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Assignment 18

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Abstract

This document illustrates the concept of minimal polynomial, null space and basis.

Download the latex-tikz codes from

https://github.com/priya6971/matrix theory EE5609/tree/master/Assignment18

1 Problem

Let T be a linear operator on \mathbb{R}^3 which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \\ 10 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.1}$$

Express the minimal polynomial p for T in the form $p = p_1 p_2$, where p_1 and p_2 are monic and irreducible over the field of real numbers. Let W_i be the null space of $p_i(T)$. Find the basis B_i for the spaces W_1 and W_2 . If T_i is the operator induced on W_i by T_i , find the matrix of T_i in the basis T_i above.

2 **DEFINITIONS**

| Characteristic Polynomial | For an $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , characteristic polynomial is defined by, $p(x) = x\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} $ |
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| Cayley-Hamilton Theorem | If $p(x)$ is the characteristic polynomial of an $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , then, $p(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ |
| Minimal Polynomial | Minimal polynomial $m(x)$ is the smallest factor of characteristic polynomial $p(x)$ such that, $m(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ Every root of characteristic polynomial should be the root of minimal polynomial and the minimal polynomial divides the characteristic polynomial. |

TABLE 1: Definitions

3 Solution

| Express Minimal Polynomial | $A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \\ 10 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ Characteristic Polynomial = $ xI - A = \begin{vmatrix} x - 6 & 3 & 2 \\ -4 & x + 1 & 2 \\ -10 & 5 & x + 3 \end{vmatrix}$ By solving above determinant, we find out that $x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2 = (x - 2)(x^2 + 1)$ Since, $T - 2I \neq 0$ and the minimal polynomial divides the characteristic polynomial, thus minimal polynomial p for T is $p = m(x)$ $p = (x - 2)(x^2 + 1)$ Put $p_1 = (x - 2)$ and $p_2 = (x^2 + 1)$ Thus, $p = p_1 p_2$ |
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| Bases B_1 and matrix T_1 | Let $W_1 = \{\alpha \in R^3/p_1(T) \alpha = 0, (T - 2I) \alpha = 0\}$ Therefore, $A - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 & -2 \\ 4 & -3 & -2 \\ 10 & -5 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$ Rank of $A - 2I$ is 2 Nullity of $A - 2I$ = no of columns - Rank = $3 - 2 = 1$ That means the dimension of W_1 is 1 Clearly, $\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \in W_1$ Therefore, $B_1 = \{\alpha_1\}$ is the basis for W_1 Let T_1 be the matrix induced by T on W_1 $T_1\alpha_1 = T\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \\ 10 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 2\alpha_1$ $[T_1]_{B_1} = [2]$ |
| Bases B_2 and matrix T_2 | Let $W_2 = \{\alpha \in R^3/p_2(T) \alpha = 0, (T^2 + I) \alpha = 0\}$ Therefore, $A^2 + I = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & -10 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$ Rank of $A^2 + I$ is 1 Nullity of $A^2 + I$ = no of columns - Rank = 3 - 1 = 2 That means the dimension of W_2 is 2 Clearly, $\alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\alpha_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in W_2$ Therefore, $B_2 = \{\alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$ is the basis for W_2 Let T_2 be the matrix induced by T on W_2 |

$$T_{2}\alpha_{1} = T\alpha_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \\ 10 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 5 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3\alpha_{2} + 5\alpha_{3}$$

$$T_{2}\alpha_{3} = T\alpha_{3} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \\ 10 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + -3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -2\alpha_{2} - 3\alpha_{3}$$

$$[T_{2}]_{B_{2}} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

TABLE 2: Finding of Basis and corresponding matrix