

Week 9

MATH 2040

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1 Review

1. **Definition:** T -invariant: Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation, a subspace $W \subset V$ is called T -invariant if $T(W) \subset W$.
2. **Example:** $\{0\}, V, N(T)$ and $R(T)$ are T -invariant. Since $T(0) = 0, T(V) \subset V, T(N(T)) = \{0\} \subset N(T)$ and $T(R(T)) \subset T(V) = R(T)$
3. **Fact:**
 - (a) f_T is divisible by $f_{T|_W}$.
 - (b) Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $T|_W$ are also eigenvalues and eigenvectors of T .
 - (c) T is diagonalizable $\Rightarrow T|_W$ is diagonalizable.

2 Problems

1. Let $W \subset V$ be T -invariant and $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ be distinct eigenvalues of T . Suppose there are $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$ such that $v_i \in E_{\lambda_i}(T)$ and $v_1 + \dots + v_k \in W$, show that $v_i \in W$ for all i .

Ans:

Method 1: Remark the hypothesis that $v_1 + \dots + v_k \in W \Rightarrow v_i \in W$ for all i as $P(k)$.

For $k = 1, P(1)$ holds obviously.

For $k = n$, we assume that $P(n-1)$ holds, then since W is T -invariant and $v_1 + \dots + v_n \in W$, we have that $T(v_1 + \dots + v_n) \in W$ and $\lambda_n(v_1 + \dots + v_n) \in W$. Therefore,

$$T(v_1 + \dots + v_k) - \lambda_n(v_1 + \dots + v_k) = (\lambda_1 - \lambda_n)v_1 + \dots + (\lambda_{n-1} - \lambda_n)v_{n-1} \in W.$$

Since $(\lambda_i - \lambda_n)v_i \in E_{\lambda_i}(T)$, by induction hypothesis we have that $(\lambda_i - \lambda_n)v_i \in W$. $\lambda_i - \lambda_n \neq 0$ so $v_i \in W$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n-1$. Therefore $v_n = (v_1 + \dots + v_n) - v_1 - \dots - v_{n-1} \in W$.

Method 2: There is a polynomial $f_i \in P_{k-1}(\mathbb{F})$ such that

$$f_i(\lambda_j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

(See Tut7 Q5). Suppose that $f_j(t) = \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} c_l t^l$. Then we have that

$$f_i(T)(v_j) = \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} c_l T^l(v_j) = \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} c_l \lambda_j^l v_j = f_i(\lambda_j) v_j = \begin{cases} v_i, & \text{if } i = j \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Therefore, $f_i(T)(v) = v_i$ for all $i = 1, \dots, k$. Since $v \in W$ and W is T -invariant, so $T^l(v) \in W$ for all l , then $v_i = f_i(T)(v) = \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} c_l T^l(v) \in W$.

2. Given an example of that $T : V \rightarrow V$ is linear and subspace $W \subset V$ is T -invariant such that $T|_W$ is diagonalizable but T not and $\dim W = \dim V - 1$.

Ans: Let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$, $T(x, y) = (x + y, y)$, $W = \{(0, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | y \in \mathbb{R}\}$, it is easy to check $T|_W$ is diagonalizable but T not.

3. Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ be an upper triangular matrix such that all diagonal entries of A are the same. Suppose A is diagonalizable. Show that A is diagonal.

Ans: Suppose that $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & * & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & a & * & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & a & * \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$, then $f_A(t) = (t - c)^n$, which means the

eigenvalue of A can only be c . Since A is diagonalizable, there exists some invertible matrix Q such that $Q^{-1}AQ = cI$, so $A = Q(cI)Q^{-1} = cI$ and A is diagonal.

4. Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be linear and $W \subset V$ be T -invariant. For $u, v \in V$, we say $u \sim v$ if $u - v \in W$. Denote $[v] = \{u \in V \mid u \sim v\}$ and $V/W = \{[v] \mid v \in V\}$, then define addition and multiple on V/W as

$$[u] + [v] = [u + v], \alpha[u] = [\alpha u].$$

Show that

- (a) $\bar{T}[v] = [T(v)]$ defines a linear transformation $\bar{T} : V/W \rightarrow V/W$.
 (b) T is diagonalizable $\Rightarrow \bar{T}$ is diagonalizable.
 (c) $f_T = f_{T|_W} \cdot f_{\bar{T}}$.

Ans:

- (a) i. $\bar{T}([0]) = [T(0)] = [0]$
 ii. $\bar{T}(a[u] + [v]) = [T(au + v)] = [aT(u) + T(v)] = a[T(u)] + [T(v)] = a\bar{T}([u]) + \bar{T}([v])$.
 Therefore, \bar{T} is linear.
 (b) Since T is diagonalizable, $\forall v \in W$, $v = v_1 + \cdots + v_k$, where $v_i \in E_{\lambda_i}$, $T(v_i) = \lambda_i v_i$.
 Then $\forall [v] \in V/W$, $[v] = [v_1] + \cdots + [v_k]$,

$$\bar{T}([v]) = \bar{T}([v_1]) + \cdots + \bar{T}([v_k]) = [T(v_1)] + \cdots + [T(v_k)] = \lambda_1[v_1] + \cdots + \lambda_k[v_k],$$

which means \bar{T} is also diagonalizable.

- (c) Let $\beta_1 = \{w_1, \cdots, w_n\}$ be the basis of W , $\gamma = \{w_1, \cdots, w_n, v_1, \cdots, v_r\}$ be the basis of V and $\beta_2 = \{v_1, \cdots, v_r\}$. Claims that $\{[v_1], \cdots, [v_r]\}$ is the basis of V/W . Suppose $a_1[v_1] + \cdots + a_r[v_r] = 0$, then $a_1 v_1 + \cdots + a_r v_r = w \in W$. w can be written as $w = c_1 w_1 + \cdots + c_n w_n$, so we have $a_1 v_1 + \cdots + a_r v_r - c_1 w_1 - \cdots - c_n w_n = 0$. Since γ is basis of V , $a_i = 0$ for all i , the claim is true. Let $U = \text{span}(\beta_2)$, $[T|_W]_{\beta_1} = A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$, $[T|_U]_{\beta_2} = B \in M_{r \times r}(\mathbb{F})$, then we have $[T]_{\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} A & * \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$ since W is T -invariant. So $f_T = f_{T|_W} \cdot f_{T|_U} = f_{T|_W} \cdot f_{\bar{T}}$.