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Question:

Let  $\mathbf{A} = 10\mathbf{I}_3$  where  $\mathbf{I}_3$  is the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix. Find the nullity of  $5\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I}_3 + \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^2)$ . **Solution:**

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = 100\mathbf{I}_3 \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{M} = 5\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I}_3 + \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^2) = 5(10\mathbf{I}_3)(\mathbf{I}_3 + 10\mathbf{A} + 100\mathbf{A}) = 5550\mathbf{I}_3 \quad (2)$$

Solve  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = 0$

$$5550\mathbf{I}_3\mathbf{x} = 0 \implies 5550\mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (3)$$

Since 5550 is a nonzero scalar, the only vector satisfying this is the zero vector:

$$\mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (4)$$

The nullspace contains only the zero vector, so its dimension is 0. Therefore

$$\text{nullity}(5\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I}_3 + \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^2)) = 0 \quad (5)$$

Listing 1: nullity.c

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1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int find_nullity(double k) {
4     double scalar = 5 * k * (1 + k + k * k);
5     int n = 3; // 3x3 matrix
6     int nullity = 0;
7
8     if (scalar == 0)
9         nullity = n;
10    else
11        nullity = 0;
12
13    return nullity;
14 }
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