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Question:

Let $T : P_3[0, 1] \rightarrow P_2[0, 1]$ be defined by $(Tp)(x) = p''(x) + p'(x)$. Then the matrix representation of T with respect to the bases $\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ and $\{1, x, x^2\}$ of $P_3[0, 1]$ and $P_2[0, 1]$ respectively is

$$1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$4) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution:

The transformation is

$$T(p)(x) = p''(x) + p'(x) \quad (1)$$

The domain basis is

$$\mathcal{B} = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\} \quad (2)$$

The codomain basis is

$$\mathcal{C} = \{1, x, x^2\} = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3\} \quad (3)$$

The matrix representation \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} [T(\mathbf{v}_1)]_C & [T(\mathbf{v}_2)]_C & [T(\mathbf{v}_3)]_C & [T(\mathbf{v}_4)]_C \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

The columns of \mathbf{A} are computed by applying the transformation (1) to each basis vector in \mathcal{B} .

$$T(\mathbf{v}_1) = T(1) = 0(1) + 0(x) + 0(x^2) \implies [T(\mathbf{v}_1)]_C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$T(\mathbf{v}_2) = T(x) = 1(1) + 0(x) + 0(x^2) \implies [T(\mathbf{v}_2)]_C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$T(\mathbf{v}_3) = T(x^2) = 2(1) + 2(x) + 0(x^2) \implies [T(\mathbf{v}_3)]_C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$T(\mathbf{v}_4) = T(x^3) = 0(1) + 6(x) + 3(x^2) \implies [T(\mathbf{v}_4)]_C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

This gives

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

The correct option is **2**).