

Chapter 5

- $T : V \rightarrow V$ is **Diagonalizable**: \exists an ordered basis β' for V such that

- $D = [T]_{\beta'} = [ITI]_{\beta'} = [I]_{\beta}^{\beta'} [T]_{\beta} [I]_{\beta'}^{\beta} = Q^{-1} [T]_{\beta} Q$

- A matrix A is diagonalizable: L_A is diagonalizable.

- Let β is the standard basis for F^n . Then $[L_A]_{\beta} = A$.

$$D = [L_A]_{\beta'} = [IL_AI]_{\beta'} = [I]_{\beta}^{\beta'} [L_A]_{\beta} [I]_{\beta'}^{\beta} = Q^{-1} A Q$$

The columns of $Q = [I]_{\beta'}^{\beta}$ are the vectors in β' .

- This diagonalizing basis β' is a set of “eigenvectors”.
For $v_j \in \beta'$,

$$T(v_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n D_{ij} v_i = D_{jj} v_j = \lambda_j v_j.$$

Eigenvalue and eigenvector

- For $T : V \rightarrow V$, if $T(v) = \lambda v$, $v \neq 0$, then λ is an **eigenvalue** and v is an **eigenvector** (corresponding to λ) of T .
 - For a matrix A , if $Av = \lambda v$, $v \neq 0$, then λ is an eigenvalue and v is an **eigenvector**(corresponding to λ) of A .
- Note:
 - v is an eigenvector of T
 - $\Leftrightarrow T(v) = \lambda v = \lambda I(v) = (\lambda I)(v)$
 - $\Leftrightarrow (T - \lambda I)(v) = 0$
 - $\Leftrightarrow v \in N(T - \lambda I) - \{0\}$
 - v is an eigenvector of A
 - $\Leftrightarrow Av = \lambda v = \lambda I_n v = (\lambda I_n)v$
 - $\Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I_n)v = (L_A - \lambda I)(v) = L_{A - \lambda I_n}(v) = 0$
 - $\Leftrightarrow v \in N(L_A - \lambda I) - \{0\} = N(L_{A - \lambda I_n}) - \{0\}$

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- Theorem 5.1: $T : V \rightarrow V$ is diagonalizable
 $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ a basis for V consisting of eigenvectors of T .

- example: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, β is the standard basis for F^2 .

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_1 = -2; v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_2 = 5$$

$$\beta' = \{v_1, v_2\} \Rightarrow Q = [I]_{\beta'}^{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [L_A]_{\beta'} &= Q^{-1}AQ = [I]_{\beta'}^{\beta} [L_A]_{\beta} [I]_{\beta}^{\beta'} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{7} & -\frac{3}{7} \\ \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{7} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

■ Theorem 5.2: λ is an eigenvalue of a matrix A .

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = 0.$$

■ **characteristic polynomial** of a matrix A : $f(t) = \det(A - tI)$

■ **characteristic equation** of a matrix A : $f(t) = \det(A - tI) = 0$

$$\bullet f(t) = \det(A - tI) = \det \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} - t & A_{12} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} - t & \cdots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \cdots & A_{nn} - t \end{pmatrix}$$

■ Theorem 5.3: $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$; its characteristic polynomial is $f(t) = a_n t^n + a_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 t + a_0$. Then

1. $a_n = (-1)^n$

2. $a_{n-1} = (-1)^{n-1} \text{tr}(A) = (-1)^{n-1} (A_{11} + A_{22} + \cdots + A_{nn})$

3. $a_0 = \det(A)$ [set $t = 0$]

■ Theorem 5.3a: $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$; is diagonalizable with eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ (with possible repetitions). Then

$$1. \operatorname{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

$$2. \det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

■ $\det([T]_{\beta'} - tI) = \det(Q^{-1}[T]_{\beta}Q - Q^{-1}tIQ)$

$$= \det(Q^{-1}([T]_{\beta} - tI)Q) = \det([T]_{\beta} - tI)$$

■ characteristic polynomial and characteristic equation for T .

■ **characteristic polynomial** of a linear operator $T : V \rightarrow V$

$$: \det(T - tI) = \det([T]_{\beta} - tI) \text{ for any basis } \beta \text{ for } V$$

■ **characteristic equation** of a linear operator $T : V \rightarrow V$

$$: \det(T - tI) = \det([T]_{\beta} - tI) = 0 \text{ for any basis } \beta \text{ for } V$$

[End of Review]

■ example:

■ reflection: $T((a_1, a_2)) = (a_1, -a_2) \Rightarrow [T]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \beta \text{ std}$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - t)(1 + t) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

λ	1	-1
\mathbf{v}	(1,0)	(0,-1)

■ projection: $T((a_1, a_2)) = (0, a_2) \Rightarrow [T]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \beta \text{ std}$

$$\Rightarrow -t(1 - t) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

λ	0	1
\mathbf{v}	(1,0)	(0,1)

■ rotation: $T((a_1, a_2)) = (a_1 \cos \theta - a_2 \sin \theta, a_1 \sin \theta + a_2 \cos \theta)$

$$\Rightarrow [T]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow (\cos \theta - t)^2 + \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - 2t \cos \theta + 1 = 0$$

When the field is real, neither eigenvalues nor eigenvectors exist.

- Finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors of T ,

$$T \rightarrow [T]_{\beta} \rightarrow \det([T]_{\beta} - \lambda I) = 0 \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$\lambda \rightarrow ([T]_{\beta} - \lambda I)[v]_{\beta} = 0 \rightarrow [v]_{\beta} \rightarrow v$$

- **eigenspace** E_{λ} : the set of all eigenvectors for the eigenvalue λ with 0 included.

- $E_{\lambda} = N(T - \lambda I)$ for a linear operator $T : V \rightarrow V$.

E_{λ} is a subspace of V .

- $E_{\lambda} = N(T - \lambda I) = N(L_{A - \lambda I_n})$ for a matrix $A \in M_{n \times n}$

E_{λ} is a subspace of F^n .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{T} & V \\ \phi_{\beta} \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi_{\beta} \\ F^n & \xrightarrow{L_A} & F^n \\ & A = [T]_{\beta} & \end{array}$$

■ example: $F = \mathbf{C}$ (The same results hold if $F = \mathbf{R}$.)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & -5 & 3 \\ 6 & -6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \det(A - tI) = -(t + 2)^2(t - 4)$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = -2 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 6 & -6 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_2 - s_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{-2} = \{s_1(1, 0, -1)^t + s_2(0, 1, 1)^t : s_1, s_2 \in \mathbf{C}\}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = 4 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & -9 & 3 \\ 6 & -6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s \\ s \\ 2s \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_4 = \{s(1, 1, 2)^t : s \in \mathbf{C}\}$$

■ T-invariant set

- For a linear operator T and a set S , $T(S)$ is defined as $T(S) := \{T(v) : v \in S\}$.
- **T -invariant set** $S : T(S) \subseteq S$
- **T -invariant subspace** W :
 W is a subspace and $T(W) \subseteq W$.
- E_λ is a T -invariant subspace.
- $\{0\}$, $N(T)$, $R(T)$ and V are T -invariant subspaces.

Diagonalizability

- We now consider
 1. how to test whether T is diagonalizable;
 2. how to diagonalize T
- Theorem 5.5 : $T : V \rightarrow V$ is a linear operator; $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ are "distinct" eigenvalues of T ; and v_1, \dots, v_k are respective eigenvectors. Then the eigenvectors are linearly independent.

proof: induction in k : (i) $\{v_1\}$ is linearly independent.

(ii) Assume $\{v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}\}$ is linearly independent.

(iii) Assume $\sum_{i=1}^k a_i v_i = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (T - \lambda_k I) \left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i v_i \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T \left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i v_i \right) - \lambda_k \left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i v_i \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k a_i T(v_i) - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \lambda_k v_i = 0 \text{ [linear]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \lambda_i v_i - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \lambda_k v_i = 0 \text{ [eigenvector]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} a_i(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)v_i = 0 \text{ [}k\text{th terms cancel]}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = \cdots = a_{k-1} = 0 \text{ [} \lambda_i \text{ are distinct, (ii)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_k v_k = 0 \text{ [} \sum_{i=1}^k a_i v_i = 0 \text{]}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_k = 0 \text{ [} v_k \neq 0 \text{]}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = \cdots = a_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \{v_1, \cdots, v_k\} \text{ is linearly independent.}$$

- **Corollary 5.5:** $T : V \rightarrow V$ is a linear operator; $\dim(V) = n$.
Then if T has n distinct eigenvalues, T is diagonalizable.

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- example : identity operator I
 - Every vector is an eigenvector of I because $I(v) = v$.
 - I has only one eigenvalue 1.
 - There are n linearly independent eigenvectors of I for the eigenvalue 1.
 - eigenspace $E_1 = V$
 - So the converses of Theorem 5.5 and corollary 5.5 are false.
 - A polynomial $f(t)$ is said to **split** over the field F if there are $c, a_1, \dots, a_n \in F$ such that $f(t) = c(t - a_1)(t - a_2) \cdots (t - a_n)$
 - We can also say that $f(t)$ factors into first-degree factors or into linear factors.
 - a_1, \dots, a_n may not all be distinct.
 - Over the complex field, all polynomials split.

- Theorem 5.6; The characteristic polynomial of a diagonalizable linear operator splits.

proof: diagonalizable $\Rightarrow \exists \beta$ such that $[T]_{\beta} = D$ diagonal

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = \det(D - tI) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 - t & & O \\ & \cdots & \\ O & & \lambda_n - t \end{pmatrix} \text{ [indep of } \beta \text{]}$$

$$= (-1)^n (t - \lambda_1)(t - \lambda_2) \cdots (t - \lambda_n)$$

- Its converse is not true, ie, splitting characteristic polynomial does not guarantee diagonalizability.
- **algebraic multiplicity** of an eigenvalue λ :
 a-mul(λ)= k if $f(t) = (t - \lambda)^k g(t)$ and $g(\lambda) \neq 0$.
 - characteristic polynomial of I : $f(t) = (-1)^n (t - 1)^n$
 a-mul(1) = n
 - characteristic polynomial $f(t) = -(t - 3)^2 (t - 4)$
 a-mul(3) = 2, a-mul(4) = 1

■ **geometric multiplicity** of an eigenvalue λ :

$$\text{g-mul}(\lambda) = \dim(E_\lambda)$$

- It is the maximum number of linearly independent eigenvectors corresponding to λ .
- $\text{g-mul}(\lambda) = \text{nullity}(T - \lambda I)$
- identity operator I : $\text{g-mul}(1) = n$

$$\blacksquare A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & -5 & 3 \\ 6 & -6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, f(t) = -(t + 2)^2(t - 4)$$

$$E_{-2} = \{s_1(1, 0, -1)^t + s_2(0, 1, 1)^t : s_1, s_2 \in \mathbf{C}\}$$

$$E_4 = \{s(1, 1, 2)^t : s \in \mathbf{C}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{g-mul}(-2) = 2, \text{g-mul}(4) = 1$$

■ Theorem 5.7; $1 \leq \text{g-mul}(\lambda) \leq \text{a-mul}(\lambda)$.

proof: Let $\text{a-mul}(\lambda)=m$ and $\text{g-mul}(\lambda)=p$.

$\Rightarrow \exists$ basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ for E_λ .

\Rightarrow It can be extended to a basis $\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_p, v_{p+1}, \dots, v_n\}$.

$\Rightarrow [T]_\beta = A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda I_p & B \\ O & C \end{pmatrix}$ $[T(v_i) = \lambda v_i, i = 1, \dots, p]$

$\Rightarrow f(t) = \det(A - tI_n) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda I_p - tI_p & B \\ O & C - tI_{n-p} \end{pmatrix}$

$= (-1)^n (t - \lambda_1)(t - \lambda_2) \cdots (t - \lambda_n)$

$= \det((\lambda - t)I_p) \det(C - tI_{n-p})$ [exercise 4.3.21]

$= (\lambda - t)^p \det(C - tI_{n-p}) \Rightarrow \text{a-mul}(\lambda)$ is at least $p \Rightarrow p \leq m$.

■ For example, if $\lambda = 3$ and $p = 2$,

$$[T]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 & 9 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, f(t) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 3-t & 0 & -1 & 9 & 2 \\ 0 & 3-t & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4-t & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 1-t & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -1-t \end{pmatrix}$$

■ example: $T : P_2(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow P_2(\mathbf{R}), T(f) = f', \beta = \{1, x, x^2\}$

$$[T]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, f(t) = \det([T]_{\beta} - tI) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -t & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -t & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -t \end{pmatrix} = -t^3$$

$$\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \text{a-mul}(0) = 3$$

$$\text{eigenspace of } [T]_{\beta} \text{ in } \mathbf{R}^3: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_0 = N([T]_{\beta} - 0I) = \{v : [T]_{\beta}v = 0\} = \left\{ s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : s \in \mathbf{R} \right\}$$

eigenspace of T in $P_2(\mathbf{R})$:

$$E_0 = N(T - 0I) = \{s + 0x + 0x^2 : s \in \mathbf{R}\}$$

$$\text{g-mul}(0) = 1 \leq 3 = \text{a-mul}(0)$$

■ example: identity operator: $\lambda = 1, \text{a-mul}(1) = \text{g-mul}(1) = n$

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- Theorem 5.9: $\dim(V) < \infty$; $T : V \rightarrow V$ is a linear operator; its characteristic polynomial splits; and $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ are distinct eigenvalues of T . Then
 1. T is diagonalizable \Leftrightarrow a-mul(λ_i)=g-mul(λ_i), $i = 1, \dots, k$.
 2. T is diagonalizable; β_i is an ordered basis for E_{λ_i}
 $\Rightarrow \beta = \beta_1 \cup \dots \cup \beta_k$ is an ordered basis for V .
 - characteristic polynomial splits
 $\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k \text{a-mul}(\lambda_i) = n = \dim(V)$
 $\Rightarrow \text{a-mul}(\lambda_i) = \text{g-mul}(\lambda_i), i = 1, \dots, k$ is equivalent to existence of n linearly independent eigenvectors.
 - If we can find a basis β_i for E_{λ_i} with size a-mul(λ_i)=g-mul(λ_i) for each λ_i , the linear operator or matrix can be diagonalized using the basis $\Rightarrow \beta = \beta_1 \cup \dots \cup \beta_k$ for V .
 - $[T]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_k \end{pmatrix}$ where λ_i is repeated as many times as a-mul(λ_i)=g-mul(λ_i)