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Ans to the q: NO: 01

Ans: In linear algebra, the rank of a matrix  $A$  is dimension of the column space (or the row space) of  $A$ , & the nullity of a matrix  $A$  is the dimension of the kernel (null space) of  $A$ . The rank-nullity theorem states that for any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ :

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{Nullity } A = n,$$

where  $n$  is the number of columns of  $A$ .

Let's analyze each based on the dimensions of  $A$ .

(a)  $A$  is  $4 \times 4$ .

For a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$ :

- largest possible rank: The maximum rank of  $A$  is 4, since rank cannot exceed the smaller of the number of rows or columns.

largest possible rank = 4

- Smallest possible nullity: If the rank is 4, the nullity is  $4 - 4 = 0$ .

smallest possible nullity = 0

(b) A is  $3 \times 5$

For a  $3 \times 5$  matrix A:

- Largest possible rank: The maximum rank of A is 3. As the rank can not exceed the number of rows (3 in this case)

largest possible rank = 3

- Smallest possible nullity: If the rank is 3, then by the rank-nullity theorem, the nullity is

$$5 - 3 = 2$$

smallest possible nullity = 2

(c)  $A$  is  $5 \times 3$

For a  $5 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ :

• largest possible rank: The maximum rank of  $A$  is 3, since rank cannot exceed the number of columns (3 in this case)

largest possible rank = 3

• Smallest possible rank nullity: If the rank is 3, then by the rank-nullity theorem, the nullity is  $3 - 3 = 0$

Smallest possible nullity = 0

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Ans. Q: NO: 02

Ans! Given that  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix & its null space is a line through the origin in 3-space, let's analyze the implications for the row & column spaces of  $A$ .

Understanding the null space :-

The null space of a matrix  $A$  consists of all vectors  $x$  such that  $Ax = 0$ .

• Since the null space of  $A$  is a line through the origin, it has dimension 1. This means there is exactly one free variable & the rest are dependent on it.

According to the rank-nullity theorem :-

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$$

For our  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ , where  $n = 3$ :

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = 3$$

Given that the nullity of  $A$  is 1 (since its null space is a line through the origin), we have:

$$\text{rank}(A) + 1 = 3 \Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = 2$$

Row Space & column Space of  $A$

- Rank & row space: The row space of  $A$  is the span of its rows & has dimension equal to the rank of  $A$ . Since the rank of  $A$  is 2, the dimension of the row space is 2, which is a plane in 3-space, not a line.
- Rank & column space: The column space of  $A$  is the span of its columns & also has dimension equal to the rank of  $A$ . Since the rank of  $A$  is 2, the dimension of the column space is 2, which is a plane in 3-space, not a line.

The row space or column space of  $A$  cannot be a line through the origin. They are both planes in 3-dimensional space.

Ans: to the Q: NO: 03

Ans: It looks like there may be a type in the characteristic polynomial you've provided. It currently reads as  $p(\lambda) = \lambda^3 - 2\lambda^3 + \lambda + 5$ . However, the polynomial has two  $\lambda^3$  terms, which is unusual.

Assuming the polynomial you intended to write is

$P(\lambda) = \lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 + \lambda + 5$ , we can proceed to find the determinant of matrix  $A$ .

Characteristic polynomial & Determinant -

For a  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the characteristic polynomial  $p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$  is of the form  $\lambda^n - \text{tr}(A)\lambda^{n-1} + c_1\lambda^{n-2} + \dots + (-1)^n \det(A)$ .

Given the characteristic polynomial:

$$P(\lambda) = \lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 + \lambda + 5,$$

We can identify the determinant  $\det(A)$  as the constant term of the polynomial.

Therefore, the determinant of matrix  $A$  is

$$\det(A) = 5.$$

Ans) Let's analyze the dilation operator  $T$  defined on the space of  $n \times n$  matrices,  $M_{n \times n}$  with a dilation factor  $k = 3$

Definition of the Dilation Operator: -

The dilation Operator  $T$  with factor  $k$  scales each entry of a  $n \times n$  matrix by  $k$ . Specifically, if  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix then,

$$T(A) = kA = 3A$$

Space  $V$  Dimensions: -

- The Space  $M_{2 \times 2}$  consist of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices.
- The dimension of  $M_{2 \times 2}$  is  $2 \times 2 = 4$ , so, the vector space  $M_{2 \times 2}$  is 4-dimensional.

1. Rank of  $T$

- The rank of  $T$  is the dimension of the image of  $T$ .
- Since  $T$  is a dilation operator, every  $2 \times 2$  matrix is scaled version of the original.

• The rank of  $T$  is the dimension of the image of  $T$  is thus the entire space  $M_{22}$  because any  $2 \times 2$  matrix can be reached by scaling another matrix (specifically for any matrix  $B$ , you can find a matrix  $A$  such that  $T(A) = B$  by choosing  $A = \frac{1}{3} B$ )

Therefore, the image of  $T$  spans the entire space  $M_{22}$  which has dimension 4.

So, the rank of  $T$  is:-

$$\text{Rank}(T) = 4$$

2. Nullity of  $T$ :-

• The nullity of  $T$  is the dimension of the kernel (null space) of  $T$ . The kernel of  $T$  consists of all matrices  $A$  such that  $T(A) = 0$ .

For  $T(A) = 3A = 0$ , it must be that  $A = 0$  because the dilation factor 3 is non-zero. Thus, the only matrix that maps to the zero matrix under  $T$  is the zero matrix itself.

Therefore, the kernel of  $T$  contains only the zero matrix & its dimension (nullity) is 0.

So, the nullity of  $T$  is:-

$$\text{Nullity}(T) = 0.$$