

7.B The Spectral Theorem

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Complex Spectral Theorem

given $V(\mathbb{C})$, $T \in L(V)$ then

(a) T is normal

\Leftrightarrow

(b) \exists orthonormal basis of V consisting of e-vectors of T

\Leftrightarrow

(c) \exists diagonal matrix rep of T w.r.t. some orthonormal basis of V

proof: (c) $\Rightarrow M(T)$ is diagonal, $M(T^*) = M(T)^*$

$\Leftrightarrow M(T^*)$ is diagonal, 2 diag matrix commutes

$$\Rightarrow [T, T^*] = 0 \Leftrightarrow (a)$$

$$\text{Schur} \Rightarrow \exists \{e_i\} \text{ s.t. } M(T, e_i) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_{n,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|Te_i\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{j,i}|^2 \text{ and } \|T^*e_i\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{i,j}|^2$$

$$(a) \Rightarrow \|Te_i\|^2 = \|T^*e_i\|^2 \Rightarrow a_{ij} = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j$$

$$\Rightarrow (c) \quad \square$$

Real Spectral Theorem

lemma: given $T \in L(V)$ s.t. $T = T^*$, $(b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ s.t. $b^2 < 4c$

then $T^2 + bT + cI$ is invertible

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proof: } \langle (T^2 + bT + cI)v, v \rangle &= \|Tv\|^2 + b\langle Tv, v \rangle + c\|v\|^2 \\ &\geq \|Tv\|^2 - |b| \|Tv\| \|v\| + c\|v\|^2 \\ &= \left(\|Tv\| - \frac{|b| \cdot \|v\|}{2} \right)^2 + \left(c - \frac{b^2}{4} \right) \|v\|^2 \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$T^2 + bT + cI = (T^2 + bT + cI)^*$$

$$\Rightarrow T^2 + bT + cI \neq 0 \Rightarrow \ker(T^2 + bT + cI) = \{0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{injective} \Rightarrow \text{invertible} \quad \square$$

lemma: let $V \neq \{0\}$ and $T = T^* \in L(V)$ then

\exists e-value of T

proof: trivial for $V(\mathbb{C}) \Rightarrow$ assume $V(\mathbb{R})$

let $n = \dim(V)$, $v \in V$ s.t. $v \neq 0$

then $\{T^n v \mid n \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}\}$ is linearly dependent

$\Rightarrow \exists \{a_i\}$ s.t. $a_i \neq 0$ for some i and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= a_i T^i v \\ &= c \left(\prod_{i=1}^m (T^2 + b_i T + c_i I) \right) \left(\prod_{i=1}^l (T - \lambda_i I) \right) \end{aligned}$$

where $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $(b_i, c_i, \lambda_i) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \neq 0$,

$$b_i^2 < 4c_i \neq 0, m+l \geq 1$$

above lemma $\Rightarrow T^2 + b_i T + c_i I \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \prod_i (T - \lambda_i I) \Rightarrow \exists i \text{ s.t. } T - \lambda_i I = 0$$

Lemma: let $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ s.t. $T^* = T$, $U \subset V$ is invariant under T

then (a) U^\perp is invariant under T

$$(b) \quad T|_U = (T|_U)^* \in \mathcal{L}(U)$$

$$(c) \quad T|_{U^\perp} = (T|_{U^\perp})^* \in \mathcal{L}(U^\perp)$$

proof (a): let $v \in U^\perp$, then

$$\langle Tv, u \rangle = \langle v, Tu \rangle = 0 \quad \forall u \in U$$

$$\Rightarrow Tv \in U^\perp$$

$$(b): \langle (T|_U)u, v \rangle = \langle Tu, v \rangle = \langle u, Tv \rangle$$

$$(\text{if } u, v \in U) = \langle u, (T|_U)v \rangle$$

$$(c): (a), (b) \Rightarrow (c)$$

Theorem: Real Spectral Theorem

let $V(\mathbb{R})$, $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ then

$$(a) \quad T = T^*$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$(b) \quad \exists \text{ orthonormal basis } \{e_i\} \text{ of } V = \text{e-vectors of } T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$(c) \quad \exists M(T) \text{ diagonal with orthonormal basis } \{e_i\}$$

proof: suppose (a) $\Rightarrow M(T) = (M(T))^T \Rightarrow T = T^*$ (a)

$$(a) \Rightarrow (b): \text{ if } \dim(V) = 1 \text{ then, above lemma } \Rightarrow \exists \text{ e-value}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a) \Rightarrow (b)$$

assume $\dim(V) > 1$, (a) \Rightarrow (b) for all smaller dim spaces

$$(a) \Rightarrow \exists u \in V \text{ s.t. } Tu = \lambda u, \|u\| = 1, U = \text{span}(u)$$

$$\Rightarrow U \text{ is eigenspace of } T \Rightarrow U \text{ invariant under } T$$

$$\Rightarrow T|_{U^\perp} = (T|_{U^\perp})^*, \dim(U) = 1 \Rightarrow \dim(U^\perp) = \dim(V) - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ orthonormal basis } \{u_i\} \text{ of } U^\perp \Rightarrow \{u_i\} \cup \{u\} \text{ is basis of } V \Rightarrow (b)$$

$$(b) \Rightarrow (c)$$