

$$= n_1(\lambda) + 2n_2(\lambda) + 2n_3(\lambda) + \dots + 2n_k(\lambda) + \dots$$

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Repeating for $(T - \lambda I)^3, (T - \lambda I)^4, \dots$ etc.

proves the Claim. \square

$$\text{Thus } n_1(\lambda) = 2 \text{ nullity } (T - \lambda I) - \text{nullity } (T - \lambda I)^2$$


$$n_2(\lambda) = \frac{3}{2} \left(\text{nullity } (T - \lambda I)^2 - n_1(\lambda) \right)$$

$$- \left(\text{nullity } (T - \lambda I)^3 - n_1(\lambda) \right)$$

\vdots

and so the numbers $n_1(\lambda), n_2(\lambda), \dots$ can be uniquely determined from the numbers

nullity $(T - \lambda I), \text{ nullity } (T - \lambda I)^2, \dots$

But these  do not depend on the choice of Jordan canonical basis S , in other words

$$[T]_{\beta}^{\beta} \quad \text{and} \quad [T]_{\gamma}^{\gamma}$$

have the same # of Jordan blocks of each size for each generalized eigenvalue λ . They