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# Assignment 12

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**Abstract**—This document explains the proof of complex entries in  $2 \times 2$  matrices

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https://github.com/venkateshelangovan/IIT— Hyderabad—Assignments/tree/master/ Assignment12 Matrix Theory

1 Problem

Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.1}$$

be a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with complex entries. Suppose A is row-reduced and also that a+b+c+d=0. Prove that there are exactly three such matrices.

### 2 Definition

#### 2.1 Row Echelon Form

A matrix is in row echelon form if it follows the following conditions

- 1. All nonzero rows are above any rows of all zeros.
- 2. Each leading entry (i.e. left most nonzero entry) of a row is in a column to the right of the leading entry of the row above it.
- 3. All entries in a column below a leading entry are zero

#### 2.2 Row Reduced Echelon Form

A matrix is in row reduced echelon form if it follows the following conditions

- 1. The matrix should be row echelon form
- 2. The leading entry in each nonzero row is 1.
- 3. Each leading 1 is the only nonzero entry in its column.

3 Proof

Given,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.1}$$

**Condition 1 :** Matrix **A** should be in row-reduced echelon form

**Condition 2 :** a + b + c + d = 0 where a,b,c and d are the elements of the matrix **A** 

Reducing the matrix A from equation (3.0.1)

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = \frac{1}{a}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{b}{a} \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$
 (3.0.2)

$$\stackrel{R_2=R_2-cR_1}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{b}{a} \\ 0 & \frac{ad-bc}{a} \end{pmatrix}$$
(3.0.3)

$$\stackrel{R_2 = \frac{a}{ad - bc} R_2}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{b}{a} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(3.0.4)

$$\stackrel{R_1=R_1-\frac{b}{a}R_2}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.5}$$

# Case 1: Matrix A of Rank 2

From the equation (3.0.3), for the matrix to be in row reduced echelon form,

$$b = 0$$

$$a \neq 0$$

$$d = 1$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(3.0.6)

For the condition 2 to get satisfied,

$$a + 0 + c + 1 = 0 (3.0.7)$$

$$\implies a = -(c+1) \tag{3.0.8}$$

$$\implies c \neq -1$$
 (3.0.9)

Both the condition gets satisfied and so exactly one matrix  $\bf A$  can be formed of Rank 2 with given conditions

Case 2: Matrix A of Rank 1

From the equation (3.0.3), for the matrix to be in row reduced echelon form,

$$a \neq 0$$
$$d = 0$$
$$c = 0$$

For the condition 2 to get satisfied,

$$a + b + 0 + 0 = 0$$
 (3.0.10)  
 $\implies b = -a$  (3.0.11)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.12}$$

Both the condition gets satisfied and so exactly one matrix  $\bf A$  can be formed of Rank 1 with given conditions

## Case 3: Matrix A of Rank 0

From equation (3.0.1), for the matrix to be in row reduced echelon form,

$$a = 0$$

$$b = 0$$

$$c = 0$$

$$d = 0$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(3.0.13)

Both the condition gets satisfied and so exactly one matrix **A** can be formed of Rank 0 with given conditions

Therefore matrix A shown in equation (3.0.6),(3.0.12) and (3.0.13) are the exactly three such matrices that can be formed with given conditions.

Hence Proved