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Applications Of Matrix Function And Group Action

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ABSTRACT

The article presents some applications of the matrix function and group action to reveal some properties of matrixes and p-groups.

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INTRODUCTION

Let $A \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$ be a fixed nonzero matrix. Let's define the function $f_A : M_n(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbf{R})$ s.t $f_A(X) = AX - XA, \forall X \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$

Now we will examine the some properties of this function:

1-property: $f_A \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow A = \lambda I_n$, for some $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$

Proof: $(\Leftarrow) \lambda I_n X = X \lambda I_n = \lambda X$ for every $X \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$

$(\Rightarrow) AX = XA, \forall X \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$ (*), so it is true for $X = A^T \Rightarrow AA^T = A^T A \Rightarrow A$ – normal matrix.

Therefore there exist P -invertible and C -diagonal matrix s.t $A = PCP^{-1}, C = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$

By setting this into (*), we get $PCP^{-1}X = XPCP^{-1}$. Now take $X = P^{-1}$, so $PCP^{-1}P^{-1} = P^{-1}PCP^{-1}$

$$PCP^{-1} = C \Rightarrow PC = CP \Rightarrow A = PCP^{-1} = CPP^{-1} = C = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}. \text{ So, we have found } A-$$

$$\text{diagonal matrix. We have the condition } AX = XA, \forall X \in M_n(\mathbf{R}) \text{ for } A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } X = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & \dots & x_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow AX = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & \dots & x_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 x_{11} & \dots & \lambda_1 x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_n x_{n1} & \dots & \lambda_n x_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$XA = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & \dots & x_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 x_{11} & \dots & \lambda_n x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_1 x_{n1} & \dots & \lambda_n x_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_i x_{li} = \lambda_1 x_{li}, i = \overline{1, n}. \text{ We take such } X \text{ s.t}$$

$$x_{li} \neq 0, i = \overline{1, n} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_n \Rightarrow A = \lambda_1 I_n$$

$$2\text{-property: } f_A \circ f_B = f_B \circ f_A \Leftrightarrow AB = BA$$

$$\text{Proof: } (f_A \circ f_B)(X) = f_A(BX - XB) = A(BX - XB) - (BX - XB)A = ABX - AXB - BXA + XBA$$

$$(f_B \circ f_A)(X) = f_B(AX - XA) = B(AX - XA) - (AX - XA)B = BAX - BXA - AXB + XAB$$

According to these

$$f_A \circ f_B = f_B \circ f_A \Leftrightarrow ABX - AXB - BXA + XBA = BAX - BXA - AXB + XAB, \forall X \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (AB - BA)X = X(AB - BA), \forall X \in M_n(\mathbf{R}) \Leftrightarrow f_{AB-BA} \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow AB - BA = 0 \text{ or } AB - BA = \lambda I_n,$$

but second case never happens. Because $0 = \text{tr}(AB - BA) = \text{tr}(\lambda I_n) = \lambda n \neq 0$. Thus $AB = BA$.

$$f_A \circ f_B = f_B \circ f_A \Leftrightarrow AB = BA$$

3-property: If A is a matrix with n distinct eigenvalues, then the dimension of $\ker(f_A)$ is equal to n .

$$\text{Proof: } A \text{ has } n \text{ distinct eigenvalues, then the Jordan normal form of } A \text{ is } \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}}_C \Rightarrow A = PCP^{-1}$$

$$, \ker(f_A) = \{X : f_A(X) = 0 \Leftrightarrow AX = XA\}$$

$$AX = XA \Leftrightarrow PCP^{-1}X = XPCP^{-1} \Leftrightarrow P^{-1}(PCP^{-1}X)P = P^{-1}(XPCP^{-1})P \Leftrightarrow C(P^{-1}XP) = (P^{-1}XP)C$$

$\Leftrightarrow P^{-1}XP \in \ker(f_C)$. Therefore $\ker(f_A) \subseteq \ker(f_C)$, in that $X \rightarrow P^{-1}XP, P^{-1}YP \leftarrow Y$. They are linear and their compositions are equal to identity. So, it is enough to find $\dim(\ker(f_C))$.

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \ker(f_C) = \{X : CX = XC\}, X = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & \dots & x_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$CX = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 x_{11} & \dots & \lambda_1 x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_n x_{n1} & \dots & \lambda_n x_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = XC = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 x_{11} & \dots & \lambda_n x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_1 x_{n1} & \dots & \lambda_n x_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \lambda_i x_{ij} = \lambda_j x_{ij}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)x_{ij} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_{11}, x_{22}, \dots, x_{nn} - \forall, x_{ij} = 0, i \neq j$$

$$\ker(f_C) = \{X : X = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & x_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = x_{11} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + x_{nn} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}\}$$

$$= \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\} \Rightarrow \dim(\ker(f_C)) = n = \dim(\ker(f_A))$$

Problem-1: Let G be a p -group, i.e. $|G|$ is a degree of p , where p is a prime number. $\cdot : G \times X \rightarrow X$ be a left-action on X and $F \subset X$ be a subset s.t $F := \{x \in X : g \cdot x = x, \forall g \in G\}$, then $|X| - |F|$ is divisible by p , where $|Y|$ denotes the number of elements of Y .

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Proof using the theorem: We build equivalent relation s.t $a \sim b \Leftrightarrow a = gb, \exists b \in G$. This relation divides

X to orbits, i.e $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^k [a_k]$.

Lemma: $\forall a \in X, G_a = \{g \in G \mid ga = a\}$ is a subgroup of G and $|G : G_a| = |[a]|$.

For $x_0 \in F, [x_0] = \{x_0\}$, because $[x_0] = \{gx_0 = x_0 \mid g \in G\} = \{x_0\}$

$$\Rightarrow X = \left(\bigcup_{x \in F} \{x\}\right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{x \notin F} [x]\right) \Rightarrow X / F = \bigcup_{x \notin F} [x] \Rightarrow |X / F| = |X| - |F| = \sum_{x \notin F} |[x]|$$

$$|[x]| = |G : G_x| = |G| : |G_x| = p^\alpha : p^k = p^{\alpha-k}, \alpha \neq k \text{ because,} \quad \text{if} \quad \alpha = k \quad \text{then}$$

$G = G_x \Rightarrow \forall g \in G, gx = x \Rightarrow x \in F$, but we are looking at $x \notin F \Rightarrow |X| - |F| \vdots p$

Problem-2: Let G be a p -group, i.e. $|G|$ is a degree of p , where p is a prime number. If H is a nontrivial normal subgroup of G , then prove that $H \cap Z(G) \neq \{e\}$, where $Z(G) := \{y \in G : \forall x \in G, xy = yx\}$ center and e is identity element of G .

Proof: We construct left-action on H as $\cdot : G \times H \rightarrow H, g \cdot h \rightarrow g^{-1}hg$. Then we set relation on H

s.t. $a \sim b \Leftrightarrow a = gb = g^{-1}bg, \exists b \in G \Leftrightarrow ga = bg, \exists b \in G$. This relation divides H into orbits, i.e. $H = \bigcup_{i=1}^k [a_k] = \sum_{i=1}^k |G : G_a|$. Suppose $H \cap Z(G) = \{e\} \Rightarrow \forall h \neq e, \exists g_0 : g_0 h \neq h g_0$

If we denote $G_h = \{g : gh = hg\}$, then for $h \neq e$ we have $G_h \neq G$ and $G_e = G$.

$\Rightarrow |G : G_h| = |G| : |G_h| = p^n : p^s = p^{n-s}, n-s \geq 1$ and

$|G : G_e| = |G : G| = 1 \Rightarrow |H| = \sum_{i=1}^k |G : G_a| = \sum_{i=1}^k p^{n-s_i} + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. But H is a subgroup of G and

because of this $p^n = |G| : |H| \Rightarrow |H| = p^m \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \Rightarrow m = 0$ this means H must be trivial subgroup. So, our assumption is not correct. $\Rightarrow H \cap Z(G) \neq \{e\}$.

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