

SOME REMARKS ON THE PSEUDO-LINEAR ALGEBRA

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ABSTRACT. Recent results on pseudo-arithmetic operations and g -calculus are applied to the domain of linear algebra. As a basic notion, g -rank of a matrix is introduced. Two generators g and h are shown to be rank equivalent if and only if they differ only in a positive multiplicative constant. Some applications to the solutions of systems of pseudo-linear equations are presented.

1. Introduction

Recently, E. P a p [5] introduced and developed a so-called g -calculus generalizing the common calculus of real valued functions. The basis of g -calculus are pseudo-arithmetical operations based on a generator g . An axiomatic approach to pseudo-arithmetics can be found in M e s i a r and R y b á r i k [4]. The theory of g -calculus was applied to some problems from differential, partially differential and difference equations, respectively, see [6]. The main idea of the above applications is in the exploiting the knowledge of the solution of some linear problem (e.g., linear differential equations) and applying it to a corresponding pseudo-linear problem.

Note that no closed theory of g -linear problems was developed till now. As a first attempt in this field, this paper is devoted to the investigation of pseudo-arithmetical operations based on a generator g . We will show that two generators g and h preserve the matrix rank if and only if they differ only in a positive multiplicative constant. Consequently, the use of normed generators is justified.

2. Pseudo-arithmetical operations

Following M e s i a r and R y b á r i k [4], we introduce the concept of pseudo-arithmetical operations first on $[0, +\infty]$ interval and then on $[-\infty, +\infty]$ interval.

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DEFINITION 2.1. Two binary operations \oplus and \odot defined on $[0, +\infty]$ are called a *pseudo-addition* and *pseudo-multiplication*, respectively, if they fulfill the following axioms:

- (A1) $x \oplus 0 = 0 \oplus x = x, \quad \forall x \in [0, +\infty]$.
- (A2) $(x \oplus y) \oplus z = x \oplus (y \oplus z), \quad \forall x, y, z \in [0, +\infty]$.
- (A3) If $x \leq x'$ and $y \leq y'$ then $x \oplus y \leq x' \oplus y'$
for every $x, y, x', y' \in [0, +\infty]$.
- (A4) If $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $y_n \rightarrow y$ then $x_n \oplus y_n \rightarrow x \oplus y$.
- (A5) If $x > 0$ and $y \in [0, \infty)$ then there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that
 $\underbrace{x \oplus x \oplus \dots \oplus x}_{n\text{-times}} \geq y$.
- (A6) If $x < +\infty$ and $y < +\infty$ then $x \oplus y < +\infty$.
- (M1) $a \odot (x \oplus y) = (a \odot x) \oplus (a \odot y), \quad \forall a, x, y \in [0, +\infty]$.
- (M2) If $a \leq b$ then $a \odot x \leq b \odot x$, for every $x \in [0, +\infty]$.
- (M3) $a \odot x = 0$ if and only if $a = 0$ or $x = 0$.
- (M4) There exists a left unit, i.e., an element $e \in [0, +\infty]$ so that $e \odot x = x$ for every $x \in [0, +\infty]$.
- (M5) If $a_n \rightarrow a \in (0, +\infty)$ and $x_n \rightarrow x$ then $a_n \odot x_n \rightarrow a \odot x$ and
 $(+\infty) \odot x = \lim_{a \rightarrow +\infty} (a \odot x)$.
- (M6) $x \odot y = y \odot x$ for every $x, y \in [0, +\infty]$.

THEOREM 2.1 [4]. Two binary operations \oplus and \odot on $[0, +\infty]$ are pseudo-addition and pseudo-multiplication, respectively, if and only if there is a generator $\bar{g}, \bar{g}: [0, +\infty] \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$, \bar{g} is an increasing bijection, so that for all $x, y \in [0, +\infty]$ it is

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus y &= \bar{g}^{-1}(\bar{g}(x) + \bar{g}(y)) & \text{and} \\ x \odot y &= \bar{g}^{-1}(\bar{g}(x) \cdot \bar{g}(y)) & \text{for } \{x, y\} \neq \{0, +\infty\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the unit element e of pseudo-multiplication \odot is given by $e = \bar{g}^{-1}(1)$.

An odd extension g of a given generator \bar{g} from $[0, +\infty]$ to $[-\infty, +\infty]$ is called a generator on $[-\infty, +\infty]$ [4] and it allows to extend \oplus and \odot to the whole extended real line. Moreover, pseudo-subtraction \ominus and pseudo-division \oslash can be introduced.

Let g be a generator on $[-\infty, +\infty]$. For $x, y \in [-\infty, +\infty]$ we put:

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus y &= g^{-1}(g(x) + g(y)), & \{x, y\} &\neq \{-\infty, +\infty\}; \\ x \odot y &= g^{-1}(g(x) \cdot g(y)), & \{x, y\} &\neq \{0, +\infty\}, \{x, y\} \neq \{0, -\infty\}; \\ x \ominus y &= g^{-1}(g(x) - g(y)), & \text{if } x = y &\text{ then } x \notin \{-\infty, +\infty\}; \\ x \oslash y &= g^{-1}(g(x) : g(y)), & y &\neq 0, \{x, y\} \not\subseteq \{-\infty, +\infty\}. \end{aligned}$$

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All the above-introduced operations are called pseudo-arithmetical operations generated by generator g .

If two or more generators are taken into account, a lower index is used to distinguish the corresponding pseudo-arithmetical operations, say \oplus_g and \oplus_h .

Note that the identity generator $g(x) = x$ leads to the common arithmetical operations.

EXAMPLE 2.1.

$$(i) \text{ Let } g(x) = \begin{cases} x^r, & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ -(-x)^r, & \text{if } x < 0, \end{cases} \text{ for some positive constant } r.$$

Then g is a generator on $[-\infty, +\infty]$. Take e.g., $r = 3$. For corresponding pseudo-arithmetical operations we get

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus y &= (x^3 + y^3)^{1/3}; \\ x \ominus y &= (x^3 - y^3)^{1/3}; \\ x \odot y &= (x^3 \cdot y^3)^{1/3} = x \cdot y; \\ x \oslash y &= \left(\frac{x^3}{y^3}\right)^{1/3} = \frac{x}{y}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., the pseudo-multiplication and pseudo-division coincide with the common multiplication and division in this case (note that the last assertion holds true only for the above-introduced generators [3]).

$$(ii) \text{ Let } g(x) = cx \text{ for some positive constant } c. \text{ Then } g \text{ is a generator on } [-\infty, +\infty]. \text{ Take, e.g., } c = 3. \text{ For the corresponding pseudo-arithmetical operations we have}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus y &= x + y; \\ x \ominus y &= x - y; \\ x \odot y &= 3xy; \\ x \oslash y &= \frac{x}{(3y)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, \oplus and \ominus coincide with the common addition and subtraction (and this is true only for $g(x) = cx$).

$$(iii) \text{ Let } g(x) = \begin{cases} (x+1)^{1/2} - 1, & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ -((1-x)^{1/2} - 1), & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Then \mathbf{g} is a generator on $[-\infty, +\infty]$ and for $x \geq y < 0$ it is

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus y &= [(x+1)^{1/2} + (y+1)^{1/2} - 1]^2 - 1; \\ x \ominus y &= [(x+1)^{1/2} - (y+1)^{1/2} - 1]^2 - 1; \\ x \odot y &= [(x+1)^{1/2}(y+1)^{1/2} - (x+1)^{1/2} - (y+1)^{1/2} + 2]^2 - 1; \\ x \oslash y &= \left[\frac{(x+1)^{1/2}}{(y+1)^{1/2}} + 1 \right]^2 - 1. \end{aligned}$$

The unit element $e = 3$.

3. Systems of pseudo-linear equations

In several applications [5] of \mathbf{g} -calculus based on a generator \mathbf{g} , the linear problems were replaced by corresponding pseudo-linear problems simply by means of replacing the common arithmetical operations by corresponding pseudo-arithmetical operations. We propose to generalize the basic linear problem — the solution of a system of linear equations — to the corresponding pseudo-linear problem.

DEFINITION 3.1. Let \mathbf{g} be a given generator on $[-\infty, +\infty]$ generating \oplus and \odot . Let a_1, \dots, a_n , $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and b be some given real constant and let x_1, \dots, x_n be unknown real variables. Then the equation

$$a_1 \odot x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus a_n \odot x_n = b$$

is called a *pseudo-linear equation* or equivalently *\mathbf{g} -linear equation*.

LEMMA 3.1. Let $a_1 \odot x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus a_n \odot x_n = b$ be a \mathbf{g} -linear equation. Then the linear equation $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{g}(a_i)y_i = \mathbf{g}(b)$ is equivalent to this \mathbf{g} -linear equation, where $y_i = \mathbf{g}(x_i)$, i.e., the solutions y_i of the above equation are in a one-to-one correspondence to the solutions x_i of the original \mathbf{g} -linear equation.

Proof. Applying \odot and \oplus to the given \mathbf{g} -linear equation, one gets $\mathbf{g}^{-1}(\mathbf{g}(a_1) \cdot \mathbf{g}(x_1) + \dots + \mathbf{g}(a_n) \cdot \mathbf{g}(x_n)) = b$, i.e., $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{g}(a_i)y_i = \mathbf{g}(b)$, where we put $y_i = \mathbf{g}(x_i)$.

On the other hand, $x_i = \mathbf{g}^{-1}(y_i)$. □

Let a system of \mathbf{g} -linear equations be given,

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11} \odot x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus a_{1n} \odot x_n &= b_1, \\ &\dots \\ a_{m1} \odot x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus a_{mn} \odot x_n &= b_m, \end{aligned}$$

briefly $\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$, where $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq j \leq n}}$, $\mathbf{X} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^\top$, $\mathbf{B} = (b_1, \dots, b_m)^\top$.

This system is equivalent with the system of linear equations $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{B})$, where $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}) = (\mathbf{g}(a_{ij}))_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq j \leq n}}$, $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{g}(b_1), \dots, \mathbf{g}(b_m))^\top$.

By the Frobenius theorem, both systems are solvable if and only if the rank $H(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}))$ of matrix $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A})$ and the rank $H(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}^*))$ of the extended matrix $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}^*) = (\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}), \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{B}))$ is the same, $H(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A})) = H(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}^*))$.

Then each solution \mathbf{Y} of the induced linear system corresponds to the solution $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{g}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y}) = (\mathbf{g}^{-1}(y_1), \dots, \mathbf{g}^{-1}(y_n))^\top$ of the original pseudo-linear system and vice versa. Hence the key role by the solution of a system $\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$ of \mathbf{g} -linear equations is played by the rank of matrix $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A})$ (and $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}^*)$).

DEFINITION 3.2. Let \mathbf{A} be a given matrix and let \mathbf{g} be a generator on $[-\infty, +\infty]$. The rank $H(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}))$ of the matrix $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A})$ will be called \mathbf{g} -rank of \mathbf{A} , $\mathbf{g}\text{-}H(\mathbf{A}) = H(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}))$.

EXAMPLE 3.1. Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and let $\mathbf{g}(x) = x^3$. Then $H(\mathbf{A}) = 2$, but $\mathbf{g}\text{-}H(\mathbf{A}) = 3$ because of $H(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A})) = 3$, where $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 1 & 8 & 27 \end{bmatrix}$

The above example shows that the \mathbf{g} -rank depends on \mathbf{g} and hence the solvability of a system $\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$ of \mathbf{g} -linear equations varies changing the generator \mathbf{g} .

EXAMPLE 3.2. Let $\mathbf{g}(x) = 3x$. Then for each $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$ it is $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}) = (3a_{ij})$ and thus $\mathbf{g}\text{-}H(\mathbf{A}) = H(\mathbf{A})$. Further, the induced system to a given $\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$ is just $3\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{Y} = 3\mathbf{B}$, i.e., $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{B}$. If \mathbf{Y} is its solution, then $\mathbf{X} = \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{Y}$ is the solution of $\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$ (and vice versa $\mathbf{Y} = 3\mathbf{X}$). Comparing the common linear system $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{B}$ and the \mathbf{g} -linear system $\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$, we can see their equivalency.

Note that the identity generator of a common linear system $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{B}$ differs from \mathbf{g} only in a positive multiplicative constant.

By Example 3.2, there are some generators, say \mathbf{g} and \mathbf{h} , leading to the equivalent systems $\mathbf{A} \odot_g \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{A} \odot_h \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{B}$. It is easy to see that a necessary condition for the equivalency of \mathbf{g} -linear and \mathbf{h} -linear systems is the rank-equivalence of their generators, i.e., $\mathbf{g}\text{-}H(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{h}\text{-}H(\mathbf{A})$ for each matrix \mathbf{A} .

4. Rank-equivalent generators

In this section we study the generators \mathbf{g} and \mathbf{h} preserving the rank.

Let g be a generator on $[-\infty, +\infty]$ and let $h = c \cdot g$ for some positive constant c . Then for each matrix \mathbf{A} we have $g\text{-}H(\mathbf{A}) = h\text{-}H(\mathbf{A})$.

In the following theorem we show the necessity of $h = c \cdot g$ to preserve the ranks.

THEOREM 4.1. *Let g and h be two generators on $[-\infty, +\infty]$ and let for each matrix \mathbf{A} it is $g\text{-}H(\mathbf{A}) = h\text{-}H(\mathbf{A})$. Then there is a positive constant c so that $h = c \cdot g$.*

Proof. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$, $a \neq b$ and put $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & a \\ a & b & b \\ a \oplus_g a & b \oplus_g b & a \oplus_g b \end{bmatrix}$.

Then $g(\mathbf{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} g(a) & g(b) & g(a) \\ g(a) & g(b) & g(b) \\ 2g(a) & 2g(b) & g(a) + g(b) \end{bmatrix}$. It is easy to see that the rank

$H(g(\mathbf{A})) = 2$, and hence $g\text{-}H(\mathbf{A}) = 2$. But then also $h\text{-}H(\mathbf{A}) = H(h(\mathbf{A})) = 2$.

We have $h(\mathbf{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} h(a) & h(b) & h(a) \\ h(a) & h(b) & h(b) \\ h(a \oplus_g a) & h(b \oplus_g b) & h(a \oplus_g b) \end{bmatrix}$ and hence

$$S_3 = c_1 S_1 + c_2 S_2 \tag{1}$$

or

$$S_1 = c_3 S_2, \tag{2}$$

where S_i are columns of the matrix $h(\mathbf{A})$ and c_i are some real constants. If (1) is true, then $h(a) = c_1 h(a) + c_2 h(b)$ and $h(b) = c_1 h(a) + c_2 h(b)$ and thus $h(a) = h(b)$. But this means that $a = b$, a contradiction.

It follows that (2) should be true and hence $h(a) = c_3 h(b)$ and $h(a \odot_g a) = c_3 h(b \odot_g b)$. Then $c_3 = \frac{h(a)}{h(b)} = \frac{h(a \odot_g a)}{h(b \odot_g b)}$ and consequently

$$\frac{h(a)}{h(b)} = \frac{h(g^{-1}(2g(a)))}{h(g^{-1}(2g(b)))}. \tag{3}$$

Put $x = h(a)$, $y = h(b)$ and $f = g \circ h^{-1}$. Then $f^{-1} = h \circ g^{-1}$ and (3) turns to

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{f^{-1}(2f(x))}{f^{-1}(2f(y))}, \tag{4}$$

because of $g(a) = g(h^{-1}(h(a))) = f(x)$, and similarly $g(b) = f(y)$. Simple rewriting of (4) leads to

$$\frac{x}{f^{-1}(2f(x))} = \frac{y}{f^{-1}(2f(y))}, \tag{5}$$

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for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$, $x \neq y$.

The last equality is true for all couples of $x \neq y$ and thus, fixing $y = 1$, one gets

$$\frac{x}{f^{-1}(2f(x))} = \frac{1}{f^{-1}(2f(1))} = \frac{1}{K}, \tag{6}$$

where $K = f^{-1}(2f(1))$ is some positive real constant greater than 1. It follows $K \cdot x = f^{-1}(2f(x))$ and thus

$$f(K \cdot x) = 2f(x). \tag{7}$$

Recall that $f = g \circ h^{-1}$ is continuous strictly increasing odd bijection on $[-\infty, +\infty]$. By A c z e l [1], a general solution of functional equation (7) is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} d \cdot x^p, & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ -d \cdot (-x)^p, & \text{if } x < 0, \end{cases}$$

where d is some positive real constant (in fact, $d = f(1)$), and $p = \log_K 2$, i.e., p is a positive real constant. We will show that $p = 1$.

Put $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & h^{-1}(1) & h^{-1}(1) \\ h^{-1}(1) & 0 & h^{-1}(1) \\ h^{-1}(1) & h^{-1}(1) & h^{-1}(2) \end{bmatrix}$, then $h(\mathbf{B}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and hence

$H(h(\mathbf{B})) = h-H(\mathbf{B}) = 2$. Then also $H(g(\mathbf{B})) = g-H(\mathbf{B}) = 2$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} g(b) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & gh^{-1}(1) & gh^{-1}(1) \\ gh^{-1}(1) & 0 & gh^{-1}(1) \\ gh^{-1}(1) & gh^{-1}(1) & gh^{-1}(2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & f(1) & f(1) \\ f(1) & 0 & f(1) \\ f(1) & f(1) & f(2) \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & d & d \\ d & 0 & d \\ d & d & d2^p \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows $d + d = d \cdot 2^p$, i.e., $p = 1$. But then $f(x) = d \cdot x = g \circ h^{-1}(x)$ which leads to $g^{-1}(d \cdot x) = h^{-1}(x)$ and consequently $h(x) = \frac{1}{d} \cdot g(x) = c \cdot g(x)$, where $c = \frac{1}{d}$ is some positive real constant. □

COROLLARY 4.1. *Two generators g and h are rank-equivalent, i.e., $g-H(\mathbf{A}) = h-H(\mathbf{A})$ for each matrix \mathbf{A} , if and only if $h = c \cdot g$ for some positive constant c .*

R e m a r k 4.1. The rank of matrices with respect to special binary operations \oplus and \odot (covering e.g., $\max = \vee$ and $\min = \wedge$) is discussed in [7], see also [2], where two different ranks, namely the column rank $c(\mathbf{A})$ and the semiring rank $r(\mathbf{A})$, are introduced. In our case, both types of ranks coincide, $r(\mathbf{A}) = c(\mathbf{A}) = g-H(\mathbf{A})$.

THEOREM 4.2. Let $h = c \cdot g$. Then and only then the systems $\mathbf{A} \underset{g}{\odot} \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{A} \underset{h}{\odot} \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{B}$ are equivalent, i.e., the knowledge of \mathbf{X} implies the knowledge of \mathbf{Y} and vice versa, and $g(\mathbf{X}) = h(\mathbf{Y})$.

Proof. The system $\mathbf{A} \underset{g}{\odot} \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$ is equivalent to the linear system $g(\mathbf{A}) \cdot Z = g(\mathbf{B})$, where $Z = g(\mathbf{X})$. The system $\mathbf{A} \underset{h}{\odot} \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{B}$ is equivalent to the linear system $h(\mathbf{A}) \cdot Q = c \cdot g(\mathbf{A}) \cdot Q = h(\mathbf{B}) = c \cdot g(\mathbf{B})$, i.e., $g(\mathbf{A}) \cdot Q = g(\mathbf{B})$, where $Q = h(\mathbf{Y})$. It is easy to see the equivalency of both linear systems and if they are solvable, then $Z = g(\mathbf{X}) = h(\mathbf{Y}) = Q$. \square

Remark 4.2. If $h = c \cdot g$, $c > 0$, and $g(\mathbf{X}) = h(\mathbf{Y})$, then $\mathbf{Y} = h^{-1}(g(\mathbf{X})) = g^{-1}\left(\frac{g(\mathbf{X})}{c}\right) = g^{-1}\left(\frac{g(\mathbf{X})}{g(g^{-1}(c))}\right) = \mathbf{X} \underset{g}{\otimes} g^{-1}(c)$.

Further, the unity e_h of pseudo-multiplication $\underset{h}{\odot}$ is given by $e_h = h^{-1}(1) = g^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{c}\right)$. If we put $g(1) = 1$, i.e., g is normed generator, then $e_h = 1 \underset{g}{\otimes} g^{-1}(c)$ and consequently $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} \underset{g}{\odot} e_h = e_h \underset{g}{\odot} \mathbf{X}$. For the further investigation we propose to use the normed generators g on $[-\infty, +\infty]$ only, as long as the general case can be easily obtained as remarked above.

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