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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} $
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 charateristic polynomial.
Basis Theorem	Let $V$ be a subspace of dimension $m$ . Then: Any $m$ linearly independent vectors in $V$ forms a basis for $V$ . Any $m$ vectors that span $V$ forms a basis for $V$ .

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, $p = p_1 p_2$
Bases $B_1$ and matrix $T_1$	Let $W_1 = \{\alpha \in R^3/p_1(T)   \alpha = 0, (T - 2I)   \alpha = 0\}$ Therefore, $A - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 & -2 \\ 4 & -3 & -2 \\ 10 & -5 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Rank of $A - 2I$ is 2 Nullity of $A - 2I = \text{no of columns} - \text{Rank} = 3 - 2 = 1$ That means the dimension of $W_1$ is 1 Thus we can let, $\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \in W_1$ (Basis theorem mentioned in Definitions) 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, $A^2 + I = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \\ 10 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \\ 10 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & -10 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 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 Thus we can let, $\alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , $\alpha_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in W_2$ (Basis theorem in Definitions) Therefore, $B_2 = \{\alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$ is the basis for $W_2$ Let $T_2$ be the matrix induced by $T$ on $W_2$

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

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

$$(\alpha_{2} \quad \alpha_{3})[T_{2}] = (\alpha_{2} \quad \alpha_{3}) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

TABLE 2: Finding of Basis and corresponding matrix

### 4 Summarization of Above Results

Express Minimal Polynomial	$A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \\ 10 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ We get, $p_1 = (x - 2)$ and $p_2 = (x^2 + 1)$ Thus, $p = p_1 p_2$
$W_i$	$W_{1} = \{\alpha \in R^{3}/p_{1}(T) \alpha = 0, (T - 2I) \alpha = 0\}$ $W_{2} = \{\alpha \in R^{3}/p_{2}(T) \alpha = 0, (T^{2} + I) \alpha = 0\}$
$B_i$	$B_1 = \{\alpha_1\}$ is the basis for $W_1$ where, $\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\2 \end{pmatrix} \in W_1$
	$B_2 = \{\alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$ is the basis for $W_2$ where, $\alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , $\alpha_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in W_2$
$T_i$	$[T_1]_{B_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $[T_2]_{B_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

TABLE 3: Conclusion of above Results