

- Recall:
- If $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ and λ is an eigenvalue, then a non-zero vector is a gen. eigenvector if $(T - \lambda I)^k v = 0$ for some $k \geq 1$
 - $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ and $F = \mathbb{C}$ then there's a basis of gen. eigenvectors of T .

Generalized eigenspaces (8B)

Def: Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ and let $\lambda \in F$.
The gen. eigenspace of T corr to λ is

$$G(\lambda, T) := \left\{ v \in V \mid (T - \lambda I)^k v = 0 \text{ for some } k \geq 1 \right\}$$

Prop: Suppose $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$, $n = \dim V$ and $\lambda \in F$.

$$\text{Then } G(\lambda, T) = \text{null}(T - \lambda I)^n$$

Proof: If $v \in \text{null}(T - \lambda I)^n$ then
 $v \in G(\lambda, T)$ by def. For the
converse let $v \in G(\lambda, T)$. Then
 $v \in \text{null}(T - \lambda I)^k$ for some $k \geq 1$.

From last time

$$\{0\} = \text{null}(T - \lambda I)^0 \subset \text{null}(T - \lambda I) \subset \text{null}(T - \lambda I)^2 \\ \subset \dots \subset \text{null}(T - \lambda I)^n = \text{null}(T - \lambda I)^{n+1} = \dots$$

So we see $v \in \text{null}(T - \lambda I)^n$.

Therefore $G(\lambda, T) = \text{null}(T - \lambda I)^n$. $\square$

Thm: Let $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$, and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$. Let
 $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ be the distinct eigenvalues.

(a) $G(\lambda_k, T)$ is invariant under
 T for each $k = 1, \dots, m$

(b) $V = G(\lambda_1, T) \oplus \dots \oplus G(\lambda_m, T)$.

Proof: (a) Previous prop yields

$G(\lambda_k, T) = \text{null}(T - \lambda_k I)^n$. So

If $v \in \text{null}(T - \lambda_k I)^n$ we have

$$(T - \lambda_k I)^n v = 0. \text{ Then}$$

$$(T - \lambda_k I)^n (Tv) = T(T - \lambda_k I)^n v = T(0) \\ = 0$$

So $Tv \in \text{null}(T - \lambda_k I)^n$.

(b) We first show that

$G(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + G(\lambda_m, T)$ is a direct sum. Namely if

$$v_i \in G(\lambda_i, T) \text{ and } v_1 + \dots + v_m = 0$$

then we must have $v_1 = \dots = v_m = 0$
Since $(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ are lin dep (see previous lecture).

Picking a basis for V of gen. eigenvectors shows that $v \in V$ can be written as a sum of gen. eigenvectors, finishing the proof. $\square$

Def: Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$. The multiplicity of an eigenvalue $\lambda \in F$ is $\dim G(\lambda, T) = \dim \text{null}(T - \lambda I)^{\dim V}$

Prop: Assume $F = \mathbb{C}$ and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$. The sum of the multiplicity of all eigenvalues is $\dim V$.

Proof: Follows from

$$V = G(\lambda_1, T) \oplus \dots \oplus G(\lambda_m, T). \quad \square$$

Def: Let $F = \mathbb{C}$ and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$. Let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ be the distinct eigenvalues of T w/ multiplicities $(d_1, \dots, d_m)$.

The Characteristic polynomial of T is:

$$q_T(z) = (z - \lambda_1)^{d_1} \dots (z - \lambda_m)^{d_m}.$$

Ex: $T: \mathbb{C}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$,

$$T(x, y, z) = (6x + 3y + 4z, 6y + 2z, 7z).$$

Wrt the std basis, the matrix is

$$M(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{so we}$$

see that the eigenvalues are 6 and 7, since the matrix is upper triangular.

We may compute $(T - \lambda I)^3$ by taking the cube of the matrix

$$\boxed{\lambda = 6}$$

$$M(T - 6I)^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

so $(T - 6I)^3(x, y, z) = (10z, 2z, z)$ & we see

$$G(6, T) = \text{null } (T - 6I)^3 = \{(x, y, 0)\}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = 7}$$

$$\mu(T-7I)^3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 9 & -8 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and}$$

$$G(7, T) = \text{null } (T-7I)^3 = \{(0, 0, z)\}.$$

So mult at $\lambda = 6$ is 2
mult at $\lambda = 7$ is 1.

Characteristic polynomial is

$$q_T(z) = (z-6)^2(z-7).$$

In this case it agrees w/ the minimal polynomial.

Prop: Suppose $F = \mathbb{C}$ and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$.

Then (a) $\deg q_T = \dim V$

(b) the zeros of q_T are the eigenvalues.

Proof: (a) $\deg q_T = d_1 + \dots + d_m$
 $= \dim G(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + \dim G(\lambda_m, T)$
 $= \dim V$

(b) True by definition. $\square$

Thm (Cayley-Hamilton)

Suppose $F = \mathbb{C}$ and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$.

$$q_T(T) = 0.$$

Proof: Distinct eigenvalues are $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ and $d_i = G(\lambda_i, T)$.

It's now a fact that

$$(T - \lambda_i)^{d_i} \Big|_{G(\lambda_i, T)} = 0$$

To prove $q_T(T) = 0$ it suffices to show $q_T(T) \Big|_{G(\lambda_i, T)} = 0$ for each i . By def:

$$q_T(T) \Big|_{G(\lambda_i, T)} = (T - \lambda_1 I)^{d_1} \cdots (T - \lambda_m I)^{d_m} \Big|_{G(\lambda_i, T)} \\ = 0 \quad \square$$

Prop: Let $F = \mathbb{C}$ and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$

then $P_T \mid q_T$

minimal $\uparrow$
poly

$\uparrow$ Characteristic
poly

Proof: $q_T(T) = 0$ and

Since $\deg P_T \leq \deg q_T$

$P_T(z) = q_T(z) h(z)$ for

Some polynomial h .

$\square$

Block diagonal matrix:

$\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & A_m \end{pmatrix}$ where each A_i

is a square matrix (maybe of

different sizes.

Ex
$$\begin{pmatrix} (1) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (2 \ 3) & 0 \\ 0 & (0 \ 4) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (5) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 \\ 0 & & A_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_1 = (1), \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = (5).$$

Thm Suppose $F = \mathbb{C}$ and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$.

Let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ be the distinct eigenvalues of T . Then there's a basis of V such that

$$M(T) = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & A_m \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where}$$

$$A_k = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_k & * \\ 0 & \ddots & \lambda_k \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{is } d_k \times d_k.$$

Proof: $V = G(\lambda_1, T) \oplus \dots \oplus G(\lambda_m, T)$

For each k , one can choose a basis of $G(\lambda_k, T)$ such that the matrix of $(T - \lambda_k I)|_{G(\lambda_k, T)}$ is

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & * \\ 0 & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then the matrix of $T|_{G(\lambda_k, T)}$

$$T|_{G(\lambda_k, T)} = (T - \lambda_k I)|_{G(\lambda_k, T)}$$

$$+ \lambda_k I|_{G(\lambda_k, T)}$$

is $A_k = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_k & * \\ 0 & \ddots \\ 0 & \lambda_k \end{pmatrix}$.

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