

# Algebra of Concrete Matrices and its Properties

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**Abstract:** Here we introduce concrete matrices and algebra of them, i.e., 'addition' and 'multiplication' of concrete matrices. The extended matrix algebra<sup>[1]</sup>  $(M(F), +, \cdot)$  is a weak hemi-ring with zero  $O_{1 \times 1} = (0)_{1 \times 1} \in M(F)$ , where  $M(F)$  is the set of all matrices over a given field  $F$ , but not a ring and so we lose many properties of ring.

Observing this fact and following [1 – 5] we get motivation to this type of matrix algebra (matrix addition and matrix multiplication) so that the algebraic structure forms a ring. Finally, we shall study some properties of this ring.

**Key Words:** Concrete Matrix, Concretization of Matrices, concretized matrix.

**Some Notations :** (i)  $M_{m \times n}(F)$  denotes the set of all  $m \times n$  matrices over a given field  $F$ .

(ii)  $A_{m \times n} \in M(F)$  denotes  $A_{m \times n}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix in  $M(F)$ .

(iii)  $O_{m \times n}$  denotes the  $m \times n$  matrix in  $M(F)$ , of which all the elements are zero.

(iv) If  $A_{m \times n} = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} \in M(F)$  and  $p, q$  are positive integers such that  $p \leq m, q \leq n$ , then  $A_{p \times q} = (a_{ij})_{p \times q}$ .

**1. INTRODUCTION :** As per [1],

**Definition (0.1)** The addition on  $M(F)$  is defined by, for all  $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}, B = (b_{ij})_{p \times q} \in M(F)$ ,

$A + B = (c_{ij})_{r \times s}$ , where  $r = \max\{m, p\}, s = \max\{n, q\}$  and for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r; j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ,

$c_{ij} = a'_{ij} + b'_{ij}$ , where  $a'_{ij} = \begin{cases} a_{ij}, & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r; j = 1, 2, \dots, s$  and  $b'_{ij} = \begin{cases} b_{ij}, & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq p, 1 \leq j \leq q \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r; j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ .

**Definition (0.2)** The multiplication on  $M(F)$  is defined by, for all  $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}, B = (b_{ij})_{p \times q} \in M(F)$ ,

$AB = (c_{ij})_{m \times q}$ , where for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m; j = 1, 2, \dots, q, c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{\min\{n, p\}} a_{ik} b_{kj}$ .

Then  $(M(F), +, \cdot)$  is a weak hemi-ring with zero  $O_{1 \times 1} = (0)_{1 \times 1} \in M(F)$ .

**Definition (0.3)** A weak hemi-ring is an algebraic structure  $(H, +, \cdot)$  with two binary operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$ , respectively called, addition and multiplication, such that  $(H, +)$  is a commutative monoid with identity  $0$  (say), called zero;  $(H, \cdot)$  is a semi-group; multiplication is distributive over addition and  $a \cdot 0 \neq 0, 0 \cdot a \neq 0, \forall a \in H$ , in general.

**Definition (0.4)** For,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $I_{m \times n} = (\delta_{ij})_{m \times n}$ , where for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m; j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$

**Theorem (0.1)** Let  $n \leq m$ . Then for two non-zero matrices  $A_{m \times n}, B_{m \times n} \in M(F)$ ,  $A_{m \times n} B_{m \times n} = I_{m \times n}$  iff  $A_{m \times m} B_{m \times m} = B_{m \times m} A_{m \times m} = I_m$  and for  $j = m + 1, m + 2, \dots, n$ , each  $j^{\text{th}}$  column  $B_j$  (say) of  $B_{m \times n}$  is zero.

**Corollary (0.1)** Let  $n \leq m$ . Then for two non-zero matrices  $A_{m \times n}, B_{m \times n} \in M(F)$ ,  $A_{m \times n} B_{m \times n} = I_{m \times n}$  iff  $A_{n \times n} B_{n \times n} = B_{n \times n} A_{n \times n} = I_n$  and for  $i = n + 1, n + 2, \dots, m$ , each  $i^{\text{th}}$  row  $A_i$  (say) of  $A_{m \times n}$  is zero.

**Theorem (0.2)** For all  $A_{m \times n}, B_{m \times n} \in M(F)$ ,

(i)  $(A_{m \times n} + B_{m \times n})^T = A_{m \times n}^T + B_{m \times n}^T$  (ii)  $(A_{m \times n} B_{m \times n})^T = B_{m \times n}^T A_{m \times n}^T$ .

**Main Results :**

Since  $(M(F), +, \cdot)$  is a weak hemi-ring we lose many properties of traditional matrix algebra. In fact algebra of concrete matrices is nothing but squeezing of  $(M(F), +, \cdot)$  to give some concreteness and get a ring structure.

**Definition (1.1)** For all  $A, B \in M(F)$ ,  $A - B = A + (-1)B^{[1]}$ .

Define a binary relation  $\rho$  on  $M(F)$  by  
 $\rho = \{(A_{m \times n}, B_{p \times q}) \in M(F) \times M(F) : A_{m \times n} - B_{p \times q} = O_{r \times s}, r = \max\{m, p\}, s = \max\{n, q\}\}$ . Then  $\rho$  is an equivalence relation on  $M(F)$  and so we have the quotient set  $M(F)/\rho$ . Let us denote this quotient set by  $M_\rho(F)$ .

**Definition (1.2)** : Define ‘addition’ and ‘multiplication’ on  $M_\rho(F)$  by  $\forall [A], [B] \in M_\rho(F)$ ,  $[A] + [B] = [A + B]$  and  $[A][B] = [AB]$ , where  $A + B$  and  $AB$  are defined as per [1], and  $[A]$  denotes the  $\rho$ -equivalence class of  $A \in M(F)$ .

**Note (1.1)** It can be easily checked that ‘Addition’ and ‘Multiplication’ on  $M_\rho(F)$ , as defined in definition(1.2) are well-defined.

**Theorem (1.1)**  $(M_\rho(F), +, \cdot)$  is a non-commutative ring without unity.

**Proof :** Clearly  $M_\rho(F)$  is closed with respect to ‘addition’ and ‘multiplication’.

Let  $[A_{m \times n}], [B_{p \times q}], [C_{r \times s}] \in M_\rho(F)$  be arbitrary.

Now,  $[A_{m \times n}] + [B_{p \times q}] = [A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q}] = [B_{p \times q} + A_{m \times n}]^{[1]} = [B_{p \times q}] + [A_{m \times n}]$  and so ‘addition’ is commutative.

Again,  $([A_{m \times n}] + [B_{p \times q}]) + [C_{r \times s}] = [A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q}] + [C_{r \times s}] = [(A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q}) + C_{r \times s}]$   
 $= [A_{m \times n} + (B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})]^{[1]} = [A_{m \times n}] + [B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}] = [A_{m \times n}] + ([B_{p \times q}] + [C_{r \times s}])$ .

Therefore ‘addition’ is associative.

We see that  $[O_{1 \times 1}] \in M_\rho(F)$ , and  $[A_{m \times n}] + [O_{1 \times 1}] = [A_{m \times n} + O_{1 \times 1}] = [A_{m \times n}]^{[1]}$ . Therefore  $[O_{1 \times 1}]$  is additive identity in  $M_\rho(F)$ .

Now  $[-A_{m \times n}] \in M_\rho(F)$ , and  $[A_{m \times n}] + [-A_{m \times n}] = [O_{1 \times 1}]$ . Therefore  $[-A_{m \times n}]$  is additive inverse of  $[A_{m \times n}]$  in  $M_\rho(F)$ .

Again  $([A_{m \times n}][B_{p \times q}])[C_{r \times s}] = [A_{m \times n}B_{p \times q}][C_{r \times s}] = [(A_{m \times n}B_{p \times q})C_{r \times s}]$   
 $= [A_{m \times n}(B_{p \times q}C_{r \times s})]^{[1]} = [A_{m \times n}][B_{p \times q}C_{r \times s}] = [A_{m \times n}][B_{p \times q}][C_{r \times s}]$ .

Therefore ‘multiplication’ is associative.

Also,  $[A_{m \times n}][B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}] = [A_{m \times n}][B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}] = [A_{m \times n}(B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})]$   
 $= [A_{m \times n}B_{p \times q} + A_{m \times n}C_{r \times s}]^{[1]} = [A_{m \times n}B_{p \times q}] + [A_{m \times n}C_{r \times s}] = [A_{m \times n}][B_{p \times q}] + [A_{m \times n}][C_{r \times s}]$ .

Therefore ‘multiplication’ is left distributive over ‘addition’.

And  $([B_{p \times q}] + [C_{r \times s}])[A_{m \times n}] = [B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}][A_{m \times n}] = [(B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})A_{m \times n}]$   
 $= [B_{p \times q}A_{m \times n} + C_{r \times s}A_{m \times n}]^{[1]} = [B_{p \times q}A_{m \times n}] + [C_{r \times s}A_{m \times n}] = [B_{p \times q}][A_{m \times n}] + [C_{r \times s}][A_{m \times n}]$ .

Therefore ‘multiplication’ is right distributive over ‘addition’.

Hence  $(M_\rho(F), +, \cdot)$  is a ring.

Since extended matrix multiplication is not commutative in  $M(F)$ , it is clear that multiplication on  $M_\rho(F)$  is not commutative.

Since product of two matrices of given orders in  $M(F)^{[1]}$  is, in general, a matrix of order different from the given orders, hence the ring  $(M_\rho(F), +, \cdot)$  has no unity.

**2. CONCRETE MATRIX ALGEBRA :**

**Definition (1.3)** A non-zero matrix  $A_{m \times n} \in M(F)$  is said to be a concrete matrix if the  $m^{th}$  row of  $A_{m \times n}$  is a non-zero row and the  $n^{th}$  column of  $A_{m \times n}$  is a non-zero column. The only concrete zero matrix in  $M(F)$  is  $O_{1 \times 1}$ .

**Concretization of Matrices :**

Given any  $A_{m \times n} \in M(F)$ , we can obtain the concrete matrix  $A_{m \times n}^c$  from  $A_{m \times n}$  as follows :

If  $A_{m \times n}$  be a concrete matrix then  $A_{m \times n}^c = A_{m \times n}$ .

If  $A_{m \times n}$  be not a concrete matrix then discard all the zero rows and zero columns only from  $A_{m \times n}$ , starting from the last row and last column until we get concrete matrix, and denote this concrete matrix by  $A_{m \times n}^c$ .

This procedure is called concretization of a matrix  $A_{m \times n} \in M(F)$  and the resultant concrete matrix  $A_{m \times n}^c$  is called the concretized matrix of  $A_{m \times n}$ .

**Theorem (1.2)(i)** For any  $A_{m \times n} \in M(F)$ ,  $[A_{m \times n}] = [A_{m \times n}^c]$

(ii) Let  $[A_{m \times n}] \in M_\rho(F)$  and  $A_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$ , the set of all concrete matrices over the field  $F$ .

For all  $B_{p \times q} \in CM(F)$ ,  $B_{p \times q} \in [A_{m \times n}]$  iff  $B_{p \times q} = A_{m \times n}$ .

**Proof :** Trivial.

**Definition (1.4)** Let  $CM(F)$  be the set of all concrete matrices over a given field  $F$ . Define two binary operations  $\oplus$ ,  $\odot$  on  $CM(F)$ , called 'addition' and 'multiplication' of concrete matrices respectively, as

follows:  $\forall A_{m \times n}, B_{p \times q} \in CM(F)$ ,  $A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q} = (A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q})^c$ , the concretized matrix of  $A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q}$ ; and  $A_{m \times n} \odot B_{p \times q}$  is obtained as per [1]. And  $A_{m \times n} \odot B_{p \times q} = (A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q})^c$ , the concretized matrix of  $A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q}$ ; and  $A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q}$  is obtained as per [1].

**Theorem (1.3)** For all  $A_{m \times n}, B_{p \times q}, C_{r \times s} \in CM(F)$ ,  $(A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q}) \oplus C_{r \times s} = (A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})^c$ .

**Proof :** We have  $A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q} = (A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q})^c \in [(A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q})^c] = [A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q}] \dots \dots \dots (1)$   
(by theorem(1.2)(i)).

Therefore  $(A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q}) \oplus C_{r \times s} \in [(A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q}) + C_{r \times s}] \dots \dots \dots (2)$   
( by (1), replacing  $A_{m \times n}$  by  $A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q}$  and  $B_{p \times q}$  by  $C_{r \times s}$  )

Now  $[(A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q}) + C_{r \times s}] = [A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q}] + [C_{r \times s}] = [A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q}] + [C_{r \times s}]$  ( by (1) )  
 $= [(A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q}) + C_{r \times s}] = [A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}]^{[1]} \dots \dots \dots (3)$

From (2) and (3) we get  $(A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q}) \oplus C_{r \times s} \in [A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}]$ .

Now  $(A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q}) \oplus C_{r \times s}$  and  $(A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})^c$  both are concrete matrices in  $[A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}]$  (by theorem(1.2)(i)) and so by theorem(1.2)(ii) we can say that

$(A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q}) \oplus C_{r \times s} = (A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})^c$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem (1.4)** For all  $A_{m \times n}, B_{p \times q}, C_{r \times s} \in CM(F)$ ,  $A_{m \times n} \oplus (B_{p \times q} \oplus C_{r \times s}) = (A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})^c$ .

**Proof :** Almost similar to proof of theorem(1.3).

**Theorem (1.5)** For all  $A_{m \times n}, B_{p \times q}, C_{r \times s} \in CM(F)$ ,

(i)  $(A_{m \times n} \odot B_{p \times q}) \odot C_{r \times s} = (A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q} C_{r \times s})^c$ . (ii)  $A_{m \times n} \odot (B_{p \times q} \odot C_{r \times s}) = (A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q} C_{r \times s})^c$

**Proof :** Almost similar to proof of theorem(1.3).

**Theorem (1.6)** For all  $A_{m \times n}, B_{p \times q}, C_{r \times s} \in CM(F)$ ,

(i)  $[A_{m \times n}(B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})^c] = [A_{m \times n}(B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})]$

(ii)  $[(A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q})^c + (A_{m \times n} C_{r \times s})^c] = [A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q} + A_{m \times n} C_{r \times s}]$

(iii)  $[(B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})^c A_{m \times n}] = [(B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}) A_{m \times n}]$

(iv)  $[(B_{p \times q} A_{m \times n})^c + (C_{r \times s} A_{m \times n})^c] = [B_{p \times q} A_{m \times n} + C_{r \times s} A_{m \times n}]$

**Proof :** (i) Since  $(B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}) - (B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})^c = O_{u \times v}$ , where  $u = \max\{p, r\}$ ,  $v = \max\{q, s\}$ ,

hence  $A_{m \times n}(B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}) - A_{m \times n}(B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})^c = A_{m \times n}((B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}) - (B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})^c) = O_{m \times v}$ .

Hence the result. Similarly we can prove (ii), (iii) and (iv).

**Theorem (1.7)**  $(CM(F), \oplus, \odot)$  is a non-commutative ring without unity.

**Proof :** From definition(1.4) it is clear that  $CM(F)$  is closed with respect to both  $\oplus$ ,  $\odot$ .

Let  $A_{m \times n}, B_{p \times q}, C_{r \times s} \in CM(F)$  be arbitrary.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q} &= (A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q})^c = (B_{p \times q} + A_{m \times n})^c \quad (\text{as per [1]}) \\ &= B_{p \times q} \oplus A_{m \times n}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\oplus$  is commutative.

From theorem (1.3) and theorem(1.4) we have  $(A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q}) \oplus C_{r \times s} = A_{m \times n} \oplus (B_{p \times q} \oplus C_{r \times s})$

Therefore  $\oplus$  is associative.

Now  $O_{1 \times 1} \in CM(F)$  and  $A_{m \times n} \oplus O_{1 \times 1} = (A_{m \times n} + O_{1 \times 1})^c = A_{m \times n}^c = A_{m \times n}$  (since  $A_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$ ).  
Therefore  $O_{1 \times 1}$  is additive identity in  $(F)$ .

Since  $A_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$ , hence  $-A_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$ , and

$$A_{m \times n} \oplus (-A_{m \times n}) = (A_{m \times n} + (-A_{m \times n}))^c = O_{m \times n}^c = O_{1 \times 1}.$$

Therefore every element of  $CM(F)$  has additive inverse in  $CM(F)$ .

From theorem(1.5)(i) and theorem(1.5)(ii) we have  $(A_{m \times n} \odot B_{p \times q}) \odot C_{r \times s} = A_{m \times n} \odot (B_{p \times q} \odot C_{r \times s})$ .

Therefore  $\odot$  is associative.

Now,

$$A_{m \times n} \odot (B_{p \times q} \oplus C_{r \times s}) = (A_{m \times n} (B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}))^c \in [A_{m \times n} (B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})^c] = [A_{m \times n} (B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})] \quad (\text{By Theorem(1.6)(i)}).$$

$$\text{But } [A_{m \times n} (B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s})] = [A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q} + A_{m \times n} C_{r \times s}] \quad (\text{since } A_{m \times n} (B_{p \times q} + C_{r \times s}) = A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q} + A_{m \times n} C_{r \times s})^{(1)}$$

Therefore  $A_{m \times n} \odot (B_{p \times q} \oplus C_{r \times s})$  is a concrete matrix in  $[A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q} + A_{m \times n} C_{r \times s}] \dots \dots \dots (1)$

$$\text{Again, } (A_{m \times n} \odot B_{p \times q}) \oplus (A_{m \times n} \odot C_{r \times s}) = ((A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q})^c + (A_{m \times n} C_{r \times s})^c) \in$$

$$[(A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q})^c + (A_{m \times n} C_{r \times s})^c] = [A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q} + A_{m \times n} C_{r \times s}] \quad (\text{By Theorem(1.6)(ii)}).$$

Therefore  $(A_{m \times n} \odot B_{p \times q}) \oplus (A_{m \times n} \odot C_{r \times s})$  is a concrete matrix in  $[A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q} + A_{m \times n} C_{r \times s}] \dots \dots \dots (2)$

Therefore, from (1) and (2) and by Theorem(1.2)(ii), we have

$$A_{m \times n} \odot (B_{p \times q} \oplus C_{r \times s}) = (A_{m \times n} \odot B_{p \times q}) \oplus (A_{m \times n} \odot C_{r \times s}).$$

Therefore left distributive property holds.

Similarly, by Theorem(1.6)(iii), Theorem(1.6)(iv) and Theorem(1.2)(ii) we can prove the right distributive property.  
Therefore  $(CM(F), \oplus, \odot)$  is a ring.

Since extended matrix multiplication is not commutative in  $M(F)$ , it is clear that multiplication on  $CM(F)$  is not commutative.

Since product of two matrices of given orders in  $M(F)$  is, in general, a matrix of order different from the given orders, hence the ring  $(CM(F), \oplus, \odot)$  has no unity.

**Theorem (1.8)** The rings  $(M_\rho(F), +, \cdot)$  and  $(CM(F), \oplus, \odot)$  are isomorphic.

**Proof :** Define a map  $f : (CM(F), \oplus, \odot) \rightarrow (M_\rho(F), +, \cdot)$  by  $\forall A_{m \times n} \in CM(F), f(A_{m \times n}) = [A_{m \times n}]$ .

Let  $A_{m \times n}, B_{p \times q} \in CM(F)$  be arbitrary such that  $f(A_{m \times n}) = f(B_{p \times q}), i.e., [A_{m \times n}] = [B_{p \times q}]$ .

Then by Theorem(1.2)(ii) we have  $A_{m \times n} = B_{p \times q}$ . Therefore  $f$  is injective.

Let  $[A_{m \times n}] \in M_\rho(F)$  be arbitrary. Then  $A_{m \times n}^c \in CM(F)$  and  $f(A_{m \times n}^c) = [A_{m \times n}^c] = [A_{m \times n}]$   
(by Theorem(1.2)(i))

Therefore  $f$  is surjective.

Let  $A_{m \times n}, B_{p \times q} \in CM(F)$  be arbitrary.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } f(A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q}) &= [A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q}] = [(A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q})^c] = [A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q}] \quad (\text{by Theorem(1.2)(i)}) \\ &= [A_{m \times n}] + [B_{p \times q}] = f(A_{m \times n}) + f(B_{p \times q}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{And } f(A_{m \times n} \odot B_{p \times q}) = [A_{m \times n} \odot B_{p \times q}] = [(A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q})^c] = [A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q}] \text{ ( by Theorem(1.2)(i) )}$$

$$= [A_{m \times n}] [B_{p \times q}] = f(A_{m \times n}) f(B_{p \times q}).$$

Therefore  $f$  is a ring isomorphism from the ring  $(CM(F), \oplus, \odot)$  to the ring  $(M_\rho(F), +, \cdot)$ .

**Note (1.2)** Since the rings  $(CM(F), \oplus, \odot)$  and  $(M_\rho(F), +, \cdot)$  are isomorphic, to study about properties of these rings we shall consider any one of them whichever is suitable.

Again it is clear that for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $I_{m \times n}^c = I_p$ , where  $p = \min\{m, n\}$ , i.e.,  $I_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$  iff  $m = n$ .

Now we shall study about some properties of this algebra of concrete matrices.

**Definition (1.5)** Let  $A_{m \times n} = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$ . If  $m \leq n$ , then for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  ;

$j = i, i + 1, \dots, i + (n - m)$ ,  $a_{ij}$ 's are called the diagonal elements of  $A_{m \times n}$ .

If  $m > n$ , then for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  ;  $i = j, j + 1, \dots, j + (m - n)$ ,  $a_{ij}$ 's are called the diagonal elements of  $A_{m \times n}$ . In each case, the portion of  $A_{m \times n}$ , formed by these diagonal elements is called the diagonal of  $A_{m \times n}$ .

All the elements of  $A_{m \times n}$ , other than the diagonal elements, are called the non-diagonal elements of  $A_{m \times n}$ .

**Definition (1.6) (a)** A matrix  $A_{m \times n} = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$  is said to be symmetric if, when  $m \leq n$ , then for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$  ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$ , if  $i > j$  then  $a_{ij} = a_{j(i+n-m)}$  and when  $m \geq n$ , then for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$  ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ , if  $i < j$  then  $a_{ij} = a_{(j+m-n)i}$ .

**(b)** A matrix  $A_{m \times n} = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$  is said to be skew-symmetric if all the diagonal elements of  $A_{m \times n}$  are zero and when  $m \leq n$ , then for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$  ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$ , if  $i > j$  then  $a_{ij} = -a_{j(i+n-m)}$  and when  $m \geq n$ , then for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$  ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ , if  $i < j$  then  $a_{ij} = -a_{(j+m-n)i}$ .

**(c)** A matrix  $A_{m \times n} = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$  is said to be weak skew-symmetric if, when  $m \leq n$ , then for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$  ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$ , if  $i > j$  then  $a_{ij} = -a_{j(i+n-m)}$  and when  $m \geq n$ , then for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$  ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ , if  $i < j$  then  $a_{ij} = -a_{(j+m-n)i}$ .

**Example (1.1)** Among the concrete real matrices  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{-1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{5} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{3} \\ \mathbf{-1} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{-5} & \mathbf{7} \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-3} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{4} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{-1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{-4} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix},$

$C = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-3} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{5} & \mathbf{4} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{8} \\ \mathbf{-1} & \mathbf{-8} & \mathbf{9} \\ \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{-4} & \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}$ , the bold elements are diagonal elements and the non-bold elements are non-diagonal elements.

Also  $A$  is symmetric,  $B$  is skew-symmetric and  $C$  is weak skew-symmetric.

**Theorem (1.9)** For two non-zero matrices  $A_{m \times n}, B_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$ ,  $A_{m \times n} \odot B_{m \times n} = I_{m \times n}^c$  iff  $m = n$  and  $A_{m \times m} \odot B_{m \times m} = B_{m \times m} \odot A_{m \times m} = I_m$ .

**Proof :** Let  $A_{m \times n} \odot B_{m \times n} = I_{m \times n}^c$  .....(1).

Firstly we shall show that  $m = n$ . If possible, let  $m \neq n$ .

Let  $m < n$ . In this case, from (1) it is clear that  $A_{m \times n} B_{m \times n} = I_{m \times n}$  and so by Theorem(0.1) we have  $B_{m \times n} = (B_{m \times m} \quad O_{m \times (n-m)})$  which is not possible, since  $B_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$  and  $n - m \geq 1$ .

Similarly, from (1), Corollary(0.1) and from the fact that  $A_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$  we have the impossibility  $n < m$ . Hence  $m = n$  and so (1) becomes  $A_{m \times m} \odot B_{m \times m} = I_m$ , i.e.,  $(A_{m \times m} B_{m \times m})^c = I_m$  .....(2).

From (2) it is clear that  $(A_{m \times m} B_{m \times m})^c = A_{m \times m} B_{m \times m}$  so that (2) becomes  $A_{m \times m} B_{m \times m} = I_m$  .....(3)

From (3) we have  $B_{m \times m} A_{m \times m} = I_m$  .....(4)

From(4) it is clear that  $B_{m \times m} A_{m \times m} = (B_{m \times m} A_{m \times m})^c = B_{m \times m} \odot A_{m \times m}$

Therefore (4) becomes  $B_{m \times m} \odot A_{m \times m} = I_m$  .....(5)

From (2) and (5), we have  $A_{m \times m} \odot B_{m \times m} = B_{m \times m} \odot A_{m \times m} = I_m$ .

Converse part is trivial.

**Theorem (1.10)** For all  $A_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$ ,  $(A_{m \times n}^c)^T = (A_{m \times n}^T)^c$  ( $A_{m \times n}^T$  is the transpose of  $A_{m \times n}$ ).

**Proof :** Trivial.

**Theorem (1.11)** For all  $A_{m \times n}, B_{p \times q} \in CM(F)$ ,  $(A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q})^T = A_{m \times n}^T \oplus B_{p \times q}^T$ .

**Proof :**  $(A_{m \times n} \oplus B_{p \times q})^T = ((A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q})^c)^T = ((A_{m \times n} + B_{p \times q})^T)^c$  (by theorem(1.10))  
 $= (A_{m \times n}^T + B_{p \times q}^T)^c$  ( By theorem(0.2)(i) )  
 $= A_{m \times n}^T \oplus B_{p \times q}^T$

**Theorem (1.12)** For all  $A_{m \times n}, B_{p \times q} \in CM(F)$ ,  $(A_{m \times n} \odot B_{p \times q})^T = B_{p \times q}^T \odot A_{m \times n}^T$ .

**Proof :**  $(A_{m \times n} \odot B_{p \times q})^T = ((A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q})^c)^T = ((A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q})^T)^c$  (by theorem(1.10))  
 $= (B_{p \times q}^T A_{m \times n}^T)^c$  ( By theorem(0.2)(ii) )  
 $= B_{p \times q}^T \odot A_{m \times n}^T$

**Theorem (1.13)** For any  $A, B \in CM(F)$ ,

(i) if  $A, B$  be symmetric, then  $A \oplus B$  may not be symmetric.

(ii) if  $A, B$  be skew-symmetric, then  $A \oplus B$  may not be skew-symmetric.

(iii) if  $A, B$  be weak skew-symmetric, then  $A \oplus B$  may not be weak skew-symmetric.

**Proof :** (i) Consider the real concrete symmetric matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 7 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & -6 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & -1 & 0 & -3 & -3 & -2 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 & 6 & 7 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & -2 & 4 & 5 & 2 & 7 & 4 \\ 7 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 3 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Then } A \oplus B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 & 3 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 6 & -1 & 0 & -3 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 14 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & -2 & 4 & 5 & 2 & 7 & 4 \\ 7 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 3 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ which is not symmetric, since the (1, 4)th element of the matrix}$$

$A \oplus B$  is not equal to the (2, 1)th element.

(ii) Consider the real concrete skew-symmetric matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & -6 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & -2 & 1 \\ -5 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 5 \\ -6 & 2 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ -7 & -1 & -5 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Then } A \oplus B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ -6 & 0 & 0 & 6 & -3 & -2 & 1 \\ -4 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 5 \\ -6 & 2 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ -7 & -1 & -5 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ which is not skew-symmetric, since the (1, 4)th entry of the}$$

matrix  $A \oplus B$  is not equal to negative of the (2, 1)th element.

(iii) Since a skew-symmetric matrix is also a weak skew-symmetric matrix, the example, considered in (ii) is sufficient to establish the result.

**Note (1.3)** In our conventional matrix algebra we know that, if  $A, B$  be two symmetric matrices of the same order then  $AB$  is symmetric iff  $AB = BA$ . But in the algebra of concrete matrices, this result fails to be hold, discussed in theorem(1.14).

**Theorem (1.14)** If  $A, B$  be two symmetric matrices in  $CM(F)$  of the same order such that  $A \odot B = B \odot A$ , then  $A \odot B$  may not be symmetric. Again, if  $A \odot B$  be symmetric then  $A \odot B$  may not be equal to  $B \odot A$ .

**Proof :** For example, consider the real concrete symmetric matrices

$$A = B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Then clearly } \odot B = B \odot A ; \text{ but } A \odot B = \begin{pmatrix} 19 & 33 & 39 & 45 \\ 42 & 73 & 87 & 101 \\ 57 & 99 & 118 & 137 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not symmetric}$$

Again consider the symmetric matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & -5 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -26 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 8 & 1 & 8 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 & -15 \end{pmatrix}$  of the same order.

Then  $A \odot B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -44 & 3 & 6 \\ 3 & 56 & 3 & 10 \\ 6 & 10 & 7 & 100 \end{pmatrix}$  is symmetric. Now  $B \odot A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -125 & -57 & -73 \\ 1 & 44 & 11 & 30 \\ -1 & 36 & 21 & 18 \end{pmatrix}$  so that  $A \odot B \neq B \odot A$ .

**Theorem (1.15)** We know that, for any square symmetric matrix  $A$  and any matrix  $P$  in  $M(F)$ ,  $P^TAP$  is a symmetric matrix, but the result fails to hold good if  $A$  be a non-square concrete symmetric matrix.

**Proof :** Consider the real non-square concrete symmetric matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & -1 & -5 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  and another real concrete matrix  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $P^T \odot A \odot P = \begin{pmatrix} -26 & 66 & 84 & 158 \\ 67 & -65 & -6 & -48 \\ 62 & -15 & 73 & 89 \\ 77 & -41 & 64 & 66 \end{pmatrix}$  is not symmetric.

**Theorem (1.16)** For any matrix  $A \in CM(F)$ , the concrete matrix  $A \oplus A^T$  is a square concrete symmetric matrix and the concrete matrix  $A \oplus (-A^T)$  is a square concrete skew-symmetric matrix.

**Proof :** Trivial.

**Theorem (1.17)** Every concrete matrix over a field  $F$  can be expressed as sum of a concrete symmetric matrix and a concrete skew-symmetric matrix, but the expression is not, in general, unique, provided  $char(F) \neq 2$ .

**Proof :** Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} \in CM(F)$  be arbitrary. If  $m = n$ , then the result is obvious, as

$$A_{m \times n} = \frac{1}{2}(A_{m \times n} \oplus (A_{m \times n})^T) \oplus \frac{1}{2}(A_{m \times n} \oplus -(A_{m \times n})^T).$$

Let  $m < n$ . Let  $B = (b_{ij})_{m \times n}$  be a symmetric matrix and  $C = (c_{ij})_{m \times n}$  be a skew-symmetric matrix in  $CM(F)$  such that  $A = B \oplus C$ , i.e.,  $(a_{ij})_{m \times n} = (b_{ij})_{m \times n} \oplus (c_{ij})_{m \times n}$  ..... (1)

Then for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $b_{ij} + c_{ij} = a_{ij}$  ..... (2)

Since  $m < n$  and  $B, C$  are symmetric and skew-symmetric matrices respectively, hence the diagonal elements of  $B$  and  $A$  are same ( since the diagonal elements of  $C$  are zero ). Thus the diagonal elements of  $B$  are determined.

Now for the non-diagonal elements of  $B$  and  $C$  we have

for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$ , if  $i > j$ , then  $b_{ij} = b_{j(i+n-m)}$  ..... (3)

and  $c_{ij} = -c_{j(i+n-m)}$  ..... (4)

From (2) we have, for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$ , if  $i > j$ , then  $b_{ij} + c_{ij} = a_{ij}$  ..... (5)

and  $b_{j(i+n-m)} + c_{j(i+n-m)} = a_{j(i+n-m)}$ , i.e.,  $b_{ij} - c_{ij} = a_{j(i+n-m)}$  ..... (6) ( by (3), (4) ).

From (5) and (6) we get

For  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$ , if  $i > j$ , then  $b_{ij} = 2^{-1}(a_{ij} + a_{j(i+n-m)})$  ..... (7)

$c_{ij} = 2^{-1}(a_{ij} - a_{j(i+n-m)})$  ..... (8), provided  $char(F) \neq 2$ .

$b_{j(i+n-m)} = b_{ij} = 2^{-1}(a_{ij} + a_{j(i+n-m)})$  ..... (9) ( by (7) )

$c_{j(i+n-m)} = -c_{ij} = -2^{-1}(a_{ij} - a_{j(i+n-m)})$  ..... (10) ( by (8) ).

From (7), (8), (9) and (10), it is clear that the last row as well as the last column of the right hand side of (1) are non-zero so that the  $B \oplus C = B + C$  and hence (2) is valid.

Thus  $B$  and  $C$  are determined.

If  $m > n$ , then similarly, we have  $((a_{ij})_{m \times n})^T = E_{n \times m} \oplus F_{n \times m}$  ..... (11), where  $E_{n \times m}$  is a concrete symmetric matrix and  $F_{n \times m}$  is a concrete skew-symmetric matrix.

From (11), we get  $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} = (E_{n \times m} \oplus F_{n \times m})^T = (E_{n \times m})^T \oplus (F_{n \times m})^T$  ..... (12)

( by theorem(1.11) )

Since  $E_{n \times m}$  is a concrete symmetric matrix and  $F_{n \times m}$  is a concrete skew-symmetric matrix, hence  $(E_{n \times m})^T$  is a concrete symmetric matrix and  $(F_{n \times m})^T$  is a concrete skew-symmetric matrix.

Hence the result.

To establish the last part of the theorem, consider the real concrete matrix =  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\text{Then } A = \frac{1}{2}(A \oplus A^T) \oplus \frac{1}{2}(A \oplus (-A^T)) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 & 0 & 6 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 & -2 \\ 6 & 4 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 & 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -6 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots\dots (13)$$

and  $\frac{1}{2}(A \oplus A^T)$  is concrete symmetric and  $\frac{1}{2}(A \oplus (-A^T))$  is concrete skew-symmetric .

$$\text{Again we see that } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ -4 & -3 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots\dots\dots (14)$$

and the first matrix of right hand side of (14) is concrete symmetric and second one is concrete skew-symmetric. Clearly the expressions (13) and (14) are distinct.

Again consider another example in which

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 5 \\ -6 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Then } A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & -\frac{7}{2} & \frac{9}{2} \\ -\frac{7}{2} & 3 & 2 & \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{9}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 3 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{5}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots\dots\dots (15)$$

and the first matrix of right hand side of (15) is concrete symmetric and second one is concrete skew-symmetric.

$$\text{Again } A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -5 & -2 & 5 \\ -2 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots\dots\dots (16)$$

and the first matrix of right hand side of (16) is concrete symmetric and second one is concrete skew-symmetric. Clearly the expressions (15) and (16) are distinct.

**3. CONCLUSION :** Further study may be continued on the ring  $(CM(F), \oplus, \odot)$  or  $(M_\rho(F), +, \cdot)$ .

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