

## A REPRESENTATION OF GENERALIZED INFRAPOLYNOMIALS<sup>1</sup>

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**ABSTRACT.** A representation theorem is obtained for generalized infrapolynomials on an arbitrary complex point set. Some results on the location of zeros are also presented.

Let  $P_n$  denote the class of polynomials  $\sum_{i=0}^n c_i z^i$  with complex coefficients considered as mappings of the complex  $z$ -plane  $\mathcal{C}_z$  into itself. Let  $\{\mathcal{Q}^i\}_{i=1}^s$  denote a fixed set of  $s$  linearly independent linear functionals on  $P_n$ , and  $A = A_1, A_2, \dots, A_s$  be a fixed  $s$ -tuple of complex numbers. Then  $P_n(A)$  will represent the class of polynomials  $p(z)$  in  $P_n$  such that  $\mathcal{Q}^i p = A_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ . Further, let  $E$  denote a compact subset of  $\mathcal{C}_z$  containing at least  $n - s + 2$  points. As in [1] we make the following

**Definition.**  $p(z) \in P_n(A)$  is called an infrapolynomial on  $E$  with respect to  $P_n(A)$  if  $p(z)$  has on  $E$  no underpolynomials in  $P_n(A)$ ; i.e., if there exists no polynomial  $q(z)$  in  $P_n(A)$  such that

- (1)  $|q(z)| < |p(z)|$  on  $E \cap \{z; p(z) \neq 0\}$ ,
- (2)  $q(z) = 0$  on  $E \cap \{z; p(z) = 0\}$ .

A polynomial  $q(z) \in P_n(A)$  such that

- (3)  $|q(z)| \leq |p(z)|$  on  $E$

is called a weak underpolynomial of  $p(z)$  on  $E$  with respect to  $P_n(A)$ .

Let  $e_z$  denote the functional which gives point evaluation at  $z$ , i.e.  $e_z f = f(z)$ .

**Haar Assumption I.**  $\{\mathcal{Q}^i\}_{i=1}^s \cup \{e_{z_j}\}_{j=s+1}^{n+1}$  is a linearly independent set of functionals on  $P_n$  for all choices of  $n - s + 1$  distinct points  $z_{s+1}, \dots, z_{n+1}$  in  $E$ .

*Note 1.* Recall that, by assumption,  $E$  contains at least  $n - s + 2$  points. Note that if  $E$  were to contain only  $n - s + 1$  points,  $P_n(A)$  would contain a unique infrapolynomial, vanishing of course at all the points of  $E$ .

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Note also that if  $E$  were to contain  $n - k + 1$  points,  $k \geq s$ ,  $P_n(A)$  would contain a  $(k - s)$ -dimensional set of infrapolynomials of the form  $I_0(z) + h(z)$ , where  $I_0$  is a fixed element of  $P_n(A)$  vanishing on  $E$ , and  $h(z)$  is an arbitrary element of  $P_n$  vanishing on  $E$  and such that  $\mathcal{L}^i h = 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, s$ ).

*Note 2.* In [1] it was shown that under a slightly stricter assumption (namely the Lagrange set  $\{e_{z_j}\}_{j=s+1}^{n+1}$  on  $n - s + 1$  points is replaced by the more general Hermite set of  $n - s + 1$  derivative evaluations in Haar Assumption I), an infrapolynomial on  $E$  with respect to  $P_n(A)$  has no weak underpolynomials on  $E$  with respect to  $P_n(A)$ .

From Theorems 1, 2 and 3 of [4] we immediately obtain the following result.

**Theorem 1.** *If, with respect to  $P_n(A)$ ,  $p(z)$  is an infrapolynomial on  $E$ , then  $p(z)$  is an infrapolynomial on a set  $E_r = \{z_s, z_{s+1}, \dots, z_{n+r+1}\} \subset E$ , where  $0 \leq r \leq n - s + 1$ . In particular, if the elements of  $P_n(A)$  are all real-valued on  $E$ , then we may take  $r = 0$ .*

**Haar Assumption II.** Given  $E_r$  as above,  $\{\mathcal{L}^i\}_{i=1}^{s-1} \cup \{e_{z_j}\}_{j=s}^{n+r+1}$  is a linearly independent set of functionals on  $P_{n+r}$ .

*Note 3.* In this assumption  $\mathcal{L}^s$  has been removed from consideration.

We will next give our main result which is a representation of infrapolynomials on  $E_r$  with respect to  $P_n(A)$ . But first we introduce some notation. Let  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^{n+r+1}$  represent the set of polynomials in  $P_{n+r}$  dual to the set of linear functionals

$$\{M^i\}_{i=1}^{n+r+1} = \{\mathcal{L}^i\}_{i=1}^{s-1} \cup \{e_{z_j}\}_{j=s}^{n+r+1},$$

i.e.,  $M^i e_j = \delta_{ij}$  (kronecker delta) ( $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n + r + 1$ ). For each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n + r + 1$ , let  $\tilde{e}_j = e_j / \mathcal{L}^s e_j$  if  $\mathcal{L}^s e_j \neq 0$  and let  $\tilde{e}_j = e_j$  if  $\mathcal{L}^s e_j = 0$ . Let  $\lambda = (\lambda_s, \lambda_{s+1}, \dots, \lambda_{n+r+1})^T$  be a column vector of  $n + r - s + 2$  complex numbers and  $\|\lambda\| = (|\lambda_s|, \dots, |\lambda_{n+r+1}|)$ . We introduce the partial ordering “ $\leq$ ” defined by  $\|\lambda^*\| \leq \|\lambda\|$  provided  $|\lambda_j^*| \leq |\lambda_j|$ ,  $s \leq j \leq n + r + 1$ , and  $\|\lambda^*\| < \|\lambda\|$  provided  $\lambda \neq 0$  and either  $\lambda_j^* = 0$  or  $|\lambda_j^*| < |\lambda_j|$ ,  $s \leq j \leq n + r + 1$ . Let  $Q$  be the unique polynomial in  $P_{n+r}$  guaranteed by Haar Assumption II such that  $\mathcal{L}^i Q = A_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, s - 1$ ) and  $Q(z_i) = 0$  ( $i = s, s + 1, \dots, n + r + 1$ ). Finally, let  $F$  be the  $(r + 1) \times (n + r - s + 2)$ -matrix where  $F_{ij} = \tilde{e}_j^{(n+i)}(0)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r$  and  $j = s, \dots, n + r + 1$  and  $F_{r+1,j} = \mathcal{L}^s \tilde{e}_j$ ,  $j = s, \dots, n + r + 1$ , and let  $G$  be the  $(r + 1)$ -column vector

$$(-Q^{(n+1)}(0), \dots, -Q^{(n+r)}(0), A_s - \mathcal{L}^s Q)^T.$$

**Theorem 2.** *The set of infrapolynomials on  $E_r$  with respect to  $P_n(A)$  is*

$$\left\{ Q + \sum_{j=s}^{n+r+1} \lambda_j^* \tilde{e}_j; \lambda^* \text{ yields } \min_{F\lambda=G} \|\lambda\| \right\}.$$

Note 4. The condition  $F\lambda = G$  is the requirement that  $R_\lambda = Q + \sum_{j=s}^{n+r+1} \lambda_j \tilde{e}_j \in P_n$  and that  $\mathcal{L}^s R_\lambda = A_s$ . (Note that by virtue of  $M^i e_j = \delta_{ij}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}^i R_\lambda = A_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, s - 1$ )).

Proof of Theorem 2. If  $T \in P_n(A)$ , consider  $T^* = T - Q \in P_{n+r}$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}^i T^* = 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, s - 1$ ). Thus

$$T^* = \sum_{j=1}^{n+r+1} (M^j T^*) e_j = \sum_{j=s}^{n+r+1} T^*(z_j) \gamma_j \tilde{e}_j = \sum_{j=s}^{n+r+1} \lambda_j^* \tilde{e}_j,$$

where  $\gamma_j = \mathcal{L}^s e_j$  or  $\gamma_j = 1$  and  $\lambda_j^* = T(z_j) \gamma_j$ . Furthermore, clearly  $F\lambda^* = G$ . Thus  $T = Q + \sum_{j=s}^{n+r+1} \lambda_j^* \tilde{e}_j$ , where  $F\lambda^* = G$ , indicates an arbitrary element of  $P_n(A)$ . Since  $Q(z_i) = 0$  ( $i = s, s + 1, \dots, n + r + 1$ ),  $T$  is an infrapolynomial precisely when  $\lambda^*$  yields  $\min_{F\lambda=G} \|\lambda\|$ . This follows from the definition of an infrapolynomial on  $E_r$  with respect to  $P_n(A)$ , the definition of  $\|\cdot\|$ , and the partial ordering.  $\square$

We will give an example of Theorem 2 in the case  $r > 0$  (see Example 5), but first we restate this result in the case  $r = 0$  and then observe that we obtain several known results as special cases of the case  $r = 0$ . Let  $\beta = A^s - \mathcal{L}^s Q$  and let  $\Sigma' \alpha_j = \sum_{\mathcal{L}^s e_j \neq 0} \alpha_j$ .

Corollary 1. The set of infrapolynomials on  $E_0$  with respect to  $P_n(A)$  is

$$(*) \left\{ Q + \beta \sum_{j=s}^{n+1} \lambda_j' \tilde{e}_j; \sum' \lambda_j' = 1 \text{ wherein } \lambda_j' \geq 0 \right\}.$$

Proof. In case  $r = 0$ ,  $R_\lambda \in P_n$  and  $F\lambda = G$  is the single requirement that

$$\mathcal{L}^s R_\lambda = \mathcal{L}^s Q + \sum_{j=s}^{n+r+1} \lambda_j \mathcal{L}^s \tilde{e}_j = \mathcal{L}^s Q + \sum_{j=s}^{n+r+1} \lambda_j = \mathcal{L}^s Q + \beta,$$

i.e. that  $\Sigma' \lambda_j = \beta$ . Then  $\min \|\lambda\|$  is yielded precisely whenever  $\text{sgn } \lambda_j = \text{sgn } \beta$  for all  $\lambda_j$  occurring in  $\Sigma' \lambda_j$ , for otherwise  $\tilde{\lambda} < \lambda$ , where  $\tilde{\lambda}_j = |\lambda_j| \beta / \Sigma |\lambda_j|$ . The conclusion follows by setting  $\lambda_j' = \lambda_j / \beta$ , if  $\beta \neq 0$ .  $\square$

Example 1 (Fekete [2], Motzkin-Walsh [3]). Let  $E = \{z_1, \dots, z_{n+1}\}$  and  $g(z) = \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} (z - z_i)$ . Then the set of infrapolynomials on  $E$  with leading coefficient 1 is

$$\left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \frac{\lambda_j g(z)}{(z - z_j)}; \lambda_j \geq 0, \sum \lambda_j = 1 \right\}.$$

This result follows from Corollary 1 by taking  $s = 1$  and  $\mathcal{L}^1 = e_0^n/n!$ . (Let  $e_z^i$  denote the functional given by  $e_z^i f = f^{(i)}(z)$ .) For it is evident that Haar Assumptions I and II hold and that  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_j(z) = g(z)/(z - z_j)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n + 1$ . Further, since  $Q \in P_n$  and  $Q(z_i) = 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n + 1$ ), therefore  $Q \equiv 0$ , whence  $\beta = A^1 = 1$ . Finally  $\mathcal{L}^1 \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_j \neq 0$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n + 1$ , and the statement of the example is therefore seen to be just the statement of Corollary 1 in this case.

Example 1 is a special case of the following example.

**Example 2** (Simple  $n$ -sequences, Shisha-Walsh [5]). Let  $E = \{z_s, \dots, z_{n+1}\}$  and  $g(z) = \prod_{i=s}^{n+1} (z - z_i)$ . Let  $0 \leq l \leq s$  and  $q = n - s + l + 1$  and suppose  $0 \notin E$  if  $0 < l$ . Then the set of infrapolynomials  $\sum_{i=0}^n c_i z^i$  on  $E$  with  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{l-1}$  and  $c_q, c_{q+1}, \dots, c_n$  fixed is

$$\left\{ Q(z) + \beta z^l \sum_{j=s}^{n+1} \frac{\lambda_j g(z)}{(z - z_j)}; \lambda_j \geq 0, \sum \lambda_j = 1 \right\},$$

where

$$Q(z) = Q_1(z) + z^l L(z), \quad Q_1(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} c_i z^i + \sum_{i=q+1}^n c_i z^i,$$

$L(z)$  is the  $(q - l)$ -degree Lagrange interpolating polynomial such that  $L(z_i) = -Q_1(z_i)/z_i^l$ ,  $i = s, \dots, n + 1$ , and  $\beta = c_q - Q^{(q)}(0)/q!$ .

To see that this result follows from Corollary 1, assume first that  $l < s$  and take  $\mathcal{L}^i = e_0^j/j_i!$ , where  $j_i = i - 1$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , and  $j_i = q - i + s$ ,  $l < i \leq s$ . Then  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_j(z) = z^l g(z)/(z - z_j)$ ,  $s \leq j \leq n + 1$ . Indeed  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_j(z)$  is of degree  $q$  with highest coefficient 1 so that  $\mathcal{L}^s \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_j = \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_j^{(q)}(0)/q! = 1$ . Also, since  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_j(z) = \sum_{i=l}^q a_i^j z^i$ , we have  $\mathcal{L}^i \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_j = 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s - 1$ ),  $s \leq j \leq n + 1$ . Furthermore it is immediately checked that the condition  $0 \notin E$ , if  $0 < l$ , insures that the Haar Assumptions I and II hold. Thus, we again have that the statement of the example is just the statement of Corollary 1 specified to this case.

In the case  $l = s$ , i.e.  $q = n + 1$ , apply Corollary 1 to  $P_{n+1}(A')$ , where  $A' = A_1, A_2, \dots, A_s, 0$ . Here  $\mathcal{L}^i = e_0^{i-1}/(i - 1)!$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq s$ . Define also  $\mathcal{L}^{s+1} = e_0^{n+1}/(n + 1)!$ . The argument is analogous to that in the case  $l < s$ . (Note that  $c_q = c_{n+1} = 0$ .)

Example 2 with  $l = s$  is a special case of the following example.

**Example 3** (Infrapolynomials with prescribed values at given points, Walsh-Shisha [6]). Let  $E = \{z_s, \dots, z_{n+1}\}$ , let  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_k$  be distinct

points of  $\mathcal{C}_z$ , and for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , let there be given complex values  $w_j^{(0)}, w_j^{(1)}, \dots, w_j^{(m_j)}$ , where  $\sum_{j=1}^k (m_j + 1) = s$ . Let

$$g(z) = \prod_{i=s}^{n+1} (z - z_i) \quad \text{and} \quad h(z) = \prod_{j=1}^k (z - z_j)^{m_j+1}.$$

Then the set of infrapolynomials  $p(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i z^i$  on  $E$  with  $p^{(\nu)}(\xi_j) = w_j^{(\nu)}$ ,  $\nu = 0, 1, \dots, m_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , is

$$\left\{ Q(z) + \beta h(z) \sum_{j=s}^{n+1} \frac{\lambda_j q(z)}{(z - z_j)}; \lambda_j \geq 0, \sum \lambda_j = 1 \right\},$$

where  $Q(z)$  is the unique  $(n + 1)$ st degree polynomial such that  $Q^{(\nu)}(\xi_j) = w_j^{(\nu)}$  and  $Q(z_i) = 0, s \leq i \leq n + 1$ , and  $\beta = -Q^{(n+1)}(0)/(n + 1)!$ .

To see that this result follows from Corollary 1, argue as in Example 2 (where  $l = s$ ), observing that  $\tilde{e}_j(z) = h(z)g(z)/(z - z_j), s \leq j \leq n + 1$ .

Just as Example 3 follows from Corollary 1 analogously as in Example 2 (with  $l = s$ ), the following example follows from Corollary 1 analogously as in Example 2 (with  $l < s$ ).

**Example 4.** Consider the situation of Example 3 except that  $\sum_{j=1}^k (m_j + 1) = t < s$ . Then the set of infrapolynomials  $p(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i z^i$  on  $E$  with  $p^{(\nu)}(\xi_j) = w_j^{(\nu)}, \nu = 0, 1, \dots, m_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , and with  $c_q, \dots, c_n$  prescribed (where  $q = n - s + t + 1$ ) is

$$\left\{ Q(z) + \beta h(z) \sum_{j=s}^{n+1} \frac{\lambda_j g(z)}{(z - z_j)}; \lambda_j \geq 0, \sum \lambda_j = 1 \right\},$$

where  $Q(z)$  is the unique element of  $P_n$  such that  $Q^{(\nu)}(\xi_j) = w_j^{(\nu)}$  ( $\nu = 0, 1, \dots, m_j$ ),  $Q^{(i)}(0)/i! = c_i$  ( $q + 1 \leq i \leq n$ ),  $Q(z_i) = 0$  ( $i = s, \dots, n + 1$ ), and  $\beta = c_q - Q^{(q)}(0)/q!$ .

The following are examples of Theorem 2 in case  $r \geq 0$ .

**Example 5.** Let  $E = \{z_1, \dots, z_{n+r+1}\}$  and  $g(z) = \prod_{i=1}^{n+r+1} (z - z_i)$ . For each  $k = 0, 1, \dots, r$ , let  $\sigma_j^k$  be the  $k$ th symmetric function ( $\sigma_j^0 = 1$ ) of the  $n + r$  numbers in  $E - \{z_j\}, j = 1, \dots, n + r + 1$ . Then the set of  $n$ th degree infrapolynomials on  $E$  with leading coefficient 1 is

$$\left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n+r+1} \frac{\lambda_j g(z)}{(z - z_j)}; \lambda \text{ is minimal subject to } \sum \lambda_j = 1 \text{ and } \sum \frac{\lambda_j \sigma_j^k}{\sigma_j^r} = 0 \ (k = 0, 1, \dots, r - 1) \right\}.$$

This follows immediately from Example 1 and from an analysis of the condition  $F\lambda = G$  in this case.

*Note 5.* Notice that the set of infrapolynomials in Example 5 includes

$$\left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n+r+1} \frac{\lambda_j g(z)}{(z - z_j)}; \lambda_j \geq 0, \sum \lambda_j = 1, \sum \frac{\lambda_j \sigma_j^k}{\sigma_j^r} = 0 \ (k = 0, 1, \dots, r - 1) \right\}.$$

We turn now to some results on the location of zeros of infrapolynomials on  $E_r$  with respect to  $P_n(A)$ . The situation is that of Theorem 2. Let  $\{\lambda^*\} = \{\lambda^*; \lambda^* \text{ yields } \min_{F\lambda = G} \|\lambda\|\}$ , so that  $\{\lambda^*\}$  is a subset of complex  $(n + r - s + 2)$ -space.

**Theorem 3.** *In Theorem 2, if  $\{\lambda^*\}$  is bounded, and if  $\deg Q > \max \deg \tilde{e}_j, s \leq j \leq n + r + 1$ , then  $\exists H < \infty$  such that, if  $K(z_0) = 0$  for some infrapolynomial  $I$ , then  $|z_0| \leq H$ .*

**Proof.**  $K(z) = Q(z) + P(z)$ , where  $Q(z) = a_q z^q + a_{q-1} z^{q-1} + \dots, P(z) = b_p z^p + b_{p-1} z^{p-1} + \dots$  and  $a_q b_p \neq 0$ . Since  $\{\lambda^*\}$  is bounded, all the coefficients  $b_j$  of  $P(z)$  are bounded in absolute value by  $|\beta|(n + 1)mM$ , where  $m = \max_{\lambda^*, j} |\lambda_j^*|$  and  $M$  is the maximum modulus of all the coefficients of the  $\tilde{e}_j$ . Thus  $0 = K(z_0) = Q(z_0) + P(z_0)$ , whence

$$z_0 = a_q^{-1}(-a_{q-1} - a_{q-2}z_0^{-1} - \dots - a_0 z_0^{-(q-1)} - b_p z_0^{-(q-p-1)} - \dots - b_0 z_0^{-(q-1)}).$$

Since  $q > p \geq 0$ , we can set

$$H = \max \left\{ 1, |a_q|^{-1} \left( \sum_0^{q-1} |a_i| + \sum_0^p |b_j| \right) \right\}. \quad \square$$

**Corollary 2.** *In Corollary 1, if  $\mathcal{L}^s e_j \neq 0 \ (s \leq j \leq n + 1)$  and if  $\deg Q > \max \deg \tilde{e}_j, s \leq j \leq n + 1$ , then  $H < \infty$  such that, if  $K(z_0) = 0$  for some infrapolynomial  $I$ , then  $|z_0| \leq H$ .*

**Proof.** Clearly from (\*),  $|\lambda_j^*| = |\beta| |\lambda_j'| \leq |\beta|, s \leq j \leq n + 1$ , and so  $\{\lambda^*\}$  is bounded. The conclusion then follows from Theorem 3.  $\square$

Let  $\text{smp } R$  denote the smallest power of  $z$  occurring in  $R$ .

**Theorem 4.** *In Theorem 2, if  $\{\lambda^*\}$  is bounded and if  $\text{smp } Q < \min \text{smp } \tilde{e}_j, s \leq j \leq n + r + 1$ , then  $\exists h > 0$  such that, if  $K(z_0) = 0$  for some infrapolynomial  $I$ , then  $|z_0| \geq h$ .*

**Proof.**  $K(z) = Q(z) + P(z)$ , where  $Q(z) = a_m z^m + a_{m+1} z^{m+1} + \dots$  and

$P(z) = b_p z^p + b_{p+1} z^{p+1} + \cdots + b_q z^q$ . Again, since  $\{\lambda^*\}$  is bounded, all the coefficients  $b_j$  are bounded in absolute value. Thus  $0 = I(z_0) = Q(z_0) + P(z_0)$ , whence

$$1 = a_m^{-1}(-a_{m+1} z_0 - \cdots - a_q z_0^{q-m} - b_p z_0^{p-m} - \cdots - b_q z_0^{q-m}) = i(z_0).$$

Since  $q \geq p > m \geq 0$ ,  $\exists h > 0$  such that  $|i(z)| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  if  $|z| \leq h$ .  $\square$

*Note 6.* If either  $s = 1$  or  $A_i = 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s - 1$ ), then  $Q \equiv 0$  and the hypotheses of Theorem 4 reduce to  $\{\lambda^*\}$  being bounded.

**Corollary 3.** *In Corollary 1, if  $\mathcal{L}^s e_j \neq 0$  ( $s \leq j \leq n + 1$ ) and if  $\text{smp } Q < \min \text{smp } \tilde{e}_j$ ,  $s \leq j \leq n + 1$ , then  $\exists h > 0$  such that, if  $I(z_0) = 0$  for some infrapolynomial 1, then  $|z_0| \geq h$ .*

*Note 7.* In the case of Example 2 above (simple  $n$ -sequences), Corollaries 2 and 3 of this paper give Theorem 6 of [5].

**Remark.** Theorems 1 and 2 and Corollary 1 are valid if, for each  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $P_m$  is replaced by  $V_m$ , an arbitrary  $(m + 1)$ -dimensional subspace of  $C(\mathcal{C}_z)$  satisfying  $V_m \subset V_{m+1}$ , and  $f^{(q)}(0)$  is replaced by  $K_q f$ , where  $K_1, K_2, \dots$  is a sequence of linear functionals defined on  $\bigcup V_m$  such that  $V_m = V_{m+1} \cap \text{nullspace of } K_{m+1}$ . Also Theorems 3 and 4 and their corollaries have obvious analogues in this general situation.

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