

Math 122 Monday, September 19

Understanding a group  $G$

Matrices under multiplication (invertible)

$n \times n$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R} = M_n(\mathbb{R})$   $n=1$   $A=(a)$   $n=2$   $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

more generally  $A = (a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots \\ a_{21} & & & \\ a_{23} & & & \\ \dots & & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$   $i$  row  
 $j$  column

$a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  then

$$a+b=b+a, ab=ba, a(b+c)=ab+ac$$

$$0+a=a, 1 \cdot a=a$$

addition and multiplication of  $n \times n$  matrices

$$A+B=B+A \quad ij\text{-th entry is } a_{ij}+b_{ij}$$

$$A \cdot B \quad \begin{pmatrix} \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad ij\text{-th entry is } \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

$A \cdot B \neq B \cdot A$  in some cases, when  $n > 1$  [for  $n=1$   $(a) \cdot (b) = (ab)$  like in  $\mathbb{R}$ ]

$$\text{e.g. } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{for } n \times n \text{ use } \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

special matrices:  $O = \text{all } a_{ij}=0$ ;  $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$O+A=A+O=A \quad I \cdot A=A \cdot I=A \quad \text{check this}$$

$$\text{also: } A(B+C) = AB+AC \quad \text{check this}$$

$$\text{associative law } A \cdot (B \cdot C) = (A \cdot B) \cdot C$$

$ij$ th entry of both sides is  $\sum_{x,y=1}^n a_{ix} b_{xy} c_{yj}$

so  $A^2 = A \cdot A$  and  $A^3 = A^2 \cdot A = A \cdot A^2$  etc make sense

more generally  $p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$

$$p(A) = a_n A^n + a_{n-1} A^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 A + a_0 I$$

$$cA = (c \cdot a_{ij})$$

Invertibility:  $A$  is invertible if  $\exists B$  such that  $AB = BA = I$

e.g.  $A = (a)$  is invertible  $\iff a \neq 0$   $B = (1/a)$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ is invertible } \iff ad - bc \neq 0 \quad B = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$0 \cdot A = A \cdot 0 = 0$  so  $0$  is never invertible.  $I$  is invertible,  $I \cdot I = I$ .

Prop There is a function  $\det: M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the properties.

1)  $\det(I) = 1$

2)  $A$  is invertible  $\iff \det A \neq 0$ .

3)  $\det(AB) = \det A \cdot \det B$

Really  $\det A = \sum_{n! \text{ terms}} \pm (n \text{ terms})$  see Artin for a precise definition

There is always another  $n \times n$  matrix  $A^*$  called the adjoint such that  $A \cdot A^* = A^* \cdot A = (\det A) \cdot I$   
When  $\det A \neq 0$  then  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \cdot A^*$ .

Our first interesting group  $G = GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \subset M_n(\mathbb{R})$  the set  $\{A \text{ which are invertible}\}$

This has these properties

1)  $I$  is an element of  $G$

2) closed under multiplication  $A \cdot B$

3) multiplication is associative  $(AB)C = A(B \cdot C)$

4) inverses exist  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$

[5) Note  $AB \neq BA$  sometimes]

Note: If a matrix inverse exists, it is unique.  $AB = AB^{-1} = I \implies B = B^{-1}$  (multiply by  $A^{-1}$  on the left)

Group  $G$  in general

0)  $G$  is a set

1) there is a law of composition or multiplication  $G \times G \rightarrow G$  (need not have  $gh = hg$ )  
 $(g, h) \mapsto g \cdot h$

2) associative  $g(h \cdot j) = (g \cdot h) \cdot j$

3) identity element  $e$  such that  $ge = eg = g$

4)  $\exists!$  inverse  $g^{-1}$  such that  $gg^{-1} = g^{-1}g = e$ .

Note given  $g \in G$  can define  $g^n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

defn If for all  $g, h \in G$   $gh = hg$  then we say  $G$  is abelian after Norwegian mathematician Abel.

ex: abelian group  $G = M_n(\mathbb{R})$  under addition  $e = 0$   $g = A \Rightarrow g^{-1} = -A$

Now for in some sense the most general group

$S = \text{set } G = \text{Aut}(S) = \{ \text{all maps } S \xrightarrow{g} S \text{ that are one-to-one and onto} \}$   
 $g \cdot h = \text{composition of } g \text{ and } h$   $g \circ h(s) = g(h(s))$   $S \xrightarrow{h} S \xrightarrow{g} S$   
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{gh} \rightarrow$

Note: composition is always associative  $e = \text{identity map } e(s) = s$   
 $g^{-1} = \text{inverse map.}$

If  $S = \text{finite} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  then  $\text{Aut}(S) = \text{symmetric group on } n \text{ letters}$   
This group  $\text{Aut}(S)$  is also finite with  $n!$  elements

Note:  $GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \subset \text{Aut}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  What is the difference?  $GL_n$  is the set of  
linear, 1-to-1 onto maps