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On Some Algebraic Properties of n -Refined Neutrosophic Elements and n -Refined Neutrosophic Linear Equations

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This paper studies the problem of determining invertible elements (units) in any n -refined neutrosophic ring. It presents the necessary and sufficient condition for any n -refined neutrosophic element to be invertible, idempotent, and nilpotent. Also, this work introduces some of the elementary algebraic properties of n -refined neutrosophic matrices with a direct application in solving n -refined neutrosophic algebraic equations.

1. Introduction

Neutrosophy is a new kind of generalized logic proposed by Smarandache [1]. It becomes a useful tool in many areas of science such as number theory [2, 3], solving equations [4], and medical studies [5, 6]. Also, we find many applications of neutrosophic structures in statistics [7], optimization [8], topology [9], and decision making [10, 11].

On the other hand, neutrosophic algebra began in [12], where Smarandache and Kandasamy defined concepts such as neutrosophic groups and neutrosophic rings. These notions were handled widely by Agboola et al. in [13, 14], where homomorphisms and AH-substructures were studied [15].

Recently, there is an increasing interest by the generalizations of neutrosophic algebraic structures. Smarandache and Abobala proposed n -refined neutrosophic rings [16], modules [17, 18], and spaces [19–22].

Neutrosophic algebraic equations are useful in many scientific areas; there is a full description of their solutions in neutrosophic fields and refined neutrosophic fields [23]. In particular, the relations between neutrosophic matrices and equations are defined in [24].

From this point of view, we are motivated to generalize the previous studies so that we study some of the algebraic properties of n -refined neutrosophic elements such as invertibility, nilpotency, and idempotency. Also, we study

elementary properties of n -refined neutrosophic matrices and their application in solving the n -refined neutrosophic linear system of equations as a new generalization of previous efforts in [23–25].

2. Preliminaries

Definition 1 (see [16])

Let $(R, +, \times)$ be a ring and $I_k, 1 \leq k \leq n$ be n indeterminacies. We define $R_n(I) = \{a_0 + a_1I + \dots + a_nI_n; a_i \in R\}$ to be n -refined neutrosophic ring. If $n=2$, we get a ring which is isomorphic to 2-refined neutrosophic ring $R(I_1, I_2)$.

Addition and multiplication on $R_n(I)$ are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n x_i I_i + \sum_{i=0}^n y_i I_i &= \sum_{i=0}^n (x_i + y_i) I_i, \quad \sum_{i=0}^n x_i I_i \times \sum_{i=0}^n y_i I_i \\ &= \sum_{i,j=0}^n (x_i \times y_j) I_i I_j, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where \times is the multiplication defined on the ring R and $xI_0 = x$ for all $x \in R$ $I_j I_i = I_i I_j = I_{\min(i,j)}, I_0 I_j = I_j$.

It is easy to see that $R_n(I)$ is a ring in the classical concept and contains a proper ring R .

Definition 2 (see [16])

Let $R_n(I)$ be an n -refined neutrosophic ring, and it is said to be commutative if $xy = yx$ for each $x, y \in R_n(I)$; if there is $1 \in R_n(I)$ such $1 \cdot x = x \cdot 1 = x$, then it is called an n -refined neutrosophic ring with unity.

Theorem 1 (see [16]). *Let $R_n(I)$ be an n -refined neutrosophic ring. Then,*

- (a) R is commutative if and only if $R_n(I)$ is commutative
- (b) R has unity if and only if $R_n(I)$ has unity
- (c) $R_n(I) = \sum_{i=0}^n RI_i = \{\sum_{i=0}^n x_i I_i; x_i \in R\}$

Definition 3 (see [16])

- (a) Let $R_n(I)$ be an n -refined neutrosophic ring and $P = \sum_{i=0}^n P_i I_i = \{a_0 + a_1 I + \dots + a_n I_n; a_i \in P_i\}$ where P_i is a subset of R ; we define P to be an AH-subring if P_i is a subring of R for all i ; AHS-subring is defined by the condition $P_i = P_j$ for all i, j .
- (b) P is an AH-ideal if P_i is a two-sided ideal of R for all i , and the AHS-ideal is defined by the condition $P_i = P_j$ for all i, j .
- (c) The AH-ideal P is said to be null if $P_i = R$ or $P_i = \{0\}$ for all i .

Definition 4 (see [16])

Let $R_n(I)$ be an n -refined neutrosophic ring and $P = \sum_{i=0}^n P_i I_i$ be an AH-ideal; we define AH-factor $R(I)/P = \sum_{i=0}^n (R/P_i)I_i = \sum_{i=0}^n (x_i + P_i)I_i; x_i \in R$.

Theorem 2 (see [16])

Let $R_n(I)$ be an n -refined neutrosophic ring and $P = \sum_{i=0}^n P_i I_i$ be an AH-ideal; $R_n(I)/P$ is a ring with the following two binary operations:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^n (x_i + P_i)I_i + \sum_{i=0}^n (y_i + P_i)I_i \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n (x_i + y_i + P_i)I_i, \sum_{i=0}^n (x_i + P_i)I_i \times \sum_{i=0}^n (y_i + P_i)I_i \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n (x_i \times y_i + P_i)I_i. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

3. Main Discussion

In this section, we study the invertibility of any element in any n -refined neutrosophic ring, and we show the conditions of idempotency and nilpotency in these rings. All rings in this section are considered with unity 1.

Definition 5 Let $X = A_0 + A_1 I_1 + \dots + A_n I_n$ be an n -refined neutrosophic element; we define its canonical sequence as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} M_0 &= A_0, \\ M_j &= A_0 + A_j + A_{j+1} + \dots + A_n, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

For example,

$$M_3 = A_0 + A_3 + A_4 + \dots + A_n. \tag{4}$$

Remark 1

The multiplication operation between two n -refined neutrosophic elements can be represented by the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} (A_0 + A_1 I_1 + \dots + A_n I_n)(B_0 + B_1 I_1 + \dots + B_n I_n) &= M_0 N_0 \\ &+ (M_n N_n - M_0 N_0)I_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (M_i N_i - M_{i+1} N_{i+1})I_i, \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where M_i and N_i are the canonical sequences of $A_0 + A_1 I_1 + \dots + A_n I_n$ and $B_0 + B_1 I_1 + \dots + B_n I_n$, respectively.

Proof. For $n = 0$, the statement is true easily. Suppose that it is true for $n = k$, we must prove it for $n = k + 1$. We compute the multiplication $L = (A_0 + A_1 I_1 + \dots + A_{k+1} I_{k+1})(B_0 + B_1 I_1 + \dots + B_{k+1} I_{k+1})$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (A_0 + A_1 I_1 + \dots + A_{k+1} I_{k+1})(B_0 + B_1 I_1 + \dots + B_{k+1} I_{k+1}) = (A_0 + A_1 I_1 + \dots + A_k I_k)(B_0 + B_1 I_1 + \dots + B_k I_k) \\ & \quad + A_{k+1} I_{k+1}(B_0 + B_1 I_1 + \dots + B_k I_k) + (A_0 + A_1 I_1 + \dots + A_k I_k)B_{k+1} I_{k+1} + A_{k+1} I_{k+1} B_{k+1} I_{k+1} \\ &= M_0 N_0 + (M_k N_k - M_0 N_0)I_k + \sum_{i=1}^k (M_i N_i - M_{i+1} N_{i+1})I_i + I_1 [A_{k+1} B_1 + A_1 B_{k+1}] \\ & \quad + I_2 [A_{k+1} B_2 + A_2 B_{k+1}] + \dots + I_k [A_{k+1} B_k + A_k B_{k+1}] + I_{k+1} [A_0 B_{k+1} + A_{k+1} B_0 + A_{k+1} B_{k+1}]. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Thus, the coefficient of I_{k+1} is $A_0 B_{k+1} + A_{k+1} B_0 + A_{k+1} B_{k+1} = (A_{k+1} + A_0)(B_{k+1} + B_0) - (A_0)(B_0) = M_{k+1} N_{k+1} - M_0 N_0$. Also, the coefficient of $I_i, 1 \leq i \leq k$ is

$$\begin{aligned} M_i N_i - M_{i+1} N_{i+1} + A_{k+1} B_i + A_i B_{k+1} &= (A_0 + A_i + A_{i+1} + \dots + A_k) \\ & (B_0 + B_i + B_{i+1} + \dots + B_k) - (A_0 + A_{i+1} + A_{i+2} + \dots + A_k) \\ & (B_0 + B_{i+1} + B_{i+2} + \dots + B_k) + A_{k+1} B_i + A_i B_{k+1} = (A_0 + A_i + A_{i+1} \end{aligned}$$

$1 + \dots + A_k + A_{k+1}) (B_0 + B_i + B_{i+1} + \dots + B_k + B_{k+1}) - (A_0 + A_{i+1} + A_{i+2} + \dots + A_k + A_{k+1}) (B_0 + B_{i+1} + B_{i+2} + \dots + B_k + B_{k+1}) = M_i N_i - M_{i+1} N_{i+1}$, where $1 \leq i \leq k+1$. Hence, our proof is completed by induction.

Theorem 3

Let $X = A_0 + A_1 I_1 + \dots + A_n I_n$ be an n -refined neutrosophic element, then it is invertible if and only if $M_j, 0 \leq j \leq n$ are invertible. The inverse of X is $X^{-1} = (M_0)^{-1} + (M_n^{-1} - M_0^{-1})I_n + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (M_j^{-1} - M_{j+1}^{-1})I_j = (A_0)^{-1} + ((A_0 + A_1 + \dots + A_n)^{-1} - (A_0 + A_2 + \dots + A_n)^{-1})I_1 + ((A_0 + A_2 + \dots + A_n)^{-1} - (A_0 + A_3 + \dots + A_n)^{-1})I_2 + ((A_0 + A_3 + \dots + A_n)^{-1} - (A_0 + A_4 + \dots + A_n)^{-1})I_3 + \dots + ((A_0 + A_n)^{-1} - (A_0)^{-1})I_n$.

Proof. X is invertible if and only if there exists $Y = B_0 + B_1 I_1 + \dots + B_n I_n$, where $XY = YX = 1$. By using Remark 14, we can write the following:

$M_0 N_0 + (M_n N_n - M_0 N_0)I_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (M_i N_i - M_{i+1} N_{i+1})I_i = 1$. This implies that $M_0 N_0 = 1$ and $M_i N_i - M_{i+1} N_{i+1} = 0$ for all i , where 0 is the zero element. Hence, we get $M_i N_i = M_{i+1} N_{i+1} = M_0 N_0 = 1$. So, $M_j, 0 \leq j \leq n$ are invertible.

On the other hand, we put $X^{-1} = (M_0)^{-1} + (M_n^{-1} - M_0^{-1})I_n + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (M_j^{-1} - M_{j+1}^{-1})I_j$, and now we compute XX^{-1} as follows:

$$XX^{-1} = M_0 M_0^{-1} + (M_1 M_1^{-1} - M_2 M_2^{-1})I_1 + (M_2 M_2^{-1} - M_3 M_3^{-1})I_2 + \dots + (M_n M_n^{-1} - M_0 M_0^{-1})I_n = 1. \tag{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X^{k+1} &= X^k X = \left(M_0^k + I_n [(M_n)^k - (M_0)^k] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} ((M_i^k) - (M_{i+1}^k))I_i \right) (A_0 + A_1 I_1 + \dots + A_n I_n) \\ &= \left(M_0^k + I_n [(M_n)^k - (M_0)^k] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} ((M_i^k) - (M_{i+1}^k))I_i \right) \left(M_0 + (M_n - M_0)I_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (M_i - M_{i+1})I_i \right) \\ &= M_0^k M_0 + I_n [(M_n)^k M_n - M_0^k M_0] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} ((M_i^k M_i) - (M_{i+1}^k M_{i+1}))I_i \\ &= M_0^{k+1} + I_n [(M_n)^{k+1} - (M_0)^{k+1}] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} ((M_i^{k+1}) - (M_{i+1}^{k+1}))I_i. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

X is nilpotent if there is a positive integer r such that $X^r = 0$. This is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} M_0^r &= (M_n)^r \\ &= (M_j)^r \\ &= 0 \quad \text{for all } j, \text{ which implies the proof.} \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

(b) The proof is similar to (a).

Example 1

Considering $Z(I) = \{a + bI_1 + cI_2; a, b, c \in Z_2\}$ the 2-refined neutrosophic ring of integers, the set of invertible elements in Z_2 is $\{-1, 1\}$. Hence, the set of all invertible elements in the corresponding 2-refined neutrosophic ring is $\{1, -1, 1 - 2I_2, -1 + 2I_2, 1 - 2I_1, -1 + 2I_1, 1 + 2I_1 - 2I_2, -1 - 2I_1 + 2I_2\}$.

Theorem 4

Let $X = A_0 + A_1 I_1 + \dots + A_n I_n$ be an n -refined neutrosophic element, and we have the following:

- (a) X is nilpotent if and only if M_j for all j are nilpotent
- (b) X is idempotent if and only if M_j for all j are idempotent

Proof

- (a) First of all we will prove that $X^r = M_0^r + I_n [(M_n)^r - (M_0)^r] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} ((M_i^r) - (M_{i+1}^r))I_i$. We use the induction, for $r = 1$ it is clear. Suppose that it is true for $r = k$, we prove it for $k + 1$.

4. n -Refined Neutrosophic Linear Algebraic Equations

This section is dedicated to introduce an algorithm to solve n -refined neutrosophic linear equations over any n -refined neutrosophic field by turning them into classical systems of numbers.

Also, we discuss some elementary properties of n -refined neutrosophic matrices.

Definition 6

Let $F_n(I)$ be any n -refined neutrosophic field. The n -refined linear neutrosophic equation with one variable over $F_n(I)$ is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B} &= 0, \\ \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{X} &\in F_n(I), \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= \mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{I}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{a}_n\mathbf{I}_n, \\ \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{b}_0 + \mathbf{b}_1\mathbf{I}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{b}_n\mathbf{I}_n, \\ \mathbf{X} &= \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_1\mathbf{I}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{x}_n\mathbf{I}_n. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Theorem 5

Let $F_n(I)$ be any n -refined neutrosophic field and $(*)\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B} = 0$ be any n -refined linear neutrosophic equation over $F_n(I)$. Then, $(*)$ is solvable over $F_n(I)$ if and only if the following classical system is solvable over the classical field F :

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & \mathbf{a}_0\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{b}_0 = 0 \\ (2) \quad & (\mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_n)(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_n) + (\mathbf{b}_0 + \mathbf{b}_n) = 0 \\ (3) \quad & (\mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_n + \mathbf{a}_{n-1})(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + (\mathbf{b}_0 + \mathbf{b}_n + \mathbf{b}_{n-1}) = 0 \\ & \cdot \\ & \cdot \\ (n+1) \quad & (\mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{a}_n)(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{x}_n) + (\mathbf{b}_0 + \mathbf{b}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{b}_n) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We will show that Equation (18) is equivalent to the previous classical system of equations.

We compute Equation (18) by using the canonical form, and we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_0\mathbf{N}_0 + (\mathbf{M}_n\mathbf{N}_n - \mathbf{M}_0\mathbf{N}_0)\mathbf{I}_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\mathbf{M}_i\mathbf{N}_i - \mathbf{M}_{i+1}\mathbf{N}_{i+1})\mathbf{I}_i \\ = -\mathbf{b}_0 - \mathbf{b}_1\mathbf{I}_1 - \cdots - \mathbf{b}_n\mathbf{I}_n, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where \mathbf{M}_i and \mathbf{N}_i are the canonical forms of A and X , respectively.

From (12), we get the following classical system:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_0\mathbf{N}_0 &= -\mathbf{b}_0, \\ \mathbf{M}_n\mathbf{N}_n - \mathbf{M}_0\mathbf{N}_0 &= -\mathbf{b}_n, \\ \mathbf{M}_i\mathbf{N}_i - \mathbf{M}_{i+1}\mathbf{N}_{i+1} &= -\mathbf{b}_i, \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq i \leq n-1. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

The equation $\mathbf{M}_0\mathbf{N}_0 = -\mathbf{b}_0$ equivalents $\mathbf{a}_0\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{b}_0 = 0$. The equation $\mathbf{M}_n\mathbf{N}_n - \mathbf{M}_0\mathbf{N}_0 = -\mathbf{b}_n$ equivalents $(\mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_n)(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_n) + (\mathbf{b}_0 + \mathbf{b}_n) = 0$.

Also, any equation with form $\mathbf{M}_i\mathbf{N}_i - \mathbf{M}_{i+1}\mathbf{N}_{i+1} = -\mathbf{b}_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ equivalents $(\mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_n + \mathbf{a}_{n-1} + \cdots + \mathbf{a}_i)(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \cdots + \mathbf{x}_i) + (\mathbf{b}_0 + \mathbf{b}_n + \mathbf{b}_{n-1} + \cdots + \mathbf{b}_i) = 0$ by mathematical induction; thus, our proof is complete.

Now, we can apply the previous theorem to solve n -refined neutrosophic linear equations, and we illustrate an example.

Example 2

Let R be the real field and $R_3(I)$ be its corresponding 3-refined neutrosophic field. Consider the following 3-refined neutrosophic Equation (18) $(1 + \mathbf{I}_2 + \mathbf{I}_3)\mathbf{X} + (\mathbf{I}_1 + 2\mathbf{I}_2) = 0$. To solve it, we turn it into the classical equivalent system.

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & 1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_0 + 0 = 0; \text{ its solution } \mathbf{x}_0 = 0. \\ (2) \quad & (1 + 1)(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_3) + (0 + 0) = 0; \text{ its solution is } \\ & \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_3 = 0; \text{ thus } \mathbf{x}_3 = 0. \\ (3) \quad & (1 + 1 + 1)(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_3 + \mathbf{x}_2) + (0 + 0 + 2) = 0; \text{ its solu-} \\ & \text{tion is } 3(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_3 + \mathbf{x}_2) = -2; \text{ thus } \mathbf{x}_2 = -2/3. \\ (4) \quad & (1 + 1 + 1 + 0)(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_3 + \mathbf{x}_2 + \mathbf{x}_1) + (0 + 1 + 2 + 0) \\ & = 0; \text{ its solution is } \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_3 + \mathbf{x}_2 + \mathbf{x}_1 = -1; \text{ thus } \mathbf{x}_1 \\ & = -1/3. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the solution of Equation (18) is

$$X = -\frac{2}{3}\mathbf{I}_2 - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{I}_1. \quad (14)$$

Definition 7 Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{pmatrix}$ be an $m \times n$ matrix; if

$a_{ij} = x + y\mathbf{I}_1 + z\mathbf{I}_2 + \cdots + t\mathbf{I}_n \in R_n(I)$, then it is called an n -refined neutrosophic matrix, where $R_n(I)$ is an n -refined neutrosophic ring.

Remark 2

If A is an $m \times n$ matrix, then it can be represented as an element of the n -refined neutrosophic ring of matrices like the following: $A = B + C\mathbf{I}_1 + D\mathbf{I}_2 + \cdots + K\mathbf{I}_n$ where D, B, C, \dots, K are classical matrices with elements from the ring R and from size $m \times n$.

For example, $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + \mathbf{I}_1 + 3\mathbf{I}_2 - \mathbf{I}_3 & 1 - \mathbf{I}_1 - \mathbf{I}_2 \\ 3 + 4\mathbf{I}_2 + 2\mathbf{I}_3 & 1 + \mathbf{I}_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{I}_1 + \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{I}_2 + \mathbf{I}_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is a 3-

refined neutrosophic matrix.

Remark 3

The identity with respect to multiplication is the normal unitary matrix.

Definition 8

Let A be a square $\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{m}$ n -refined neutrosophic matrix, then it is called invertible if there exists an n -refined square $\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{m}$ neutrosophic matrix B such that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{m}}$ where $\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{m}}$ is the unitary classical matrix.

Remark 4

Let $X = A_0 + A_1\mathbf{I}_1 + \cdots + A_n\mathbf{I}_n$ be a square $m \times m$ n -refined neutrosophic matrix, then it is invertible if and only if $M_j, 0 \leq j \leq n$ are invertible. The inverse of X is

$$\begin{aligned}
 X^{-1} &= (M_0)^{-1} + (M_n^{-1} - M_0^{-1})I_n + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (M_j^{-1} - M_{j+1}^{-1})I_j \\
 &= (A_0)^{-1} + ((A_0 + A_1 + \dots + A_n)^{-1} - (A_0 + A_2 + \dots + A_n)^{-1})I_1 \\
 &\quad + ((A_0 + A_2 + \dots + A_n)^{-1} - (A_0 + A_3 + \dots + A_n)^{-1})I_2 \\
 &\quad + ((A_0 + A_3 + \dots + A_n)^{-1} - (A_0 + A_4 + \dots + A_n)^{-1})I_3 + \dots + ((A_0 + A_n)^{-1} - (A_0)^{-1})I_n.
 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

The proof holds directly as a special case of Theorem 3.

We defined the determinant of a square $m \times m$ n -refined neutrosophic matrix as

Definition 9

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det X &= \det A_0 + [\det(A_0 + A_1 + \dots + A_n) - \det(A_0 + A_2 + \dots + A_n)]I_1 \\
 &\quad + [\det(A_0 + A_2 + \dots + A_n) - \det(A_0 + A_3 + \dots + A_n)]I_2 + \dots \\
 &\quad + [\det(A_0 + A_n) - \det(A_0)]I_n = \det(M_0) + (\det(M_n) - \det(M_0))I_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\det(M_i) - \det(M_{i+1}))I_i.
 \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

This definition is supported by the condition of invertibility.

$$(c) \det X^{-1} = (\det X)^{-1}$$

Theorem 6

Let $X = A_0 + A_1I_1 + \dots + A_nI_n$ be a square $m \times m$ n -refined neutrosophic matrix, and we have the following:

- (a) X is invertible if and only if $\det X \neq 0$
- (b) If $Y = B_0 + B_1I_1 + \dots + B_nI_n$ is a square $m \times m$ n -refined neutrosophic matrix, then $\det XY = \det X \det Y$

Proof.

- (a) If $\det X \neq 0$, this will be equivalent to $\det M_j \neq 0$ for all j , i.e., M_j are invertible; thus, X is invertible according to Theorem 3.
- (b) $XY = M_0N_0 + (M_nN_n - M_0N_0)I_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (M_iN_i - M_{i+1}N_{i+1})I_i$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det XY &= \det(M_0N_0) + I_n [\det(M_nN_n) - \det(M_0N_0)] \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} [(\det(M_iN_i) - \det(M_{i+1}N_{i+1}))I_i] \\
 &= \det M_0 \det N_0 + I_n [\det(M_n) \det(N_n) - \det(M_0) \det(N_0)] \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\det(M_i) \det(N_i) - \det(M_{i+1}) \det(N_{i+1}))I_i \\
 &= \left[\det(M_0) + (\det(M_n) - \det(M_0))I_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\det(M_i) - \det(M_{i+1}))I_i \right] \\
 &\quad \cdot \left[\det(N_0) + (\det(N_n) - \det(N_0))I_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\det(N_i) - \det(N_{i+1}))I_i \right] = \det X \det Y.
 \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

(c) It holds directly from (b).

Now, we can find an easy algorithm to solve a linear system of n -refined neutrosophic algebraic equations over any n -refined neutrosophic field by using the inverse matrix method.

We construct an example.

Example 3

Consider the following system of 2-refined neutrosophic linear equations:

$$(2 + I_1 + 3I_2)X + (1 - I_1 - I_2)Y = -I_1, \tag{18}$$

$$(3 + 4I_2)X + (1 + I_1)Y = I_2. \tag{19}$$

The corresponding refined neutrosophic matrix is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + I_1 + 3I_2 & 1 - I_1 - I_2 \\ 3 + 4I_2 & 1 + I_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We have the following:

$$(a) A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + I_1 + 3I_2 & 1 - I_1 - I_2 \\ 3 + 4I_2 & 1 + I_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 21 \\ 31 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 1 \\ 0 \ 1 \end{pmatrix} I_1 + \begin{pmatrix} 3 - 1 \\ 4 \ 0 \end{pmatrix} I_2 \quad \text{where } B = \begin{pmatrix} 21 \\ 31 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 1 \\ 0 \ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - 1 \\ 4 \ 0 \end{pmatrix}, B + D = \begin{pmatrix} 50 \\ 71 \end{pmatrix}, B + C + D = \begin{pmatrix} 6 - 1 \\ 7 \ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(b) B^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \ 1 \\ 3 \ -2 \end{pmatrix}, (B + D)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/50 & 0 \\ -7/51 \end{pmatrix}, (B + C + D)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/19 & 1/19 \\ -7/196 & 1/19 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(c) A^{-1} = B^{-1} + I_1 \quad [(B + C + D)^{-1} - (B + D)^{-1}] \quad + I_2$$

$$[(B + D)^{-1} - B^{-1}] = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \ 1 \\ 3 \ -2 \end{pmatrix} + I_1 \begin{pmatrix} -9/95 & 1/19 \\ 98/95 & -13/19 \end{pmatrix} +$$

$$I_2 \begin{pmatrix} 6/5 & -1 \\ -22/5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 - (9/95)I_1 + (6/5)I_2 & 1 + (1/19)I_1 - I_2 \\ 3 + (98/95)I_1 - (22/5)I_2 & -2 - (13/19)I_1 + 3I_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{It is easy to find that } A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(d) \det B = -1, \det (B + D) = 5, \det (B + C + D) = 19, \det A = -1 + I_1[19 - 5] + I_2[5 - (-1)] = -1 + 14I_1 + 6I_2.$$

Since A is invertible, we get the solution of the previous system of the 2-refined linear system by computing the product:

$$A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -I_1 \\ I_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 - \frac{9}{95}I_1 + \frac{6}{5}I_2 & 1 + \frac{1}{19}I_1 - I_2 \\ 3 + \frac{98}{95}I_1 - \frac{22}{5}I_2 & -2 - \frac{13}{19}I_1 + 3I_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -I_1 \\ I_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_1 \left[1 + \frac{9}{95} - \frac{6}{5} + \frac{1}{19} \right] \\ I_1 \left[-3 - \frac{98}{95} + \frac{22}{5} - \frac{13}{19} \right] + I_2 [-2 + 3] \end{pmatrix},$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -I_1 \frac{1}{19} \\ -\frac{6}{19}I_1 + I_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(20)

Thus,

$$X = \frac{1}{19}I_1, \tag{21}$$

$$Y = -\frac{6}{19}I_1 + I_2.$$

5. Conclusion

In this paper, we have determined the necessary and sufficient conditions for the invertibility, nilpotency, and idempotency of elements in a refined neutrosophic ring. In particular, we have studied some of algebraic properties of n-refined neutrosophic matrices such as determinants and inverses with an application solving the n-refined neutrosophic linear algebraic system of equations.

As a future research direction, we aim to study n-refined neutrosophic Diophantine equations.

Data Availability

No data were used to support this study.

Conflicts of Interest

The author declares that there are no conflicts of interest.

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