

Direct Sum Definition

Definition. Summation of Sets If S_1 and S_2 are nonempty subsets of a vector space V , then the **sum** of S_1 and S_2 , denoted $S_1 + S_2$, is the set

$$\{x + y : x \in S_1 \text{ and } y \in S_2\}$$

1. $W_1 + W_2$ is a subspace of V containing both W_1 and W_2
2. If for a subset $S \subseteq V$, $W_1 \subseteq S$ and $W_2 \subseteq S$, then $W_1 + W_2 \subseteq S$

Definition. Direct Sum A vector space V is called the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 if W_1 and W_2 are subspaces of V such that $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$ and $W_1 + W_2 = V$. We denote that V is the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 by writing $V = W_1 + W_2$. We denote V is the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 by writing $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$

1. Direct sum of the set of upper triangular like matrices and lower triangular matrices is $M_{m \times n}(F)$
2. The trick of decomposing vector space into direct sums is that the intersection of subsets yield the zero vector

5.4 Invariant Subspaces and Direct Sum

Chapter 7 Canonical Forms

7.1 The Jordan Canonical Form

Definition. Jordan Block and Jordan Canonical Form Select ordered basis whose union is an ordered basis β , the Jordan canonical basis for T , for V such that

$$[T]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & O & \cdots & O \\ O & A_2 & \cdots & O \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ O & O & \cdots & A_k \end{pmatrix}$$

where A_i are jordan block corresponding to λ

$$A_i = (\lambda) \quad \text{or} \quad A_i = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & O & \cdots & O & O \\ O & \lambda & 1 & \cdots & O & O \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ O & O & O & \cdots & \lambda & 1 \\ O & O & O & \cdots & O & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition. Generalized Eigenvector Let T be a linear operator on a vector space V , and let λ be a scalar. A nonzero vector x in V is called a generalized eigenvector of T corresponding to λ if $(T - \lambda I)^p(x) = 0$ for some positive integer p

1. For v in a Jordan canonical basis for T , $(T - \lambda I)^p(v) = 0$ for sufficiently large p . Eigenvectors satisfy this condition for $p = 1$
2. If x is a generalized eigenvector of T corresponding to λ , and p is smallest positive integer for which $(T - \lambda I)^p(x) = 0$, then $(T - \lambda I)^{p-1}(x) \neq 0$ is an eigenvector of T corresponding to λ

$$(T - \lambda I)(v) = 0 \quad \text{where eigenvector } v = (T - \lambda I)^{p-1}(x) \neq 0$$

Definition. Generalized Eigenspace Let T be a linear operator on a vector space V , and let λ be an eigenvalue of T . The generalized eigenspace of T corresponds to λ , denoted K_λ , is the subset of V defined by

$$K_\lambda = \{x \in V : (T - \lambda I)^p(x) = 0 \text{ for some positive integer } p\} = N((T - \lambda I)^p)$$

Theorem. 7.1 Properties of Generalized Eigenspace Let T be linear operator on a vector space V , and let λ be an eigenvalue of T . Then

1. K_λ is a T -invariant subspace of V containing E_λ (the eigenspace of T corresponding to λ)
2. For any scalar $\mu \neq \lambda$, the restriction $T - \mu I$ to K_λ is one-to-one.

Note

1. Second property implies $E_\mu = N(T - \mu I) \cap K_\lambda = 0$ for all $\mu \neq \lambda$, so K_λ contains only one eigenspace E_λ and λ is the only eigenvalue of $T|_{K_\lambda}$
2. Proof of one-to-one relies on proving $N(T - \mu I) \cap K_\lambda = 0$, i.e. any $x \in K_\lambda$, $x = 0$, by contradiction.

Theorem. 7.2 Property of Generalized Eigenspace When Characteristic Polynomial Splits Let T be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space V such that the characteristic polynomial of T splits. Suppose that λ is an eigenvalue of T with multiplicity m . Then

1. $\dim(K_\lambda) \leq m$
2. $K_\lambda = N((T - \lambda I)^m)$

For proofs

1. Use [theorem 5.21](#) T -invariant $W \subseteq V$ have $P_{T_W}(t) \mid P_T(t)$, we have $[T_W]_\beta$ in the form of a Jordan Block, therefore

$$h(t) = P_{T_W}(t) = (-1)^d(t - \lambda)^d$$

2. Prove forward direction (\Rightarrow) Use [theorem 5.23 Cayley-Hamilton](#) $f(T) = T_0$, i.e. linear operator satisfies its characteristic equation, on T_W

$$h(T_W) = (-1)^d(T - \lambda I)^d = T_0$$

So $(T - \lambda I)^d(x) = 0$ for all $x \in W$ where $d \leq m$, so $K_\lambda \subseteq N((T - \lambda I)^m)$

Theorem. 7.3 Lemma for Proving That Basis for E_λ 's Spans Entire Space Let T be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space V such that the characteristic polynomial of T splits, and let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ be the distinct eigenvalues of T . Then for every $x \in V$, there exists vectors $v_1 \in K_{\lambda_i}$, $1 \leq i \leq k$, such that

$$x = v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_k$$

Proof. Cayley-Hamilton theorem works on some special case of characteristic polynomial of the form $(t - \lambda)^d$ yields the zero transformation, which makes some subset of the vector space satisfy condition for generalized eigenspace, i.e. $(T - \lambda I)(x) = 0$ \square

Theorem. 7.4 Basis for Generalized Eigenspace

Let T be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space V such that the characteristic polynomial of T splits, and let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ be the distinct eigenvalues of T with corresponding multiplicity m_1, \dots, m_k . For $1 \leq i \leq k$, let β_i be an ordered basis for K_{λ_i} . Then the following statements are true

1. $\beta_i \cap \beta_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$
2. $\beta = \beta_1 \cup \beta_2 \cup \dots \cup \beta_k$ is an ordered basis for V
3. $\dim(K_{\lambda_i}) = m_i$ for all i

Corollary. Assumption for Diagonalizability Let T be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space V such that the characteristic polynomial of T splits. Then T is diagonalizable if and only if $E_\lambda = K_\lambda$ for every eigenvalue λ of T

Definition. Cycle of Generalized Eigenvectors Let T be a linear operator on a vector space V , and let x be a generalized eigenvector of T corresponding to the eigenvalue λ . Suppose that p is the smallest positive integer for which $(T - \lambda I)^p(x) = 0$. Then the ordered set

$$\{(T - \lambda I)^{p-1}(x), (T - \lambda I)^{p-2}(x), \dots, (T - \lambda I)(x), x\}$$

is called a cycle of generalized eigenvectors of T corresponding to λ . The vectors $(T - \lambda I)^{p-1}(x)$ and x are called the initial vector and the end vector of the cycle, respectively. We say that the length of the cycle is p .