



Chapter - IV

CHAPTER IV

INVERTIBLE MATRICES OVER SEMIRINGS

In this chapter S is always supposed to be a commutative antiring.

Theorem: 4.1

Let $A \in M_n(S)$. If A is invertible in $M_n(S)$, then AA^T and $A^T A$ are invertible diagonal matrices.

Proof:

Suppose that A is invertible in $M_n(S)$. Then there exists a matrix B in $M_n(S)$ such that $AB = I_n$. By Result 1.38 (iii), we have

$$(\sum_{k \in \underline{n}} a_{ik}) (\sum_{l \in \underline{n}} b_{li}) = 1 \text{ for all } i \in \underline{n}, \text{ and so } \sum_{k \in \underline{n}} a_{ik} \in U(S) \text{ for all } i \in \underline{n}.$$

Let $u_i = \sum_{k \in \underline{n}} a_{ik}$ for each $i \in \underline{n}$. Then $u_i^2 = (\sum_{k \in \underline{n}} a_{ik})^2 = \sum_{k \in \underline{n}} a_{ik}^2 + \sum_{1 \leq k < l \leq n} 2a_{ik} a_{il} = \sum_{k \in \underline{n}} a_{ik}^2$ (By Result 1.38(i)) and $u_i^2 \in U(S)$. (By Result 1.38 (i)), we have that for any i and j in \underline{n} ,

$$(AA^T)_{ij} = \sum_{k \in \underline{n}} a_{ik} a_{jk} = \begin{cases} u_i^2 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

By Result 1.37. $AA^T = \text{diag}(u_1^2, u_2^2, \dots, u_n^2)$ is an invertible matrix in $M_n(S)$.

Remark: 4.2

The diagonal matrices AA^T and $A^T A$ in Theorem 4.1 need not to be

equal in general. For example, consider the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ over the

antiring R^+ . Then, it is clear that A is invertible in $M_2(R^+)$ and $AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$.

But $A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Corollary: 4.3

If S satisfies $U(S) = \{1\}$ and $A \in GL_n(S)$, then $AA^T = A^T A = I_n$.

Theorem: 4.4

Let $A \in M_n(S)$. If A is right invertible in $M_n(S)$, then $A^{[n]}$ is an invertible diagonal matrix in $M_n(S)$, where $[n]$ denotes the least common multiple of the integers $1, 2, \dots, n$.

Proof:

Let $A \in M_n(S)$ be right invertible. Then by Result 1.36, A is invertible in $M_n(S)$, and so $A^{[n]}$ is invertible in $M_n(S)$. In the following we will prove that $A^{[n]}$ is a diagonal matrix.

Let $w = [n]$. If $n = 2$, then $w = [2]$ and

$$\begin{aligned} A^w = A^2 &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}^2 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} & a_{11}a_{12} + a_{12}a_{22} \\ a_{11}a_{21} + a_{21}a_{22} & a_{21}a_{12} + a_{22}^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{21}a_{12} + a_{22}^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{By Result 1.38}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore A^2 is a diagonal matrix.

We now assume $n \geq 3$.

For any $i, j \in \underline{n}$. If $a_{ij}^{(w)} \neq 0$, then there exist $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{w-1} \in \underline{n}$ such that $a_{ii_1} a_{i_1 i_2} \dots a_{i_{w-1} j} \neq 0$, where $w = [n]$. In the following we shall prove $i = j$.

We prove it in four steps.

(I) If $i_s = i_t$ for some s, t with $0 \leq s < t < w$ (taking $i = i_0, j = i_w$), then $i_{s+1} = i_{t+1}$. In fact, if $i_{s+1} \neq i_{t+1}$, then $a_{i_s i_{s+1}} a_{i_t i_{t+1}} = a_{i_s i_{s+1}} a_{i_s i_{t+1}} = 0$ (by Result 1.38), and so $a_{ii_1} a_{i_1 i_2} \dots a_{i_{w-1} j} = a_{i_0 i_1} \dots a_{i_s i_{s+1}} \dots a_{i_t i_{t+1}} \dots a_{i_{w-1} i_w} = 0$.

This is a contradiction.

(II) If $i_s = i_t$ for some s, t with $0 \leq s \leq t \leq w$, then $i_{s-1} = i_{t-1}$. In fact, if $i_{s-1} \neq i_{t-1}$, then $a_{i_{s-1} i_s} a_{i_{t-1} i_t} = a_{i_{s-1} i_s} a_{i_{t-1} i_s} = 0$ (by Result 1.38), and so $a_{ii_1} a_{i_1 i_2} \dots a_{i_{w-1} j} = a_{i_0 i_1} \dots a_{i_{s-1} i_s} \dots a_{i_{t-1} i_t} \dots a_{i_{w-1} i_w} = 0$. This is a contradiction.

(III) There exists $d \in \underline{n}$ such that $i_0 = i_d$. In fact, since $i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n \in \underline{n}$ (note that $w > n$), there exist some u, v in $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ such that $i_u = i_v$ with $u < v$. If $u = 0$, then $i_0 = i_v$ and in this case, our statement is proved. If $0 < u$, then by (II); we have $i_{u-1} = i_{v-1}$, and if $0 < u-1$, then, again, we have $i_{u-2} = i_{v-2}$ (by (II)). Repeating this argument, we have $i_0 = i_{v-u}$. Taking $d = v-u$, we have $d \in \underline{n}$ and $i_0 = i_d$.

(IV) Since $1 \leq d \leq n$, we have $d | w$. Let $w = gd$, where g is a positive integer. Then by (I) and (III), we have $i = i_0 = i_d = i_{2d} = \dots = i_{gd} = i_w = i_j$.

Consequently, we have that $a_{ij}^{(w)} = 0$ for all i, j in \underline{n} with $i \neq j$. Thus, A^w is a diagonal matrix.

Corollary: 4.5

If S satisfies $U(S) = \{1\}$ and A is a right invertible matrix in $M_n(S)$, then $A^{[n]} = I_n$.

Definition: 4.6

Let $A \in M_n(S)$. The mapping $f_A : V_n(S) \rightarrow V_n(S)$ is defined by $f_A(x) = Ax$ for $x \in V_n(S)$.

Theorem: 4.7

Let $A \in M_n(S)$ and f_A is a surjective mapping, then A is right invertible in $M_n(S)$.

Proof:

Since f_A is a surjective mapping, there exist column vectors

$(x_{1i}, x_{2i}, \dots, x_{ni})^T \in V_n(S)$ ($i \in \underline{n}$) such that

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{21} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_{n1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A \begin{pmatrix} x_{12} \\ x_{22} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_{n2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \dots, \quad A \begin{pmatrix} x_{1n} \\ x_{2n} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Put $X = (x_{ij})$. Then $X \in M_n(S)$ and $AX = I_n$, i.e., A is right invertible.

Theorem: 4.8

Let $A \in M_n(S)$. If f_A is an injective mapping and for any $i, j \in \underline{n}$, $\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is}$, $\sum_{t \in \underline{n}} a_{tj} \in U(S)$, and $a_{ij} (\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is}) = a_{ij} (\sum_{t \in \underline{n}} a_{tj}) = a_{ij}^2$, then A is invertible in $M_n(S)$.

Proof:

For any $i, j \in \underline{n}$, take $b_{ij} = (\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is})^{-1} a_{ij}$. Then $\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{is} = 1$ and $b_{ij}^2 = b_{ij}$. Let $d_i = \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$ and $B = (b_{ij})$. Then D is invertible in $M_n(S)$ (by Result 1.37 (i)) and $B = D^{-1}A$,

To show A is invertible in $M_n(S)$, it is sufficient to show that B is invertible in $M_n(S)$. We shall prove it in four steps.

(i) f_B is an injective mapping. In fact, suppose that $f_B(x) = f_B(y)$ for some $x, y \in V_n(S)$. Then $Bx = By$, i.e. $D^{-1}Ax = D^{-1}Ay$, and so $Ax = Ay$, i.e., $f_A(x) = f_A(y)$. Since f_A is an injective mapping, we have $x = y$. Therefore, f_B is an injective mapping.

(ii) For any $j \in \underline{n}$, we have

$$\prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj} = 0 \quad (*)$$

Assume that $\prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj_0} \neq 0$ for some $j_0 \in \underline{n}$. Put $x = \prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj_0} e_{j_0}$, $y = \prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj_0} e$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} Bx &= \left(b_{1j_0}^2 b_{2j_0} \cdots b_{nj_0}, b_{1j_0} b_{2j_0}^2 \cdots b_{nj_0}, \dots, b_{1j_0} b_{2j_0} \cdots b_{nj_0}^2 \right)^T \\ &= \left(\prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj_0}, \prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj_0} \cdots \prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj_0} \right)^T \quad (\text{because } b_{ij}^2 = b_{ij} \text{ for all } i, j \in \underline{n}) \\ &= \prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj_0} e = y. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} By &= \prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj_0} Be \\ &= \prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj_0} \left(\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{1s}, \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{2s}, \dots, \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{ns} \right)^T \\ &= \prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj_0} (1, 1, \dots, 1)^T \quad (\text{since } \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{is} = 1 \text{ for all } i \in \underline{n}) \\ &= \prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj_0} e = y. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $f_B(x) = Bx = By = f_B(y)$. But $x \neq y$. This contradicts the fact that f_B is an injective mapping.

(iii) For any $i, j, p \in \underline{n}$ with $i \neq j$, we have

$$b_{ip} b_{jp} = 0 \quad (*_1)$$

Assume that $b_{i_0 p_0} b_{j_0 p_0} \neq 0$ for some $i_0, j_0, p_0 \in \underline{n}$ with $i_0 \neq j_0$.

Let M be a maximal subset of the set $\underline{n} \times \underline{n}$ such that $(i_0, p_0), (j_0, p_0) \in M$ and $\Delta = \prod_{(s,t) \in M} b_{st} \neq 0$, where $\underline{n} \times \underline{n} = \{(i, j): i \in \underline{n}, j \in \underline{n}\}$. Then $M \neq \emptyset$ since (i_0, p_0) and $(j_0, p_0) \in M$, and $M \neq \underline{n} \times \underline{n}$ since $\prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{ij} = 0$ for any $j \in \underline{n}$ (By *).

$$b_{ij} \Delta = \begin{cases} \Delta & \text{if } (i, j) \in M \\ 0 & \text{if } (i, j) \notin M \end{cases} \quad (*_2)$$

In fact, If $(i, j) \in M$, then

$$\begin{aligned} b_{ij} \Delta &= \left(\prod_{(s,t) \in M} b_{st} \right) b_{ij} = \left(\prod_{\substack{(s,t) \in M \\ (s,t) \neq (i,j)}} b_{st} \right) b_{ij}^2 \\ &= \left(\prod_{\substack{(s,t) \in M \\ (s,t) \neq (i,j)}} b_{st} \right) b_{ij} \quad (\text{since } b_{ij}^2 = b_{ij}) \\ &= \prod_{(s,t) \in M} b_{st} = \Delta \end{aligned}$$

if $(i, j) \notin M$, then by the definitions of M and Δ , we have $b_{ij} \Delta = 0$.

Thus, $(*_2)$ holds.

In the following, we will prove that for any $i \in \underline{n}$, there exists a $j \in \underline{n}$ such that $(i, j) \in M$. In fact, since $\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{is} = 1$ for each $i \in \underline{n}$, we have $\Delta = \Delta (\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{is}) = \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} (b_{is} \Delta) \neq 0$, and so $b_{ij} \Delta \neq 0$ for some $j \in \underline{n}$. By $(*_2)$, we have $b_{ij} \Delta = \Delta$ and $(i, j) \in M$.

For each $i \in \underline{n}$, let $M(i) = \{s \in \underline{n}, (i, s) \in M\}$. It is clear that $M(i) \neq \emptyset$. Let $k_i = w(M(i))$. Then $1 \leq k_i \leq n$ and $\Delta = \Delta \cdot 1 = \Delta (\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{is}) = \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} \Delta b_{is} = \sum_{(i,s) \in M} \Delta (*_2) = \sum_{s \in M(i)} \Delta = k_i \Delta$. That is, $\Delta = k_i \Delta$ for each $i \in \underline{n}$.

In the following we shall prove that $k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k_n = 1$.

To do this, we first prove that for any given $j \in \underline{n}$, there exists an $i \in \underline{n}$ such that $b_{ij}\Delta = 0$. In fact, if there exists some $j \in \underline{n}$ such that $b_{ij}\Delta \neq 0$ for all $i \in \underline{n}$, then $b_{ij}\Delta = \Delta$ for all $i \in \underline{n}$ (*₂), and so $\prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj}\Delta = \Delta$. But $\prod_{t \in \underline{n}} b_{tj} = 0$ (*), we have $\Delta = 0$. This contradicts the fact that $\Delta \neq 0$.

Suppose that there exists an $i \in \underline{n}$ such $k_i \geq 2$. Taking $k = \max\{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n\}$, we have that $k \geq 2$ and $\Delta = k\Delta$ (since $\Delta = k_i\Delta$ for every k_i). Let $H = \{i \in \underline{n}, k_i \geq 2\}$. Then $w(H) \geq 1$ since $i \in H$.

We now choose an s_0 in \underline{n} such that $b_{ts_0}\Delta = 0$ for all $t \in \underline{n} \setminus H$ (note that if $H = \underline{n}$ then s_0 may be chosen arbitrarily in \underline{n}), and let

$$x = \Delta \left(\sum_{\substack{s \in \underline{n} \\ s \neq s_0}} e_s \right) + (k-1)\Delta e_{s_0}, \quad y = \Delta \left(\sum_{\substack{s \in \underline{n} \\ s \neq s_0}} e_s \right), \quad u = Bx \text{ and } v = By.$$

For any $i \in \underline{n}$, if $b_{is_0}\Delta = 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} u_i &= (Bx)_i = \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{is} x_s \\ &= \left(\sum_{\substack{s \in \underline{n} \\ s \neq s_0}} b_{is} \right) \Delta + b_{is_0} (k-1)\Delta \\ &= \left(\sum_{\substack{s \in \underline{n} \\ s \neq s_0}} b_{is} \right) \Delta \quad (\text{since } b_{is_0}\Delta = 0) \\ &= (By)_i = v_i \end{aligned}$$

If $b_{is_0}\Delta \neq 0$, then $i \in H$ (since $b_{ts_0}\Delta = 0$ for all $t \in \underline{n} \setminus H$) and $(i, s_0) \in M$ (or $s_0 \in M(i)$), and so $b_{is_0}\Delta = \Delta$ (*₂). Then

$$U_i = (Bx)_i = \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{is} x_s$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(\sum_{\substack{s \in \underline{n} \\ s \neq s_0}} b_{is} \Delta \right) + (k-1)\Delta = \left(\sum_{\substack{(i,s) \in M \\ s \neq s_0}} b_{is} \Delta \right) + (k-1)\Delta \\
&= \left(\sum_{\substack{(i,s) \in M \\ s \neq s_0}} \Delta \right) + (k-1)\Delta = \left(\sum_{\substack{s \in M(i) \\ s \neq s_0}} \Delta \right) + (k-1)\Delta \\
&= (k_i - 1)\Delta + (k-1)\Delta \quad (\text{since } S_0 \in M(i)).
\end{aligned}$$

Since $i \in H$, we have $k_i \geq 2$. If $k_i = 2$ then $u_i = \Delta + (k-1)\Delta = (1+(k-1))\Delta = k\Delta = \Delta$ (since $\Delta = k\Delta$) $= (k_i-1)\Delta$ and if $k_i \geq 3$ then

$$\begin{aligned}
u_i &= (k_i-1)\Delta + (k-1)\Delta \\
&= (k_i-2)\Delta + \Delta + (k-1)\Delta \quad (\text{since } k_i \geq 3) \\
&= (k_i-2)\Delta + k\Delta = (k_i-2)\Delta + \Delta \quad (\text{since } \Delta = k\Delta) \\
&= (k_i-1)\Delta
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$v_i = (By)_i = \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{is} y_s = \left(\sum_{\substack{s \in \underline{n} \\ s \neq s_0}} b_{is} \right) \Delta = \sum_{\substack{(i,s) \in M \\ s \neq s_0}} b_{is} \Delta = \sum_{\substack{(i,s) \in M \\ s \neq s_0}} \Delta = (k_i-1)\Delta, \text{ we have } u_i = v_i.$$

Consequently, we have $u = v$, i.e., $f_B(x) = f_B(y)$. But $x \neq y$. This contradicts the fact that f_B is an injective mapping. Therefore $k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k_n = 1$.

Since $k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k_n = 1$, we have that for each $i \in \underline{n}$, there exists a unique $j \in \underline{n}$ such that $(i, j) \in M$. Since $(i_0, p_0), (j_0, p_0) \in M$, there exists a $q_0 \in \underline{n}$ such that $(i, q_0) \notin M$ for each $i \in \underline{n}$, that is, $b_{iq_0} \Delta = 0$ for each $i \in \underline{n}$. Then $a_{iq_0} \Delta = d_i b_{iq_0} \Delta = 0$ for all $i \in \underline{n}$, and so

$$\left(\sum_{t \in \underline{n}} a_{tq_0} \right) \Delta = \sum_{t \in \underline{n}} a_{tq_0} \Delta = 0.$$

But $\sum_{t \in \underline{n}} a_{tq_0} \in U(S)$, we have $\Delta = 0$. This contradicts the fact that $\Delta \neq 0$.

Thus $b_{ip}b_{jp} = 0$ for any $i, j, p \in \underline{n}$ with $i \neq j$.

(iv) Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 BB^T &= \left(\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{is} b_{js} \right)_{n \times n} \\
 &= \text{diag} \left(\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{1s}^2, \dots, \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{ns}^2 \right) \quad (\text{By } *_1) \\
 &= \text{diag} \left(\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{1s}, \dots, \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{ns} \right) \quad (\text{because } b_{1s}^2 = b_{1s} \text{ for all } s \in \underline{n}) \\
 &= \text{diag}(1, 1, \dots, 1) \quad (\text{because } \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} b_{is} = 1 \text{ for all } i \in \underline{n}) = I_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then B is invertible in $M_n(S)$.

Theorem: 4.9

If $A \in M_n(S)$ is right (left) invertible and $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn} \in U(S)$, then A is a diagonal matrix.

Proof:

We assume that A is right invertible in $M_n(S)$, i.e., $AB = I_n$ for some $B \in M_n(S)$. Then for any $i, j \in \underline{n}$

$$a_{ii} b_{ij} + \sum_{\substack{k \in \underline{n} \\ k \neq i}} a_{ik} b_{kj} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

Consequently $a_{ii} b_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$, and so $b_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$ (since $a_{ii} \in U(S)$). Therefore B is a diagonal matrix. Since $AB = I_n$, B is an invertible diagonal matrix, and so $A = B^{-1}$ is an invertible diagonal matrix by Result 1.37(ii). If A is left invertible, then by result 1.36, A is right invertible, according to what we have proved, A is a diagonal matrix.

Corollary: 4.10

If $A \in M_n(S)$ is right (left) invertible with $a_{11} = a_{22} = \dots = a_{nn} = 1$, then $A = I_n$.

Definition: 4.11

Let $x, y \in V_n(S)$, the scalar product of x and y is defined as $x^T y \in S$.

Theorem: 4.12

Let $A \in M_n(S)$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) A is right invertible.
- (ii) A is left invertible.
- (iii) A is invertible.
- (iv) AA^T is an invertible diagonal matrix.
- (v) $A^T A$ is an invertible diagonal matrix.
- (vi) AA^T and $A^T A$ are invertible diagonal matrices.
- (vii) A^d is an invertible diagonal matrix for some positive integer d .
- (viii) f_A is a surjective mapping.
- (ix) f_A is a bijective mapping.
- (x) There exist $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \in U(S)$ such that $(f_A(x))^T f_A(y) = \sum_{i \in \underline{n}} u_i x_i y_i$ for any $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ and $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T \in V_n(S)$.
- (xi) f_A is a injective mapping and for any $i, j \in \underline{n}$, $\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is}, \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{sj} \in U(S)$ and $a_{ij} (\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is}) = a_{ij} (\sum_{t \in \underline{n}} a_{tj}) = a_{ij}^2$.
- (xii) f_A is an injective mapping and $A^{k+d} = A^k \cdot D$ for some invertible diagonal matrix D and positive integers k and d .

Proof:

By the Result 1.36 and Theorems 4.1 & 4.2, we have that statements (i)-(vii) are equivalent. Also, the implications (iii) \Rightarrow (ix) and (ix) \Rightarrow (viii) are obvious.

(viii) \Rightarrow (i). It is Theorem 4.7.

(vii) \Rightarrow (xii). It is obvious.

(xii) \Rightarrow (vii). Since f_A is an injective mapping, f_{A^k} is also an injective mappings. Since $A^k \cdot A^d = A^{k+d} = A^k \cdot D$ for some invertible diagonal matrix D and positive integers k and d , we have $A^k \cdot (D_{*j})$ for all $j \in \underline{n}$, i.e., $f_{A^k}((A^d)_{*j}) = f_{A^k}(D_{*j})$. Then $(A^d)_{*j} = D_{*j}$ for all $j \in \underline{n}$, (since f_A is an injective mapping and so $A^d = D$.

(xi) \Rightarrow (iii). It is Theorem 4.8

(iii) \Rightarrow (xi). By Result 1.39 (i) & (iii)

(v) \Rightarrow (x). Let $A^T A = D$, where D is an invertible diagonal matrix. Then for any $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ and $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T \in V_n(S)$, we have $(f_A(x))^T f_A(y) = (Ax)^T (Ay) = x^T (A^T A) y = x^T D y$. Let $D = \text{diag}(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$. Then $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \in U(S)$ and $(f_A(x))^T f_A(y) = \sum_{i \in \underline{n}} u_i x_i y_i$.

(x) \Rightarrow (v). Suppose that (x) holds. Then for any $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ and $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T \in V_n(S)$, we have $x^T A^T A y = (Ax)^T (Ay) = (f_A(x))^T f_A(y) = \sum_{i \in \underline{n}} u_i x_i y_i$. Let $D = \text{diag}(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$.

Then D is an invertible diagonal matrix in $M_n(S)$ and $x^T (A^T A) y = x^T D y$.

Therefore, $e_i^T (A^T A) e_j = e_i^T D e_j$ for any i and $j \in \underline{n}$, i.e., $\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{si} a_{sj} = \begin{cases} u_i & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$

Hence $A^T A = D$ is an invertible diagonal matrix in $M_n(S)$.

Corollary: 4.13

If S is an incline and $A \in M_n(S)$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) A is right invertible.
- (ii) A is left invertible.
- (iii) A is invertible.
- (iv) $AA^T = I_n$.
- (v) $A^T A = I_n$.
- (vi) $AA^T = A^T A = I_n$.
- (vii) $A^k = I_n$ for some positive integer k .
- (viii) f_A is a surjective mapping.
- (ix) f_A is a bijective mapping.
- (x) f_A preserves the scalar products, that is, for any $x, y \in V_n(S)$,
 $(f_A(x))^T f_A(y) = x^T y$.
- (xi) $A \in M_n(I(S))$ and f_A is an injective mapping, where $M_n(I(S))$ denotes the set of all $n \times n$ matrices over the set $I(S)$.
- (xii) f_A is an injective mapping and $A^{k+d} = A^k$ for some integers k and d .

Proof:

Since S is an incline, we have $U(S) = \{1\}$ and so any invertible diagonal matrix in $M_n(S)$ is the identity matrix I_n . Therefore, by Theorem 4.12, the statements (i) - (x) and (xii) are equivalent.

(iii) \Rightarrow (xi). If (iii) holds, then by Theorem 4.12 and the condition $U(s) = \{1\}$, we have that for any $i \in \underline{n}$, $\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is} = \sum_{t \in \underline{n}} a_{tj} = 1$ and that for any $i, j \in \underline{n}$ $a_{ij}^2 = a_{ij}$, and so $A \in M_n(I(S))$. It is clear that f_A is an injective mapping. Thus the statement (XI) holds.

(xi) \Rightarrow (xii). Since $I(S)$ is a distributive lattice (by the result which and states that, "If S is an incline and $I(S)$ is the set of all idempotent elements in S , then $I(S)$ is a distributive lattice and $A \in M_n(I(S))$, it follows from "If S is a distributive lattice and $A \in M_n(S)$ then there exist positive integers k and d such that $A^{k+d} = A^k$ for some positive integers k and d . Since f_A is an injective mapping, (XII) holds.

Theorem: 4.14

If S satisfies $U(S) = \{1\}$ and $A \in M_n(S)$, then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) A is invertible
- (ii) A is an orthogonal combination of some permutation matrices of order n .

Proof:

(i) \Rightarrow (ii). If A is invertible in $M_n(S)$, then by Theorem 4.12, we have $A^T A = A A^T = I_n$ (since $U(S) = \{1\}$). Therefore $a_{ij} a_{ik} = a_{ji} a_{ki} = 0$ for all i, j, k in \underline{n} with $j \neq k$ and $\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is}^2 = \sum_{t \in \underline{n}} a_{tj}^2 = 1$ for all $i, j \in \underline{n}$, and so $(\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is})^2 = \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is}^2 + \sum_{s_1 \neq s_2} a_{is_1} a_{is_2} = \sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is}^2 = 1$ and $(\sum_{t \in \underline{n}} a_{tj})^2 = \sum_{t \in \underline{n}} a_{tj}^2 + \sum_{t_1 \neq t_2} a_{t_1} a_{t_2} = \sum_{t \in \underline{n}} a_{tj}^2 = 1$. Thus, $\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is} = 1$ and $\sum_{t \in \underline{n}} a_{tj} = 1$, that is, each row and each column of A is an orthogonal decomposition of 1 in S . Also, for any $i, j \in \underline{n}$, $a_{ij} = a_{ij} (\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is}) = a_{ij}^2 + \sum_{s \neq j} a_{is} a_{ij} = a_{ij}^2$, that is, each entry of A is idempotent.

Since $\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is} = 1$ for all $i \in \underline{n}$, we have $1 = \prod_{i \in \underline{n}} (\sum_{s \in \underline{n}} a_{is}) = \sum_{1 \leq s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n \leq n} a_{1s_1} a_{2s_2}, \dots, a_{ns_n}$. If $s_i = s_j$ for some $i, j \in \underline{n}$ with $i \neq j$, then $a_{is_i} \cdot a_{js_j} = 0$ and so $a_{1s_1} a_{2s_2}, \dots, a_{ns_n} = 0$.

Therefore $1 = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} \dots a_{n\sigma(n)}$.

Let $a_\sigma = a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} \dots a_{n\sigma(n)}$ for $\sigma \in S_n$ and $G = \{\sigma : \sigma \in S_n, a_\sigma \neq 0\}$. Then, it is clear that $\sum_{\sigma \in G} a_\sigma = 1$ and $a_\sigma a_\tau = 0$ for any $\sigma, \tau \in G$ with $\sigma \neq \tau$, and so the set $\{a_\sigma : \sigma \in G\}$ is an orthogonal decomposition of 1 in S . Also, for any $\sigma \in G$,

$$a_\sigma a_{ij} = \begin{cases} a_\sigma & \text{if } j = \sigma(i) \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq \sigma(i) \end{cases} \quad i, j \in \underline{n}.$$

Therefore, there exists a unique $(0, 1)$ matrix $P_\sigma \in M_n(S)$ such that $a_\sigma A = a_\sigma P_\sigma$ holds. It follows that

$$a_\sigma^2 P_\sigma P_\sigma^T = (a_\sigma P_\sigma)(a_\sigma P_\sigma)^T = (a_\sigma A)(a_\sigma A)^T = a_\sigma^2 AA^T = a_\sigma^2 I_n, \text{ and so } P_\sigma P_\sigma^T =$$

I_n . Then P_σ is a permutation matrix for each $\sigma \in G$. Clearly,

$$\sum_{\sigma \in G} a_\sigma P_\sigma = \sum_{\sigma \in G} a_\sigma A = \left(\sum_{\sigma \in G} a_\sigma \right) A = A.$$

i.e., A is an orthogonal combination of some permutation matrices.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). If A is such combination, say

$$A = \sum_{s \in \underline{m}} a_s P_s,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} AA^T &= \left(\sum_{s \in \underline{m}} a_s P_s \right) \left(\sum_{t \in \underline{m}} a_t P_t \right)^T = \sum_{s \in \underline{m}} \sum_{t \in \underline{m}} a_s a_t P_s P_t^T = \sum_{s \in \underline{m}} a_s^2 I_n \\ &= \sum_{s \in \underline{m}} \sum_{t \in \underline{m}} a_s a_t I_n \quad (\text{since } a_s a_t = 0 \text{ with } s \neq t) \\ &= \left(\sum_{s \in \underline{m}} a_s \right)^2 I_n = I_n. \end{aligned}$$

Thus A is invertible in $M_n(S)$.

CRAMER'S RULE OVER COMMUTATIVE ANTIRINGS:

In this part, Cramer's rule for a matrix equation over a commutative antiring S is presented.

Lemma: 4.15

Let $A \in M_{m \times n}(S)$ ($m \leq n$), and $U \in GL_m(S)$ and $V \in GL_n(S)$. Then $\text{per}(UAV) = \text{per } U \text{ per } A \text{ per } V$.

Proof:

We first prove that $\text{per}(UA) = \text{per } U \text{ per } A$ for any $A \in M_{m \times n}(S)$ and U in $GL_m(S)$. Let $W = UA$. Then for any $i \in \underline{m}$ and $j \in \underline{n}$, $w_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m u_{ik} a_{kj}$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{per}(UA) &= \text{per } W = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{m,n}} \prod_{i \in \underline{m}} w_{i\sigma(i)} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_{m,n}} \prod_{i \in \underline{m}} \left(\sum_{k \in \underline{m}} u_{ik} a_{k\sigma(i)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_{m,n}} \sum_{1 \leq k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m \leq m} u_{1k_1} a_{k_1\sigma(1)} u_{2k_2} a_{k_2\sigma(2)} \dots u_{mk_m} a_{k_m\sigma(m)}. \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_{m,n}} \sum_{1 \leq k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m \leq m} (u_{1k_1} u_{2k_2} \dots u_{mk_m}) (a_{k_1\sigma(1)} a_{k_2\sigma(2)} \dots a_{k_m\sigma(m)}). \end{aligned}$$

If $k_s = k_t$ for some $s, t \in \underline{m}$ with $s \neq t$, then $u_{sk_s} u_{tk_t} = u_{sk_s} u_{tk_s} = 0$ (by Result 1.40 (i))

and so

$$\begin{aligned} \text{per}(UA) &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_{m,n}} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m \leq m \\ k_s \neq k_t (s \neq t)}} (u_{1k_1} u_{2k_2} \dots u_{mk_m}) (a_{k_1\sigma(1)} a_{k_2\sigma(2)} \dots a_{k_m\sigma(m)}) \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_{m,n}} \sum_{\rho \in S_m} (u_{1\rho(1)} u_{2\rho(2)} \dots u_{m\rho(m)}) (a_{\rho(1)\sigma(1)} a_{\rho(2)\sigma(2)} \dots a_{\rho(m)\sigma(m)}) \\ &= \sum_{\rho \in S_m} u_{1\rho(1)} u_{2\rho(2)} \dots u_{m\rho(m)} \left(\sum_{\sigma \in S_{m,n}} a_{\rho(1)\sigma(1)} a_{\rho(2)\sigma(2)} \dots a_{\rho(m)\sigma(m)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\rho \in S_m} u_{1\rho(1)} \dots u_{m\rho(m)} \left(\sum_{\sigma \in S_{m,n}} a_{\rho(1)\sigma(\rho^{-1}(\rho(1)))} \dots a_{\rho(m)\sigma(\rho^{-1}(\rho(m)))} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{\rho \in S_m} u_{1\rho(1)} \cdots u_{m\rho(m)} \left(\sum_{\sigma \in S_{m,n}} a_{1\sigma(\rho^{-1}(1))} \cdots a_{m\sigma(\rho^{-1}(m))} \right) \\
&\quad \text{(because } \rho \text{ is a bijection of the set } \underline{m}\text{)} \\
&= \sum_{\rho \in S_m} u_{1\rho(1)} \cdots u_{m\rho(m)} \left(\sum_{\sigma \rho^{-1} \in S_{m,n}} a_{1(\sigma \rho^{-1})(1)} \cdots a_{m(\sigma \rho^{-1})(m)} \right) \\
&= \sum_{\rho \in S_m} u_{1\rho(1)} \cdots u_{m\rho(m)} \left(\sum_{\sigma \in S_{m,n}} a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{m\sigma(m)} \right) \\
&= \text{per } U \text{ per } A.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can prove that $\text{per}(AV) = \text{per } A \text{ per } V$ for any $A \in M_{m \times n}(S)$ and $V \in GL_n(S)$. Therefore, $\text{per}(UAV) = \text{per } U \text{ per}(AV) = \text{per } U \text{ per } A \text{ per } V$.

Corollary: 4.16

If $A \in GL_n(S)$, then $\text{per } A \in U(S)$.

Proof:

If $A \in GL_n(S)$, then there exists a $B \in GL_n(S)$ such that $AB = I_n$. By Lemma 4.15, we have $1 = \text{per } I_n = \text{per}(AB) = \text{per } A \text{ per } B$, and so $\text{per } A \in U(S)$.

Corollary: 4.17

If S satisfies $U(S) = \{1\}$, then

- (i) for any $A \in GL_n(S)$, we have $\text{per } A = 1$;
- (ii) for any $A \in M_{m \times n}(S)$ ($m \leq n$), and $U \in GL_m(S)$ and $V \in GL_n(S)$,

We have $\text{per}(UAV) = \text{per } A$.

Lemma: 4.18

Let $A \in GL_n(S)$. Then $A^{-1} = (\text{per } A)^{-1} \text{adj } A$.

Proof:

Let $A \in GL_n(S)$. Then $a_{ik}a_{il} = 0$ for an $i, k, l \in \underline{n}$ with $k \neq l$ (by Result 1.42 (i)).

Let $B = A \text{adj } A$. Then for any $i, j \in \underline{n}$, we have $b_{ij} = \sum_{k \in \underline{n}} a_{ik} \text{per } A(j/k)$.

If $i = j$, then $b_{ii} = \sum_{k \in \underline{n}} a_{ik} \text{per } A(i/k) = \text{per } A$; if $i \neq j$,

(by Result 1.39)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } b_{ij} &= \sum_{k \in \underline{n}} a_{ik} \left(\sum_{\substack{l \in \underline{n} \\ l \neq k}} a_{il} \text{per } A(ij/kl) \right) && \text{(by Result 1.39)} \\ &= \sum_{k \in \underline{n}} \sum_{\substack{l \in \underline{n} \\ l \neq k}} a_{il} \text{per } A(ij/kl) = 0 && \text{(by Result 1.42(i))} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $B = A \text{adj } A = (\text{per } A) I_n$. Since $\text{per } A \in U(S)$ (by Corollary 4.16),

$$A^{-1} = (\text{per } A)^{-1} \text{adj } A.$$

Corollary: 4.19

If S satisfies $U(S) = \{1\}$ and $A \in GL_n(S)$, then $\text{adj } A = A^T$.

Proof:

By Corollary 4.13 and Corollary 4.19 (i) and Lemma 4.18, we have $A^T = A^{-1} = \text{adj } A$.

The following Theorem is Cramer's rule for a matrix equation over a commutative antiring.

Theorem: 4.20

Let $A \in M_n(S)$ and $b = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)^T \in V_n(S)$. If A is invertible in $M_n(S)$, then the matrix equation $Ax = b$ has a unique solution $x = (d^{-1}d_1, d^{-1}d_2, \dots, d^{-1}d_n)^T \in V_n(S)$, where $d = \text{per } A$ and

$$d_j = \text{per} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1,j-1} & b_1 & a_{1,j+1} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2,j-1} & b_2 & a_{2,j+1} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{n,j-1} & b_n & a_{n,j+1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Proof:

It is clear that the equation $Ax = b$ has a solution $x = A^{-1}b$. Let $y \in V_n(S)$ be any solution of this equation. Then $Ay = b$, and so $y = I_n y = (A^{-1}A)y = A^{-1}(Ay) = A^{-1}b$, which means that the equation $Ax = b$ has a unique solution.

Let now $(\text{adj } A) b = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)^T$. Then for any j in \underline{n} , we have $d_j = \sum_{i \in \underline{n}} \text{per } A(i | j) b_i$. On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{per} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1,j-1} & b_1 & a_{1,j+1} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2,j-1} & b_2 & a_{2,j+1} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{n,j-1} & b_n & a_{n,j+1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{i \in \underline{n}} b_i \text{Per } A(i | j) \quad \text{(by Result 1.39)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} x = A^{-1}b &= (\text{per } A)^{-1} (\text{adj } A)b \quad \text{(by Lemma 4.18)} \\ &= d^{-1}(\text{adj } A) b = (d^{-1}d_1, d^{-1}d_2, \dots, d^{-1}d_n)^T. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary: 4.21

If S satisfies $U(S) = \{1\}$ and $A \in GL_n(S)$ and $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)^T \in V_n(S)$, then the matrix equation $Ax = b$ has a unique solution $x = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)^T \in V_n(S)$, we have

$$d_j = \text{per} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1,j-1} & b_1 & a_{1,j+1} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2,j-1} & b_2 & a_{2,j+1} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{n,j-1} & b_n & a_{n,j+1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$