Text in purple = things that Prof. Dror Bar Natan said in class.

Monday, October 27th

Claim:
$$M_{n\times n}(R \to I) \cong (M_{n\times n}(R)) \to I$$
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ie: "matrices it entries as polynomials" = "polynomials it coefficients as matrix.

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The map is to map coefficients to coefficients.

Caley-Hamilton Theorem

Cayly Hamilton: a matrix annihilates its characteristic polynomial"

Let
$$A \in M_{n \times n}(R)$$
 R is a commutative ring.

 $R[t] \ni \chi_{A}(t) := \det(tI - A)$
 $\exists a_k t^k$

$$\begin{cases} t^{-a_{11}} - a_{12} - \dots - a_{1n} \\ -a_{n1} t^{-a_{n2}} - \dots - a_{nn} \end{cases}$$
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Wrong Proof #1:

Diagonalize matrix A, so the entries on the diagonal are the eigenvalues. Since the characteristic polynomials annihilates eigenvalues, it follows.

This is not our proof since we haven't talked about diagonalization, and the ring can be any commutative ring, so we can't diagonalize, and we can't use eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

Wrong Proof #2:

Wrong Proof:
$$\chi_A(A) = \det(AI - A)$$

= $\det(0) = 0$.

ou're putting a matrix in a matrix. The LHS is a matrix and the RHS a scalar so the evaluation makes no sense We also didn't use properties of determinant, so this would also be true for the characteristic polynomial defined by trace:

Basically, it's saying that if we could just sub in A into det (tI – A), then we could also sub in A into tr (tI – A), and then the calculation doesn't make sense.

Facts needed for the correct proof:

Definition of Adj A:

Fact about adj A:

You should have seen this proof in previous courses. The proof of this fact is entirely algebraic, and it doesn't use anything except for addition and multiplication. The entries of A adj A can be reinterpreted as the determinants of the original matrix minus the row of I and column of j and replaced by other things. It's entirely algebra, so it's true over any commutative ring R.

Correct proof:

Main idea of correct proof:

Sub in A into this equation:

Full correct proof:

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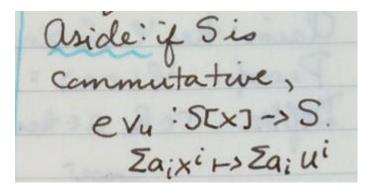
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The second equality there is from the isomorphism

Max (REX) = (Max (R))[X].

Recall that the evaluative map is defined by:



We would like to use the evaluation map and substitute the matrix A into (*). But the evaluation map is a ring homomorphism only if the A commute with the Bi's. They're matrixes, so even if the ring itself is commutative, we would still have to prove that the matrices commute.

We'll prove this in the lemma (and R doesn't have to be commutative):

Remma: all the Bi's commute with A.

Proof of Remma: (tI-A)adj (tI-A) = adj (tI-A)(tI-A)

=>(tI-A)(\(\frac{1}{2}\)B;t')=(\(\frac{1}{2}\)B;t')A

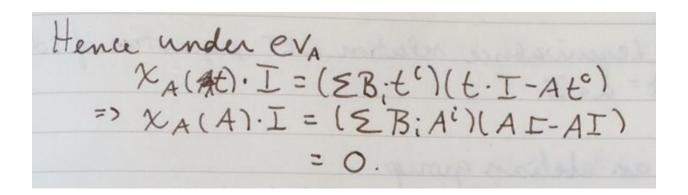
=>A\(\frac{1}{2}\)B; t'=(\(\frac{1}{2}\)B;t')A

=> \(\frac{1}{2}\)B; a.

The first line of the proof is because

A adj A = adj A · A = det(A) · I.

Using this lemma, we finish the proof of the Caley Hamilton theorem by evaluating (*) at A:



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Direct Sums

2 Definitions: The "set" definition (where addition and scalar multiplication is defined in the obvious way) and the category theory definition using universal property.

Our goal is to prove:

Defining the obvious map for a finitely generated module, R^n -> M:

Let X be a generating set for ker pi, so that any element in ker pi can be written as rx for some $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Defining another map from X -> R:

Explaining this map in details:

We have a map A: \mathbb{R}^{\times} -> R^n by defining A(b) = $\sum_{x \in X} b(x)x$, where b is in R^x. This sum is finite because b(x) \neq 0 for finitely many x's, and $\sum_{x \in X} b(x)x$. is in R^n because b(x) is in R and x is in ker pi (which is in R^n), so $\sum_{x \in X} b(x)x$. is a sum of elements in R^n.

Since X is a generating set for ker pi, the image of A is ker pi.

Ker pi is isomorphic to R^n/im A:

By the first isomorphism theorem, $R^n/\ker pi = M$, so we also know that $R^n/\ker A = M$.

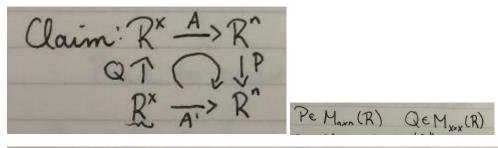
A can be interpreted as an n x X matrix because A maps $R^{A}|X|$ to R^{A} . An n x X matrix maps something that's |X| dimensional to something that's n dimensional. Furthermore, in each row, there are only finitely many non-zero entries, since anything in R^{A} only has finitely many non-zero entries (so if we take A(e x) for each x, we would be summing up only finitely many non-zero entries).

Yurthermore, every nx X matrix A defines a finitely generated module.

The finitely generated module is just the image of the matrix A (i.e., the column space), then projected by the map pi.

Thursday November 13

Last time, we noted that A defines a finitely generated module, and this is the converse. Given a finitely generated module, take X = ker pi (where pi is the obvious projection map). Then define A: R^X -> R^n by mapping the basis elements of X to itself (since we took the generating set of ker pi X to be the whole set ker pi, it makes sense).



We would like to show that if we had such a commutative diagram, then the modules that are generated are equal.

(I'll go through the proof later)

Jordan Canonical Form