Assignment 12

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Abstract—This document explains a proof in linear transformations.

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https://github.com/EE20MTECH14019/EE5609/ tree/master/Assignment 12

1 Problem

Let T be the linear operator on \mathbb{R}^2 defined by

$$T(x_1, x_2) = (-x_2, x_1)$$
 (1.0.1)

Prove that for every real number c, the operator (T - cI) is invertible.

2 Solution

From the equation (1.0.1), the matrix of T in standard order basis is,

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.1}$$

To find the invertibility of the operator $(\mathbf{T} - c\mathbf{I})$ for every real number c, let us start with

$$(\mathbf{T} - c\mathbf{I})(\mathbf{T} + c\mathbf{I}) \tag{2.0.2}$$

$$= \mathbf{T}^2 - c^2 \mathbf{I}$$
 (2.0.3)

Consider T^2

$$\mathbf{T}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \mathbf{T}^2 = -\mathbf{I}$$
(2.0.4)

Substituting equation (2.0.4) in (2.0.3),

$$(\mathbf{T} - c\mathbf{I})(\mathbf{T} + c\mathbf{I}) = -(1 + c^2)\mathbf{I}$$
 (2.0.5)

As c is a real number, $c^2 \ge 0$ and hence factor $-(1+c^2)$ is always non-zero. Therefore, from the equation (2.0.5),

$$(\mathbf{T} - c\mathbf{I})^{-1} = \frac{-1}{1+c^2} (\mathbf{T} + c\mathbf{I})$$
 (2.0.6)

Hence the operator (T - cI) is invertible and its inverse is given by the equation (2.0.6)

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