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The two  $2 \times 2$  matrices

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

are elements of a matrix group with just a few group elements. By considering  $S^{-1}$ ,  $R^{-1}$ ,  $S^2$ ,  $SR$ ,  $RS$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $\dots$ , find the other group elements. Is the group abelian? If it isn't, identify the abelian subgroups.

**Solution:**

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$S^{-1} = -1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$S^{-1} = S,$$

$$S^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= I,$$

where  $I$  is the identity matrix,

$$R^{-1} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{(-1)(-1) - (-\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{3})} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 R^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1-3 & \sqrt{3}+\sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{3} & -3+1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2\sqrt{3} \\ -2\sqrt{3} & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$R^2 = R^{-1},$$

notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
 RR^{-1} &= I \\
 &= R^3,
 \end{aligned}$$

Implying

$$(R^{-1})^2 = R.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 SR &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix},
 \end{aligned}$$

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 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R^{-1}S &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$R^{-1}S = SR,$$

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notice that, by multiplying the above with  $S$  on both side, we get

$$SR^{-1}SS = SSRS$$

$$SR^{-1}I = IRS$$

$$SR^{-1} = RS.$$

	$R$	$R^2$	$S$	$RS$	$SR$	$I$
$R$	$R^2$	$I$	$RS$	$SR$	$S$	$R$
$R^2$	$I$	$R$	$SR$	$S$	$RS$	$R^2$
$S$	$SR$	$RS$	$I$	$R^2$	$R$	$S$
$RS$	$S$	$SR$	$R$	$I$	$R^2$	$RS$
$SR$	$RS$	$S$	$R^2$	$R$	$I$	$SR$
$I$	$R$	$R^2$	$S$	$RS$	$SR$	$I$

From the table, we can deduce that  $R, R^{-1}, S, RS, SR, I$  are the group elements. The group is not abelian.

Subgroups which are abelian are  $\{R, R^2, I\}, \{S, I\}, \{RS, I\}, \{SR, I\}$ , and  $\{I\}$ .

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The set  $G$  consists of all complex  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $M = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{pmatrix}$  whose matrix elements are restricted by the relations

$$|M_{11}|^2 = |M_{22}|^2 = 1 + |M_{21}|^2 = 1 + |M_{12}|^2, \quad M_{21}^* M_{11} = M_{12} M_{22}^*,$$

Demonstrate that  $M_{11}^* M_{12} = M_{22} M_{21}^*$ , and then show that  $G$  is a group with matrix multiplication as the group composition law.

**Solution:**

Given

$$M_{21}^* M_{11} = M_{12} M_{22}^*,$$

$$M_{21} M_{11}^* = M_{12}^* M_{22},$$

so,

$$M_{21}^* M_{12} M_{21} M_{11}^* = M_{21}^* M_{12} M_{12}^* M_{22}^*$$

$$|M_{21}|^2 M_{12} M_{11}^* = |M_{12}|^2 M_{22} M_{21}^*$$

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$$\therefore M_{12}M_{11}^* = M_{22}M_{21}^*.$$

(i) To prove closure, there are two methods, as follows:

**Method 1**

$$|M_{11}|^2 = 1 + |M_{21}|^2$$

$$M_{11}^*M_{12} = \frac{M_{12}}{M_{11}} + \frac{M_{12}}{M_{11}}|M_{21}|^2,$$

$$|M_{22}|^2 = 1 + |M_{21}|^2$$

$$M_{22}M_{21}^* = \frac{M_{21}^*}{M_{22}} + \frac{M_{21}^*}{M_{22}}|M_{21}|^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} M_{11}^* & -M_{21}^* \\ -M_{12}^* & M_{22}^* \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M^+ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} AM &= \begin{pmatrix} M_{11}^* & -M_{21}^* \\ -M_{12}^* & M_{22}^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} M_{11}^*M_{11} - M_{21}^*M_{21} & M_{11}^*M_{12} - M_{21}^*M_{22} \\ -M_{12}^*M_{11} + M_{22}^*M_{21} & -M_{12}^*M_{12} + M_{22}^*M_{22} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= I. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $A$  is the unique inverse of  $M$ .

$$\therefore M^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M^+ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $N \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (MN)^{-1} &= N^{-1}M^{-1} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} N^+ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M^+ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} N^+ M^+ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} (MN)^+ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, elements of Group  $G$  are closed under composition.

## Method 2

Let

$$M' = \begin{pmatrix} M'_{11} & M'_{12} \\ M'_{21} & M'_{22} \end{pmatrix} \in G,$$

and

$$N = MM' = \begin{pmatrix} N_{11} & N_{12} \\ N_{21} & N_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$N_{11} = M_{11}M'_{11} + M_{12}M'_{21},$$

$$N_{12} = M_{11}M'_{12} + M_{12}M'_{22},$$

$$N_{21} = M_{21}M'_{11} + M_{22}M'_{21},$$

$$N_{22} = M_{21}M'_{12} + M_{22}M'_{22}.$$

$$|N_{11}|^2 = |M_{11}|^2|M'_{11}|^2 + |M_{12}|^2|M'_{21}|^2 + M_{11}M'_{11}M_{12}^*M_{21}^* + M_{12}M'_{21}M_{11}^*M_{11}^*,$$

$$|N_{22}|^2 = |M_{21}|^2|M'_{12}|^2 + |M_{22}|^2|M'_{22}|^2 + M_{21}M'_{12}M_{22}^*M_{22}^* + M_{22}M'_{22}M_{21}^*M_{12}^*,$$

$$|N_{12}|^2 = |M_{11}|^2|M'_{12}|^2 + |M_{12}|^2|M'_{22}|^2 + M_{11}M'_{12}M_{12}^*M_{22}^* + M_{12}M'_{22}M_{11}^*M_{12}^*,$$

$$|N_{21}|^2 = |M_{21}|^2|M'_{11}|^2 + |M_{22}|^2|M'_{21}|^2 + M_{21}M'_{11}M_{22}^*M_{21}^* + M_{22}M'_{21}M_{21}^*M_{11}^*,$$

$$|N_{11}|^2 - |N_{22}|^2 = (|M_{11}|^2|M'_{11}|^2 - |M_{22}|^2|M'_{22}|^2) + (|M_{12}|^2|M'_{21}|^2 - |M_{21}|^2|M'_{12}|^2)$$

$$+ (M_{11}M'_{11}M_{12}^*M_{21}^* - M_{21}M'_{12}M_{22}^*M_{22}^*)$$

$$+ (M_{12}M'_{21}M_{11}^*M_{11}^* - M_{22}M'_{22}M_{21}^*M_{12}^*)$$

$$= 0.$$



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Hence  $|N_{11}|^2 = |N_{22}|^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |N_{12}|^2 - |N_{21}|^2 &= (|M_{11}|^2|M'_{12}|^2 - |M_{21}|^2|M'_{11}|^2) + (|M_{12}|^2|M'_{22}|^2 - |M_{22}|^2|M'_{21}|^2) \\ &\quad + (M_{11}M'_{12}M_{12}^*M_{22}^* - M_{21}M'_{11}M_{22}^*M_{21}^*) \\ &\quad + (M_{12}M'_{22}M_{11}^*M_{12}^* - M_{22}M'_{21}M_{21}^*M_{11}^*) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $|N_{12}|^2 = |N_{21}|^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |N_{11}|^2 - |N_{12}|^2 &= |M_{11}|^2(|M'_{11}|^2 - |M'_{12}|^2) + |M_{12}|^2(|M'_{21}|^2 - |M'_{22}|^2) \\ &\quad + M_{11}M_{12}^*(M'_{11}M_{21}^* - M'_{12}M_{22}^*) + M_{12}M_{11}^*(M'_{21}M_{11}^* - M'_{22}M_{12}^*) \\ &= |M_{11}|^2 - |M_{12}|^2 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $|N_{11}|^2 = 1 + |N_{12}|^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} N_{21}^*N_{11} - N_{12}N_{22}^* &= (M_{21}^*M'_{11} + M_{22}^*M'_{21})(M_{11}M'_{11} + M_{12}M'_{21}) \\ &\quad - (M_{11}M'_{12} + M_{12}M'_{22})(M_{21}^*M'_{12} + M_{22}^*M'_{22}) \\ &= M_{11}M_{21}^*(|M'_{11}|^2 - |M'_{12}|^2) + M_{11}M_{22}^*(M'_{11}M_{21}^* + M'_{12}M_{22}^*) \\ &\quad + M_{21}^*M_{12}(M'_{11}M'_{21} + M'_{12}M'_{22}) + M_{22}^*M_{12}(|M'_{21}|^2 - |M'_{22}|^2) \\ &= M_{11}M_{21}^* - M_{22}M_{12}^* \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $N_{21}^*N_{11} = N_{12}N_{22}^*$ .

∴ The closure condition is satisfied.

(ii) Neutral element

The neutral element of the group is the identity matrix,

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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It can be easily shown that  $I$  satisfies the properties of an element of  $G$ .

∴ The neutral element is an element of  $G$ .

(iii) Associativity law

Since the group composition law is matrix multiplication, it is associative.

Hence, set  $G$  is a group.

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Function  $f(t)$  obeys the differential equation

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} - 3\frac{d}{dt} + 2\right)f(t) = 2$$

and has the  $t = 0$  values  $f(0) = 1$  and  $\frac{d}{dt}f(0) = 2$ . First find the Laplace transform  $F(s)$  of  $f(t)$ , and then  $f(t)$  itself.

**Solution:**

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} - 3\frac{d}{dt} + 2\right)f(t) = 2,$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}f(t) - 3\frac{d}{dt}f(t) + 2f(t) = 2,$$

$$s^2F(s) - sf(0) - \frac{d}{dt}f(0) - 3(sF(s) - f(0)) + 2F(s) = \frac{2}{s},$$

$$F(s)(s^2 - 3s + 2) + (-s + 3)f(0) - \frac{d}{dt}f(0) = \frac{2}{s},$$

but

$$\frac{d}{dt}f(0) = 2,$$

$$f(0) = 1,$$

$$F(s)(s^2 - 3s + 2) - s + 1 = \frac{2}{s},$$

$$F(s)(s - 2)(s - 1) = \frac{2}{s} + s - 1,$$

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)(s-2)} \left( \frac{2}{s} + (s-1) \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2}{s(s-1)(s-2)} + \frac{1}{s-2} \\ &= \frac{2}{s-2} - \frac{2}{s-1} + \frac{1}{s} \\ &= 2H(s) - 2K(s) + G(s), \end{aligned}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s} \rightarrow g(t) = 1,$$

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{s-2} \rightarrow h(t) = e^{2t},$$

$$K(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} \rightarrow k(t) = e^t,$$

$$f(t) = 2h(t) - 2k(t) + g(t)$$

$$\therefore f(t) = 2e^{2t} - 2e^t + 1.$$

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Consider the family of functions  $f_1(t), f_2(t), \dots$  that are defined by

$$f_n(t) = \frac{1}{n!} \frac{n}{T} \left(\frac{nt}{T}\right)^n e^{-nt/T} \text{ with } T > 0.$$

In order to determine the  $n \rightarrow \infty$  limit of  $f_n(t)$ , first find the Laplace transform  $F_n(s)$  of  $f_n(t)$ , then evaluate  $F_\infty(s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(s)$ , and finally establish  $f_\infty(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(t)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(t) &= \frac{1}{n!} \frac{n}{T} \left(\frac{nt}{T}\right)^n e^{-nt/T} \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} t^n e^{-nt/T} \left(\frac{n}{T}\right)^{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

$$f_n(t) \rightarrow F_n(s),$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_n(s) &= \left(\frac{n}{T}\right)^{n+1} \int_0^\infty dt \left(e^{-st} \frac{1}{n!} t^n e^{-nt/T}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{s+n/T}\right)^{n+1} \left(\frac{n}{T}\right)^{n+1} \\ &= \left(\frac{n}{sT+n}\right)^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$



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$$= \left(\frac{sT}{n} + 1\right)^{-n} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{sT}{n} + 1}\right).$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{sT}{n} + 1\right)^{-n} = e^{-sT},$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{sT}{n} + 1}\right) = 1.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(s) = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{sT}{n} + 1\right)^{-n}\right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{sT}{n} + 1\right)^{-1}\right)$$

$$F_{\infty} = e^{-sT}.$$

$$\therefore f_{\infty} = \delta(t - T).$$