



On Matrix Division and Rational Matrices

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Abstract In this paper we give, for the first time, the definitions of “co-divide” and division of two matrices with the same dimension. We will see that the definitions here are analogous to the case in real numbers. Here we research their properties and give some examples. Rational matrices was define by “Matrix Division”. We will see that the properties here are analogous to the case in real numbers. Here we research their properties and give some examples.

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1. Introduction

Let us start with the definition as follows.

Definition 1.1. Let $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$, $B = [b_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ be any two square matrices. $1 \leq i \leq n$, then ${}^A_i B_j$ denote the determinant of the matrix B_i obtained by putting j^{th} column of A in place of i^{th} column of B . The real number ${}^A_i B_j$ is called a co-divide of A on B .

We easily get

Lemma 1.1. Let A and B be any two square matrices of dimension n . Then the number of codivides of A on B is n^2 .

Example 1.1. If $A = [1]$, $B = [3]$. Then the co-divides ${}^A_1 B_1$ and ${}^B_1 A_1$ are 1 and 3 respectively.

Theorem 1.1. Let $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}) = \{[a_{ij}]_{n \times n} \mid a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}, i, j = 1, \dots, n, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$, and $C_{ij}(A) = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}(A)$, where $M_{ij}(A)$ is the minor of a_{ij} . If $A \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ with $|A| \neq 0$, let I be unit matrix. Then

- i. ${}^I_i I_j = C_{ij}(A)$.
- ii. ${}^A_i I_j = a_{ij}$, for $j = 1, \dots, n$.
- iii. ${}^A_i I_j = \begin{cases} |A|, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$

Proof. i) Let $A, I \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ and $|A| \neq 0$. Then

$${}^I_1 I_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = C_{11}(A),$$

$${}^A_1 I_2 = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 1 & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & 0 & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & 0 & a_{n3} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1(n-1)} & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2(n-1)} & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n3} & \dots & a_{n(n-1)} & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = C_{12}(A)$$

⋮



$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^A_1 1_n &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} \dots a_{1(n-1)} 1 \\ a_{21} \dots a_{2(n-1)} 0 \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ a_{n1} \dots a_{n(n-1)} 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} \dots a_{1(n-1)} \\ a_{21} \dots a_{2(n-1)} \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ a_{n1} \dots a_{n(n-1)} \end{vmatrix} = C_{1n}(A), \\
 &\vdots \\
 {}^A_n 1_1 &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 a_{12} \dots a_{1(n-1)} a_{1n} \\ 0 a_{22} \dots a_{2(n-1)} a_{2n} \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ 1 a_{n2} \dots a_{n(n-1)} a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} \dots a_{1(n-1)} a_{1n} \\ a_{22} \dots a_{2(n-1)} a_{2n} \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ a_{n2} \dots a_{n(n-1)} a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = C_{n1}(A) \\
 &\vdots \\
 {}^A_n n_n &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} a_{12} \dots a_{1(n-1)} 0 \\ a_{21} a_{22} \dots a_{2(n-1)} 0 \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ a_{n1} a_{n2} \dots a_{n(n-1)} 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} \dots a_{1(n-1)} \\ a_{21} \dots a_{2(n-1)} \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ a_{n1} \dots a_{n(n-1)} \end{vmatrix} = C_{nn}(A).
 \end{aligned}$$

ii)

$${}^A_1 1_1 = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} 0 \dots 0 \\ a_{21} 1 \dots 0 \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ a_{n1} 0 \dots 1 \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}, \dots, {}^A_1 1_n = \begin{vmatrix} 1 0 \dots a_{11} \\ 0 1 \dots a_{21} \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ 0 0 \dots a_{n1} \end{vmatrix} = a_{n1}, \dots, {}^A_n 1_1 = \begin{vmatrix} a_{1n} 0 \dots 0 \\ a_{2n} 1 \dots 0 \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ a_{nn} 0 \dots 1 \end{vmatrix} = a_{nn}, \dots, {}^A_n n_n = \begin{vmatrix} 1 0 \dots a_{1n} \\ 0 1 \dots a_{2n} \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ 0 0 \dots a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = a_{nn}.$$

Therefore,

$${}^A_i j = a_{ij}.$$

iii.) Let $i \neq j$, then we have two equal columns, so ${}^A_i j$ is zero and also ${}^A_i j = |A|$ for $i = j$.

Note 1.1. We notice that

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A_1 1_1 & {}^A_1 1_2 & \dots & {}^A_1 1_n \\ {}^A_2 1_1 & {}^A_2 1_2 & \dots & {}^A_2 1_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ {}^A_n 1_1 & {}^A_n 1_2 & \dots & {}^A_n 1_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11}(A) & C_{12}(A) & \dots & C_{1n}(A) \\ C_{21}(A) & C_{22}(A) & \dots & C_{2n}(A) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ C_{n1}(A) & C_{n2}(A) & \dots & C_{nn}(A) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example 1.2. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$. Then all of co-divides are ${}^B_A 1_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = -6, {}^B_A 2_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -2, {}^B_A 1_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 8 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 7, {}^B_A 2_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = -10, {}^A_B 1_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = -10, {}^A_B 2_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2, {}^A_B 1_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = -2, {}^A_B 2_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = -6.$

Matrices of co-divides of A on B (B on A resp.) and B are

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -2 \\ 7 & -10 \end{bmatrix} (D = \begin{bmatrix} -10 & 2 \\ -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ resp.}).$$

Lemma 1.2. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ and $k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ then

- i. ${}^{(kA)}_B i = k({}^A_B i)$.
- ii. ${}^{(kB)}_B i = k^{(n-1)}({}^A_B i)$.

Proof. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ and $k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, then

i) As any entry of kA is a product of an element of A by k , we conclude that

$${}^{(kA)}_B i = k({}^A_B i). \text{ And we can conclude that}$$

$$\text{ii) } {}^{(kB)}_B i = \begin{vmatrix} kb_{11} & \dots & kb_{1(j-1)} & a_{1j} & kb_{1(j+1)} & \dots & kb_{1n} \\ kb_{21} & \dots & kb_{2(j-1)} & a_{2j} & kb_{2(j+1)} & \dots & kb_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ kb_{n1} & \dots & kb_{n(j-1)} & a_{nj} & kb_{n(j+1)} & \dots & kb_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = k^{(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ji}(B) = k^{(n-1)} ({}^A_B i).$$

Corollary 1.1. If $k = 0$ then ${}^{(0A)}_B i = 0({}^A_B i) = 0$.

Lemma 1.3. Let $A, B, C \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}), |C| \neq 0$. Then

$$\text{i. } [{}^A_B i] = \frac{1}{|C|} [{}^C_B i][{}^A_C i].$$



$$\text{ii. } \begin{bmatrix} A_i \\ B_j \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} I_i \\ B_j \end{bmatrix}.$$

We now give, the following new “Matrix Division” definition .

2. Matrix Division

Definition 2.1. Let A and $B \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ with $|B| \neq 0$. Then the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} (A_{ij})_{ji} \\ |B| \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$ is called the division of A by B and denoted by $A \div B$ or $\frac{A}{B}$.

Example 2.1. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$. Then

$$A \div B = \begin{bmatrix} \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 6 \\ \hline 3 & 8 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 5 & 6 \\ \hline 7 & 8 \end{array} \right] \\ \hline \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 2 & 1 \\ \hline 4 & 3 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 2 & 5 \\ \hline 4 & 7 \end{array} \right] \\ \hline \left[\begin{array}{c|c} -8 & -8 \\ \hline -8 & -8 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} -8 & -8 \\ \hline -8 & -8 \end{array} \right] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} \end{bmatrix}. \text{ And } B \div A = \begin{bmatrix} \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 2 & 5 \\ \hline 4 & 7 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 6 & 5 \\ \hline 8 & 7 \end{array} \right] \\ \hline \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 4 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 6 \\ \hline 3 & 8 \end{array} \right] \\ \hline \left[\begin{array}{c|c} -8 & -8 \\ \hline -8 & -8 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} -8 & -8 \\ \hline -8 & -8 \end{array} \right] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{5}{4} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note 2.1. In the above example we see that $B(A \div B) = A$. In fact,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = A.$$

Note 2.2. From the above we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{5}{4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = B. \text{ It is obvious that, in general,}$$

$$A \div B \neq B \div A.$$

Example 2.2. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Then $|B| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$ and $|C| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -4$. So

$$\begin{aligned} (A \div B) \div C &= \begin{bmatrix} \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \hline \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 4 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 4 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \end{bmatrix} \div \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -8 \\ 7 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \div \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \left[\begin{array}{c|c} -5 & 5 \\ \hline 7 & 1 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} -8 & 5 \\ \hline 11 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \hline \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -5 \\ \hline 1 & 7 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -8 \\ \hline 1 & 11 \end{array} \right] \\ \hline \left[\begin{array}{c|c} -4 & -4 \\ \hline -4 & -4 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} -4 & -4 \\ \hline -4 & -4 \end{array} \right] \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 10 & \frac{63}{4} \\ -3 & -\frac{19}{4} \end{bmatrix}. \text{ And} \\ A \div (B \div C) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \div \begin{bmatrix} \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 4 & 5 \\ \hline 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 3 & 5 \\ \hline 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \hline \left[\begin{array}{c|c} -4 & -4 \\ \hline 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \hline \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 1 \\ \hline -4 & -4 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 1 \\ \hline -4 & -4 \end{array} \right] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \div \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 3 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Also,} \end{aligned}$$

$(A \div B) \div C \neq A \div (B \div C)$. Consequently, the commutative and associative laws do not hold in general for division.

Example 2.3. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $C = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then

$$A \div (B + C) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$



$$(A \div B) + (A \div C) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{90} & -\frac{1}{45} & -\frac{2}{9} \\ -\frac{17}{45} & -\frac{11}{45} & \frac{5}{9} \\ -\frac{11}{90} & \frac{11}{45} & -\frac{1}{18} \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \div (B + C)$ is different from $(A \div B) + (A \div C)$. Then distributive property is not hold for division either.

Theorem 2.1. Let $A \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ and $|A| \neq 0$. Then $\frac{A}{A} = I$.

Proof. It is clearly from theorem 1(iii.) that

$$(A \div A) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{|A|}{|A|} & 0 \dots 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{0}{|A|} & 0 \dots 0 & \frac{|A|}{|A|} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \dots 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \dots 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I.$$

Theorem 2.2. Let $A \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ and $|A| \neq 0$. Then $\frac{I}{A} = \frac{adj(A)}{|A|}$.

Proof. From theorem 1.1.(i) we have

$$(I \div A) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{I_{11}}{|A|} & \frac{I_{12}}{|A|} & \dots & \frac{I_{1n}}{|A|} \\ \frac{I_{21}}{|A|} & \frac{I_{22}}{|A|} & \dots & \frac{I_{2n}}{|A|} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \frac{I_{n1}}{|A|} & \frac{I_{n2}}{|A|} & \dots & \frac{I_{nn}}{|A|} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{|A|} \begin{bmatrix} C_{11}(A) & C_{21}(A) & \dots & C_{n1}(A) \\ C_{12}(A) & C_{22}(A) & \dots & C_{n2}(A) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ C_{1n}(A) & C_{2n}(A) & \dots & C_{nn}(A) \end{bmatrix}$$

Corollary 2.1. Let $A \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ and $|A| \neq 0$. Then $\frac{I}{A} = A^{-1}$.

Example 2.4. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $|A| = 8$.

$$I \div A = \begin{bmatrix} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 8 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & 8 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 3 & 1 & 8 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 8 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & 8 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 3 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 8 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 & 8 \end{array} \right] \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 8 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 8 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 8 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 8 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 8 \end{array} \right] \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 8 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 8 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 8 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 8 \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 8 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 & 8 \end{array} \right] \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{7}{4} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{3}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{8} \\ -\frac{3}{8} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{8} \end{array} \right] & = A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

We give without proof

Corollary 2.2. Let $A \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ and $|A| \neq 0$. Then $A \left(\frac{I}{A} \right) = I$.

Theorem 2.3. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ and $|A| \neq 0, |B| \neq 0$.

Then $(A \div B)(B \div A) = I$.

Proof. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ and $|A| \neq 0, |B| \neq 0$.

$$(A \div B)(B \div A) = \frac{AB}{BA} = \frac{A}{B} \frac{I}{A} = I \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{A}{B} \right)^{-1} = \frac{B}{A}$$

Example 2.5. If $A = [6], B = [3]$. Then $A \div B = [2]$,

which is analogous to the real case $\frac{6}{3} = 2$.

Theorem 2.4. Let $\forall k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ and $A, B \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ with $|B| \neq 0$. Then,



- i. $(kA \div B) = k(A \div B).$
- ii. $(A \div (kB)) = \frac{1}{k}(A \div B).$

Proof

- i. Using Lemma 1.2.(i), we have ${}^{(kA)}_B i_j = k({}^A_B i_j).$ Therefore
- ii. Using Lemma 1.2.(ii), we have ${}^A_{(kB)} i_j = k^{(n-1)}({}^A_B i_j).$ Also,

$$(A \div (kB)) = \frac{k^{n-1}}{k^n} \left[\frac{{}^A_B i_j}{|B|} \right] = \frac{1}{k} (A \div B).$$

Example 2.6. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

Then $|B| = -1.$ Therefore

$$kA \div B = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c} \begin{matrix} k & 1 & 0 \\ k & 0 & 1 \\ -k & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} k & 1 & 0 \\ k & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} -k & 1 & 0 \\ k & 0 & 1 \\ k & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \\ \hline -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \hline \begin{matrix} 2 & k & 0 \\ 2 & k & 1 \\ 3 & -k & 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 2 & k & 0 \\ 2 & k & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 2 & -k & 0 \\ 2 & k & 1 \\ 3 & k & 1 \end{matrix} \\ \hline -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \hline \begin{matrix} 2 & 1 & k \\ 2 & 0 & k \\ 3 & 1 & -k \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 2 & 1 & k \\ 2 & 0 & k \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 2 & 1 & -k \\ 2 & 0 & k \\ 3 & 1 & k \end{matrix} \\ \hline -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3k & 2k & 0 \\ -5k & -3k & 0 \\ -5k & -3k & k \end{bmatrix} = k(A \div B) = k \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ -5 & -3 & 0 \\ -5 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Lemma 2.1. Let $A, B, C, D \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ be any four matrices such that $|B| \neq 0, |D| \neq 0.$ If $(A \div B) = (C \div D)$ then

$$\frac{{}^A_B i_j}{|B|} = \frac{|B|}{{}^C_D i_j}.$$

Proof. If $(A \div B) = (C \div D)$ then

$$\left[\frac{{}^A_B i_j}{|B|} \right] = \left[\frac{{}^C_D i_j}{|D|} \right] \Leftrightarrow \frac{{}^A_B i_j}{|B|} = \frac{{}^C_D i_j}{|D|} \Leftrightarrow \frac{{}^A_B i_j}{|B|} = \frac{|B|}{{}^C_D i_j}.$$

Lemma 2.2. Let $A, 0 \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $|A| \neq 0$ is $0 \div A = 0.$

Proof. For $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ we get ${}^0_A i_j = 0({}^0_A i_j) = 0.$ Therefore $\frac{{}^0_A i_j}{|A|} = 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 \div A = 0 \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}).$

3. Divisibility

For matrices A and B such that $|B| \neq 0,$ we say that B divides $A,$ or that B is a divisor (or factor) of $A,$ or that A is a multiple of $B,$ if there exists an integer C such that $A = BC,$ and we denote this by $B|A.$ Otherwise, B does not divide $A,$ and we denote this by $\not B|A.$

Theorem 3.1. Let $A, B, R \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $|B| \neq 0.$ Then there exist unique $P \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}), |P| \neq 0$ such that

- i. $\frac{A-R}{B} = P.$
- ii. $R = 0$ if $B|A.$

Proof. i. For $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ and $|B| \neq 0$ then there is unique $P \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}), |P| \neq 0$ such that;

$$\frac{1}{|B|} \left[i_B^{A-R} \right] = P \Leftrightarrow \frac{A-R}{B} = P.$$



It is unique.

ii. It is clearly.

4. Rational Matrices

Let us start with the definition as follows. The term rational in reference to the set $\mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M}) = \left\{ \frac{A}{B} \mid A, B \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}), |B| \neq 0 \right\}$ ¹ refers to the fact that a rational matrix represents a ratio of two matrices.

The set of rational matrices is include by $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$. A rational matrix is a matrix like $\frac{A}{B}$, where A, B are matrices. If $B = 0$ then this division is not defined.

$\frac{0}{A} = 0 \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\frac{A}{A} = I \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M})$. Then $\mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M}) \neq \emptyset$.

Lemma 4.1. Let $A, B, C \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}), |C| \neq 0$. Then

$$\text{i.} \quad \left[\frac{A}{B} \right]_j = \frac{1}{|C|} \left[\frac{C}{B} \right]_j \left[\frac{A}{C} \right]_j.$$

$$\text{ii.} \quad \left[\frac{A}{B} \right]_j = A \left[\frac{I}{B} \right]_j.$$

We give the Lemma not proof from [3].

The set of rational matrices will show with

$$\mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M}) = \left\{ \frac{A}{B} \mid A, B \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}), |B| \neq 0 \right\}.$$

We easily get

Lemma 4.2. Let $\frac{A}{B}, \frac{C}{B} \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M})$. Then $\frac{A}{B} + \frac{C}{B} = \frac{A+C}{B}$.

Proof. $\frac{A}{B} + \frac{C}{B} = \frac{1}{|B|} \left[\frac{A}{B} \right]_j + \frac{1}{|B|} \left[\frac{C}{B} \right]_j = \frac{1}{|B|} \left(\left[\frac{A}{B} \right]_j + \left[\frac{C}{B} \right]_j \right) = \frac{1}{|B|} \left(\left[\frac{A}{B} \right]_j + \left[\frac{C}{B} \right]_j \right) = \left[\frac{A+C}{B} \right]_j = \frac{A+C}{B}$.

Theorem 4.1. Let $\frac{A}{B}, \frac{C}{D} \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M})$. Then

$$\left(\frac{A}{B} \right) \div \left(\frac{C}{D} \right) = \frac{|D|}{|B||\left[\frac{C}{D} \right]_j|} \left[\left(\frac{A}{B} \right)_j \right]_j.$$

Proof. Let $\frac{A}{B}, \frac{C}{D} \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M})$.

$$\left(\frac{A}{B} \right) \div \left(\frac{C}{D} \right) = \frac{|D| \left[\frac{A}{B} \right]_j}{|B| \left[\frac{C}{D} \right]_j} = \frac{|D|}{|B||\left[\frac{C}{D} \right]_j|} \left[\left(\frac{A}{B} \right)_j \right]_j.$$

Corollary 4.1. Let $\frac{A}{B}, \frac{C}{D} \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M})$. Then $\left(\frac{A}{B} \right) \div \left(\frac{C}{D} \right) = \frac{|D|}{|B|} \left[\frac{D}{C} \right]_j \left[\frac{A}{B} \right]_j$.

Theorem 4.2. Let $\frac{A}{B}, \frac{C}{D} \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M}), |C| \neq 0$. Then

$$\left(\frac{A}{B} \right) \div \left(\frac{C}{D} \right) = \left(\frac{D}{C} \right) \left(\frac{A}{B} \right).$$

Proof. Let $\frac{A}{B}, \frac{C}{D} \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M}), |C| \neq 0$. $\frac{A}{B} \div \frac{C}{D} = \left[\frac{C}{D} \right]^{-1} \left[\frac{A}{B} \right] = \left[\frac{D}{C} \right] \left[\frac{A}{B} \right]$.

Example 4.1. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\frac{A}{B} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{C}{D} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \frac{A}{B} \div \frac{C}{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\frac{C}{D} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \frac{D}{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\left[\frac{D}{C} \right] \left[\frac{A}{B} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{A}{B} \div \frac{C}{D}.$$

Lemma 4.3. Let $\frac{A}{B} \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M}), C \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$. Then

$$\text{a.} \quad \left(\frac{A}{B} \right) C = \frac{AC}{B}.$$

$$\text{b.} \quad \left(\frac{A}{B} \right) A = \frac{A^2}{B}.$$

¹Square matrix of reel numbers is denoted with $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ or \mathcal{M} .



c. If $|C| \neq 0$, also $\frac{A}{B} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ B \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} A \\ C \end{bmatrix}$.

Proof. Let $A = [a_{ij}]$, $B = [b_{ij}]$ and $C = [c_{ij}]$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i. } \frac{AC}{B} &= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{s=1}^n (\sum_{k=1}^n a_{sk} c_{k1}) C_{s1}(B) & \cdots & \sum_{s=1}^n (\sum_{k=1}^n a_{sk} a_{kn}) C_{s1}(B) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \sum_{s=1}^n (\sum_{k=1}^n a_{sk} c_{kn}) C_{sn}(B) & \cdots & \sum_{s=1}^n (\sum_{k=1}^n a_{sk} a_{k1}) C_{sn}(B) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{sk} C_{k1}(B) & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{sk} C_{k1}(B) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^n a_{sk} C_{k1}(B) & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{sk} C_{k1}(B) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_{n1} & \cdots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \left(\frac{A}{B}\right) C. \end{aligned}$$

ii. If $C = A$ from i).

$$\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) A = \begin{bmatrix} A_j \\ B_j \end{bmatrix} A = \frac{1}{|B|} \begin{bmatrix} A_j \\ B_j \end{bmatrix} A = \frac{1}{|B|} \begin{bmatrix} A_j \\ B_j \end{bmatrix} = \frac{A^2}{B}.$$

iii. If $|C| \neq 0$ from lemma 1.3.

$$\frac{A}{B} = \frac{1}{|B|} \begin{bmatrix} A_j \\ B_j \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{|B|} \frac{1}{|C|} \begin{bmatrix} C_j \\ B_j \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_j \\ C_j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ B \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} A \\ C \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note 4.1. In general, $A \left(\frac{A}{B}\right) \neq \frac{A^2}{B}$.

Theorem 4.3. Let $\frac{A}{B}, \frac{C}{D}, \frac{E}{F} \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M})$. Then

- i. $\frac{A}{B} + \frac{C}{D} = \frac{C}{D} + \frac{A}{B}$.
- ii. $\frac{A}{B} + \left(\frac{C}{D} + \frac{E}{F}\right) = \left(\frac{A}{B} + \frac{C}{D}\right) + \frac{E}{F}$.
- iii. $\frac{A}{B} + 0 = \frac{A}{B}, 0 + \frac{A}{B} = \frac{A}{B}$.
- iv. $\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \end{pmatrix}$ is rational matrix.

We give the lemma without proof.

Lemma 4.4. Let $\frac{A}{B}, \frac{C}{D} \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M})$. Then $\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \end{pmatrix} = \frac{A \left(\frac{C}{D}\right)}{B}$.

Lemma 4.5. Let $\frac{A}{B} \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M})$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then

$$\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^n = \frac{1}{|B|^n} \begin{bmatrix} A_j \\ B_j \end{bmatrix}^n.$$

Theorem 4.4. Let $\frac{A}{B}, \frac{C}{D} \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{M})$ and $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then

- i. $\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^n = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix}}_{n\text{-times}}$.
- ii. $\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^{-1} = \frac{B}{A} = \frac{I}{\frac{A}{B}}$.
- iii. $\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^{-n} = \left(\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^{-1}\right)^n = \left(\frac{B}{A}\right)^n$.
- iv. $\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^n \left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^m = \left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^{n+m}$.
- v. $\left(\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^n\right)^m = \left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^{nm}$.

Proof. i. It is clearly from Lemma 2 that

$$\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^n = \underbrace{\frac{1}{|B|} \begin{bmatrix} A_j \\ B_j \end{bmatrix} \cdots \frac{1}{|B|} \begin{bmatrix} A_j \\ B_j \end{bmatrix}}_{n\text{-times}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix}}_{n\text{-times}}.$$



ii. This proof is the paper “Matrix Division”.

iii. It is seen clearly.

Example 4.2. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $n = 2$. Then

$$\frac{A}{B} = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \frac{A^2}{B^2} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -7 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then}$$

$$\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^2 \neq \frac{A^2}{B^2}$$

Note 4.2. In general for rational matrices,

$$\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^n \neq \frac{A^n}{B^n}$$

5. Results and Discussions

The matrix division supports insistence of the way and carries to multiple systems. It increases the ability of thinking creatively. More than one different result is achieved for the same system.

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