



LINEAR ALGEBRA II

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Ch. X Triangulation of Matrices and Linear Maps

§1. EXISTENCE OF TRIANGULATION

- Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field K , and assume $n = \dim V \geq 1$. $A : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear map.
 - A **fan of A** : a sequence of subspaces $\{V_1, \dots, V_n\}$, such that
 - ① $V_i \subset V_{i+1}$;
 - ② $\dim V_i = i$;
 - ③ Each V_i is A -invariant
 - A **fan basis** of V w.r.t. A : a basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ of V such that $\{V_1, \dots, V_n\}$ is a fan of A , where $V_i = \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_i\}$;
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- **Theorem 1.1.** *Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be a fan basis for A . Then the matrix associated with A relative to this basis is an upper triangular matrix.*

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- If A is a triangular matrix, then $\{e^1, \dots, e^n\}$ is a fan basis of K^n for A . Thus the converse of Theorem 1.1 is also true.
- A linear map A is triangulable: there exists a basis for V for which the associated matrix of A is triangular.
- An $n \times n$ matrix A over K is triangulable over K if it is triangulable as an operator of K^n .
- A matrix A over K is triangulable iff there exists a non-singular matrix B in K such that $B^{-1}AB$ is an upper triangular matrix.

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- **Theorem 1.2.** *Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the complex numbers, and assume that $\dim V \geq 1$. Let $A: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear map. Then there exists a fan of A in V .*

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- **Corollary 1.3.** *Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the complex numbers, and assume that $\dim V \geq 1$. Let $A: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear map. Then there exists a basis of V such that the matrix of A with respect to this basis is a triangular matrix.*
- **Corollary 1.4.** *Let M be a matrix of complex numbers. There exists a non-singular matrix B such that $B^{-1}MB$ is a triangular matrix.*

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- **Theorem (Schur decomposition).** For any $n \times n$ complex matrix A , there exists a unitary matrix U , such that $U^*AU = R$ is an upper triangular matrix.

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- **Theorem (real Schur decomposition).** For any $n \times n$ real matrix A , there exists a real unitary matrix U , such that $U^T A U = R$ is a block-wise upper triangular real matrix with diagonal blocks of order 1 or 2.

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- Let $A = (a_{ij})$ be an $n \times n$ complex matrix. If the sum of the elements of each column is 1 then A is called a **Markov matrix**. In symbols, for each j we have

$$\sum_i a_{ij} = 1.$$


We leave the following properties as exercises.

Property 1. Prove that if A, B are Markov matrices, then so is AB . In particular, if A is a Markov matrix, then A^k is a Markov matrix for every positive integer k .

Property 2. Prove that if A, B are Markov matrices such that $|a_{ij}| \leq 1$ and $|b_{ij}| \leq 1$ for all i, j and if $AB = C = (c_{ij})$, then $|c_{ij}| \leq 1$ for all i, j .

- $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} ? \quad (A^2)_{11} = 1.75$

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- **Theorem 1.5.** *Let A be a Markov matrix such that $|a_{ij}| \leq 1$ for all i, j . Then every eigenvalue of A has absolute value ≤ 1 .* 

§2. THEOREM OF HAMILTON-CAYLEY

- **Theorem 2.1.** *Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the complex numbers, of dimension ≥ 1 , and let $A: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear map. Let P be its characteristic polynomial. Then $P(A) = O$.*

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- **Corollary 2.2.** *Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix of complex numbers, and let P be its characteristic polynomial. Then $P(A) = O$.*
- **Corollary 2.3.** *Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field K , and let $A: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear map. Let P be the characteristic polynomial of A . Then $P(A) = O$.*

§3. DIAGONALIZATION OF UNITARY MAPS

- **Theorem 3.1.** *Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the complex numbers, and let $\dim V \geq 1$. Assume given a positive definite hermitian product on V . Let $A: V \rightarrow V$ be a unitary map. Then there exists an orthogonal basis of V consisting of eigenvectors of A .*
- New proof.

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- **Corollary 3.2.** *Let A be a complex unitary matrix. Then there exists a unitary matrix U such that $U^{-1}AU$ is a diagonal matrix.*



- Homework:
 - P240: 2, 3, 6.
 - Problem solving and discussion:
 - P240: 5, 7
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