

**A two-dimensional vector space algebra with identity  
2x2 matrix basis matrix multiplication homomorphism**

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**Theorem I.1:** There exists a homomorphism between any two-dimensional vector space algebra with identity and a 2x2 matrix basis under ordinary matrix multiplication

*proof:*

Let the set:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{F}$$

be a 2-dimensional vector basis spanning a number field:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} &= A \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + B \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A + Ba & Bb \\ Bc & A + Bd \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + bc & ab + bd \\ ca + dc & cb + d^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l|l} a^2 + bc = A + Ba & ab + bd = Bb \\ \hline cb + d^2 = A + Bd & ca + dc = Bc \end{array} \right\} &\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l|l} a^2 + bc = A + Ba & a + d = B \\ \hline cb + d^2 = A + Bd & a + d = B \end{array} \right\} \\ \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a^2 + bc = A + Ba \\ cb + (B - a)^2 = A + B(B - a) \end{array} \right\} &\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a^2 - Ba + (bc - A) = 0 \\ (B - a)^2 - B(B - a) + (cb - A) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \\ \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = \frac{B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4(bc - A)}}{2} \\ (B - a) = \frac{B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4(cb - A)}}{2} = a \end{array} \right\} &\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}B = d \Rightarrow 0 = B^2 - 4(bc - A) \\ \Rightarrow B^2 + 4A = 4bc &\Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) \\ \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad (b \neq 0) & \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} \frac{1}{2}B & b & \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B & \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} \frac{1}{2}B & b & \frac{1}{4}B^2 + \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A & \frac{1}{2}Bb + \frac{1}{2}Bb \\ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B & \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) \frac{1}{2}B + \frac{1}{2}B \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A + \frac{1}{4}B^2 \end{array} \right) & \\ = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} \frac{1}{2}B^2 + A & Bb & \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ B \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B^2 + A & \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{array} \right) &= A \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + B \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix}, \quad (b \neq 0) \end{aligned}$$

the basis is linearly independent:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= C1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + C2 \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C1 + aC2 & bC2 \\ cC2 & C1 + dC2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (b \neq 0) \\ \Rightarrow C2 &= 0 \Rightarrow C1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

This is a statement of constructive existence of an algebra [1].

Unfortunately, the vector space of the algebra must be known to be 2-dimensional.

Given that the vector space of the algebra is known to be 2-dimensional, the algebra product determines the constants:  $A, B, b$ ; determining the basis of the algebra, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= u_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + u_2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} \\ v &= v_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + v_2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow uv &= \left[ u_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + u_2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} \right] \left[ v_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + v_2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= u_1 v_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + [u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1] \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} + \\ &\quad + u_2 v_2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= u_1 v_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + [u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1] \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b}(\frac{1}{4}B^2 + A) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} + \\
&\quad + u_2 v_2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4}B^2 + (\frac{1}{4}B^2 + A) & b \\ \frac{1}{b}(\frac{1}{4}B^2 + A) & (\frac{1}{4}B^2 + A) + \frac{1}{4}B^2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= u_1 v_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + [u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1] \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b}(\frac{1}{4}B^2 + A) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} + u_2 v_2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B^2 + A & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}B^2 + A \end{pmatrix} \\
&= [u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 (\frac{1}{2}B^2 + A)] \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + [u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1] \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b}(\frac{1}{4}B^2 + A) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

For an algebra homomorphism  $h$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
h(u) &= U ; \quad u \in \mathbb{V}, \quad U \in \mathbb{W} \\
\Rightarrow &\begin{cases} h(au + bv) = ah(u) + bh(v) ; \quad u, v \in \mathbb{V}, \quad h(u), h(v), h(au + bv) \in \mathbb{W} ; \quad a, b \in \mathbb{F} \\ h(auv) = ah(u)h(v) ; \quad u, v \in \mathbb{V}, \quad h(u), h(v), h(auv) \in \mathbb{W} ; \quad a \in \mathbb{F} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

So, the identity element transforms to the identity element, and if it is a base vector, then in a vector space of dimension greater than 1, there is another base vector of the vector space.

Under the above conditions, let this basis be denoted by  $\{\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f}\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow h(\mathbf{e}) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad h(\mathbf{f}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b}(\frac{1}{4}B^2 + A) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} \\
u = u_1 \mathbf{e} + u_2 \mathbf{f} \Leftrightarrow h(u) &= u_1 h(\mathbf{e}) + u_2 h(\mathbf{f}) = u_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + u_2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b}(\frac{1}{4}B^2 + A) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} \\
v = v_1 \mathbf{e} + v_2 \mathbf{f} \Leftrightarrow h(v) &= v_1 h(\mathbf{e}) + v_2 h(\mathbf{f}) = v_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + v_2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b}(\frac{1}{4}B^2 + A) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} \\
\Rightarrow uv &= u_1 v_1 \mathbf{e} + (u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1) \mathbf{f} + u_2 v_2 \mathbf{f}^2 \\
h(\mathbf{f}^2) &= h(\mathbf{f})h(\mathbf{f}) = h(\mathbf{f})^2 \\
\Rightarrow h(uv) &= u_1 v_1 h(\mathbf{e}) + (u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1) h(\mathbf{f}) + u_2 v_2 h(\mathbf{f})^2 \\
&= [u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 (\frac{1}{2}B^2 + A)] \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + [u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1] \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}B & b \\ \frac{1}{b}(\frac{1}{4}B^2 + A) & \frac{1}{2}B \end{pmatrix} \\
\Rightarrow h(uv) &= u_1 v_1 h(\mathbf{e}) + (u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1) h(\mathbf{f}) + u_2 v_2 h(\mathbf{f})^2 \\
\Rightarrow u_2 v_2 h(\mathbf{f})^2 &= u_2 v_2 \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
\Rightarrow h(\mathbf{f})^2 &= \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) h(\mathbf{e}) \\
\Rightarrow h\left(\mathbf{f}^2 + \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) \mathbf{e}\right) &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow \mathbf{f}^2 &= \left( \frac{1}{4}B^2 + A \right) \mathbf{e}
\end{aligned}$$

is an equation the algebra non-identity base vector must satisfy.

(thus, the basis of a two-dimensional vector space unitary algebra is a cyclic group [3] of order 2)

NOTE:

$$B = 0, \quad A = -1, \quad b = 1 \Rightarrow h(\mathbf{f}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is isomorphic to the complex number vector space

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -h(\mathbf{e})$$

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