

MATH 2040 Lecture 23 (1/12/2016)

§ Existence of Jordan canonical basis

Recall: Given  $T: V \rightarrow V$ ,  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\dim V < +\infty$ .

$$V = K_{\lambda_1} \oplus \dots \oplus K_{\lambda_k}$$

$$\beta = \beta_1 \cup \dots \cup \beta_k$$

Theorem: Each generalized eigenspace  $K_{\lambda}$  has a basis consisting of union of "cycles" of the form

$$\gamma = \left\{ \underbrace{(T - \lambda I)^{p-1} v, \dots, (T - \lambda I) v}_{\text{initial vector}} \cup \underbrace{v}_{\text{end vector}} \right\}$$

$v \in E_{\lambda}$

Recall:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ & 0 & 1 & \ddots \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma = \{ (T - \lambda I)^{p-1} v, \dots, (T - \lambda I) v, v \}$$

$$0 \left\{ (T - \lambda I)^{p-1} v, \dots, (T - \lambda I) v \right\} \xrightarrow{T - \lambda I}$$

Lemma: Suppose we have a collection of cycles in  $K_\lambda$ :

$$\gamma_1 = \{ (T - \lambda I)^{p_1-1} v_1, \dots, (T - \lambda I) v_1, v_1 \}$$

$\vdots$

$$\gamma_k = \{ (T - \lambda I)^{p_k-1} v_k, \dots, (T - \lambda I) v_k, v_k \}$$

$\uparrow$  forms a linearly indep set in  $E_\lambda$

Then,  $\gamma = \gamma_1 \cup \dots \cup \gamma_k$  is linearly indep.!

Proof: Induction on  $|\gamma| := \# \text{ elements in } \gamma$

- $|\gamma| = 1$ : trivial
- Assume holds for  $|\gamma| \leq n-1$ .
- Let  $|\gamma| = n$ . (Note:  $\gamma$  lin. indep  $\Leftrightarrow \dim \text{span } \gamma = n$ )

Define  $W = \text{span } \gamma$ . Note: •  $\dim W \leq n$   
 •  $W$  is  $(T - \lambda I)$ -invariant.

Restrict the operator  $T: K_\lambda \rightarrow K_\lambda$

$$U := T - \lambda I \Big|_{\substack{W \\ W \cap E_\lambda}} : \substack{W \\ \cup \\ W \cap E_\lambda} \rightarrow \substack{W \\ \cup \\ 0}$$

Observe:  $R(U) = \text{span}$

$$\gamma' = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma'_1 = \{ (T - \lambda I)^{p_1-1} v_1, \dots, (T - \lambda I) v_1 \} \\ \vdots \\ \gamma'_k = \{ (T - \lambda I)^{p_k-1} v_k, \dots, (T - \lambda I) v_k \} \end{array} \right\}$$

↑ lin. indep.

$$\Rightarrow |\gamma'| = n - k < n$$

induction  
 $\Rightarrow$   
 hypothesis

$$\gamma' \text{ lin. indep.} \Rightarrow \boxed{\dim R(U) = n - k.}$$

So.  $\boxed{\dim N(U) \geq k}$

Nullity - Ranky Thm  $\Rightarrow$

$$n \geq \dim W = \underbrace{\dim R(U)}_{n-k} + \underbrace{\dim N(U)}_k \geq n$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim W = n.$$

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Proof of Thm on  $\exists$  of basis consisting of cycles:

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Induction on  $\dim K_A = n$ .

- $n=1$ :  $K_A = E_A$  clear!
- Assume holds for  $\dim K_A \leq n-1$ .
- Now, suppose  $\dim K_A = n$ .

$$U := T - AI \Big|_{K_A} : K_A \rightarrow K_A$$

Consider  $W = R(U) \subseteq K_A$  ( $U$ -inv.)

Since  $N(U) = E_A \neq 0 \Rightarrow R(U) \neq K_A$

$$S := U \Big|_W : W \rightarrow W$$

Apply induction hypothesis  $\Rightarrow W = R(U)$  has a basis consisting of union of cycles

$$\gamma = \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2 \cup \dots \cup \gamma_q \quad \text{for } W$$

Write things out very explicitly:

$$W = R(u) = R(T - \lambda I)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'_1 &= \gamma_1 = \{(T - \lambda I)^{p_1-1} v_1, \dots, v_1\} \cup \{v'_1\} \\ \gamma'_2 &= \gamma_2 = \{(T - \lambda I)^{p_2-1} v_2, \dots, v_2\} \cup \{v'_2\} \\ &\vdots \\ \gamma'_q &= \gamma_q = \{(T - \lambda I)^{p_k-1} v_k, \dots, v_k\} \cup \{v'_k\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma'_{q+1} = \{w_1\}$$

$\vdots$

$$\gamma'_{q+r} = \{w_r\}$$

$E_\lambda$  (lin. indep.)

Claim:  $\gamma' = \bigcup_{j=1}^{q+r} \gamma'_j$

is a basis for  $K_\lambda$

Pf:  $\gamma'$  is lin. indep. by Lemma.

Check:  $|\gamma'| = \dim K_\lambda = n$

Pf:  $|\gamma| = \dim W = \dim R(u) = m$

and  $|\gamma'| = m + q + r \stackrel{?}{=} n$

Rank-nullity apply  $u: K_\lambda \rightarrow K_\lambda$

$$n = \dim K_\lambda = \underbrace{\dim N(u)}_{\substack{\dim E_\lambda \\ = \\ q+r}} + \underbrace{\dim R(u)}_{\substack{\dim W \\ = \\ m}} = m + q + r$$

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