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Linear subspaces and matrix pencils

We show how linear subspaces of the form

$$\ker \begin{bmatrix} A & -E \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{ran} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ -E \end{bmatrix}$$

with matrices A, E are related to matrix pencils of the form $\lambda E - A$. This relation can be used to study various spectral properties of pencils like behaviour under rank one perturbations, distance to singularity, etc. Moreover it allows a simple approach to infinite dimensions, i.e., when A and B are bounded or unbounded operators, e.g., invariance of the essential spectrum under perturbations.

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