

## GENERALIZATION OF CAYLEY-HAMILTON THEOREM FOR N-D POLYNOMIAL MATRICES

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**Abstract:** The Cayley-Hamilton theorem is extended for real polynomial matrices in  $n$  variables. The known extensions of the classical Cayley-Hamilton theorem are particular cases of the proposed extension.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The classical Cayley-Hamilton theorem (Gantmacher, 1974; Lancaster, 1969) says that every square matrix satisfies its own characteristic equation. The Cayley-Hamilton theorem has been extended for rectangle matrices (Kaczorek, 1995c), block matrices (Kaczorek, 1995b; Victoria, 1982) pairs of matrices (Chang and Chen, 1992; Lewis, 1982; Livsic, 1983; Lewis, 1986; Mertzios and Christodoulous, 1986), pairs of block matrices (Kaczorek, 1998) and standard and singular two-dimensional linear systems (Kaczorek, 1992/93; Kaczorek, 1994; Kaczorek, 1995a; Smart and Barnett, 1989; Theodorou, 1989).

The Cayley-Hamilton theorem and its generalizations have been used in control systems, electrical circuits, systems with delays, singular systems, 2D linear systems, etc., (Kaczorek, 1992/93; Kaczorek, 1995c; Lancaster, 1969).

In this note the Cayley-Hamilton theorem will be extended for n-dimensional (n-D) real polynomial matrices. The known extensions of the classical Cayley-Hamilton theorem are particular cases of the proposed extension.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $R^{m \times n}[s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n]$  be the set of  $m \times n$  real polynomial matrices in  $n$  variables  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$ . Consider an n-dimensional ( $n - D$ ) polynomial matrix of the form

$$A(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) = \sum_{i_1=0}^{q_1} \sum_{i_2=0}^{q_2} \dots \sum_{i_n=0}^{q_n} A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} s_1^{i_1} s_2^{i_2} \dots s_n^{i_n} \quad (1)$$

$$\in R^{m \times m}[s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n]$$

where  $A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \in R^{m \times n}$  (the set of  $m \times n$  real matrices) and  $q_k, k = 1, \dots, n$  are nonnegative integers.

It is assumed that the matrix (1) is invertible, i.e. the n-D polynomial

$$\det A(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) = \sum_{j_1=0}^{N_1} \sum_{j_2=0}^{N_2} \dots \sum_{j_n=0}^{N_n} a_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n} s_1^{j_1} s_2^{j_2} \dots s_n^{j_n} \quad (2)$$

is nonidentically vanishing.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1}(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) &= \\ &= \sum_{i_1=-\mu_1}^{\infty} \sum_{i_2=-\mu_2}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{i_n=-\mu_n}^{\infty} \Phi_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} s_1^{-i_1} s_2^{-i_2} \dots s_n^{-i_n} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $\Phi_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \in R^{m \times m}$  and  $(\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n)$  is the n-D index of the matrix (1).

If the coefficient  $a_{N_1 N_2 \dots N_n} \neq 0$  then all  $\mu_k, k = 1, \dots, n$  are finite otherwise some of them may be infinite.

**Lemma** *The matrices  $\Phi_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}$  satisfy the equalities*

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i_1=0}^{q_1} \sum_{i_2=0}^{q_2} \dots \sum_{i_n=0}^{q_n} A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \Phi_{i_1+k_1, i_2+k_2, \dots, i_n+k_n} = \\ &\sum_{i_1=0}^{q_1} \sum_{i_2=0}^{q_2} \dots \sum_{i_n=0}^{q_n} \Phi_{i_1+k_1, i_2+k_2, \dots, i_n+k_n} A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \quad (4) \\ &= \begin{cases} I_m & \text{for } k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k_n = 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } k_1 \neq 0 \text{ or/and } k_2 \neq 0 \\ & \text{or/and } \dots k_n \neq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** From definition of the inverse matrix and (1) and (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &A(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) A^{-1}(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) = \\ &= A^{-1}(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) A(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) = \\ &\left( \sum_{i_1=0}^{q_1} \sum_{i_2=0}^{q_2} \dots \sum_{i_n=0}^{q_n} A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} s_1^{i_1} s_2^{i_2} \dots s_n^{i_n} \right) \times \\ &\left( \sum_{i_1=-\mu_1}^{\infty} \sum_{i_2=-\mu_2}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{i_n=-\mu_n}^{\infty} \Phi_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} s_1^{-i_1} s_2^{-i_2} \dots s_n^{-i_n} \right) \bar{(5)} \\ &\left( \sum_{i_1=-\mu_1}^{\infty} \sum_{i_2=-\mu_2}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{i_n=-\mu_n}^{\infty} \Phi_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} s_1^{-i_1} s_2^{-i_2} \dots s_n^{-i_n} \right) \times \\ &\left( \sum_{i_1=0}^{q_1} \sum_{i_2=0}^{q_2} \dots \sum_{i_n=0}^{q_n} A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} s_1^{i_1} s_2^{i_2} \dots s_n^{i_n} \right) = I_n \end{aligned}$$

Comparison of the matrix coefficients of the same powers of  $s_k^{i_k}$  for  $i_k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots; k = 1, \dots, n$  in (5) yields (4).  $\square$

### 3. MAIN RESULT

**Theorem.** *Let the n-D polynomial matrix (1) be invertible and let (3) hold. Then*

$$\sum_{i_1=0}^{N_1} \sum_{i_2=0}^{N_2} \dots \sum_{i_n=0}^{N_n} a_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \Phi_{i_1+k_1, i_2+k_2, \dots, i_n+k_n} = 0 \quad (6)$$

for  $k_j = 1, 2, \dots$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ )

where  $a_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}$  are the real coefficients of the n-D polynomial (2) and  $N_k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n$ ) are nonnegative integers.

**Proof.** Taking into account that  $\text{Adj}A(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) = A^{-1}(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) \det A(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)$  ( $\text{Adj}A$  denotes the adjoint matrix) and using (2) and (3) we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adj}(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) &= \\ &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{M_1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{M_2} \dots \sum_{k_n=0}^{M_n} K_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_n} s_1^{k_1} s_2^{k_2} \dots s_n^{k_n} = \\ &\left( \sum_{i_1=-\mu_1}^{\infty} \sum_{i_2=-\mu_2}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{i_n=-\mu_n}^{\infty} \Phi_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} s_1^{-i_1} s_2^{-i_2} \dots s_n^{-i_n} \right) (7) \\ &\left( \sum_{j_1=0}^{N_1} \sum_{j_2=0}^{N_2} \dots \sum_{j_n=0}^{N_n} a_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n} s_1^{j_1} s_2^{j_2} \dots s_n^{j_n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $M_k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n$ ) are nonnegative integers. Comparison of the matrix coefficients at the same powers of  $s_k^k$  for  $i_k = -1, -2, \dots; k = 1, \dots, n$  in (7) yields (6).  $\square$

**Remark.** If instead of (3) we use the expansion

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1}(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) &= \\ &\sum_{i_1=-\mu_1}^{\infty} \sum_{i_2=-\mu_2}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{i_n=-\mu_n}^{\infty} \bar{\Phi}_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \times \\ &s_1^{-(i_1+1)} s_2^{-(i_2+1)} \dots s_n^{-(i_n+1)} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

then the equalities (6) take the form

$$\sum_{i_1=0}^{N_1} \sum_{i_2=0}^{N_2} \dots \sum_{i_n=0}^{N_n} a_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \bar{\Phi}_{i_1+k_1, i_2+k_2, \dots, i_n+k_n} = 0 \quad (9)$$

for  $k_j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ )

Note that the well-known extensions of the classical Cayley-Hamilton theorem (Chang and Chen, 1992; Kaczorek, 1994; Kaczorek, 1995a; Lewis, 1982; Ljung, 1983; Lewis, 1986; Mertzios and Christodoulous, 1986; Smart and Barnett, 1989) are particular cases of the proposed extension.

For  $A(s) = [Is - A]$  the proposed theorem is equivalent to the classical Cayley-Hamilton theorem for the matrix  $A$ . If  $A(s) = [Es - A]$  ( $E, A \in R^{n \times n}$ ) we obtain the generalization of the theorem for singular systems and for

$$A(z_1, z_2) = \begin{bmatrix} I_{n_1} z_1 - A_1 & -A_2 \\ -A_3 & I_{n_2} z_2 - A_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_1 \in R^{n_1 \times n_1} \quad A_4 \in R^{n_2 \times n_2}$$

we obtain the generalization of the theorem for 2D linear systems described by the Roesser model

(Kaczorek, 1992/93).

**Examples.** Three examples of n-D invertible polynomial matrices for  $n = 1, 2, 3$  will be considered.

The inverse matrix of the 1-D polynomial matrix

$$\begin{aligned} A(s) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1+s & -s \\ s^2 & 2s \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} s^2 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} s + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \quad (10) \\ &= A_2 s^2 + A_1 s + A_0 \end{aligned}$$

has the form

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1}(s) &= \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2s^{-2} - 4s^{-3} + 4s^{-4} - 8s^{-6} + \dots \\ -2s^{-1} + 4s^{-2} - 4s^{-3} + 8s^{-5} - 16s^{-6} + \dots \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} s^{-2} - 2s^{-3} + 2s^{-4} - 4s^{-6} + \dots \\ s^{-2} - s^{-3} + 2s^{-5} - 4s^{-6} + \dots \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \Phi_1 s^{-1} + \Phi_2 s^{-2} + \Phi_3 s^{-3} + \Phi_4 s^{-4} + \\ &\quad + \Phi_5 s^{-5} + \Phi_6 s^{-6} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \Phi_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (11) \\ \Phi_5 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_6 = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -4 \\ -16 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account that  $\det A(s) = s^3 + 2s^2 + 2s$  ( $a_0 = 0, a_1 = a_2 = 2, a_3 = 1$ ) and using (6) and (11) we obtain:

for  $k_1 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 \Phi_1 + a_1 \Phi_2 + a_2 \Phi_3 + a_3 \Phi_4 &= \\ &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \\ &\quad + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

for  $k_1 = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 \Phi_2 + a_1 \Phi_3 + a_2 \Phi_4 + a_3 \Phi_5 &= \\ &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \\ &\quad + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and for  $k_1 = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 \Phi_3 + a_1 \Phi_4 + a_2 \Phi_5 + a_3 \Phi_6 &= \\ &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \\ &\quad + \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -4 \\ -16 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The inverse matrix of the 2-D polynomial matrix

$$\begin{aligned} A(s_1, s_2) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1+s_1s_2 & s_2 \\ -s_2 & s_1s_2 \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} s_1s_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} s_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \quad (12) \\ &= A_{11}s_1s_2 + A_{01}s_2 + A_{00} \end{aligned}$$

has the form

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1}(s_1, s_2) &= \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1} - s_1^{-2}s_2^{-2} + s_1^{-3}s_2^{-3} - s_1^{-4}s_2^{-4} + \dots \\ s_1^{-2}s_2^{-1} - s_1^{-3}s_2^{-2} - s_1^{-4}s_2^{-1} - s_1^{-5}s_2^{-2} + \dots \\ -s_1^{-2}s_2^{-1} + s_1^{-3}s_2^{-2} + s_1^{-4}s_2^{-1} - s_1^{-5}s_2^{-2} + \dots \\ s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1} + s_1^{-3}s_2^{-3} - s_1^{-2}s_2^{-2} - s_1^{-4}s_2^{-4} - s_1^{-4}s_2^{-4} + \dots \\ \dots \\ -s_1^{-4}s_2^{-2} + s_1^{-5}s_2^{-2} + s_1^{-6}s_2^{-2} + \dots \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \Phi_{11}s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1} + \Phi_{12}s_1^{-1}s_2^{-2} + \Phi_{21}s_1^{-2}s_2^{-1} + \\ &\quad + \Phi_{22}s_1^{-2}s_2^{-2} + \Phi_{13}s_1^{-1}s_2^{-3} + \Phi_{32}s_1^{-3}s_2^{-2} + \\ &\quad + \Phi_{33}s_1^{-3}s_2^{-3} + \Phi_{24}s_1^{-2}s_2^{-4} + \Phi_{44}s_1^{-4}s_2^{-4} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{11} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \Phi_{21} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \Phi_{13} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (13) \\ \Phi_{33} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_{24} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \Phi_{44} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account that

$$\begin{aligned} \det A(s_1, s_2) &= s_1^2s_2^2 + s_1s_2 + s_2^2 \\ (a_{22} &= a_{11} = a_{02} = 1) \end{aligned}$$

and using (6) and (13) we obtain for  $k_1 = k_2 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{02}\Phi_{13} + a_{11}\Phi_{22} + a_{22}\Phi_{33} &= \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{and for } k_1 = k_2 &= 2 \\ a_{02}\Phi_{24} + a_{11}\Phi_{33} + a_{22}\Phi_{44} &= \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The inverse matrix of 3-D polynomial matrix

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1}(s_1, s_2, s_3) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 + s_1 s_2 s_3, & s_1 s_2 s_3 \\ s_1 s_2 s_3, & s_1 s_2 s_3 \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} s_1 s_2 s_3 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = A_{111} s_1 s_2 s_3 + A_{000} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

has the form

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1}(s_1, s_2, s_3) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 + s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \Phi_{111} s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} + \Phi_{000} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Phi_{111} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_{000} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

Taking into account that

$$\det A(s_1, s_2, s_3) = s_1 s_2 s_3$$

$$\left( a_{ijk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } i = j = k = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \right)$$

and using (6) and (15) we obtain

$$a_{ijk} \Phi_{i+k_1, j+k_2, k+k_3} = 0$$

$$\text{for } \begin{array}{l} i, j, k \in \{0, 1, \dots\} \\ k_1, k_2, k_3 \in \{0, 1, \dots\} \end{array}$$

$$\text{and } k_1 + k_2 + k_3 \geq 1$$

#### 4. APPLICATION

Application of the Theorem will be illustrated by the following two examples.

Consider the discrete-time linear system with  $h$  ( $h \geq 1$ ) delays described by the equation

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i+1} &= A_0 x_i + A_1 x_{i-1} + A_2 x_{i-2} + \dots \\ &\dots + A_h x_{i-h} + B u_i \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where  $x_i \in R^n$  is the state vector,  $u_i \in R^m$  is the input vector and  $A_k \in R^{n \times n}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, h$ ,  $B \in R^{n \times m}$ .

The characteristic equation of (16) can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \det[Iz - A_0 - A_1 z^{-1} - A_2 z^{-2} - \dots - A_h z^{-h}] &= \\ &= z^h \det[Iz^{h+1} - A_0 z^h - A_1 z^{h-1} - \dots - A_h] = \\ &= z^{-h} (z^N - a_{N-1} z^{N-1} - a_{N-2} z^{N-2} - \dots - a_1 z - a_0) \\ N &= n(h+1) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The matrix

$$A(z) = [Iz^{h+1} - A_0 z^h - A_1 z^{h-1} - \dots - A_h]$$

is invertible.

Let

$$A^{-1}(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \Phi_i z^{-i} \quad (18)$$

From Theorem and (17), (18) we obtain

$$\sum_{i=0}^N a_1 \Phi_{i+k} \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (19)$$

**Example.** Consider the 2D linear system described by the equation

$$x_{i+1, j+1} = A_0 x_{ij} + A_1 x_{i+1, j} + A_2 x_{i, j+1} + B u_{ij} \quad (20)$$

$$i, j \in Z_+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

where  $x_{ij} \in R^n$  is the state vector,  $u_{ij} \in R^m$  is the input vector and  $A_k \in R^{n \times n}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2$ ,  $B \in R^{n \times m}$ .

The characteristic equation of (20) has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \det[Iz_1 z_2 - A_0 - A_1 z_1 - A_2 z_2] &= \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} z_1^i z_2^j \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

The matrix

$$A(z_1, z_2) = [Iz_1 z_2 - A_0 - A_1 z_1 - A_2 z_2]$$

is invertible. Let

$$A^{-1}(z_1, z_2) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^n \Phi_{ij} z_1^{-i} z_2^{-j} \quad (22)$$

From Theorem and (21), (22) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} \Phi_{i+k_1, j+k_2} &= 0 \\ \text{for } k_1, k_2 &= 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

#### 5. CONCLUSION

The classical Cayley-Hamilton theorem has been extended for real polynomial matrices in  $n$  variables. It has been shown that the known extensions of the Cayley-Hamilton theorem are particular cases of the proposed extension. Application of the proposed extension has been illustrated by examples.

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