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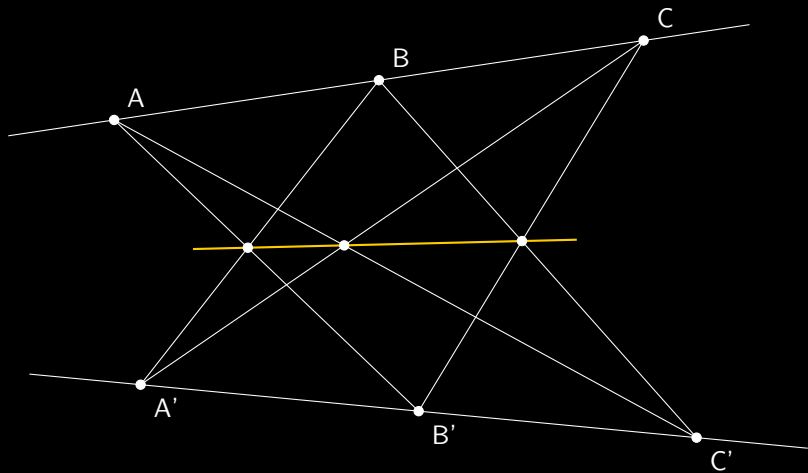
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## 5.7 Pseudo-Inverse

### Definitions:

A **Moore–Penrose pseudo-inverse** of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is a matrix  $A^\dagger \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  that satisfies the following four **Penrose** conditions:

$$AA^\dagger A = A; \quad A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger; \quad (AA^\dagger)^* = AA^\dagger; \quad (A^\dagger A)^* = A^\dagger A.$$

### Facts:

All the following facts except those with a specific reference can be found in [Gra83, pp. 105–141] or [RM71, pp. 44–67].

- Every  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  has a unique pseudo-inverse  $A^\dagger$ .
- If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then  $A^\dagger$  is real.
- If  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  of rank  $r$  has a full rank decomposition  $A = BC$ , where  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$  and  $C \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n}$ , then  $A^\dagger$  can be evaluated using  $A^\dagger = C^*(B^*AC^*)^{-1}B^*$ .
- [LH95, p. 38] If  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  of rank  $r \leq \min\{m, n\}$  has an SVD  $A = U\Sigma V^*$ , then its pseudo-inverse is  $A^\dagger = V\Sigma^\dagger U^*$ , where

$$\Sigma^\dagger = \text{diag}(1/\sigma_1, \dots, 1/\sigma_r, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}.$$

- [Hig96, p. 412] The pseudo-inverse  $A^\dagger$  of  $A \in F^{m \times n}$  ( $F = \mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ ) solves the minimization problem

$$\min_{X \in F^{n \times m}} \|AX - I_m\|_F^2.$$

- $0_{mn}^\dagger = 0_{nm}$  and  $J_{mn}^\dagger = \frac{1}{mn} J_{nm}$ , where  $0_{nm} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is the all 0s matrix and  $J_{mn} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is the all 1s matrix.

- If  $\mathbf{x} \neq 0$ ,  $\mathbf{y} \neq 0$ , then  $(\mathbf{xy}^*)^\dagger = \frac{\mathbf{yx}^*}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \|\mathbf{y}\|^2}$ .

- If  $\mathbf{x} \neq 0$ , then  $\mathbf{x}^\dagger = \frac{\mathbf{x}^*}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2}$ .

- Let  $\alpha$  be a scalar. Denote

$$\alpha^\dagger = \begin{cases} \alpha^{-1}, & \text{if } \alpha \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } \alpha = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$(a) \quad (\alpha A)^\dagger = \alpha^\dagger A^\dagger.$$

$$(b) \quad (\text{diag}(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n))^\dagger = \text{diag}(\beta_1^\dagger, \beta_2^\dagger, \dots, \beta_n^\dagger).$$

- $(A^\dagger)^* = (A^*)^\dagger$ ;  $(A^\dagger)^\dagger = A$ .
- If  $A$  is a nonsingular square matrix, then  $A^\dagger = A^{-1}$ .
- If  $U$  has orthonormal columns or orthonormal rows, then  $U^\dagger = U^*$ .
- If  $A = A^*$  and  $A = A^2$ , then  $A^\dagger = A$ .
- $A^\dagger = A^*$  if and only if  $A^*A$  is idempotent.
- If  $A$  is normal and  $k$  is a positive integer, then  $AA^\dagger = A^\dagger A$  and  $(A^k)^\dagger = (A^\dagger)^k$ .
- If  $U \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  and satisfies  $U^\dagger = U^*$ , then  $U$  has orthonormal columns.
- If  $U \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  and  $V \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  are unitary matrices, then  $(UAV)^\dagger = V^*A^\dagger U^*$ .
- $A^\dagger = (A^*A)^\dagger A^* = A^*(AA^*)^\dagger$ . In particular,
  - if  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  ( $m \geq n$ ) has full rank  $n$ , then  $A^\dagger = (A^*A)^{-1}A^*$ ;
  - if  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  ( $m \leq n$ ) has full rank  $m$ , then  $A^\dagger = A^*(AA^*)^{-1}$ .
- Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ . Then

- $A^\dagger A$ ,  $AA^\dagger$ ,  $I_n - A^\dagger A$ , and  $I_m - AA^\dagger$  are orthogonal projections.
- $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^\dagger) = \text{rank}(AA^\dagger) = \text{rank}(A^\dagger A)$ .
- $\text{rank}(I_n - A^\dagger A) = n - \text{rank}(A)$ .
- $\text{rank}(I_m - AA^\dagger) = m - \text{rank}(A)$ .

$$20. \quad AA^\dagger = \text{Proj}_{\text{range}(A)}; \quad A^\dagger A = \text{Proj}_{\text{range}(A^\dagger)}.$$

- Suppose that  $A \in F^{m \times n}$ , where  $F = \mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then

- $\text{range}(A) = \text{range}(AA^*) = \text{range}(AA^\dagger)$ .
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- $\text{range}(A^\dagger A) \oplus \ker(A^\dagger A) = F^n$ .
- $\text{range}(AA^\dagger) \oplus \ker(AA^\dagger) = F^m$ .

- If  $A = A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_k$ ,  $A_i A_j^* = 0$ , for all  $i, j = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $i \neq j$ , then  $A^\dagger = A_1^\dagger + A_2^\dagger + \dots + A_k^\dagger$ .

- If  $A$  is an  $m \times r$  matrix of rank  $r$  and  $B$  is an  $r \times n$  matrix of rank  $r$ , then  $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$ .

- $(A^*A)^\dagger = A^\dagger(A^*)^\dagger$ ;  $(AA^*)^\dagger = (A^\dagger)^\dagger A^\dagger$ .
- [Gre66] Each one of the following conditions is necessary and sufficient for  $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$ :
  - $\text{range}(BB^*A^*) \subseteq \text{range}(A^*)$  and  $\text{range}(A^*AB) \subseteq \text{range}(B)$ .

- $A^\dagger ABB^*$  and  $A^*ABB^\dagger$  are both Hermitian matrices.
- $A^\dagger ABB^*A^* = BB^*A^*$  and  $BB^\dagger A^*AB = A^*AB$ .

- $A^\dagger ABB^*A^*ABB^\dagger = BB^*A^*A$ .
- $A^\dagger AB = B(AB)^\dagger AB$  and  $BB^\dagger A^* = A^*AB(AB)^\dagger$ .

- $(A \otimes B)^\dagger = A^\dagger \otimes B^\dagger$ , where  $\otimes$  denotes the Kronecker product.

- $A^\dagger = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} A^*(\alpha I + AA^*)^{-1} = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} (\alpha I + A^*A)^{-1}A^*$ .

- $A^\dagger = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A^*(I + AA^*)^{-j} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (I + A^*A)^{-j}A^*$ .

- (Continuity of pseudo-inverse) Suppose that  $A \in F^{m \times n}$  and  $E \in F^{m \times n}$ , where  $F = \mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\lim_{E \rightarrow 0} (A + E)^\dagger = A^\dagger$  if and only if there is  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\text{rank}(A + E) = \text{rank}(A)$  when  $\|E\|_2 \leq \epsilon$ .

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  be of rank  $r$  where  $0 < r < \min\{m, n\}$ . Suppose that  $A$  can be partitioned as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $A_{11} \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times r}$  and  $\text{rank}(A_{11}) = r$ . Then

$$A^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}^* X A_{11}^* & A_{11}^* X A_{21}^* \\ A_{12}^* X A_{11}^* & A_{12}^* X A_{21}^* \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$X = (A_{11}A_{11}^* + A_{12}A_{12}^*)^{-1}A_{11}(A_{11}A_{11}^* + A_{21}A_{21}^*)^{-1}.$$

# Reverse order law for the Moore–Penrose inverse<sup>☆</sup>

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper we present new results related to the reverse order law for the Moore–Penrose inverse of operators on Hilbert spaces. Some finite-dimensional results are extended to infinite-dimensional settings.

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper we extend some results from [15] to infinite-dimensional settings. Among other things, we obtain the reverse order law for the Moore–Penrose inverse as a corollary. We use the matrix form of a linear bounded operator, and this matrix form is induced by some natural decompositions of Hilbert spaces.

In the rest of the Introduction we formulate two auxiliary results. In Section 2 we present the results related to the reverse order rule for the Moore–Penrose inverse of Hilbert space operators with closed range. The present paper is the extension of results from [15] to infinite-dimensional settings.

## 2. Reverse order law

In this section we prove the results concerning the reverse order law for the Moore–Penrose inverse.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be Hilbert spaces, and let  $A \in \mathcal{L}(Y, Z)$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  be such that  $A, B, AB$  have closed ranges. Then the following statements hold:

- $AB(AB)^{\dagger} = ABB^{\dagger}A^{\dagger} \Leftrightarrow A^*AB = BB^{\dagger}A^*AB \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}(A^*AB) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(B) \Leftrightarrow B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger} \in (AB)(1, 2, 3);$
- $(AB)^{\dagger}AB = B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}AB \Leftrightarrow ABB^* = ABB^*A^{\dagger}A \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}(BB^*A^*) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A^*) \Leftrightarrow B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger} \in (AB)(1, 2, 4);$
- The following statements are equivalent:
  - $(AB)^{\dagger} = B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger};$
  - $AB(AB)^{\dagger} = ABB^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$  and  $(AB)^{\dagger}AB = B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}AB;$
  - $A^*AB = BB^{\dagger}A^*AB$  and  $ABB^* = ABB^*A^{\dagger}A;$
  - $\mathcal{R}(A^*AB) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(B)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(BB^*A^*) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A^*).$

**Proof.** The operators  $A$  and  $B$  have the same matrix representations as in the previous theorem. The following products will be useful:

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} A_1B_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (AB)^{\dagger} = \begin{bmatrix} (A_1B_1)^{\dagger} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger} = \begin{bmatrix} B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

First, we find the equivalent expressions for our statements in terms of  $A_1, A_2$  and  $B_1$ .

- $AB(AB)^{\dagger} = ABB^{\dagger}A^{\dagger} \Leftrightarrow A_1B_1(A_1B_1)^{\dagger} = A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}$ . Here  $A_1B_1(A_1B_1)^{\dagger}$  is Hermitian, so  $[A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}]^* = 0$ .
- $A^*AB = BB^{\dagger}A^*AB \Leftrightarrow A_2^{\dagger}A_1 = 0$ .
- Notice that  $\mathcal{R}(A^*AB) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(B)$  if and only if  $BB^{\dagger}A^*AB = A^*AB$ , so  $2 \Rightarrow 3$ .
- If we check properly the Penrose equations, then we see that:  $B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger} \in (AB)(1, 2, 3) \Leftrightarrow A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1 = A_1$  and  $[A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}]^* = 0$ .

Now, we prove the following:  $1 \Rightarrow 2, 4 \Rightarrow 2$  and  $1 \Rightarrow 4$ .

We prove  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ . Notice that

$$A_1B_1(A_1B_1)^{\dagger} = A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1} \Leftrightarrow (A_1B_1)^{\dagger} = (A_1B_1)^{\dagger}A_1B_1A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}.$$

The last statement is obtained by multiplying the first expression by  $(A_1B_1)^{\dagger}$  from the left side, or multiplying the second expression by  $A_1B_1$  from the left side, and using  $A_1A_2^{\dagger} = A_1B_1B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}$ . Now, there is a chain of the equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned} (A_1B_1)^{\dagger} &= (A_1B_1)^{\dagger}A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1} \Leftrightarrow (A_1B_1)^{\dagger}[A_1A_2^{\dagger} + A_2A_2^{\dagger}] = (A_1B_1)^{\dagger}A_1A_2^{\dagger} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (A_1B_1)^{\dagger}A_2A_2^{\dagger} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}(A_2A_2^{\dagger}) \subseteq \mathcal{N}((A_1B_1)^{\dagger}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}(A_2) \subseteq \mathcal{N}((A_1B_1)^*) \Leftrightarrow B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}A_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow A_1^{\dagger}A_2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have just proved that  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ .

Now we prove  $1 \Rightarrow 4$ . If we multiply  $A_1B_1(A_1B_1)^{\dagger} = A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}$  by  $A_2B_1$  from the right side, we get  $A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1 = A_1$ . Thus, 4 holds.

Finally, we prove  $4 \Rightarrow 2$ . If  $A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1 = A_1$  and  $[A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}]^* = 0$ , then  $A_1A_2^{\dagger}A_1 = DA_1 = A_1A_2^{\dagger}A_1 + A_2A_2^{\dagger}A_1$ , implying that  $A_2A_2^{\dagger}A_1 = 0$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{R}(A_1) \subseteq \mathcal{N}((A_2A_2^{\dagger})^*) = \mathcal{N}(A_2^{\dagger})$ , so  $A_2^{\dagger}A_1 = 0$ . Thus, 2 holds.

Notice that the equivalence  $3 \Rightarrow 4$  is proved in [8], also.

- $(AB)^{\dagger}AB = B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}AB \Leftrightarrow (A_1B_1)^{\dagger}A_1B_1 = B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1B_1$ . Moreover,  $(A_1B_1)^{\dagger}A_1B_1$  is Hermitian, so  $[B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1] = 0$ .
- $ABB^* = ABB^*A^{\dagger}A \Leftrightarrow A_1B_1B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1 = A_1B_1B_1^{\dagger}$  and  $A_1B_1B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_2 = 0$ .
- Notice that  $\mathcal{R}(BB^*A^*) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A^*)$  if and only if  $A^{\dagger}ABB^*A^* = BB^*A^*$ , which is equivalent to  $ABB^*A^{\dagger}A = ABB^*$ . Hence,  $2 \Rightarrow 3$ .
- The Penrose equations imply that:  $B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger} \in (AB)(1, 2, 4) \Leftrightarrow A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1 = A_1$  and  $[B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1] = 0$ .

We prove  $1 \Rightarrow 4 \Rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow 1$ .

Suppose that 1 holds. If we multiply  $(A_1B_1)^{\dagger}A_1B_1 = B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1B_1$  by  $A_1B_1$  from the left side, we obtain  $A_1 = A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1$ . Furthermore,  $[B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1] = 0$  holds. Therefore,  $1 \Rightarrow 4$ .

Suppose that 4 holds. Obviously,  $A_1B_1B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1 = A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1B_1B_1^{\dagger} = A_1B_1B_1^{\dagger}$ . Thus, the first equality of 2 holds. The second equality of 2 also holds, since  $A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1 = A_1$ , which is shown in the proof of Theorem 2.1. Here we use again  $[B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1] = 0$ . Consequently,  $4 \Rightarrow 2$ .

In order to prove that  $2 \Rightarrow 1$ , we multiply  $A_1B_1B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1 = A_1B_1B_1^{\dagger}$  by  $(A_1B_1)^{\dagger}$  from the left side. It follows that  $B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1 = (A_1B_1)^{\dagger}A_1B_1B_1^{\dagger} = 0$ , so  $(A_1B_1)^{\dagger}A_1B_1 = B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1(B_1^{\dagger})^{-1}$  which is equivalent to  $(A_1B_1)^{\dagger}A_1B_1 = B_1^{\dagger}A_1^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1B_1$ . Hence,  $2 \Rightarrow 1$ .

Notice that  $3 \Rightarrow 4$  is also proved in [8].

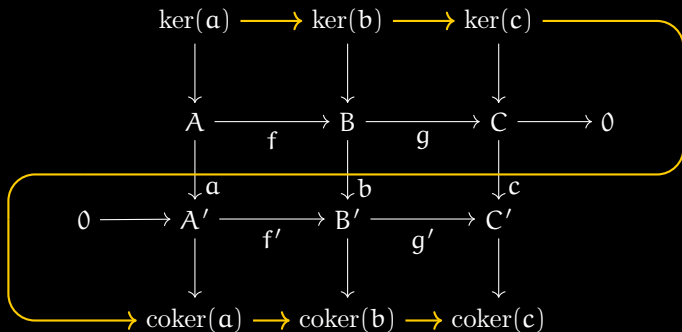
Finally, the part (c) follows from the parts (a) and (b).  $\square$

We also prove the following result.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be Hilbert spaces, and let  $A \in \mathcal{L}(Y, Z)$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  be such that  $A, B, AB$  have closed ranges. Then we have:

- $AB(AB)^{\dagger}A = ABB^{\dagger} \Leftrightarrow A^*AB = BB^{\dagger}A^*AB \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}(A^*AB) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(B) \Leftrightarrow B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger} \in (AB)(1, 2, 3);$
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**Proof.** The operators  $A$  and  $B$  have the same matrix representations as in the previous theorem. First, we find equivalent expressions, in the terms of  $A_1, A_2$  and  $B_1$ , for our assumptions.



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The diagram illustrates the structure of a noncommutative polynomial. At the top, the word "Integers" is centered. Two lines branch downwards from "Integers" to the coefficients  $c_1$  and  $c_d$  in the polynomial equation  $f = c_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + c_d \cdot w_d$ . The coefficients  $c_1$  and  $c_d$  are enclosed in rounded rectangular boxes. To the left of the equation, the text "Noncom. polynomial" is written in yellow.

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Example

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free algebra

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The diagram illustrates the components of a noncommutative polynomial. The expression  $f = c_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + c_d \cdot w_d$  is shown. The coefficients  $c_i$  are in grey boxes, and the words  $w_i$  are in blue boxes. The entire expression is enclosed in a yellow box labeled  $\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle$ . Arrows indicate that 'Integers' refers to the  $c_i$ , 'free algebra' refers to the  $\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle$  box, and 'words over  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ ' refers to the  $w_i$ .

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$$2xy + yx - 2xzx + 4 \in \mathbb{Z}\langle x, y, z \rangle$$

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Integers

free algebra

words over  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

Example

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$\Rightarrow$  Statement proven for matrices, (un)bounded operators, morphisms,...

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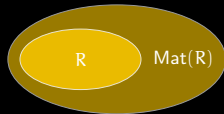
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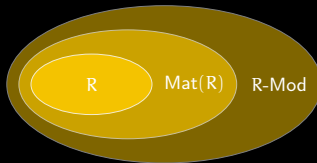
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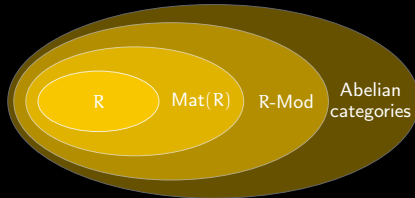
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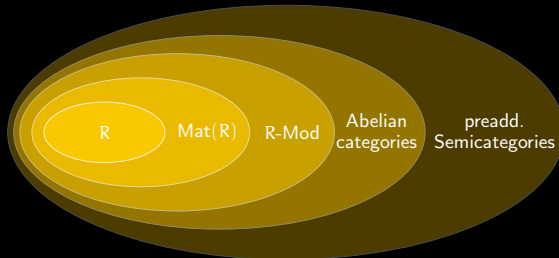
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Best we can hope for: **semi-decision procedure**

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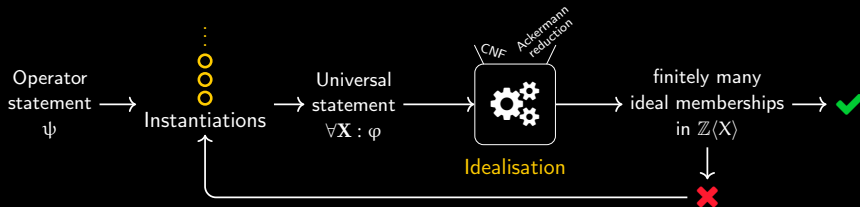
(Helton, Stankus, Wavrik '98, Schmitz, Levandovskyy '20, Raab, Regensburger, Hossein Poor '21)

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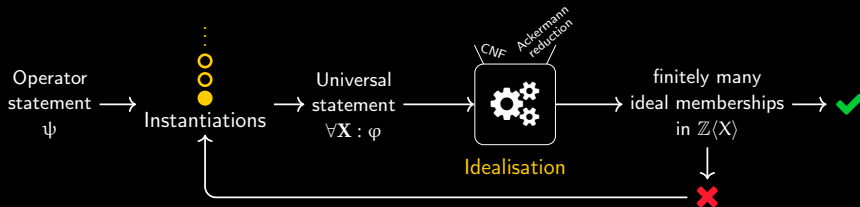
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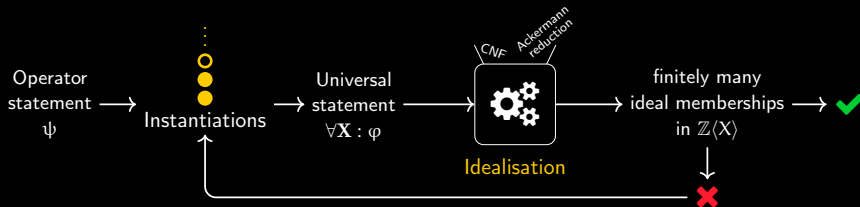
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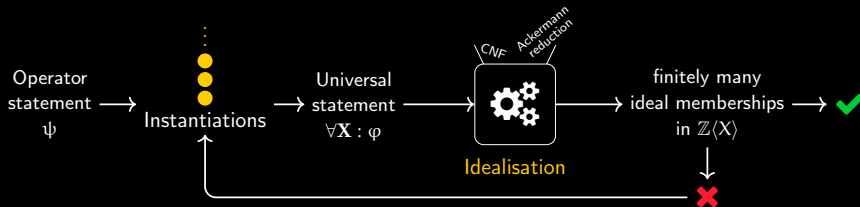
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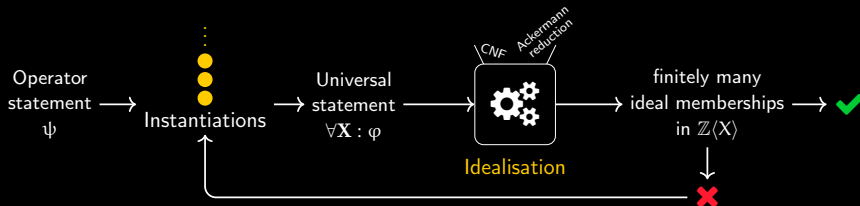
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## Theorem (H., Raab, Regensburger '22)

An operator statement is universally true iff this procedure terminates and returns ✓.

## 5.7 Pseudo-Inverse

### Definitions:

A **Moore–Penrose pseudo-inverse** of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is a matrix  $A^\dagger \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  that satisfies the following four **Penrose** conditions:

$$AA^\dagger A = A; \quad A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger; \quad (AA^\dagger)^* = AA^\dagger; \quad (A^\dagger A)^* = A^\dagger A.$$

### Facts:

All the following facts except those with a specific reference can be found in [Gra83, pp. 105–141] or [RM71, pp. 44–67].

- ✓ Every  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  has a unique pseudo-inverse  $A^\dagger$ .
- ✓ If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then  $A^\dagger$  is real.
- ✓ If  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  of rank  $r$  has a full rank decomposition  $A = BC$ , where  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$  and  $C \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times n}$ , then  $A^\dagger$  can be evaluated using  $A^\dagger = C^*(B^*AC^*)^{-1}B^*$ .
- ✗ [LH95, p. 38] If  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  of rank  $r \leq \min\{m, n\}$  has an SVD  $A = U\Sigma V^*$ , then its pseudo-inverse is  $A^\dagger = V\Sigma^\dagger U^*$ , where

$$\Sigma^\dagger = \text{diag}(1/\sigma_1, \dots, 1/\sigma_r, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}.$$

- ✗ [Hig96, p. 412] The pseudo-inverse  $A^\dagger$  of  $A \in F^{m \times n}$  ( $F = \mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ ) solves the minimization problem

$$\min_{X \in F^{n \times m}} \|AX - I_m\|_F^2.$$

- ✓  $0_{mn}^\dagger = 0_{nm}$  and  $J_{mn}^\dagger = \frac{1}{mn} J_{nm}$ , where  $0_{nm} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is the all 0s matrix and  $J_{mn} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is the all 1s matrix.
- ✓ If  $x \neq 0$ ,  $y \neq 0$ , then  $(xy^*)^\dagger = \frac{yx^*}{\|x\|^2\|y\|^2}$ .
- ✓ If  $x \neq 0$ , then  $x^\dagger = \frac{x^*}{\|x\|^2}$ .
- ✓ Let  $\alpha$  be a scalar. Denote

$$\alpha^\dagger = \begin{cases} \alpha^{-1}, & \text{if } \alpha \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } \alpha = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then

- ✓  $(\alpha A)^\dagger = \alpha^\dagger A^\dagger$ .
- ✗  $(\text{diag}(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n))^\dagger = \text{diag}(\beta_1^\dagger, \beta_2^\dagger, \dots, \beta_n^\dagger)$ .
- ✗  $(A^\dagger)^* = (A^*)^\dagger$ ;  $(A^\dagger)^\dagger = A$ .
- ✗ If  $A$  is a nonsingular square matrix, then  $A^\dagger = A^{-1}$ .
- ✗ If  $U$  has orthonormal columns or orthonormal rows, then  $U^\dagger = U^*$ .
- ✗ If  $A = A^*$  and  $A = A^2$ , then  $A^\dagger = A$ .
- ✗  $A^\dagger = A^*$  if and only if  $A^*A$  is idempotent.
- ✗ If  $A$  is normal and  $k$  is a positive integer, then  $AA^\dagger = A^\dagger A$  and  $(A^k)^\dagger = (A^\dagger)^k$ .
- ✗ If  $U \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is of rank  $n$  and satisfies  $U^\dagger = U^*$ , then  $U$  has orthonormal columns.
- ✗ If  $U \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  and  $V \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  are unitary matrices, then  $(UAV)^\dagger = V^*A^\dagger U^*$ .
- ✗  $A^\dagger = (A^*A)^\dagger A^* = A^*(AA^*)^\dagger$ . In particular,
  - ✓ if  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  ( $m \geq n$ ) has full rank  $n$ , then  $A^\dagger = (A^*A)^{-1}A^*$ ;
  - ✓ if  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  ( $m \leq n$ ) has full rank  $m$ , then  $A^\dagger = A^*(AA^*)^{-1}$ .
- ✗ Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ . Then

- ✓  $A^\dagger A$ ,  $AA^\dagger$ ,  $I_n - A^\dagger A$ , and  $I_m - AA^\dagger$  are orthogonal projections.
- ✗  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^\dagger) = \text{rank}(AA^\dagger) = \text{rank}(A^\dagger A)$ .
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- ✗  $AA^\dagger = \text{Proj}_{\text{range}(A)}$ ;  $A^\dagger A = \text{Proj}_{\text{range}(A^\dagger)}$ .
- ✗ Suppose that  $A \in F^{m \times n}$ , where  $F = \mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then
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- ✗ If  $A$  is an  $m \times r$  matrix of rank  $r$  and  $B$  is an  $r \times n$  matrix of rank  $r$ , then  $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$ .
- ✗  $(A^*A)^\dagger = A^\dagger(A^*)^\dagger$ ;  $(AA^*)^\dagger = (A^\dagger)^\dagger A^\dagger$ .
- ✗ [Gre66] Each one of the following conditions is necessary and sufficient for  $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$ :
  - ✓  $\text{range}(BB^*A^*) \subseteq \text{range}(A^*)$  and  $\text{range}(A^*AB) \subseteq \text{range}(B)$ .
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  - ✓  $A^\dagger ABB^*A^*ABB^\dagger = BB^*A^*A$ .
  - ✓  $A^\dagger AB = B(AB)^\dagger AB$  and  $BB^\dagger A^* = A^*AB(AB)^\dagger$ .
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- ✗  $A^\dagger = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} A^*(\alpha I + AA^*)^{-1} = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} (\alpha I + A^*A)^{-1}A^*$ .
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We prove  $1 \Leftrightarrow 2$ . Notice that

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Therefore, we have just proved that  $1 \Leftrightarrow 2$ .

Now we prove  $1 \Rightarrow 4$ . If we multiply  $A_1B_1(A_1B_1)^{\dagger} = A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}$  by  $A_1B_1$  from the right side, we get  $A_1A_2^{\dagger}D^{-1}A_1 = A_1$ . Thus, 4 holds.

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We prove  $1 \Rightarrow 4 \Rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow 1$ .

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We also prove the following result.

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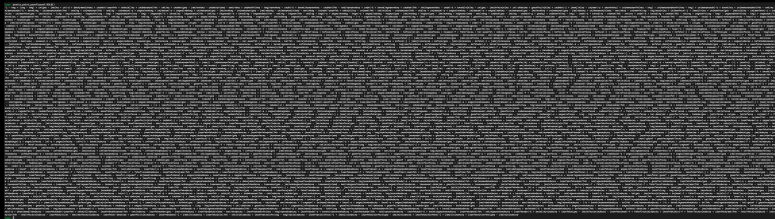
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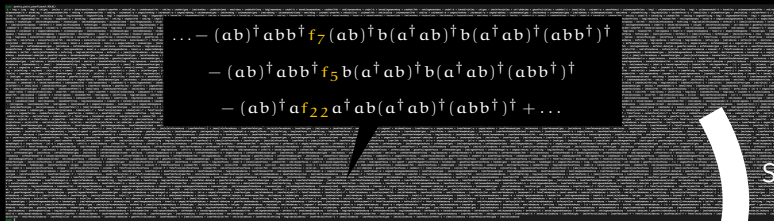
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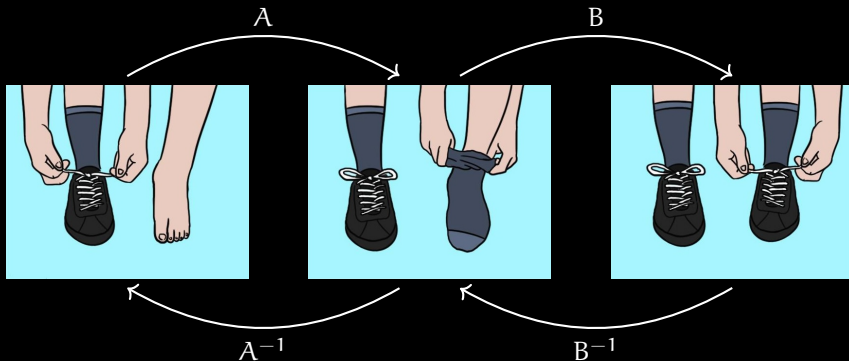
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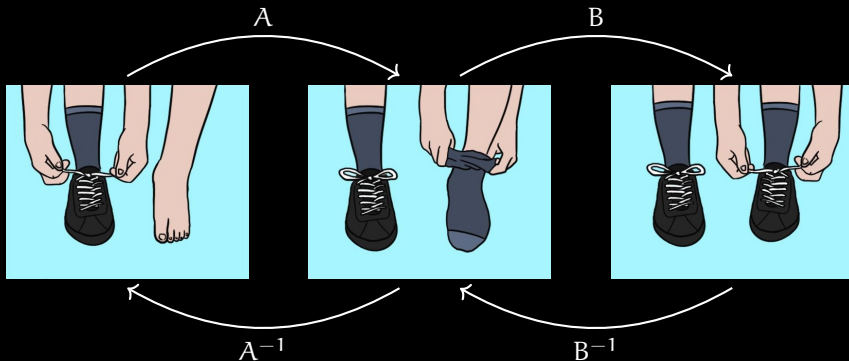
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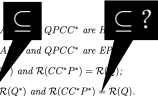
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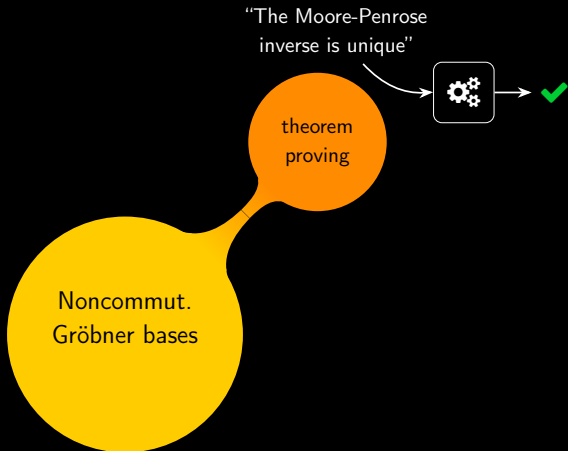
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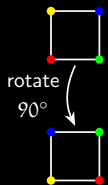
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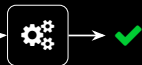
$$A^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad B^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad C^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$





graph theory

"The Moore-Penrose  
inverse is unique"



theorem  
proving

Noncommut.  
Gröbner bases

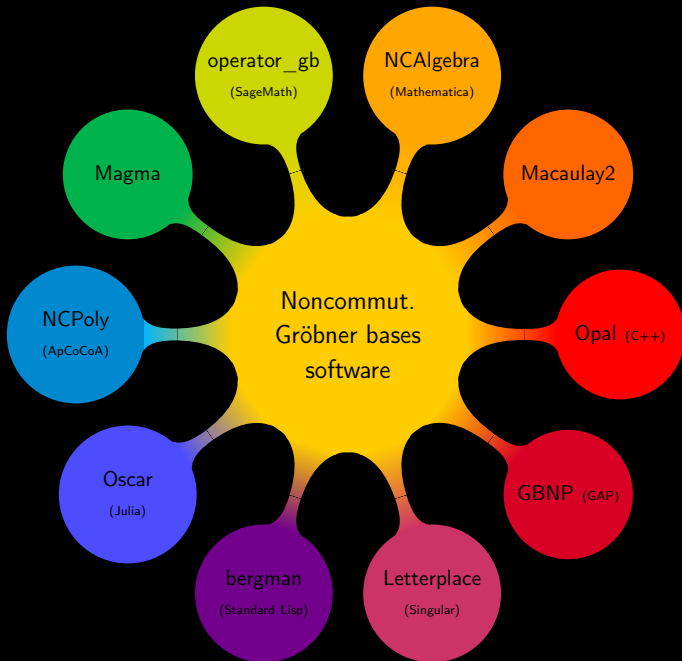
game theory

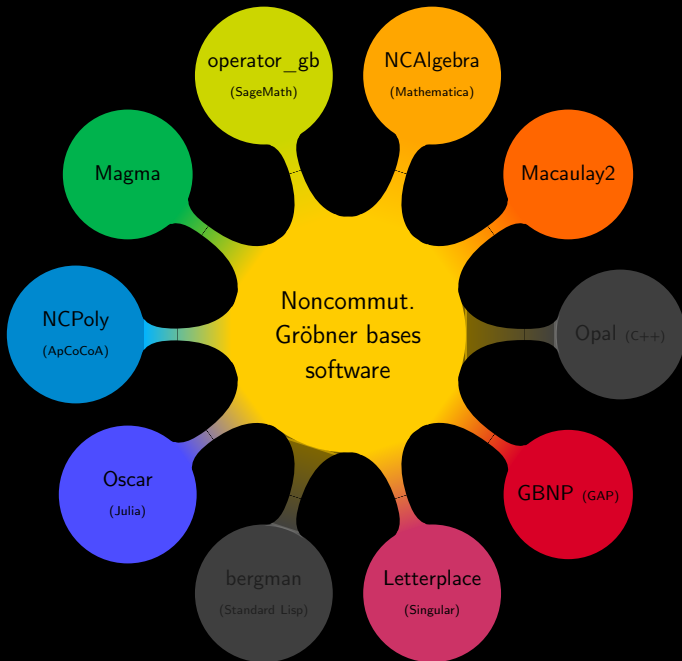
compute in  $K\langle X \mid R \rangle$

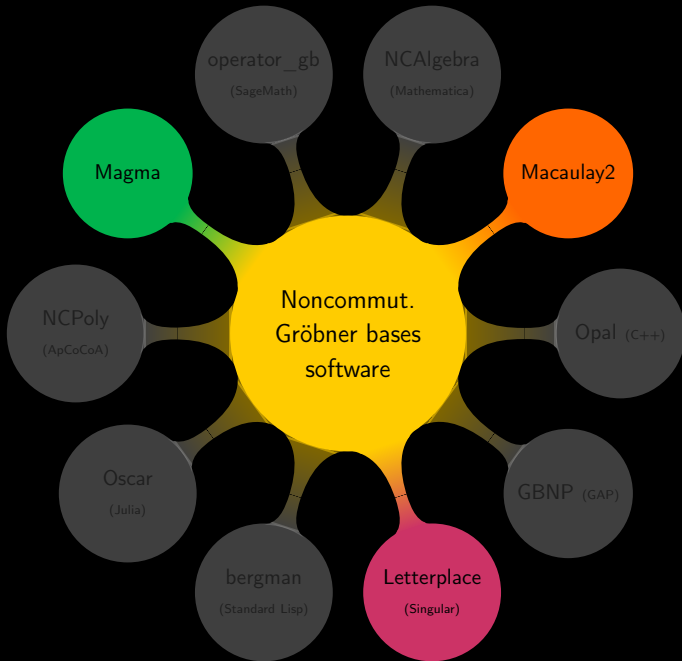
(comput.)  
algebra  
 $I \cap J$   
 $\stackrel{?}{f} \in I$

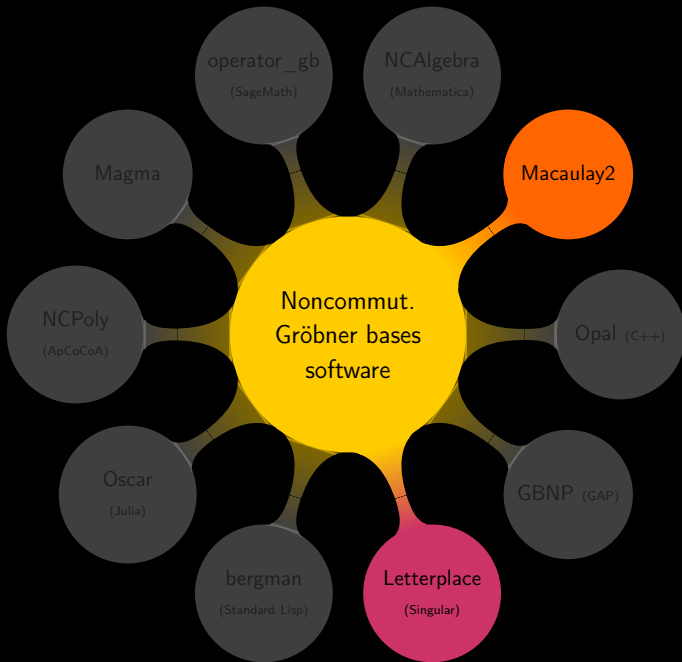
$\exists$  perfect commuting  
operator strategies

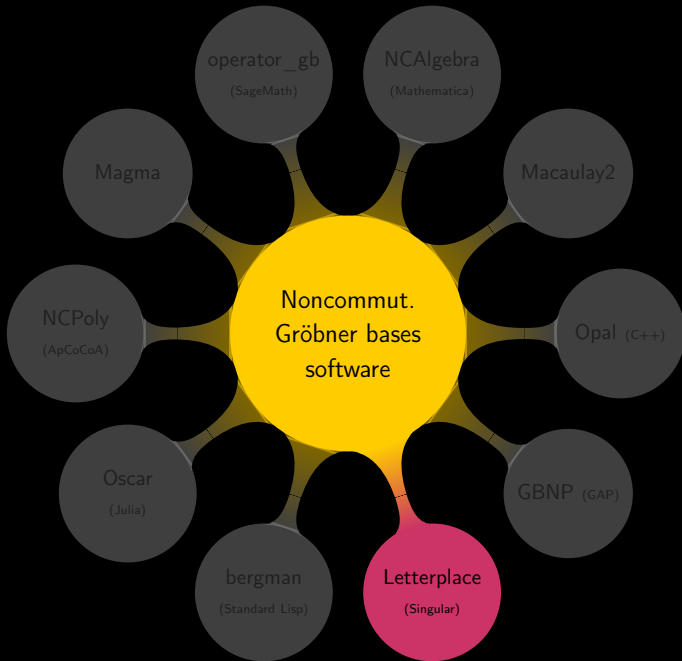
is  $K\langle X \mid R \rangle$  trivial, commutative,  
fin. dim., etc.?







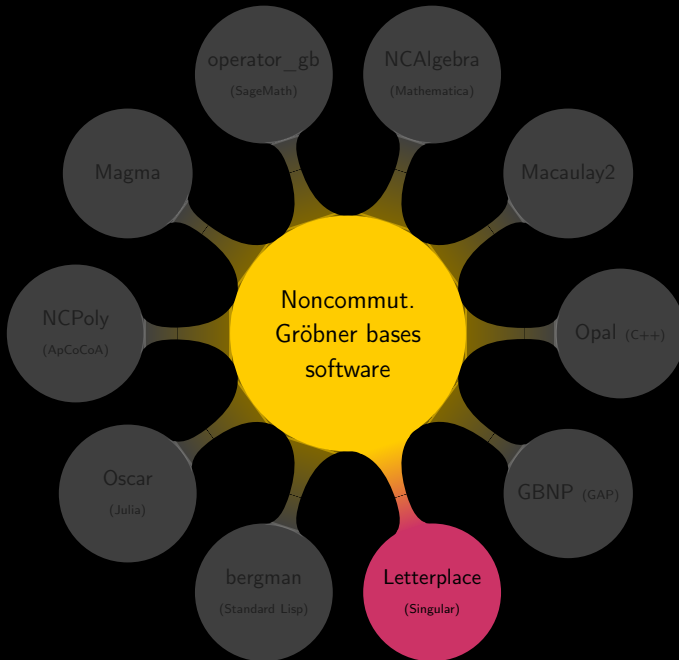


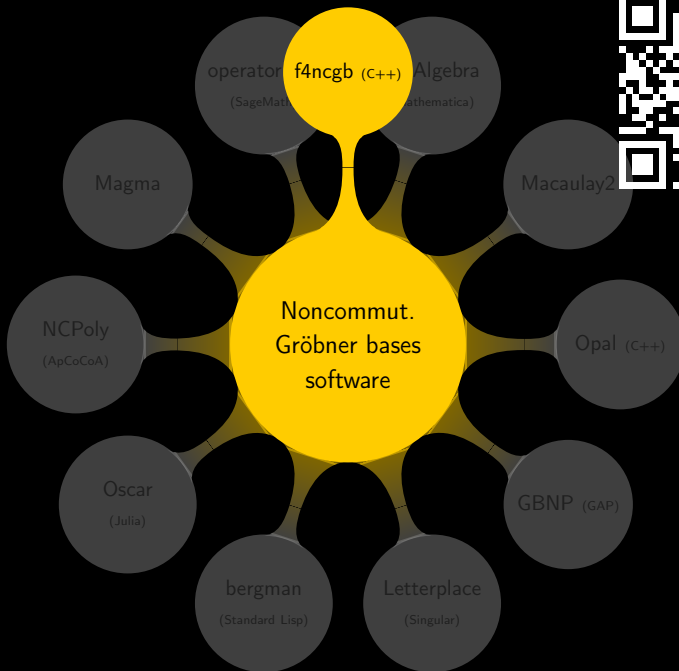
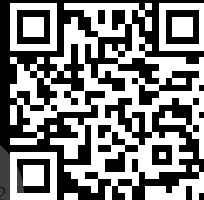


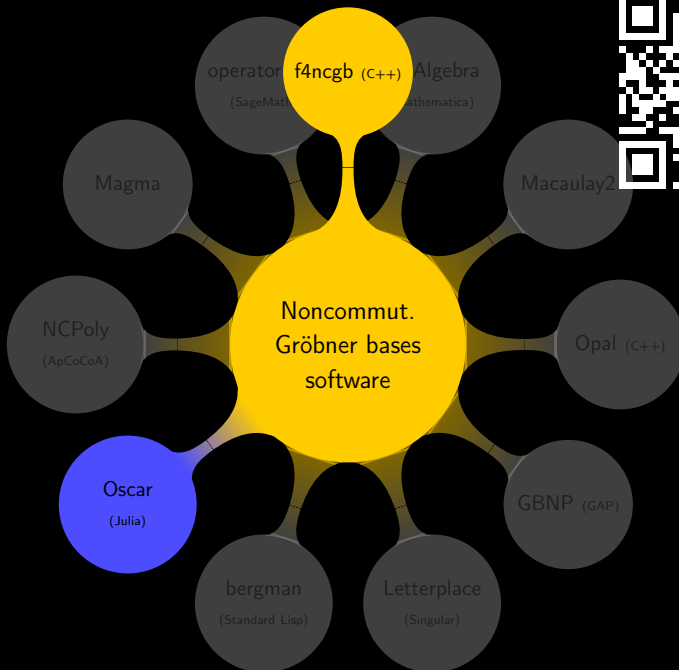
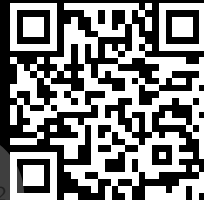


Example	Letterplace	Macaulay2	f4ncgb		
			1 core	4 cores	16 cores
4nilp5s-10	1282	875	150	79	63
braid3-16	18 953	14 291	105	34	18
braidX-18	>43 200	>43 200	1977	601	260
braidXY-12	1847	18 887	62	52	52
holt_G3562h-17	>43 200	>43 200	25 021	12 671	6824
lascala_neuh-13	171	37	9	5	4
lp1-15	24 166	33 923	266	179	155
lv2d10-100	>43 200	24 930	48	27	47
malle_G12h-100	4142	163	89	74	73

(Timings in sec)







# Algebraic Automated Theorem Proving

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Proving statements about linear operators  
with computer algebra

Linear operators  $\rightarrow$  noncommutative polynomials in free algebra

Operator statement  $\rightarrow$  ideal membership  $f \stackrel{?}{\in} I$

Proof  $\rightarrow$  explicit linear combination

We can also...

... compute **short(est) proofs** of true statements.

... compute **counterexamples** for false statements.

Hi ChatGPT



Hi there! 😊 What can I help you with today?



How would you prove or disprove a statement about linear operators?

I would use computer algebra.

