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Question 2  $P_2(\mathbb{R})$

Inner product  $\langle p(x), q(x) \rangle = \int_0^1 p(x)q(x)dx$

$T: P_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_2(\mathbb{R}), T(p(x)) = p'(x)$

Find a basis for each of the four fundamental subspaces of  $T$ .

Four fundamental subspaces:  $\ker(T), \text{Im}(T), \ker(T^*), \text{Im}(T^*)$

From Q1.  $\ker(T^*) = \text{Im}(T)^\perp$  (1)

$\text{Im}(T^*) = \ker(T)^\perp$  (2)

Find  $\ker(T)$  and  $\text{Im}(T)$  first. Then, use (1) and (2) to find  $\ker(T^*)$  and  $\text{Im}(T^*)$

Suggested question

Let  $N: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be defined by  $N = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -7 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ -9 & -7 & -2 & 1 \\ 13 & 3 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

$N^2 = 0$

2 is the smallest  $k$  s.t.  $N^k = 0$

$\ker(N^2) = \mathbb{R}^4$

Consider  $e_1, e_2 \in \mathbb{R}^4$

$Ne_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -7 \\ -9 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \quad N^2e_1 = 0$

$Ne_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \quad N^2e_2 = 0$

$d_1 = (Ne_1, e_1)$  is a cycle of length 2

$d_2 = (Ne_2, e_2)$  is a cycle of length 2

Since  $e_1$  &  $e_2$  are linearly indpt,  $d_1$  &  $d_2$  are non-overlapping

Cycles  $\Rightarrow d_1 \cup d_2 = \{Ne_1, e_1, Ne_2, e_2\}$  is linearly indpt

$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 \cup \alpha_2$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$

$\rightarrow$  Cycle Tableau 


 $\leadsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  canonical form of  $N$   
canonical basis is  $\alpha_1 \cup \alpha_2$ .

## OVERALL PHILOSOPHY

$F$  field

$N \in M_{n \times n}(F)$  a nilpotent matrix

Exercise: Find the canonical form of  $N$ , as well as a canonical basis

Lemma: Sp.  $x \in F^n, x \neq 0$

Sp. also that  $N^k x = 0$ , but  $N^{k-1} x \neq 0, k \geq 1$

Then  $\{N^{k-1}x, N^{k-2}x, \dots, Nx, x\}$  is linearly independent

We call this the cycle for  $N$  &  $x$

It has length  $k$ .

The idea is to construct a basis of  $F^n$  built out of non-overlapping cycles.

$\alpha_1 = (N^{k_1-1}x_1, N^{k_1-2}x_1, \dots, Nx_1, x_1)$

$\vdots$

$k_1 \geq k_2 \geq \dots \geq k_m$

$\alpha_m = (N^{k_m-1}x_m, N^{k_m-2}x_m, \dots, Nx_m, x_m)$

Assume that  $\alpha_1 \cup \alpha_2 \cup \dots \cup \alpha_m$  is a basis of  $F^n$

Having found  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ , we construct a cycle tableau

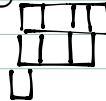
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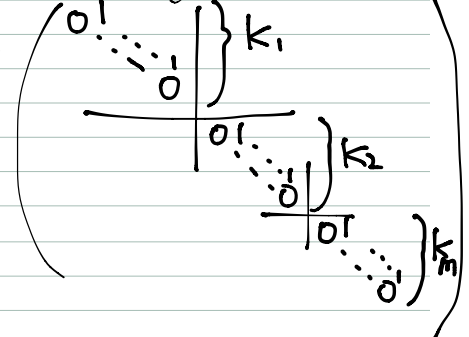
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e.g.  $4 \geq 3 \geq 1$



Canonical form



HINT

Question 5 Create all cycle tableaux with 4 boxes.

Use a theorem from the book.

$$\dim(\ker(N^j)) - \dim(\ker(N^{j-1})) = \# \text{ of boxes in column } j \text{ of the cycle tableau}$$