

MATRIX ANALYSIS - SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Groups, Rings and Fields

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Algebraic Structures : (S, \circ)

- A nonempty set S
- A binary operation $a \circ b$ to be constructed
a and b are selected from S : $\circ : S \times S \rightarrow S$

- the operation \circ is closed in S

if $a, b \in S$ then $a \circ b \in S$ this can also be represented by

Nothing else here yet (No associative, no commutative, etc)
this comes in more sophisticated structures

Examples

AS1) $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$: $S = \mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, $a \circ b \triangleq a + b$

$$5; 7 \in \mathbb{Z} , \quad 5 \circ 7 = 5 + 7 = 12 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

the sum $+$ ($\circ = +$) of any two integers is always an integer. then this is an algebraic structure (A.S.)

AS2) (\mathbb{R}, \cdot) : $S = \mathbb{R}$, $a \circ b \triangleq a \cdot b$ (regular multiplication)

$$\sqrt{2}, \pi \in \mathbb{R} , \quad \sqrt{2} \circ \pi = \sqrt{2} \cdot \pi = \sqrt{2}\pi \in \mathbb{R}$$

the multiplication of any two real numbers returns always another real number. This is an AS

counter examples

AS3) $(\mathbb{N}, -) : S = \mathbb{N}, a \circ b \triangleq a - b$

$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
 $7, 2 \in \mathbb{N}, 7 - 2 = 5 \in \mathbb{N}$
 $3, 1 \in \mathbb{N}, 3 - 1 = 2 \in \mathbb{N}$
 $2, 6 \in \mathbb{N}, 2 - 6 = -4 \notin \mathbb{N}$ Not an A.S.

*whenever we pick ~~a < b~~
 $a \circ b \notin S$: closedness fails!*

When testing, it is enough to find just one case (with two members a and b) which fails to show it is not an AS. To show it is an AS we need proof in terms of $a, b \in S$, then explore the construction of \circ (i.e., how it is defined) to show $a \circ b \in S$ for any $a, b \in S$

AS4) $(\mathbb{Z}, \div) : S = \mathbb{Z}, a \circ b = a \div b$ (regular division)

$4, 2 \in \mathbb{Z}, 4 \div 2 = \frac{4}{2} = 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $121, 11 \in \mathbb{Z}, 121 \div 11 = 11 \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $-9, 3 \in \mathbb{Z}, -9 \div 3 = -3 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$5, 3 \in \mathbb{Z}, 5 \div 3 = \frac{5}{3} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ (it is not an integer
it is a rational number
which is not in \mathbb{Z})
it is not an AS

it is common to use previously defined AS, add more properties to it and then form a new AS that is more sophisticated. By doing so, the new AS inherits all properties of the existing AS.

recall that $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a \circ b \in S$ (closedness)

Groups: (S, \circ) + 3 extra properties

- \circ is associative: $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$

this property means that we can start combining any two elements, generate an intermediary result, ~~then~~ which is then combined again to form the final result

$$(a \circ b) \circ c \circ d = e \circ c \circ d = e \circ (c \circ d) = e \circ f \quad // \quad \text{or}$$

$$a \circ (b \circ c) \circ d = a \circ g \circ d = a \circ (g \circ d) = a \circ h, \text{ etc}$$

any order will provide the same result whenever the op \circ is associative, if the results are diff, then the op \circ is not associative

- there is a neutral element $O_S \in S$ such that for any $a \in S$

$$O_S \circ a = a \circ O_S = a$$

O_S is unique!

A group can be represented by the notation⁴
 (S, \circ, O_S) , which shows that this new structure is closed in S via \circ and has a neutral element O_S . However, associativity and the existence of inverse elements $a^{-1} \in S$ for all a is not captured in this notation. Then we can use a better notation:

(G, \circ, O_G) : the set can still be S , the op is the same \circ and we also have the neutral elem. $O_G = O_S$. However we can now define that whenever we use this notation we are saying that we talk about an AS (S, \circ) that has a neutral O_S , ~~is~~ an associative \circ , ~~and a neutral~~ and that has inverse elements a^{-1} for all $a \in S$. That is, (G, \circ, O_G) assures that this is a group and has all the required properties for a group.

Examples

G1) $(\mathbb{Z}, +, 0)$ is a group over the integers \mathbb{Z} with $a \circ b \hat{=} a + b$, with neutral el 0?

It is! because the ordinary sum ($\circ = +$) of any two integers returns another integer (closedness)

the neutral element $0_G = 0$ works via $\circ = +$

over all $a \in G = \mathbb{Z}$, since any integer summed with zero is again ~~an~~ ^{the same} integer

$$a + 0 = 0 + a = a$$

What is the inverse a^{-1} for any given a ? We can use the defined $\circ \hat{=} +$ and the set $G = \mathbb{Z}$ to check/calculated if a^{-1} exists, and/or what it is.

We know $a \circ b = a + b = b + a = b \circ a$, that is, this op. is commutative but we don't ~~need~~ ^{need} that

~~to~~ ~~to~~ to define a group. If it is comm., it's just better to work with this group. Let's use the

definition of neutrality

$$a^{-1} \circ a = 0_G \Rightarrow a^{-1} + a = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a^{-1} = -a} \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

that is, in this case the inverse a^{-1} is just minus the original element a .

G2) $(M_2(\mathbb{R}), +, O_{2 \times 2})$, $M_2(\mathbb{R}) =$ set of 2×2 matrices with real entries

$+$ = ordinary matrix addition (entrywise sum)

$O_{2 \times 2} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is the neutral element.

take two els from $M_2(\cdot)$: $A, B \in M_2(\cdot)$

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

$$A \circ B = A + B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+e & b+f \\ c+g & d+h \end{bmatrix} \in M_2$$

Matrix sum is associative: $(A+B)+C = A+(B+C)$.

the neutral element $O_{2 \times 2}$ works for any matrix:

$$A + O_{2 \times 2} = O_{2 \times 2} + A = A.$$

Where is the inverse element for A ? We

have $A \circ A^{-1} = \cancel{O_G} \quad \cancel{A} \quad \cancel{A^{-1}}$

$$A \circ A^{-1} = A + A^{-1} = O_{2 \times 2} \Leftrightarrow A^{-1} = O_{2 \times 2} - A = -A$$

the inverse for A is minus A , i.e., $-A$.

We also have that the sum of any $A, B \in M_2$ is again a new matrix $A+B$ that is in M_2 .

this is a group!

G3) $(M_2(\mathbb{R}), \text{Matrix product}, I_2)$; $A \circ B \triangleq AB$
 $I_2 \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \triangleq O_G$

is it a closed structure?

$\forall A, B$ are 2×2 matrices of real numbers
 the product AB is always defined (matrices
 have compatible dimensions) and return
 a new matrix $C = AB$ that is again a
 2×2 matrix with real entries, i.e., $C = AB \in M_2$

Is it associative? Yes, because the matrix
 product is associative

$$ABC = (AB)C = A(BC) \text{ or } (A \circ B) \circ C = A \circ (B \circ C).$$

Neutral I_2 works? Yes! $A I_2 = I_2 A = A \forall A \in M_2$

And the inverse A^{-1} ? Note that we talk here
 about the inverse element $A^{-1} \in M_2$ that
 is not necessarily the matrix inverse. In example
 G2 we had $A^{-1} = -A$. Here, by coincidence,
 the inverse element is related to a matrix inverse
 because we selected the matrix product for
 an operation. We want

to find ~~an~~ an element B such that $A \circ B = O_G$
 or $AB = I_2$. Or we want $A^{-1} A B = A^{-1} I_2$
 $B = A^{-1}$

In this case the inverse of any element $A \in M_2$ is the matrix inverse itself, i.e., $A^{-1} = A^{-1}$ 8

However, take $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

↑ ↑
inverse Matrix
elem. inverse

$\nexists A^{-1}$ for matrix A above. There are infinite elements $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ that do not have ~~any~~ an inverse element under $\circ =$ matrix product in $M_2(\mathbb{R})$.

Then it is not a group!

G4) $(\bar{M}_2(\mathbb{R}), \text{matrix product}, I_2)$, where $\bar{M}_2(\mathbb{R}) =$ set of 2×2 invertible matrices with real entries.

By restricting the set $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ to contain only invertible matrices, we fix the problem of inverse elements in example G3! Now $\bar{M}_2(\mathbb{R})$ with $A \circ B = AB$ with $O_G = I_2$ is a group!

Commutative Groups (CG) are those in which

$$\boxed{a \circ b = b \circ a}$$

and are of special interest for us. They are also known as Abelian groups.

Examples

CG1) ~~Examples~~ Examples G_1, G_2 ~~are comm.~~ are comm.

CG2) Example G_4 is not commutative because matrix product is not commutative.

CG3) $(\bar{M}_2^D(\mathbb{R}), \text{matrix product}, I_2)$, where \bar{M}_2^D is the set of invertible diagonal matrices.

The matrix product of diagonal matrices does commute (check it with an example!):

$D_1 D_2 = D_2 D_1 \in \bar{M}_2^D(\mathbb{R})$ and the product of diag. matrices is again diagonal!

then CG3 is a commutative group!

Ring is an Abelian group with a second operation \star having the following properties
($A, 0, \star, 0_R, 1_R$)

- \star is associative: $(a \star b) \star c = a \star (b \star c)$
for all $a, b, c \in G$

- \star is distributive over \circ

$$a \star (b \circ c) = (a \star b) \circ (a \star c)$$

and

$$(b \circ c) \star a = (b \star a) \circ (c \star a)$$

because op \star does not need to be commut. i.e., $a \star b \neq b \star a$

(- \star has a unique neutral element 1_G .) ~~this is not~~
this is not required for a ring. When it holds, we call it a unit ring

Examples
R1) $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$ is a ring, since ordinary addition and multiplication over the integers have neutral elements 0 and 1 and produce

numbers that are again integers.

this is a ring with unity, or a unit ring

$$a, b \in \mathbb{Z}: a \circ b \triangleq a + b \quad (\text{group op})$$

$$a, b \in \mathbb{Z}: a \star b \triangleq a \cdot b \quad (\text{ring op})$$

$$0_R \triangleq 0: a + 0 = 0 + a = a \quad (\text{neutral for group op})$$

$$1_R \triangleq 1: a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a \quad (\text{neutral for ring op}) \quad (\text{unit})$$

$$a^{-1}: a^{-1} \circ a = a \circ a^{-1} = 0_R: a^{-1} \star a = a^{-1} + a = 0 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = -a \quad (\text{Group inverse})$$

$$a^{-1}: a^{-1} \star a = a \star a^{-1} = 1_R: a^{-1} \star a = a^{-1} \cdot a = 1 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a} \quad (\text{ring inverse})$$

Note that the notation a^{-1} coincides with the natural arithmetic inverse notation!

$R_2) (M_2(\mathbb{R}), +, \text{Matrix prod}, O_{2 \times 2}, I_2)$

~~we have seen in example G3~~

Recall from example G2 that the triple $M_2(\mathbb{R}), +, O_{2 \times 2}$ forms a group. Let's test for the ring operation now: $A * B \stackrel{\Delta}{=} AB$

- Matrix product is associative: $(AB)C = A(BC)$

- Is the matrix product distributive over matrix addition?
 $A(B+C) = AB + AC$
 $(B+C)A = BA + CA$ } yes, it is!
 from the left and from the right.

- Is I_2 a neutral element for $*$ = matrix product?
 $AI_2 = I_2A = A \quad \forall A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ Yes! It is a unit ring

then R_2 is a ~~group~~ ring!

Remark: If we select $M_2, \text{matrix product}, I_2$ from within ring R_2 , does it form another group?

No! Because there is no inverse for $*$ = Matrix product!

In fact, in the ring construction $(R, 0, *, O_R, 1_R)$, $(R, 0, O_R)$ forms a group from the ring definition. $(R, *, 1_R)$ DOES NOT form a group because there is no inverse defined for the ring operation $*$.

$R_3) (\mathbb{Z}, 0, *, 0_R, 1_R)$, with $a \circ b \triangleq a + b - 1$
 $a * b \triangleq ab + a + b$

What are the neutral elements for \circ and $*$?

$a \circ 0_R = 0_R \circ a = a$: $\underbrace{a}_{\tilde{a}} \circ \underbrace{0_R}_{\tilde{b}} = a + 0_R - 1 = a$

$0_R = a - a + 1 \therefore \boxed{0_R = 1}$

It is a unit ring

$a * 1_R = 1_R * a = a$: $\underbrace{a}_{\tilde{a}} * \underbrace{1_R}_{\tilde{b}} = a \cdot 1_R + a + 1_R = a$

$a \cdot 1_R + 1_R = 0 \Leftrightarrow (a+1) \cdot 1_R = 0 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{1_R = 0}$

if $a+1 \neq 0$ then $1_R = \frac{0}{a+1} = 0$

if $a+1 = 0$ then $0 \cdot 1_R = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 0$. $a+1=0$
 $a = -1$

$-1 * 1_R = -1 * 0 = -1 \cdot 0 + (-1) + 0 = -1$ ok!

Are \circ and $*$ associative?

$(a \circ b) \circ c = d \circ c = \underline{d} + c - 1 = (a + b - 1) + c - 1 = a + b + c - 2 //$

$\hat{a} = d$
 $d = a \circ b = a + b - 1$

$a \circ (b \circ c) = a \circ e = a + e - 1 = a + (b + c - 1) - 1 = a + b + c - 2 //$

$e = b \circ c = b + c - 1$ therefore $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$ ✓ \circ is associative

$(a * b) * c = d * c = dc + d + c = (ab + a + b)c + d + c$
 $d = a * b = ab + a + b$
 $= abc + ac + bc + (ab + a + b)c + d + c$
 $= abc + ab + bc + ac + a + b + c //$

$a * (b * c) = a * e = ae + a + e = a(bc + b + c) + a + (bc + b + c)$
 $e = b * c = bc + b + c$
 $= abc + ab + ac + a + bc + b + c$
 $= abc + ab + ab + ac + a + b + c //$

thus, $*$ is associative too!

$\therefore R_3$ is a ring!

Field is a unit commutative ring with an inverse for the ring operation for $F \setminus \{0_F\}$

We may change notation to reflect this fact: $(F, +, \cdot, 0_F, 1_F) \triangleq F$ (in this course)

Examples Inverse exists for all $a \in F \setminus \{0_F\}$.
It can be shown that $0_F \cdot 1_F = 0_F$

F1) $F = \mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot, 0, 1$ is a field

F2) $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$ is a field

F3) $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$ is a field

Remark: within a field, $(F, +, 0_F)$ forms an abelian group and $(F, \cdot, 1_F)$ also forms an abelian group.