

# HW1

Note - I write  $[T]_{\alpha,\beta}$  to abbreviate  $\text{Rep}_{\alpha,\beta}[T]$

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$$v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, Av = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ So in fact } v \in E_1(1)$$

For any  $n$ ,  $A^n v = v$  by induction, so  $W = Z(v, T) = \text{span}[v]$

Therefore,  $\{v\}$  is a basis

The matrix representation is  $[T|_W]_{\alpha} = ([Tv]_{\alpha}) = (1)$

and its characteristic polynomial is  $|1 - x| = -(x - 1)$

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$$v = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$Av = \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ -19 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A^2 v = \begin{pmatrix} 57 \\ 38 \\ -95 \end{pmatrix} = 19 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus  $A^2 v = 19v$  so  $W = Z(v, T) = \text{span}\left[\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ -19 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right]$

We can pick  $\beta := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ -19 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  as a basis

The matrix representation is  $[T|_W]_{\beta} = ([Av]_{\beta} \quad [A^2 v]_{\beta}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

and its characteristic polynomial is  $\begin{vmatrix} x & -2 \\ -1 & x \end{vmatrix} = x^2 - 2$

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$$v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$Av = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, [\text{note: } Av - v = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}]$$

$$A^2v = \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ -6 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A^3v = \begin{pmatrix} 51 \\ -6 \\ -44 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ -6 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 38 \\ 0 \\ -38 \end{pmatrix} = A^2v + 19(Av - v) = A^2v + 19Av - 19v$$

$$\text{Thus } W = Z(v, T) = \text{span} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ -6 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$\text{We can pick } \gamma := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ -6 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ as a basis}$$

$$\text{The matrix representation is } [T|_W]_\gamma = ([Av]_\gamma \quad [A^2v]_\gamma \quad [A^3v]_\gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 19 \\ 0 & 1 & -19 \end{pmatrix}$$

and its characteristic polynomial is

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & x & -19 \\ 0 & -1 & x+19 \end{vmatrix} = x \begin{vmatrix} x & -19 \\ -1 & x+19 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & x \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ = x(x^2 + 19x - 19) - (1) = x^3 + 19x^2 - 19x - 1$$

## 2

Notice that using Laplace expansion,

$$\det xI - A = \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 & \dots & \dots & -a_0 \\ -1 & x & \dots & \dots & -a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots & -a_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & -a_{n-1} + x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= x \begin{vmatrix} x & \dots & \dots & -a_1 \\ -1 & \dots & \dots & -a_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & 0 & -1 & -a_{n-1} + x \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{1+n}(-a_0) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & x & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & -1 & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

i.e.

$$\det(xI - C(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})) = x \det(xI - C(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1})) + (-1)^{1+n}(-a_0)(-1)^{n-1}$$

Consider the following induction

$$\text{claim } \det(xI - C(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1})) = x^n - a_{n-1}x^{n-1} - \dots - a_0$$

case n=2:

$$C(a_0, a_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_0 \\ 1 & a_1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and the characteristic polynomial is}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -x & a_0 \\ 1 & a_1 - x \end{vmatrix} = x(x - a_1) - a_0 = x^2 - a_1x - a_0$$

Assume the statement is correct for n=k, claim that it is correct for n=k+1:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(xI - C(a_0, \dots, a_k) - xI) &= x \det(xI - C(a_1, \dots, a_k)) - a_0 \\ &= x(x^{k-1} - a_kx^{k-2} - \dots - a_1) - a_0 \\ &= x^k - a_kx^{k-1} - \dots - a_1x - a_0 \end{aligned}$$

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additively closed

$$v, w \in E_\infty(\lambda) \rightarrow \exists n_v, n_w \text{ s.t. } (T - \lambda I)^{n_v} v = 0, (T - \lambda I)^{n_w} w = 0,$$

$$\text{WLOG let } n_v \leq n_w \text{ then } (T - \lambda I)^{n_w}(v + w) = (T - \lambda I)^{n_w} v + (T - \lambda I)^{n_w} w = 0 + 0$$

$$\text{so } v + w \in E_\infty(\lambda)$$

closed under scalar multiplication

$$v \in E_\infty(\lambda) \rightarrow \exists n \text{ s.t. } (T - \lambda I)^n v = 0$$

$$(T - \lambda I)^n(\alpha v) = \alpha(T - \lambda I)^n v = 0$$

$$\text{so } \alpha v \in E_\infty(\lambda)$$

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Recall that  $T$ -invariant iff  $\forall w \in W, Tw \in W$

given  $w \in E_\infty(\lambda) \rightarrow (T - \lambda I)^n w = 0$  for some  $n$

we claim  $(T - \lambda I)^m(Tw) = 0$  for some  $n$

In fact,  $(T - \lambda I)^n Tw = T(T - \lambda I)^n w = T0 = 0$

since  $T$  commutes with  $f(T)$  for every  $f(x) \in F[x]$  (polynomial) (while  $TS \neq ST$  for general  $S$ )

thus we arrive at the conclusion that  $Tw \in E_\infty(\lambda)$

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No.

Notice that  $xI - A$  is not in  $F^{n \times n}$  — its entries take value in  $F[x]$  instead of  $F$ , thus  $xI - A \in F[x]^{n \times n}$

The  $\det f_A := \det(xI - A)$  is actually not  $\det : F^{n \times n} \rightarrow F$  but  $\overline{\det} : F[x]^{n \times n} \rightarrow F$ , where  $\overline{\det}$  cannot evaluate  $AI - A = O$

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$$x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 2 = (x + 2)(x^2 + x + 1)$$

$$x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x + 6 = (x + 2)(x^2 + x + 3)$$

so their monic GCD is  $x + 2$

Alternatively, one can use the Euclidean algorithm -

$$x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x + 6 - (x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 2) = 2x + 4 = 2(x + 2) \text{ and notice that}$$

$$f(-2) = g(-2) = 0 \text{ so } (x + 2) \mid f \text{ and } (x + 2) \mid g$$

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$$A - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } (A - 2I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$(A - 2I)^3 = O_5$$

(notice that  $A - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  so  $(A - 2I)^n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^n \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^n$ )

so the minimal polynomial is  $(x - 2)^3$

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If  $f(x)$  splits, that is,  $f(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n (x - \lambda_i)$  for some distinct  $\lambda_i$

then for every  $\lambda_i$ ,  $E(\lambda_i)$  is strictly bigger than  $\{0\} \rightarrow \text{GM}(\lambda_i, T) = \dim E(\lambda_i) \geq 1$

on the other hand,  $\text{AM}(\lambda_i, T) = 1$  since there are no repeated roots

so  $\dim E(\lambda_i) = 1$  since  $\text{AM} \geq \text{GM}$

We have  $n$  distinct  $\lambda_i$ , so there are  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors (since eigenvectors of different eigenvalues are linearly independent)  $\rightarrow$

$\dim \bigoplus_{i=1}^n E(\lambda_i) = n = \dim V$

thus  $T$  is diagonalizable