{ij}, & \text{if } i = s \in \mathbb{N}, s \neq r \end{cases} = B \neq A$$

$$e(e'(A))_{ij} = \begin{cases} dA_{ij}, & \text{if } i = s \\ A_{ij}, & \text{if } i \neq r, s \\ cA_{ij}, & \text{if } i = r \end{cases} = B \neq A$$

(ii) Adding a multiple of one row to another row

Let  $e$  and  $e'$  both be defined as follows

$$e(A)_{ij} = e'(A)_{ij} = \begin{cases} A_{ij} + cA_{sj}, & \text{if } i = r, \text{ where } c \in \mathbb{R}, s \neq r \\ A_{ij}, & \text{if } i \neq r \end{cases}$$

$$e(e'(A))_{ij} = \begin{cases} A_{ij} + 2cA_{sj}, & \text{if } i = r \\ A_{ij}, & \text{if } i \neq r \end{cases} = e'(e(A))_{ij} = B \neq A$$



(iii) Interchanging two rows

$$e(A)_{ij} = \begin{cases} A_{sj}, & \text{if } i = s \\ A_{ij}, & \text{if } i \neq s, s \\ A_{sj}, & \text{if } i \neq s \end{cases}$$

$$e'(A)_{ij} = \begin{cases} A_{vj}, & \text{if } i = v \\ A_{ij}, & \text{if } i \neq v, u \\ A_{uj}, & \text{if } i = u \end{cases} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{How } s \neq s, u \neq v \\ s \neq u, v \neq u, v \end{array} \right\}$$

$$e(e'(A)_{ij}) = e'(e(A)_{ij}) = \begin{cases} A_{sj}, & \text{if } i = s \\ A_{sj}, & \text{if } i = s \\ A_{uj}, & \text{if } i = v \\ A_{vj}, & \text{if } i = u \\ A_{ij}, & \text{if } i \neq s, s, u, v \end{cases} = B \neq A$$

Thus proved!

3. We consider a matrix  $A_{mn}$  as follows -

$$A_{mn} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & A_{m3} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- \* If a row is a zero row, do nothing if it is already appearing after all non-zero rows
- \* Otherwise, swap it with a non-zero row to bring it to the bottom of the matrix, thus appearing after all non-zero rows
- \* Now consider row 1, and say its first non-zero entry is  $A_{1k}$ . Then do -  $R_i \leftarrow R_i - A_{ik} R_1$  to make leading entry 1
- \* Then, do -  $R_i \leftarrow R_i - A_{ik} R_1$  to make all other entries in column  $k$  zero ( $i \neq 1$ )
- \* We repeat the process for all other rows 2 to  $m$ .
- \* Finally leading entry for current row appears at the right of the leading entry in row 1, swap the two rows
- \* This process continues until row  $m$  is reached, then the leading entry 1 will appear at the right of the leading 1 in the previous row.

\* We've thus proved that every  $n \times n$  matrix over the field  $F$  is

row-equivalent to a row-reduced echelon matrix!



4. Consider system I as given below

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 8 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 8 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{(ii) } R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_1]{\text{(i) } R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

\* Now take an arbitrary solution, say  $\{1, -3, 1\}$  and try it in system (II)

$$x_2 + 2x_3 = -3 + 2 = -1 \neq 0$$

\* Clearly,  $\{1, -3, 1\}$  does not satisfy system (II) and thus, systems (I) and (II) are not equivalent!

$$\downarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{(i) } R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 2R_2 \\ \text{(ii) } R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 3R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

\* This is the rank of matrix A

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + 3x_3 = 0 \end{array} \text{ is equivalent to system (I)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{t, -3t, t\} \text{ is general solution for system (I)}$$