Assignment-14

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***Abstract*—This document contains the problem related to Linear Transformations (Hoffman:- Page-106,Q-9)**

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1 Problem

Let $\mathbf{V}$ be the vector space of all 2×2 matrices over the field of real numbers, and let

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.1}$$

Let $\mathbf{W}$ be the subspace of $\mathbf{V}$ consisting of all $\mathbf{A}$ such that $\mathbf{AB}$=0. Let f be a linear functional on $\mathbf{V}$ which is an annihilator of $\mathbf{W}$. Suppose that f($\mathbf{I}$) = 0 and f($\mathbf{C}$) = 3, where $\mathbf{I}$ is the 2×2 identity matrix and,

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.2}$$

Find f($\mathbf{B}$)?

2 solution

The general Linear functional f on $\mathbf{V}$ is of the form,

$$f(\mathbf{A}) = aA_{11} + bA_{12} + cA_{21} + dA_{22} \tag{2.0.1}$$

for a,b,c,d $\in \mathbf{R}$ Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{W}$ be,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ q & s \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.2}$$

$$\because \mathbf{AB} = 0 \tag{2.0.3}$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ q & s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \tag{2.0.4}$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 2p - q & -2p + q \\ 2q - s & -2q + s \end{pmatrix} = 0 \tag{2.0.5}$$

$\therefore$ q=2p and s=2q. Hence $\mathbf{W}$ consists of all matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} p & 2p \\ q & 2q \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.6}$$

Now V is an annihilator of W. Hence, f$\in \mathbf{W}^0$

$$\implies f\left(\begin{pmatrix} p & 2p \\ q & 2q \end{pmatrix}\right) = 0 \forall p, q \in \mathbf{R} \tag{2.0.7}$$

from equation (2.0.1)

$$\implies ap + 2bp + cq + 2dq = 0 \forall p, q \in \mathbf{R} \tag{2.0.8}$$

$$\implies (a + 2b)p + (c + 2d)q = 0, \forall p, q \in \mathbf{R} \tag{2.0.9}$$

Hence, b=$\frac{-1}{2}$a and d=$\frac{-1}{2}$c. Hence general $f \in \mathbf{W}^0$ is of the form,

$$f(\mathbf{A}) = aA_{11} - \frac{1}{2}aA_{12} + cA_{21} - \frac{1}{2}cA_{22} \tag{2.0.10}$$

Now, f($\mathbf{C}$) = 3 $\implies$ d =3 $\implies$ c=-6. Alos given that, f($\mathbf{I}$) = 0 $\implies$ a-$\frac{1}{2}$c =0 $\implies$ a=-3. Substituting the above parameters in equation (2.0.10) we get,

$$\therefore f(\mathbf{A}) = -3A_{11} + \frac{3}{2}A_{12} - 6A_{21} + 3A_{22} \tag{2.0.11}$$

$$\text{Now, } f(\mathbf{B}) = f\left(\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) \tag{2.0.12}$$

$$\implies f(\mathbf{B}) = -3(2) + \frac{3}{2}(-2) - 6(-1) + 3(1) = 0 \tag{2.0.13}$$