

§1 Lecture 01-24

Recommend Colmez. Drawback is that it is in french.

Let V be a finite dimensional vector space. Let B be a basis for V . $B = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in V^n$. $v \in V$ has coordinates

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in F^n$$

if $v = Bx$

If T is a linear transformation,

$$\begin{aligned} T &: V \rightarrow V \\ V &\simeq_B F_1^n \\ V &\simeq_{B'} F_2^n \\ F_1^n &\xrightarrow{M_{T,B}} F_2^n \end{aligned}$$

Fact 1.1. If B and B' are different bases for V , then the matrices $T_{T,B}$ and $T_{T,B'}$ are conjugate. i.e. $\exists P \in \text{GL}_n(F)$ such that $M_{T,B'} = PM_{T,B}P^{-1}$

§1.1 Determinant

Proposition 1.2

There is a unique function $\det : M_n(F) \rightarrow F$ satisfying:

1. \det is multilinear. i.e. it is a linear function in each row with all other rows being fixed.
2. \det is alternating, namely, the determinant changes sign after interchanging two rows.

$$\det(M^\sigma) = \text{sign}(\sigma) \det(M), \sigma \in S_n$$

§1.2 Proof of existence and uniqueness

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$$

$$\det(A+B) = ???$$

$$\det(PAP^{-1}) = \det(P) \det(A) \det(P)^{-1} = \det(A)$$

Definition 1.3. The determinant of $T : V \rightarrow V$ is the determinant of any matrix representing T .

Definition 1.4 (Trace). $\text{Trace}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + \dots + a_{nn}$ where $A = (a_{ij})$.

$$\text{Tr}(A+B) = \text{Tr}(A) + \text{Tr}(B)$$

$$\text{Tr}(AB) = ??$$

Lemma 1.5

$$\begin{aligned}
A \cdot B &= \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} b_{ij} \\
\text{Tr}(AB) &= A \cdot B^T = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} b_{ji} \\
\text{Tr}(BA) &= B \cdot A^T = \sum_{i,j} b_{ij} a_{ji} \\
\text{Tr}(AB) &= \text{Tr}(BA) \\
\text{Tr}(PAP^{-1}) &= \text{Tr}(AP^{-1}P) = \text{Tr}(A)
\end{aligned}$$

So trace is also invariant over conjugation.

Definition 1.6. The trace of $T : V \rightarrow V$ is the trace of any matrix representing T .

Exercise 1.7. Show that $\text{End}_F(V) = \text{End}_F(V)$

1. First show that $M_n(F) \simeq M_n(F)^*$ where $A \mapsto (x \mapsto \text{Tr}(AX))$.
2. Then show that $\text{End}_F(V) \simeq \text{End}_F(V)^*$. Solution the mapping $T \mapsto (U \mapsto \text{Tr}(TU))$.

If $T : V \rightarrow V$ is a linear transformation, study the structure of T acting on V (nullspace, eigenspaces, eigenvalues, characteristic polynomial, minimal polynomial.)

$$F[T] = \{a_0 + a_1T + a_nT^n + \dots\} \in \text{End}_F(V) \subseteq \text{End}_F(V)$$

$F[T]$ is a sub F-algebra of $\text{End}_F(V)$.

Remark 1.8. If $\dim(V) > 1$, then $F[T] \neq \text{End}_F(V)$.

$F[T]$ is a quotient ring of $F[x]$, the ring of polynomials. There is a natural ring homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_T : F[x] &\rightarrow F[T] \subseteq \text{End}(V) \\
p(x) &\mapsto P(T)
\end{aligned}$$

But $F[X]$ is infinite dimensional. So this means that there is a nontrivial kernel because $F[T]$ is not infinite dimensional.

Definition 1.9 (Defining Ideal). The kernel of φ_T is called the defining ideal of T .

$$I_T = \ker(\varphi_T).$$

I_T is generated by a unique polynomial in $F[x]$ which is monic. $I_T = (P_T(X))$.

$$P_T(X) = X^m + a_{m-1}X^{m-1} + \dots + a_0, \quad a_j \in F$$

What is $P_T(x)$?

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_T(p_t) &= 0 \\
\varphi_T(T) &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

P_T is called the minimal polynomial. $f \in F[x]$. $f(T) = 0$. $p_T(x)|f(x)$.