

# Assignment-15

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**Abstract**—This document contains the problem related to Linear Transformations (Hoffman:- Page-111,Q-1a)

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<https://github.com/ankuraditya13/EE5609-Assignment15>

## 1 PROBLEM

Let  $n$  be a positive integer and  $\mathbf{F}$  a field. let  $\mathbf{W}$  be the set of all vectors  $(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) \in \mathbf{F}^n$  such that  $\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 + \mathbf{x}_3 + \dots + \mathbf{x}_n = 0$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{W}^0$  consists of all linear functional  $f$  of the form

$$f(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) = c \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{x}_j \quad (1.0.1)$$

## 2 DEFINITIONS

### 2.1 Definition 1

If the vector space  $\mathbf{V}$  is finite dimensional (say dimension  $=n$ ), the dimension of null-space  $\mathbf{N}_f$  by rank nullity theorem is given by,

$$|\mathbf{N}_f| = |\mathbf{V}| - 1 = n - 1 \quad (2.1.1)$$

### 2.2 Definition 2

If  $\mathbf{V}$  is a vector space over the field  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$  is a subset of  $\mathbf{V}$ , the annihilator of  $\mathbf{S}$  is the set  $\mathbf{S}^0$  of linear functional  $f$  on  $\mathbf{V}$  such that  $f(\alpha) = 0$  for every  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbf{S}$ .

## 3 SOLUTION

Let  $h$  be the functional,

$$h(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) = \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{x}_n \quad (3.0.1)$$

$$\text{Let, } \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow h(\mathbf{X}^T) = 0 \quad (3.0.3)$$

Then  $\mathbf{W}$  is in null-space of  $h$ . Hence by definition-1, the dimension of  $\mathbf{W}$  is,

$$|W| = n - 1 \quad (3.0.4)$$

Now let,

$$a_j = \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_{i+1}, \text{ for } i = (1, \dots, n-1) \quad (3.0.5)$$

Hence clearly  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$  are linearly independent. Hence from (3.0.4) and above statement we can conclude that  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$  are all in  $\mathbf{W}$  so they must form basis for  $\mathbf{W}$ . Now, it is given that  $f$  is linear functional hence,

$$f(\mathbf{X}^T) = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \mathbf{x}_j \quad (3.0.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\mathbf{X}^T) = C^T \mathbf{X} \quad (3.0.7)$$

Where,

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.8)$$

Now  $f \in \mathbf{W}^0$  from definition-2 is given as,

$$f(a_1) = f(a_2) = \dots = f(a_n) = 0 \text{ for every } a_j \in \mathbf{W} \quad (3.0.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 - c_i = 0 \forall i = 2 \dots n \quad (3.0.10)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_i = c_1 = c \forall i \quad (3.0.11)$$

Hence,

$$f(\mathbf{X}^T) = c\mathbf{x}_1 + c\mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + c\mathbf{x}_n \quad (3.0.12)$$

$$(3.0.13)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) = c \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{x}_j \quad (3.0.14)$$

Hence, Proved