

# Matrices over Differential-difference Algebras

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# Ore (Skew) Polynomials

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☞ Let  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of a ring  $R$ , *i.e.*,  $\sigma$  is 1-1 and

$$\sigma(a + b) = \sigma(a) + \sigma(b) \quad \sigma(ab) = \sigma(a)\sigma(b) \quad \forall a, b \in R.$$

☞ A  $\sigma$ -derivation  $\delta$  of  $R$  is a mapping  $R \rightarrow R$  satisfying:  $\forall a, b \in R$ ,

$$\delta(a + b) = \delta(a) + \delta(b), \quad \delta(ab) = \sigma(a)\delta(b) + \delta(a)b$$

☞ Ore (skew) polynomial ring  $R[x; \sigma, \delta]$  over  $R$  is the set of usual polynomials in  $x$  over  $R$ , *i.e.*,  $\{\sum r_i x^i \mid r_i \in R\}$ , with usual “+” and

$$xr = \sigma(r)x + \delta(r), \quad \forall r \in R.$$

☞ Appeared in Noether and Schmeidler (1920). More discussion given in Ore (1933, Ann. of Math.).

## Definitions

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Let  $D$  be a ring with an involution “ $\bar{\phantom{x}}$ ”, that is, an anti-automorphism on  $D$  of order 2, i.e.,  $\overline{a+b} = \bar{a} + \bar{b}$ ,  $\overline{(ab)} = \bar{b}\bar{a}$ ,  $\bar{\bar{a}} = a$ .

For  $A \in (D)^{m \times n}$ , define  $\bar{A} = (\bar{a}_{ij})$ , and  $A^* = (\bar{A})^T$ , the **involution transpose** of  $A$ .

Let  $A \in (D)^{m \times n}$  and  $B \in (D)^{n \times m}$ .

$$(1) AGA = A \quad (2) GAG = G \quad (3) (AG)^* = AG \quad (4) (GA)^* = GA$$

$$(5) AG = GA \quad (6) A^k = A^{k+1}G, k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$G$  is called a  **$\{i, j, k \dots\}$ -inverse** of  $A$  if  $G$  satisfies  $\{i, j, k \dots\}$ .

$G$  is called a **Moore-Penrose inverse** if  $G$  satisfies  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

# History

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Computing various generalized inverses of given matrices:

 very active research areas:

Ring Theory,

Matrix Theory,

Linear Algebra, Numerical Linear Algebra,

Numerical Analysis, etc.

 many applications in Statistics, Engineering, etc.

# The Field of Rational Functions

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Consider  $K(t)[x; \sigma, \delta]$ , where  $K(t)$  is the rational function field over a field  $K$ . It is well-known that every automorphism  $\phi$  of  $K(t)$  can be induced by

$$\phi(t) = \frac{at + b}{ct + d} \quad \text{or} \quad \phi(t) = t,$$

where  $a, b, c, d \in K$  and  $ad - bc \neq 0$ .

**Lemma** Every involution  $\phi$  on  $K(t)$  can be written as

$$\phi(t) = \frac{at + b}{ct - a} \quad \text{or} \quad \phi(t) = t,$$

where  $a, b, c \in K$  and  $a^2 + bc \neq 0$ .

# Ore Polynomials

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In skew polynomial rings, we always assume that  $\sigma$  and  $\delta$  commute.

In  $K(t)$ , this condition will force  $\sigma$  to be a shift operator.

**Lemma** In  $K(t)$ , let  $\delta(t) = 1$ . Then  $\sigma\delta = \delta\sigma$  if and only if  $\sigma(t) = t + k$ , for some  $k \in K$ .

## In $K(t)[x]$

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**Theorem** Let  $S = K(t)[x]$ . Then every involution  $\phi$  on  $S$  with  $\phi(t) = t$  can be written as

$$\phi \left( \sum_{i=0}^n r_i(t) x^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n r_i(t) [-x + a(t)]^i \quad \text{or}$$

$$\phi \left( \sum_{i=0}^n r_i(t) x^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n r_i(t) (cx)^i,$$

where  $a(t) \in K(t)$  and  $c \in K$  with  $c^2 = 1$ .

## In $K(t)[x]$

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**Theorem** Let  $S = K(t)[x]$ . Then the form of the involution  $\phi$  on  $S$  with  $\phi(t) = \frac{at+b}{ct-a}$ ,  $a, b, c \in K$  and  $a^2 + bc \neq 0$  is

$$\phi \left( \sum_{i=0}^n r_i(t)x^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n \phi(r_i(t)) [a_1(t)x + b_1(t)]^i,$$

for some  $a_1(t) \in K(t) \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $b_1(t)$ .

Furthermore,  $\phi$  is an involution on  $S$  if and only if  $a_1(t)$  and  $b_1(t)$  satisfy

$$a_1(t)\phi[a_1(t)] = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad b_1(t)\phi(a_1(t)) + \phi(b_1(t)) = 0.$$



## Involutions on $S = K(t)[x; \delta]$

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We would extend all the involutions  $\phi$  on  $K(t)$  (i.e.,  $\phi(t) = \frac{at+b}{ct-a}$  and  $\phi(t) = t$ ) to  $K(t)[x; \delta]$  (i.e.,  $\sigma = 1$  and  $\delta \neq 0$  in  $K(t)[x; \sigma, \delta]$ ).

The following Leibniz formula in  $S = K(t)[x; \delta]$  is well-known.

$$x^m [a(t)] = \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{m}{i} \delta^{m-i} [a(t)] x^i, \quad \text{for any } a(t) \in K(t).$$

**Lemma** Let  $S = K(t)[x; \delta]$ . For any  $a(t), b(t) \in K(t)$ ,

$$b(t) [-x + a(t)]^m = \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{m}{i} [-x + a(t)]^i \delta^{m-i} [b(t)].$$

## Involutions on $S = K(t)[x; \delta]$

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**Lemma** Let  $a_1(t) = \frac{(ct-a)^2}{a^2+bc} \in K(t)$  and  $\phi(t) = \frac{at+b}{ct-a}$ , where  $a, b, c \in K$  and  $a^2 + bc \neq 0$ , then

$$\phi[s(t)] [a_1(t)x + b_1(t)]^m = \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{m}{i} [a_1(t)x + b_1(t)]^i \phi[\delta^{m-i}(s(t))],$$

for any  $b_1(t), s(t) \in K(t)$ .

## Involutions on $S = K(t)[x; \delta]$

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**Theorem** Let  $S = K(t)[x; \delta]$ . Then every involution  $\phi$  on  $S$  with  $\phi(t) = t$  can be written as

$$\phi \left( \sum_{i=0}^n r_i(t) x^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n [-x + d(t)]^i r_i(t),$$

for some  $b(t) \in K(t)$ .

## Involutions on $S = K(t)[x; \delta]$

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**Theorem** Let  $S = K(t)[x; \delta]$ ,  $a, b, c \in K$  and  $a^2 + bc \neq 0$ . Then any involution  $\phi$  on  $S$  with  $\phi(t) = \frac{at+b}{ct-a}$  can be written in

$$\phi \left( \sum_{i=0}^n r_i(t)x^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n [a_1(t)x + b_1(t)]^i \phi(r_i(t)),$$

where  $a_1(t) \in K(t) \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $b_1(t) \in K(t)$ .

Conversely, let  $\phi$  be a mapping defined above. Then  $\phi$  is an involution on  $K(t)[x; \delta]$  if and only if  $a_1(t) = \frac{(ct-a)^2}{a^2+bc}$ , and  $b_1(t)$  satisfies

$$\frac{-2c}{ct-a} + b_1(t) \frac{a^2 + bc}{(ct-a)^2} + \phi(b_1(t)) = 0.$$

## Involutions on $S = K(t)[x; \sigma]$

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Consider pure difference operator case, that is,  $\delta(t) = 0$ .

**Theorem** Let  $S = K(t)[x; \sigma]$ . Then any involution  $\phi$  on  $S$  with  $\phi(t) = t$  can be written as

$$\phi \left( \sum_{i=0}^n r_i(t) x^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n [a_1(t)x]^i r_i(t),$$

where  $a_1(t) \in K(t) \setminus \{0\}$  and  $r_i(t) \in K(t)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

Conversely, a mapping  $\phi$  defined by above is an involution on  $K(t)[x; \sigma]$  if and only if  $a_1(t)\sigma(a_1(t)) = 1$  and  $\sigma^2(t) = t$ .

## Involutions on $S = K(t)[x; \sigma]$

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**Theorem.** Let  $S = K(t)[x; \sigma]$ ,  $a, b, c \in K$  and  $a^2 + bc \neq 0$ . Then any involution  $\phi$  on  $S$  with  $\phi(t) = \frac{at+b}{ct-a}$  can be written as

$$\phi \left( \sum_{i=0}^n r_i(t) x^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n [a_1(t)x]^i \phi(r_i(t)),$$

where  $a_1(t) \in K(t) \setminus \{0\}$ .

Furthermore, a mapping  $\phi$  defined above is an involution if and only if

$$\sigma(\phi[\sigma(t)]) = \phi(t), \quad a_1(t)\sigma[\phi(a_1(t))] = 1.$$

## Involutions on $S = K(t)[x; \sigma, \delta]$

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For a mixed form,

**Theorem** Let  $S = K(t)[x; \sigma, \delta]$ . If  $\sigma \neq 1$ ,  $\delta \neq 0$  and  $\sigma\delta = \delta\sigma$ , then  $\phi$  couldn't be extended to be an involution on  $S$ .

# Moore-Penrose Inverses

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**Theorem** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix over  $S$  with  $m \geq n$  and  $\rho(A) = n$  ( $m \leq n$  and  $\rho(A) = m$ , resp.). Then

- (i)  $A$  has a MP-inverse if and only if  $A^*A$  ( $AA^*$ , resp.) is invertible.
- (ii) If  $A^*A$  ( $AA^*$ , resp.) is invertible, then  $G := (A^*A)^{-1}A^*$  ( $G := A^*(AA^*)^{-1}$ , resp.) is the MP-inverse of  $A$ , and  $GG^*$  ( $G^*G$ , resp.) is the inverse of  $A^*A$  ( $AA^*$ , resp.) over  $S$ .



# Jacobson Form

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Let  $f, g \in R[x; \sigma, \delta]$ .  $f$  and  $g$  are called **similar** if there exist  $a, b \in R[x; \sigma, \delta]$  such that

$$af = gb,$$

$$R[x; \sigma, \delta] = aR[x; \sigma, \delta] + gR[x; \sigma, \delta], \quad R[x; \sigma, \delta] = R[x; \sigma, \delta]b + R[x; \sigma, \delta]f.$$

$A \in R[x; \sigma, \delta]^{n \times n}$  is called **unimodular** if there exists an  $A^{-1} \in R[x; \sigma, \delta]^{n \times n}$  such that  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$ .



# Jacobson Form

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**Theorem** For any  $A \in S^{m \times n}$ ,  $A$  has a  $\{1\}$ -inverse over  $S \iff$  there exist invertible matrices  $P \in S^{m \times m}$  and  $Q \in S^{n \times n}$  such that

$$A = P \begin{bmatrix} I_r & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} Q,$$

in which case if  $X$  is a  $\{1\}$ -inverse of  $A$  over  $S$ , then  $X$  can be written as

$$Q^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} I_r & W_2 \\ W_3 & W_4 \end{bmatrix} P^{-1},$$

where  $W_2 \in S^{r \times (m-r)}$ ,  $W_3 \in S^{(n-r) \times r}$  and  $W_4 \in S^{(n-r) \times (m-r)}$  are arbitrary Ore matrices.

# Jacobson Form

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**Corollary** For  $A \in R[x; \sigma, \delta]^{m \times n}$ , if Jacobson form of  $A$  is  $[I_m, 0]$ , then  $A\{1\} = A\{1, 2, 3\}$ .

**Corollary** For  $A \in R[x; \sigma, \delta]^{m \times n}$ , if Jacobson form of  $A$  is  $[I_n, 0]^T$ , then  $A\{1\} = A\{1, 2, 4\}$ .

# Jacobson Form

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Algorithms for computing Jacobson forms:

- Elementary row and column transformations.
- GCD and LCM methods.
- Using other normal forms.
- LLL algorithm, Lattice reductions, Gröbner bases.

# Roth Theorem

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**Roth Theorem I** For any  $G \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ ,  $E \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times p}$  and  $F \in \mathbb{C}^{q \times n}$ ,

$$EX - YF = G,$$

is consistent over  $\mathbb{C} \iff \begin{bmatrix} E & G \\ \mathbf{0} & F \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} E & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & F \end{bmatrix}$ , are equivalent.

**Roth Theorem II** For any  $G \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $E \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and  $F \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,

$$EX - XF = G,$$

is consistent over  $\mathbb{C} \iff \begin{bmatrix} E & G \\ \mathbf{0} & F \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} E & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & F \end{bmatrix}$ , are similar.

# Roth Theorem

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**Theorem.** For any  $G \in S^{m \times n}$ , if  $E \in S^{m \times p}$  and  $F \in S^{q \times n}$  both have  $\{1\}$ -inverses over  $S$ , then

$$EX - YF = G,$$

is consistent over  $S \iff \rho \left( \begin{bmatrix} E & G \\ \mathbf{0} & F \end{bmatrix} \right) = \rho \left( \begin{bmatrix} E & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & F \end{bmatrix} \right).$

# Equivalence

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**Definition** Two Ore matrices  $U$  and  $V \in S^{m \times n}$  are called **equivalent** if  $U = MVN$ , where  $M \in S^{m \times m}$  and  $N \in S^{n \times n}$  are two invertible matrices.

**Theorem** For any  $G \in S^{m \times n}$ , if  $E \in S^{m \times p}$  and  $F \in S^{q \times n}$  both have  $\{1\}$ -inverses over  $S$ , then

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} E & G \\ \mathbf{0} & F \end{bmatrix}, \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} E & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & F \end{bmatrix},$$

are equivalent over  $S \iff \rho(U) = \rho(V)$ .



# Unimodular

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An Ore matrix  $A \in S^{m \times n}$  is called **right (left) unimodular** over  $S$  if there exists an Ore matrix  $B \in S^{n \times m}$  such that  $BA = I$  ( $AB = I$ ).

**Lemma** For any  $A \in S^{m \times n}$ ,  $A$  is left unimodular over  $S \iff A \in S_m^{m \times n}$  and  $A$  has a  $\{1\}$ -inverse over  $S$ .

**Lemma** For any  $A \in S^{m \times n}$ ,  $A$  is right unimodular over  $S \iff A \in S_n^{m \times n}$  and  $A$  has a  $\{1\}$ -inverse over  $S$ .

$$AXB + CYD = E$$


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Next, we discuss the solutions of  $AXB + CYD = E$  over  $S$ .

**Lemma** Let  $A \in S^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in S^{p \times q}$ ,  $C \in S^{m \times t}$ ,  $D \in S^{w \times q}$  and  $E \in S^{m \times q}$ .

If  $[A \ C] \in S_m^{m \times (n+t)}$  and  $[A \ C]$  has a  $\{1\}$ -inverse over  $S$ , then there exist  $M_1 \in S^{n \times m}$ ,  $M_2 \in S^{t \times m}$ ,  $M_3 \in S^{t \times (n+t-m)}$ ,  $M_4 \in S^{n \times (n+t-m)}$ ,  $M_5 \in S^{(n+t-m) \times t}$  and  $M_6 \in S^{(n+t-m) \times n}$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & C \\ M_6 & -M_5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & M_4 \\ M_2 & -M_3 \end{bmatrix} = I_{n+t}.$$

$$AXB + CYD = E$$


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**Lemma** Let  $A \in S^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in S^{p \times q}$ ,  $C \in S^{m \times t}$ ,  $D \in S^{w \times q}$  and  $E \in S^{m \times q}$ .

If  $\begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix} \in S_q^{(p+w) \times q}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix}$  has a  $\{1\}$ -inverse over  $S$ , then there exist  $M_7 \in S^{q \times w}$ ,  $M_8 \in S^{q \times p}$ ,  $M_9 \in S^{(p+w-q) \times w}$ ,  $M_{10} \in S^{(p+w-q) \times p}$ ,  $M_{11} \in S^{p \times (p+w-q)}$  and  $M_{12} \in S^{w \times (p+w-q)}$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_9 & M_{10} \\ M_7 & -M_8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_{12} & D \\ M_{11} & -B \end{bmatrix} = I_{p+w}.$$

$$AXB + CYD = E$$

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**Theorem** Suppose that Ore matrices  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  satisfy the conditions of above two lemmas, if  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  all have  $\{1\}$ -inverses over  $S$ , then the following assertions are equivalent:

1. The matrix equation

$$AXB + CYD = E,$$

has solutions over  $S$ .

2. The matrix equation

$$AM_4X_0 + Y_0M_{10}B = EM_8B - AM_1E,$$

has solutions over  $S$ .

3. The matrix equations

$$AX_1 + Y_1D = E, \quad X_2B + CY_2 = E,$$

have solutions over  $S$ .

4.

$$\rho \left( \begin{bmatrix} C & E & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & B & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & A & E \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & D \end{bmatrix} \right) = \rho \left( \begin{bmatrix} C & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & B & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & A & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & D \end{bmatrix} \right),$$

over  $S$ .

5. The matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} C & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & A \end{bmatrix} X_3 + Y_3 \begin{bmatrix} B & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & E \end{bmatrix},$$

has solutions over  $S$ .

**Remark:** we assume that  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  all have  $\{1\}$ -inverses over  $S$ .

$$AXB + CYD = E$$


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**Theorem** Let  $A \in S^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in S^{p \times q}$ ,  $C \in S^{m \times t}$ ,  $D \in S^{w \times q}$ ,  $E \in S^{m \times q}$ ,  $P = [A \ C]$  and  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $P^{(1)}$  and  $Q^{(1)}$  both exist over  $S$ , then a necessary and sufficient condition for the matrix equation

$$AXB + CYD = E,$$

to have solutions over  $S$  is that there are  $P^{(1)}$  and  $Q^{(1)}$  over  $S$  such that

$$PP^{(1)}EQ^{(1)}Q = E,$$

in which case

$$\begin{bmatrix} X & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & Y \end{bmatrix} = P^{(1)}EQ^{(1)} + Z - P^{(1)}PZQQ^{(1)},$$

is the general solution, where  $Z \in S^{(n+t) \times (p+w)}$  is an arbitrary Ore matrix.

# Group Inverses

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Recall that  $A, G \in S^{m \times m}$ .  $G$  is called a **group inverse** of  $A$  if

$$AGA = A, \quad GAG = G, \quad AG = GA$$

- The group inverse of a given  $A$  is unique.

# Group Inverses

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**Theorem** Let  $A$  be a square matrix over  $S$ . The following statements are equivalent.

1.  $A$  has a group inverse over  $S$ .
2.  $A$  has a  $\{1\}$ -inverse of the form  $AC$  for some matrix  $C$  over  $S$ .
3.  $A$  has a  $\{1\}$ -inverse of the form  $CA$  for some matrix  $C$  over  $S$ .
4.  $A$  has a  $\{1\}$ -inverse of the form  $ACA$  for some matrix  $C$  over  $S$ .
5.  $\rho(A) = \rho(A^2)$  and  $A^2$  has  $\{1\}$ -inverse.
6.  $\rho(A) = \rho(A^n)$  and  $A^n$  has  $\{1\}$ -inverse.

Furthermore, if  $ACA$  is a  $\{1\}$ -inverse of  $A$  over  $S$ , then  $ACA$  is the group inverse of  $A$ .



# Drazin Inverses

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Recall that  $A, G \in S^{m \times m}$ .  $G$  is called a **Drazin inverse** of  $A$  with index  $k$  if

$$A^{k+1}G = A^k, \quad GAG = G, \quad AG = GA$$

- The Drazin inverse of a given  $A$  is unique.

# Drazin Inverses

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**Theorem** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over  $S$ .

1. If  $A$  has a Drazin inverse over  $S$  with index  $p$ , then  $A^{p+1}$  has  $\{1\}$ -inverse over  $S$ .
2. If  $A^{p+k}$  has  $\{1\}$ -inverse over  $S$  for some integer  $k \geq 1$ , then both  $A^{p+k+1}$  and  $A^{p+k-1}$  has  $\{1\}$ -inverse over  $S$ , and  $A$  has a Drazin inverse over  $S$ .
3. If  $A^{2p+1}$  has a  $\{1\}$ -inverse over  $S$ , then  $A^p(A^{2p+1})^{\{1\}}A^p$  is the Drazin inverse of  $A$  over  $S$ .

# Group and Drazin Inverses

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**Theorem** Let  $A$  be a square matrix over  $S$  and let  $k \geq p$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $A$  has a Drazin inverse with index  $p$  over  $S$  if and only if  $A^k$  has a group inverse over  $S$ .