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Moore-Penrose Hermitian elements in rings with involution

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Abstract

A Moore-Penrose invertible element in rings with involution is Moore-Penrose Hermitian if Moore-Penrose inverse is equal to the element itself. In this paper, we present a number of new characterizations of Moore-Penrose Hermitian elements in rings with involution in purely algebraic terms.

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1 Introduction

Let \mathcal{R} be an associative ring with unity 1, and let $a \in \mathcal{R}$. Then a is group invertible if there is $a^\# \in \mathcal{R}$ such that

$$(1) \quad aa^\#a = a, \quad (2) \quad a^\#aa^\# = a^\#, \quad (3) \quad aa^\# = a^\#a.$$

Recall that $a^\#$ is uniquely determined by previous equations. We use $\mathcal{R}^\#$ to denote the set of all group invertible elements of \mathcal{R} .

An involution $a \rightarrow a^*$ in a ring \mathcal{R} is an anti-isomorphism of degree 2, that is,

$$(1) \quad (a^*)^* = a, \quad (2) \quad (a + b)^* = a^* + b^*, \quad (3) \quad (ab)^* = b^*a^*.$$

In the rest of the paper, we assume that \mathcal{R} is a ring with involution. An element $a \in \mathcal{R}$ satisfying $aa^* = a^*a$ is called normal.

The Moore-Penrose inverse of a , is the unique element a^\dagger satisfying the equations

$$(1) aa^\dagger a = a, \quad (2) a^\dagger aa^\dagger = a^\dagger, \quad (3) aa^\dagger = (aa^\dagger)^*, \quad (4) a^\dagger a = (a^\dagger a)^*.$$

The subset of \mathcal{R} consisting of elements of \mathcal{R} that have a Moore-Penrose inverse will be denoted by \mathcal{R}^\dagger .

Several characterizations of elements $a \in \mathcal{R}^\dagger$ such that $aa^\dagger = a^\dagger a$ can be found in the literature (see [1], [6], [7], [8] and [10]). These elements are called EP. For a ring with involution \mathcal{R} , we will denote $\mathcal{R}^{EP} = \{a \in \mathcal{R}^\dagger : aa^\dagger = a^\dagger a\}$.

An element $a \in \mathcal{R}^\dagger$ satisfying $a^*a^\dagger = a^\dagger a^*$ is called star-dagger.

A characterization of nonnegative matrices which are equal to their Moore-Penrose inverse is derived by Berman in [2]. Many years ago, the concept of Moore-Penrose Hermitian elements in C^* -algebras was introduced by E. Boasso [3]: Let \mathcal{A} be a C^* -algebra. A regular element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ is Moore-Penrose Hermitian if $a^\dagger = a$. The definition of Moore-Penrose Hermitian elements can be generalized to elements in rings with involution.

Definition 1.1 *If \mathcal{R} is a ring with involution, and a^\dagger is the Moore-Penrose inverse of $a \in \mathcal{R}^\dagger$, then the element a is called Moore-Penrose Hermitian if $a^\dagger = a$.*

The following result is well-know and frequently used in the rest of the paper.

Theorem 1.1 [4, 9] *For any $a \in \mathcal{R}^\dagger$, the following is satisfied:*

- (i) $(a^\dagger)^\dagger = a$,
- (ii) $a^* = a^\dagger aa^* = a^* a^\dagger$.

In [2] and [5], authors used the representation of complex matrices to explore various property of Moore-Penrose Hermitian matrices. In this paper, we use a different approach, exploiting the structure of rings with involution to investigate Moore-Penrose Hermitian elements. We give several characterizations, and the proofs are based on ring theory only.

2 Results

E. Boasso proved the following result in [3].

Proposition 2.1 *Consider a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} and an element $a \in \mathcal{A}$. Then the following statements hold:*

- (i) *Necessary and sufficient for a to be a Moore-Penrose Hermitian is $a = a^3$ and $(a^2)^* = a^2$,*
- (ii) *If a is a Moore-Penrose Hermitian, then a^n also is, $n \in \mathcal{N}$.*
- (iii) *The element a is a Moore-Penrose Hermitian if and only if a^* is.*
- (iv) *If a is a Moore-Penrose Hermitian, then $\sigma(a) \subseteq \{0, -1, 1\}$, where $\sigma(a)$ denotes the spectrum of a .*

Observe that the previous proposition holds on Moore-Penrose Hermitian elements in rings with involution. Some new characterizations of Moore-Penrose Hermitian elements in rings with involution are given in the following results.

Theorem 2.1 *Let \mathcal{R} be a ring with involution and $a \in \mathcal{R}^\dagger$. Then a is a Moore-Penrose Hermitian if and only if one of the following equivalent conditions holds:*

- (i) *a^\dagger is a Moore-Penrose Hermitian,*
- (ii) *$a^* = (a^*)^3$ and $(a^2)^* = a^2$,*
- (iii) *$a^\dagger = (a^\dagger)^3$ and $((a^\dagger)^2)^* = (a^\dagger)^2$,*
- (iv) *$a = a^3$ and a is an EP element,*
- (v) *$a^* = (a^*)^3$ and a^* is an EP element,*
- (vi) *$a^\dagger = (a^\dagger)^3$ and a^\dagger is an EP element,*
- (vii) *$a = a^3$ and $a^\dagger a a a^\dagger = a a^\dagger a^\dagger a$,*
- (viii) *$a^\dagger = (a^\dagger)^3$ and $a^\dagger a a a^\dagger = a a^\dagger a^\dagger a$,*
- (ix) *$a^* = a a a^*$ (or $a^* = a^* a a$),*

- (x) $a = a^*a^*a$ (or $a = aa^*a^*$)
- (xi) $a = a^3$ and $a^\dagger = aa^*a^*$ (or $a = a^3$ and $a^\dagger = a^*a^*a$),
- (xii) $a^\dagger a = aa$ (or $aa^\dagger = aa$),
- (xiii) $aa^\dagger = a^\dagger a^\dagger$ (or $a^\dagger a = a^\dagger a^\dagger$),
- (xiv) $a^\dagger = a^\dagger aa$ (or $a^\dagger = aaa^\dagger$),
- (xv) $a = aa^\dagger a^\dagger$ (or $a = a^\dagger a^\dagger a$).

Proof. If a is a Moore-Penrose Hermitian, then it commutes with its Moore-Penrose inverse and $a^\dagger = a$. It is not difficult to verify that conditions (iii)-(xiii) hold.

Conversely, to conclude that a is a Moore-Penrose Hermitian, we show that the condition $a^\dagger = a$ is satisfied, or that the element is subject to one of the preceding already established conditions of this theorem.

(i) From $(a^\dagger)^\dagger = a^\dagger$ and $(a^\dagger)^\dagger = a$ follows $a^\dagger = a$. Hence, the element a is a Moore-Penrose Hermitian.

(ii) The conclusion follows by (i) of Proposition 2.1 and (iii) of Proposition 2.1.

(iii) The conclusion follows by (i) of Proposition 2.1 and (i).

(iv) Suppose that $a = a^3$ and $aa^\dagger = a^\dagger a$. Then

$$a^\dagger = (a^\dagger)^2 a = (a^\dagger)^2 a^3 = ((a^\dagger)^2 a) a^2 = a^\dagger a^2 = a.$$

(v) The conclusion follows by (iii) of Proposition 2.1 and (iv).

(vi) The conclusion follows by (i) and (iv).

(vii) From $a = a^3$ and $a^\dagger aaa^\dagger = aa^\dagger a^\dagger a$, we get

$$aa^\dagger = a^3 a^\dagger = aaa^\dagger aaa^\dagger = a^3 a^\dagger a^\dagger a = aa^\dagger a^\dagger a$$

and, similar,

$$a^\dagger a = a^\dagger a^3 = a^\dagger aaa^\dagger aa = aa^\dagger a^\dagger a^3 = aa^\dagger a^\dagger a.$$

Thus, $aa^\dagger = a^\dagger a$ and the condition (iv) is satisfied.

(viii) The conclusion follows by (i) and (vii).

(ix) If $a^* = aaa^*$, then

$$a^2 = a(a^*)^* = a(a^2a^*)^* = a^2(a^2)^* = (a^2a^*)a^* = a^*a^* = (a^2)^*.$$

Multiplying $a^2 = (a^2)^*$ by a , we obtain $a^3 = a(a^*)^2$. Now,

$$a = (a^*)^* = (a^2a^*)^* = a(a^*)^2 = a^3.$$

Hence, the condition (i) of Proposition 2.1 holds.

If the equality $a^* = a^*aa$ applies, then the proof is analogous.

(x) The conclusion follows by (iii) of Proposition 2.1 and (ix).

(xi) Applying $a^\dagger = aa^*a^*$ and $a = a^3$, we have

$$a^* = a^\dagger aa^* = a(a^*)^2 aa^* = a^3(a^*)^2 aa^* = a^2(a(a^*)^2)aa^* = a^2 a^\dagger aa^* = a^2 a^*.$$

Therefore, the condition (ix) is satisfied.

If the equalities $a = a^3$ and $a^\dagger = a^*a^*a$ hold, then the proof is analogous.

(xii) The equality $a^\dagger a = aa$ gives

$$a^* = a^*aa^\dagger = a^*a^2.$$

Hence, the condition (ix) holds.

If the equality $aa^\dagger = aa$ applies, then the proof is analogous.

(xiii) The conclusion follows by (i) and (xii).

(xiv) Suppose that $a^\dagger = a^\dagger aa$. Then

$$aa^\dagger = aa^\dagger aa = aa.$$

Thus, the condition (xii) is satisfied.

If the equality $a^\dagger = aaa^\dagger$ holds, then the proof is analogous.

(xv) The conclusion follows by (i) and (xiv). \square

In the following theorem, we assume that the element a is both Moore-Penrose invertible and group invertible. Then, we study the conditions involving a^\dagger , a^\sharp and a to ensure that a is a Moore-Penrose Hermitian element.

Theorem 2.2 *Let \mathcal{R} be a ring with involution and $a \in \mathcal{R}^\dagger$. Then a is a Moore-Penrose Hermitian if and only if $a \in \mathcal{A}^\sharp$ and one of the following equivalent conditions holds:*

(i) $a^\dagger a = a^\sharp a^\dagger$.

(ii) $a = a^\dagger aa^\sharp$.

(iii) $a^\dagger a^\# = a^\# a.$

(iv) $a^\# = a^\dagger a^\# a^\#.$

Proof. (i) Multiplying $a^\dagger a = a^\# a^\dagger$ by a^2 from the left side, we get $aa = aa^\dagger$. Hence, the condition (xii) of Theorem 2.1 is satisfied.

(ii) Using $a = a^\dagger a a^\#$, we obtain $aa = a^\dagger (aa^\# a) = a^\dagger a$. Thus, the condition (xii) of Theorem 2.1 holds.

(iii) When we multiply $a^\dagger a^\# = a^\# a$ by a^2 from the right side, we have $a^\dagger a = aa$. Hence, a satisfies the condition (xii) of Theorem 2.1.

(iv) Multiplying the equality $a^\# = a^\dagger a^\# a^\#$ by a from the right side, we obtain the condition (iii):

$$a^\dagger a^\# = a^\# a. \square$$

Finally, we prove the result involving Moore-Penrose Hermitian elements in a ring with involution.

Theorem 2.3 *Let \mathcal{R} be a ring with involution and let $a \in \mathcal{R}$. If a is Moore-Penrose Hermitian and star-dagger, then a is normal.*

Proof. Using $a^\dagger = a$ and $a^\# a^\dagger = a^\dagger a^\#$, we get

$$a^* a = a^* a^3 = a^* (a^\dagger)^3 = (a^\dagger)^3 a^* = a^\dagger a^* = aa^*.$$

Thus, a is normal. \square

3 Conclusions

In this paper, we consider Moore-Penrose invertible or both Moore-Penrose invertible and group invertible elements in rings with involution to characterize Moore-Penrose Hermitian elements. In the theory of complex matrices various authors used an elegant representation of complex matrices to investigate Moore-Penrose Hermitian matrices. In this paper, we applied a purely algebraic technique, involving some characterizations of the Moore-Penrose inverse.

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