

# Question 5

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5. Here are some facts about matrices that will come in handy in the future.

- (a) A square matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is called **diagonal** if all of its entries that are not on the main diagonal are equal zero, that is,  $A$  is diagonal if  $(A)_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ . Here is an example of a diagonal matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Prove that if  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  are both diagonal then both  $A + B$  and  $AB$  are diagonal as well.

Consider  $A$  and  $B$  arbitrary matrices in  
where they are diagonal. Prove that  $A+B$  and  
 $AB$  are diagonal via induction.

Base case:  $n=1$ .

Consider  $A, B \in M_1(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $A+B$  are  
Diagonal if  $A = (\alpha)$ ,  $B = (\beta)$  S.t.  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

Then  $A+B = (\alpha+\beta) \in M_1(\mathbb{R})$  still diagonal  
and  $AB = (\alpha\beta) \in M_1(\mathbb{R})$  still diagonal

Induction hypothesis:  $n=k$

Consider  $A, B \in M_k(\mathbb{R})$  s.t.  $A+B$  are diagonal  
 $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & a_{kk} \end{pmatrix}$   $B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & b_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & b_{kk} \end{pmatrix}$

Assume that for  $A, B \in M_k(\mathbb{R})$  the following hold

$A+B$  is Diagonal and  $AB$  is Diagonal

Induction Step:  $n = k+1$

$$A, B \in M_{k+1}(\mathbb{R}) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & a_{kk} & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_{k+1,k+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & b_{kk} & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & b_{k+1,k+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $A+B$  for  $A, B \in M_k(\mathbb{R})$  is Diagonal

$$\Rightarrow A+B \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & a_{kk} + b_{kk} \end{pmatrix} \text{ Diagonal!}$$

$\Rightarrow A+B$  for  $A, B \in M_{k+1}(\mathbb{R})$

$$A+B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & a_{kk} + b_{kk} & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_{k+1,k+1} + b_{k+1,k+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{IOW: } \{a_{i,k+1}\}_{i=1}^k = \{0\}$$

$$\text{and } \{a_{k+1,i}\}_{i=1}^k = \{0\}$$

Likewise for  $B$ . Thus  $A+B$  for  $M_k$

Rows/columns  $k+1$  of  $A, B$  is still zero making  $A+B$  Diagonal for  $A, B \in M_{k+1}(\mathbb{R})$

for  $AB$  where  $A, B \in M_{kn}(\mathbb{R})$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & a_{kk}b_{kk} \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_{k+1,k+1}b_{k+1,k+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Still  
Diagonal

Still zero

Since

$$\sum_{i=1}^k a_{i,k+1} = \{0\}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k a_{k+1,i} = \{0\}$$

Likewise for  $B$ , the  $k+1$  rows

and columns are still zero matrix

$AB$  diagonal for  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$

- (b) For a square matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  the **trace** of  $A$ , denoted  $\text{tr}(A)$ , is the sum of all of its entries on the main diagonal, that is  $\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n (A)_{ii}$ . Here is an example of a trace computation:

$$\text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 8 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 + 2 + (-1) = 4.$$

- For  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  prove that  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$ .
- Show that  $\text{tr}(\cdot) : M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a linear map.

i) The trace for  $C = AB$  is defined as

$$\text{tr}(C) = \sum_i^n C_{ii} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}b_{ji}$$

we can swap the sums and

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}b_{ji}$$

Because  $a_{ij}, b_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ , they are commutive  
 $\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^r b_{ji} a_{ij} \Rightarrow \text{trace}(BA)$   
 Since Square matrices

ii. Show that  $\text{tr}(\cdot) : M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a linear map.

①  $\text{tr}(\cdot)$  is closed under Addition

Let  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(A+B) &\Rightarrow \text{Tr}(C) \text{ where } (C)_{ij} = (A)_{ij} + (B)_{ij} \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n C_{ii} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (a_{ii} + b_{ii}) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} + \sum_{i=1}^n b_{ii} \\ &\Rightarrow \text{Tr}(A) + \text{Tr}(B) \end{aligned}$$

②  $\text{Tr}(\cdot)$  is closed under scalar multiplication

Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{Then } \text{Tr}(\alpha A) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha a_{ii} \Rightarrow \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} \Rightarrow \alpha \text{Tr}(A)$$

- (c) For a square matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  the **transposed** of  $A$ , denoted  $A^T$ , is the matrix obtained by turning each row of  $A$  into a column by order, that is  $(A^T)_{i,j} = (A)_{j,i}$ . Here is an example of a transposed computation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 8 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 8 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  prove that  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ .

Since  $AB = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} B_{kj}$  for  $AB \in \mathbb{C}_{i,j}$

The  $(AB)^T$  flips all rows to columns

Thus  $(AB)_{i,j}^T = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{jk} B_{ki}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} ae+bg & af+bh \\ ce+dg & cf+dh \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^T = \begin{pmatrix} ae+bg & ce+dg \\ af+bh & cf+dh \end{pmatrix}$$

$B^T A^T$  can for arbitrary  $i, j$  be written as

$$(B^T A^T)_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^n B_{ki}^T A_{jk}^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n B_{ki} A_{sj,k} \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} B_{ki} = (AB)_{i,j}^T$$

(d) Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $B \in M_{n \times k}(\mathbb{R})$ , and  $C \in M_{k \times \ell}(\mathbb{R})$ . Prove that

$$\begin{matrix} BC \\ n \times \ell \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 7 \times 6 \\ 7 \times 4 \end{matrix} \quad A(BC) = (AB)C.$$

$$A(BC) = A \left( \sum_{q=1}^k B_{iq} C_{qj} \right) \text{ for any arbitrary } i \leq n \quad \begin{matrix} j \leq \ell \\ f \leq m \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{x=1}^n A_{fx} \left( \sum_{q=1}^k B_{iq} C_{qj} \right) \quad f \leq m$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{x=1}^n \sum_{q=1}^k A_{fx} B_{iq} C_{qj} \quad \text{But since} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^k A_{fi} B_{il} C_{lj} \right\} \quad x \text{ can be swapped for } i$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \sum_{i=1}^n A_{fi} B_{il} \right) \sum_{l=1}^k C_{lj}$$

$$\Rightarrow (AB)C$$