

## LINEAR ALGEBRA II

Bo Yu (于波) Dalian University of Technology

# 线性代数II (B.YU)

Ch. XI Polynomials and Primary Decomposition

**Theorem 1.3.** Let f be a polynomial with complex coefficients, leading coefficient 1, and  $\deg f = n \ge 1$ . Then there exist complex numbers  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n$  such that

$$f(t) = (t - \alpha_1) \cdots (t - \alpha_n).$$

The numbers  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n$  are uniquely determined up to a permutation. Every root  $\alpha$  of f is equal to some  $\alpha_i$ , and conversely.

$$f(t) = (t - \alpha_1)^{m_1} \cdots (t - \alpha_r)^{m_r} \quad \forall (t + \lambda_j) \quad (t + \lambda_j)$$

•  $m_i$ : the multiplicity of  $\alpha_i$ 

**Theorem 1.1.** Let f, g be polynomials over the field K, i.e. polynomials in K[t], and assume  $\deg g \ge 0$ . Then there exist polynomials q, r in K[t] such that

$$f(t) = q(t)g(t) + r(t),$$

and  $\deg r < \deg g$ . The polynomials q, r are uniquely determined by these conditions.



- Long division (长除, division with remainder (带余除法))
- Example:  $f(t) = 3t^4 4t^3 + 5t 1$ ,  $g(t) = t^2 t + 1$ .

**Corollary 1.2.** Let f be a non-zero polynomial in K[t]. Let  $\alpha \in K$  be such that  $f(\alpha) = 0$ . Then there exists a polynomial q(t) in K[t] such that

$$f(t) = (t - \alpha)q(t).$$

**Corollary 1.3.** Let K be a field such that every non-constant polynomial in K[t] has a root in K. Let f be such a polynomial. Then there exist elements  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n \in K$  and  $c \in K$  such that

$$f(t) = c(t - \alpha_1) \cdots (t - \alpha_n).$$

**Corollary 1.4.** Let f be a polynomial of degree n in K[t]. There are at most n roots of f in K.

- An ideal (理想) of K[t] (polynomial idea): A subset J of K[t] satisfying
  - $*0 \in J$ ;
  - \* If  $f, g \in J$ , then  $f + g \in J$ ;
  - \* If  $f \in J$  and  $g \in K[t]$  arbitrary, then  $gf \in J$ .
- An ideal of K[t] is a vector space over K.
- **Example 1.**  $\langle f_1, ..., f_n \rangle = \{g = g_1 f_1 + \cdots + g_n f_n | g_i \in K[t] \}$  is an ideal of K[t], called the ideal generated by  $f_1, ..., f_n$  and we say that  $f_1, ..., f_n$  are a set of generators (生成元) of the ideal  $\langle f_1, ..., f_n \rangle$ .

$$f_i \in \langle f_1, ..., f_n \rangle$$

- Example 2.
  - \* The zero ideal:  $J = \{0\}$ ;
  - \* The unit ideal:  $J = K[t] = \langle 1 \rangle$ .

**Example 3.**  $\langle t-1, t-2 \rangle = \langle 1 \rangle$ .

$$\langle t-1 \rangle$$
 or  $\langle t-2 \rangle$ 

■ Theorem 2.1. Let J be an ideal of K[t]. Then there exists a polynomial g such that  $J = \langle g \rangle$ .

Proof.

#### Remark.

\* If  $J = \langle g \rangle$ , then  $J = \langle cg \rangle$  for any constant c;

\* The generator of J is determined up to a constant: If  $J = \langle g_1 \rangle = \langle g_2 \rangle$ , then  $g_1 = cg_2$  for some constant c.

- \* A polynomial is called monic, if its leading coefficient is 1.
- \* The monic generator of J is uniquely determined.

- We say that g divide (整除) f and write  $g \mid f$ , if  $\exists q \in K[t]$ , s.t. f = qg.
- If  $g \mid f$ , then  $cg \mid f$  for any  $0 \neq c \in K$ .
- f | f.
- If  $g \mid f$  and  $h \mid g$ , then  $h \mid f$ .
- If  $h \mid f$  and  $h \mid g$ , then  $h \mid (pf + rg)$  for any p and  $r \in K[t]$ .
- If  $g \mid f$  and  $f \mid g$ , then f = cg for some  $0 \neq c \in K$ ..

- We say that g is the greatest common divisor (GCD, 最大公因子) of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , if:
  - \*  $g|f_1$  and  $g|f_2$ ;
  - \*  $h | f_1$  and  $h | f_2$  implies h | g.

■ Theorem 2.2. Let  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be non-zero polynomials in K[t]. Let g be a generator for the ideal  $\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle$ . Then g is a GCD of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ .

- For given f(t) and g(t) in K[t], by Th. 1.1, there exist q(t) and r(t) in K[t] with  $\deg q < \deg g$ , such that: f(t) = q(t)g(t) + r(t).
- GCD(f,g)=GCD(g,r);  $\langle f,g \rangle = \langle g,r \rangle$
- Euclidean Algorithm for Finding GCD of  $f_1, f_2 \in K[t]$ .

■ Theorem. Let d be a GCD of  $f_1, f_2 \in K[t]$ . Then, there exist  $p, q \in K[t]$ , such that

$$p(t)f_1(t) + q(t)f_2(t) = d(t)$$
.

- Euclidean Algorithm for Finding GCD
- GCD $(t^4 t^3 t^2 + 2t 1, t^3 2t + 1)$

**Remark 2.** If  $f_1, ..., f_n$  are non-zero polynomials, and if g is a generator for the ideal  $\langle f_1, ..., f_n \rangle$ , then g is a GCD of  $f_1, ..., f_n$ .

#### Remark 1.

- The greatest common divisor is determined up to a non-zero constant multiple.
- The monic GCD is uniquely determined.
- Polynomials  $f_1, ..., f_n$  whose GCD is 1 are said to be relatively prime (互素) .

Theorem. f and g in K[t] have no common divisor with positive degree iff there exist p and q in K[t], such that:

$$p(t)f(t) + q(t)g(t) = 1.$$

Corollary. f and g in C[t] have no common root iff there exist p and q in C[t], such that:

$$p(t)f(t) + q(t)g(t) = 1.$$

■ Theorem. f and g in K[t] have a common divisor with positive degree iff there exist p and q in K[t], with  $\deg(p) < \deg(g)$  and  $\deg(q) < \deg(f)$ , such that p(t)f(t) + q(t)g(t) = 0.

Corollary. f and g in C[t] have a common root in C iff there exist p and q in C[t], with  $\deg(p) < \deg(g)$  and  $\deg(q) < \deg(f)$ , such that p(t)f(t) + q(t)g(t) = 0.

Resultant (结式) of f and g: res(f, g)

■ Theorem. f and g in K[t] have a common divisor with positive degree iff res(f,g) = 0.

• Corollary. f and g in C[t] have a common root in C iff res(f, g)=0.

Discriminant (判別式) of f: des(f)=res(f, f').

• f has a multiple root in C iff des(f)=0.

- Homework.
- §1, I(b), 2, 4;
- **§**2, 2, 4.
- Compute  $GCD(t^6 + t^5 + 3t^4 + 3t^3 + 3t^2 + 2t + 2, 2t^4 + t^3 + 5t^2 + 2t + 2)$  by the Euclidean algorithm.