

## Math 4570 - Homework 1 - Maxwell Arnold

**Question 1.** Show that the following sets of numbers are fields if the usual addition and multiplication of arithmetic are used:

(1) the set of all numbers of the form  $a + b\sqrt{2}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are rational numbers.

A field is a set  $F$  on which the operations addition and multiplication are defined such that  $\forall (a + b\sqrt{2}), (c + d\sqrt{2}) \in F$  there are unique elements  $(a + b\sqrt{2}) + (c + d\sqrt{2})$  and  $(a + b\sqrt{2}) * (c + d\sqrt{2})$  in  $F$  such that the following conditions hold  $\forall (a + b\sqrt{2}), (c + d\sqrt{2}), (x + y\sqrt{2}) \in F$ :

(i.) Commutativity of Addition:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) + (c + d\sqrt{2}) = (c + d\sqrt{2}) + (a + b\sqrt{2}) \quad \checkmark$$

(ii.) Associativity of Addition:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2} + c + d\sqrt{2}) + x + y\sqrt{2} = c + d\sqrt{2} + (a + b\sqrt{2} + x + y\sqrt{2}) \quad \checkmark$$

(iii.) Identity of Addition:

$$(0 + 0 * \sqrt{2}) + (a + b\sqrt{2}) = (a + b\sqrt{2}) + (0 + 0 * \sqrt{2}) = (a + b\sqrt{2})$$

$$\therefore \exists e \in F \text{ s.t. } e = \text{Identity of Addition} = (0 + 0 * \sqrt{2}) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

(iv.) Inverse of Addition:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) + (-a - b\sqrt{2}) = 0$$

$$\therefore \forall a + b\sqrt{2} \in F \text{ the inverse of addition is } -a - b\sqrt{2} \quad \checkmark$$

(v.) Commutativity of Multiplication:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) * (c + d\sqrt{2}) = (c + d\sqrt{2}) * (a + b\sqrt{2}) \quad \checkmark$$

(vi.) Associativity of Multiplication:

$$((a + b\sqrt{2}) * (c + d\sqrt{2})) * x + y\sqrt{2} = c + d\sqrt{2} * ((a + b\sqrt{2}) * (x + y\sqrt{2}))$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) * (c + d\sqrt{2}) * (x + y\sqrt{2}) = (c + d\sqrt{2}) * (a + b\sqrt{2}) * (x + y\sqrt{2}) \quad \checkmark$$

(vii.) Identity of Multiplication:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) * (1 + 0 * \sqrt{2}) = (1 + 0 * \sqrt{2}) * (a + b\sqrt{2}) = (a + b\sqrt{2}) * 1 = (a + b\sqrt{2})$$

$$\therefore \forall (a + b\sqrt{2}) \in F \text{ the identity of multiplication is } (1 + 0 * \sqrt{2}) = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

(viii.) Inverse of Multiplication:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2})^{-1} := (x + y\sqrt{2})$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) * (x + y\sqrt{2}) = 1$$

$$(ax + 2by) + (ay + bx)\sqrt{2} = 1$$

$\therefore$  we need to solve the linear system  $ax + 2by = 1$  and  $ay + bx = 0$  for  $x, y$

We need to solve the augmented matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 2b & 1 \\ b & a & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  to find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  :

$$R_1 = \frac{R_1}{a} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{2b}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ b & a & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 = R_2 - R_1 * b \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{2b}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ 0 & a - \frac{2b^2}{a} & -\frac{b}{a} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 = R_2 * \frac{1}{a - \frac{2b^2}{a}} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{2b}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{b}{a^2 - 2b^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 = R_1 - R_2 * \frac{2b}{a} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{a}{a^2 - 2b^2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{b}{a^2 - 2b^2} \end{bmatrix} = \text{RREF}(A)$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{a}{a^2 - 2b^2} \text{ and } y = -\frac{b}{a^2 - 2b^2}$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{2})^{-1} = \left( \frac{a}{a^2 - 2b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2 - 2b^2} \sqrt{2} \right) \checkmark$$

**(ix.)** Distributivity of Multiplication:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) * (c + d\sqrt{2} + x + y\sqrt{2}) = ((a + b\sqrt{2}) * (c + d\sqrt{2})) + ((a + b\sqrt{2}) * (x + y\sqrt{2}))$$

$$ac + ad\sqrt{2} + ax + ay\sqrt{2} + bc\sqrt{2} + 2bd + bx\sqrt{2} + 2by = (ac + ad\sqrt{2} + bc\sqrt{2} + 2bd) + (ax + ay\sqrt{2} + bx\sqrt{2} + 2by) \checkmark$$

$\therefore$  the set of all numbers of the form  $a + b\sqrt{2}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are rational numbers is a field on multiplication and addition  $\square$

**(2)** the set of all numbers of the form  $a + b\sqrt{-1}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers. What is this field?

This particular field is the set of all complex numbers,  $\mathbb{C}$ . Complex numbers are denoted  $a + bi$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . A field is a set  $F$  on which the operations addition and multiplication are defined such that  $\forall (a + bi), (c + di) \in F$  there are unique elements  $(a + bi) + (c + di)$  and  $(a + bi) * (c + di)$  in  $F$  such that the following conditions hold  $\forall (a + bi), (c + di), (x + yi) \in F$ :

**(i.)** Commutativity of Addition:

$$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (c + di) + (a + bi) \checkmark$$

**(ii.)** Associativity of Addition:

$$(a + bi + c + di) + x + yi = c + di + (a + bi + x + yi) \checkmark$$

**(iii.)** Identity of Addition:

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

$$\therefore \exists e \in F \text{ s.t. } e = \text{Identity of Addition} = (0 + 0 * i) = 0 \checkmark$$

(iv.) Inverse of Addition:

$$(a + bi) + (-a - bi) = 0$$

$\therefore \forall a + bi \in F$  the inverse of addition is  $-a - bi$  ✓

(v.) Commutativity of Multiplication:

$$(a + bi) * (c + di) = (c + di) * (a + bi) \quad \checkmark$$

(vi.) Associativity of Multiplication:

$$((a + bi) * (c + di)) * x + yi = c + di * ((a + bi) * (x + yi))$$

$$(a + bi) * (c + di) * (x + yi) = (c + di) * (a + bi) * (x + yi) \quad \checkmark$$

(vii.) Identity of Multiplication:

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

$\therefore \forall (a + bi) \in F$  the identity of multiplication is  $(1 + 0 * i) = 1$  ✓

(viii.) Inverse of Multiplication:

$$(a + bi)^{-1} := (x + yi)$$

$$(a + bi) * (x + yi) = 1$$

$$(ax - by) + (ay + bx)i = 1$$

$\therefore$  we need to solve the linear system  $ax - by = 1$  and  $ay + bx = 0$  for  $x, y$

We need to solve the augmented matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b & 1 \\ b & a & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  to find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  :

$$R_1 = \frac{R_1}{a} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{-b}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ b & a & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 = R_2 - R_1 * b \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{-b}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ 0 & a + \frac{b^2}{a} & -\frac{b}{a} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 = R_2 * \frac{1}{a + \frac{b^2}{a}} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{-b}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 = R_1 + R_2 * \frac{b}{a} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} \end{bmatrix} = \text{RREF}(A)$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \text{ and } y = -\frac{b}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$(a + bi)^{-1} = \left( \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2}i \right) \quad \checkmark$$

(ix.) Distributivity of Multiplication:

$$(a + bi) * (c + di + x + yi) = ((a + bi) * (c + di)) + ((a + bi) * (x + yi))$$

$$ac + adi + ax + ayi + bci - bd + bxi - by = (ac + adi + bci - bd) + (ax + ayi + bxi - by) \checkmark$$

$\therefore$  the set of all numbers of the form  $a + b\sqrt{-1}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are rational numbers is a field on multiplication and addition  $\square$

**Question 2.** Show that the set of all  $n \times n$  matrices  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with the usual matrix addition and multiplication is not a field if  $n > 1$ .

The set of all  $n \times n$  matrices is not a field with matrix addition and multiplication because the axiom of commutativity of multiplication does not hold true. Proof by counterexample. Suppose we have the following  $2 \times 2$  matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB \stackrel{?}{=} BA$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} ae + cf & be + df \\ ag + ch & gb + dh \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

**Question 3.** Write down the two operations on field  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

+	[0]	[1]	[2]
[0]	0	1	2
[1]	1	2	0
[2]	2	0	1

$\times$	[0]	[1]	[2]
[0]	0	0	0
[1]	0	1	2
[2]	0	2	1

**Question 4.** Show that  $\mathbb{C}$  is a field with the usual sum, scalar product and product.

This question has already been solved in **Question 1** - (2)

**Question 5.** Determine which of the matrices below are in reduced row-echelon form.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}; D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(A): Yes, (B): Yes, (C): No, (D): Yes, (E): No

**Question 6.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  be two matrices over the field  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ . Compute

$A + B$ ,  $A^2$ , and  $A \times B$  over the field  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

$$(1) A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2) A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(3) A \times B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 7.** For which values of  $t$  does the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 & 1 \\ t & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & t \end{bmatrix}$  NOT have an inverse?

The determinant of  $A = (t - 2)(t + 3)$ . In order for  $A$  to have an inverse, the determinant cannot be equal to zero. Therefore,  $A$  does not have an inverse for  $t = 2$  and  $t = -3$ .

**Question 8.** Find all values of  $h$  that make the following matrices **consistent**, i.e., has at least one solution.

$$(a) \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & h & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow x_1 = \frac{8h-24}{3h-6}, x_2 = \frac{-4}{6-3h} \rightarrow \text{the matrix is consistent when } h \neq 2$$

$$(b) \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -4 & 12 & h \\ 2 & -6 & -3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{The RREF of the matrix is } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so the matrix is consistent when } x_1 - 3x_2 = 0$$

**Question 9.** We say that two  $m \times n$  matrices in reduced row-echelon form are the same type if they have the same number of leading 1's in the same position.

(1) How many types of  $3 \times 2$  matrices in reduced row-echelon form?  $\rightarrow 4$

(2) How many types of  $2 \times 3$  matrices in reduced row-echelon form?  $\rightarrow 5$

(3) Find all  $4 \times 1$  matrices in reduced row-echelon form:

$$\text{Rank 0: } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Rank 1: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Rank 2: } \begin{bmatrix} * \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Rank 3: } \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Rank 4: } \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ * \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 10.** For which values of  $a, b, c, d$ , and  $e$  is the following matrix in reduced row-echelon form?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b & 3 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & c & 1 & d & 3 \\ 0 & e & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow a = \text{any value}, b = \text{any value}, c = 1 \text{ or } 0, d = \text{any value}, e = 0$$

$$\text{Question 11. Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(1) Calculate  $\text{rref}(A)$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Solve  $A \vec{x} = \vec{0}$  and write all solutions in parametric vector forms.

$$\text{RREF}(A) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{6}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{8}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{7} \end{array} \right], \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{6}{7} \\ \frac{8}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) Calculate  $\mathbf{rref}(A)$  over field  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ .

$$\text{RREF}(A) \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_7 = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right], \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

(3) Calculate  $\mathbf{rref}(A)$  over field  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

$$\text{RREF}(A) \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_2 = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right], \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{RREF}(A) \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_3 = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right], \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(4) Is it possible that a matrix  $M$  has a different rank over different fields  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ?

Yes, the rank of  $\text{RREF}(A)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_7$  is 2, but rank of  $\text{RREF}(A)$  is 3.

**Question 12.** (Solve a linear system over field  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ .) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(1) Calculate  $\mathbf{rref}(A | \vec{b})$  over field  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ .

The following python code will give us  $\mathbf{rref}(A | \vec{b})$  over field  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ :

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GF7 = galois.GF(7) # Define the  $\mathbb{Z}_7$  field
A = GF7([[3, 1, 4, 1], [5, 2, 6, 5], [0, 5, 2, 1]]) # Define the augmented matrix
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$$\text{GF7.row\_reduce}(A) = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

(2) Find the solution to the linear system  $A \vec{x} = \vec{b} \pmod{7}$ .

From part (1) we know that  $\vec{x} = [4, 3, 0]$

**Question 13.** (Use python) Solve the linear system and write solutions in parametric vector forms:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 11 & 19 & -2 \\ 7 & 23 & 39 & 10 \\ -4 & -3 & -2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{RREF}(A) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ -2t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 14.** (Use python) Solve the linear system and write solutions in parametric vector forms:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 9 & 5 & 25 & | & 53 \\ 7 & 14 & 21 & 9 & 53 & | & 105 \\ -4 & -8 & -12 & 5 & -10 & | & 11 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{RREF}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 5 & | & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} t + 11u - 20 \\ 13 - 4u \\ u \\ 7 - 2t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 15.** (Use python) Solve the linear system and write solutions in parametric vector forms:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 & 6 & | & 37 \\ 4 & 8 & 7 & 5 & 2 & | & 74 \\ -2 & -4 & 3 & 4 & -5 & | & 20 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & -1 & 2 & | & 126 \\ 5 & -10 & 4 & 6 & 4 & | & 24 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{RREF}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & -\frac{126,221}{4,340} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & -\frac{57,409}{8,680} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & \frac{21,695}{434} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -\frac{12,659}{434} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & \frac{8,499}{434} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{126,221}{4,340} \\ -\frac{57,409}{8,680} \\ \frac{21,695}{434} \\ -\frac{12,659}{434} \\ \frac{8,499}{434} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 16.** (1) If  $A, B, C$  are  $n \times n$  matrices and  $ABC = I_n$  is each of the matrices invertible? What are their inverses?

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow C^{-1} = AB \text{ and } A^{-1} = BC \\ &\rightarrow ABC = (BC)^{-1}B(AB)^{-1} \\ &\rightarrow ABC = C^{-1}B^{-1}BB^{-1}A \\ &\rightarrow ABC = C^{-1}B^{-1}A \\ &\rightarrow CAB = B^{-1}A \\ &\rightarrow CABCA^{-1} = B^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

(2) Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices. If  $AB$  is invertible, are both  $A$  and  $B$  invertible?

Any  $n \times n$  matrix  $M$  is invertible if and only if  $\det(M) \neq 0$ . Note that the  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ . Since  $AB$  is invertible, the  $\det(AB) \neq 0$ . Therefore, the  $\det(A) \neq 0$  and the  $\det(B) \neq 0$ .

**Question 17.** Provide a counter-example to the statement: for any  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $(AB)^2 = A^2B^2$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5456 & 2244 \\ 528 & 308 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A^2B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 122 & 530 \\ -1198 & -1142 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 18.** Find an example of a  $2 \times 2$  nonidentity matrix whose transpose is its inverse.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 19.** Here are a couple of new definitions: An  $n \times n$  matrix is *symmetric* provided  $A^T = A$  and *skew-symmetric* provided  $A^T = -A$ .

(1) Give examples of symmetric and skew-symmetric  $2 \times 2$ ,  $3 \times 3$ , and  $4 \times 4$  matrices.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a) Symmetric: } & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Skew-Symmetric: } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 \\ -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \text{(b) Symmetric: } & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Skew-Symmetric: } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 3 \\ -4 & 0 & 4 \\ -3 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \text{(c) Symmetric: } & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Skew-Symmetric: } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

(2) What can you say about the main diagonal of a skew-symmetric matrix?

The main diagonal of a skew-symmetric matrix must be all zeroes. This is because transposing a matrix does not change the value of its diagonal but negating a matrix will change the value. Therefore, we need a value in the diagonals where  $x = -x$ , and this is only true for  $x = 0$ .

(3) Give an example of a matrix that is both symmetric and skew-symmetric.

$$\text{Symmetric and Skew-Symmetric: } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(4) Prove that for any  $n \times n$  matrix, the matrices  $A + A^T$ ,  $AA^T$ , and  $A^T A$  are symmetric and  $A - A^T$  is skew-symmetric.

(a)  $A + A^T$  is symmetric if and only if  $A + A^T = (A + A^T)^T$ .

The properties of transpose tell us that for any  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B$ :

$$(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T \text{ and } (B^T)^T = B$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore (A + A^T)^T &= A^T + (A^T)^T = A^T + A \\
 &\rightarrow A + A^T = A^T + A \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $A \times A^T$  is symmetric if and only if  $A \times A^T = (A \times A^T)^T$ .

The properties of transpose tell us that for any  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B$ :

$$(A \times B)^T = B^T \times A^T \text{ and } (B^T)^T = B$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore (A \times A^T)^T &= (A^T)^T \times A^T = A \times A^T \\
 &\rightarrow A \times A^T = A \times A^T \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $A^T \times A$  is symmetric if and only if  $A^T \times A = (A^T \times A)^T$ .

The properties of transpose tell us that for any  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B$ :

$$(A \times B)^T = B^T \times A^T \text{ and } (B^T)^T = B$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore (A^T \times A)^T &= A^T \times (A^T)^T = A^T \times A \\
 &\rightarrow A^T \times A = A^T \times A \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$



(d)  $A - A^T$  is skew-symmetric if and only if  $(A - A^T)^T = -(A - A^T)$ .

The properties of transpose tell us that for any  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B$ :

$$(A - B)^T = A^T - B^T \text{ and } (B^T)^T = B$$

$$\therefore (A - A^T)^T = A^T - (A^T)^T = A^T - A$$

The properties of matrices tell us that for any scalar  $k$  and any  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B$ :

$$k(A + B) = kA + kB$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore -(A - A^T) &= -A + A^T = A^T - A \\ \rightarrow A^T - A &= A^T - A \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

(5) Prove that any  $n \times n$  can be written as the sum of a symmetric and skew-symmetric matrices.

From the previous problem, we know that  $A + A^T$  is symmetric and  $A - A^T$  is skew-symmetric. Also, we know that multiplying a matrix by a positive and non-zero scalar will not change whether a matrix is symmetric or skew-symmetric. Therefore, if the following statement is true then it must also be true that any square matrix can be written as the sum of a symmetric and skew-symmetric matrices.

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T) + \frac{1}{2}(A - A^T)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}A^T + \frac{1}{2}A - \frac{1}{2}A^T$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}A$$

$$A = A \checkmark$$

**Question 20.** Mark each of the following functions  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  injective, surjective, or bijective, as is most appropriate.

(a)  $F(x) = x^2 \rightarrow$  injective

(b)  $F(x) = \frac{x^3}{x^2+1} \rightarrow$  bijective

(c)  $F(x) = x(x-1)(x-2) \rightarrow$  injective

(d)  $F(x) = e^x + 2 \rightarrow$  bijective

**Question 21.** Skipped Question (1/3)

**Question 22.** Skipped Question (2/3)

**Question 23.** Skipped Question (3/3)

**Question 24.** Let  $I_n$  be the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Let  $\vec{u}$  be a **unit** vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Define  $H_n = I_n - 2 \vec{u} \vec{u}^T$ . Here a unit vector  $\vec{u}$  means that norm  $\|\vec{u}\| = 1$

(1) Is  $H_n$  a symmetric matrix? Prove your result.

$H_n$  is symmetric if and only if  $H = H^T$ :

$$H^T = (I - 2uu^T)^T = I^T - 2(uu^T)^T = I - 2(u^T)^T u^T = I - 2u^T = H \checkmark$$

(2) Is  $H_n$  an orthogonal matrix? (i.e. is  $H_n^T H_n = I_n$ ).

$H_n$  is orthogonal if and only if  $H^T H = I$ :

$$\begin{aligned} H^T H &= H H = (I - 2uu^T)(I - 2uu^T) = I - 2uu^T - 2uu^T + 4(uu^T)(uu^T) \\ &= I - 4uu^T + 4u(u^T u)u^T = I - 4uu^T + 4uu^T = I \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

(3) What is  $H_n^2$ ?

$$H^2 = H H = I \text{ (From (2))}$$

(4) What is  $H_n \vec{u}$ ?

$$H u = (I - 2uu^T)u = u - (2uu^T)u = u - 2u(u^T u) = u - 2u = -u$$

(5) Suppose  $\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Write down  $H_3$  and  $H_4$ .

$$H_3 = I_3 - 2uu^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} [1 \quad 1 \quad 1] \right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_4 = I_4 - 2uu^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} [1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1] \right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$