

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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<https://github.com/ankuraditya13/EE5609-Assignment14>

1 PROBLEM

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

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.0.1)$$

Let \mathbf{W} be the subspace of \mathbf{V} consisting of all \mathbf{A} such that $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{0}$. 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,

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.0.2)$$

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

2 SOLUTION

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

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

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

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ q & s \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.2)$$

$$\because \mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{0} \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ q & s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2p - q & -2p + q \\ 2q - s & -2q + s \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \quad (2.0.5)$$

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} p & 2p \\ q & 2q \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.6)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow f \begin{pmatrix} p & 2p \\ q & 2q \end{pmatrix} = 0 \forall p, q \in \mathbf{R} \quad (2.0.7)$$

from equation (2.0.1)

$$\Rightarrow ap + 2bp + cq + 2dq = 0 \forall p, q \in \mathbf{R} \quad (2.0.8)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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