

## 8.D Jordan Form

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### Basis of Nilpotent

theorem: let  $N \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is nilpotent then

$\exists (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in V^n$  and  $(m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  s.t.

(a)  $\{N^i v_j \mid j \in [1, n], i \in [0, m_j]\}$  is basis of  $V$

(b)  $N^{m_j+1} v_j = 0 \quad \forall j \in [1, n]$

proof: i induction on  $\dim(V)$

true if  $\dim(V) = 1$

assume  $\dim(V) > 1$ , true for  $U$  if  $\dim(U) < \dim(V)$

$\ker(N) \neq \{0\} \Rightarrow$  not injective  $\Rightarrow$  not surjective

and  $\dim(\operatorname{im}(N)) < \dim(V)$

$\Rightarrow$  true for  $N|_{\operatorname{im}(N)} \in \mathcal{L}(\operatorname{im}(N))$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  such basis  $\{N^i v_j\}$  of  $\operatorname{im}(N)$

$v_j \in \operatorname{im}(N) \Rightarrow \exists u_j \in V$  s.t.  $N u_j = v_j \quad \forall j$

consider  $\{N^i u_j\} := \{N^i u_j \mid j \in [1, n], i \in [0, m_j+1]\}$

proof that  $\{N^i u_j\}$  is linearly independent:

assume  $\sum_{\{N^i u_j\}} a_{ij} N^i u_j = 0$

$\Rightarrow N \sum_{\{N^i u_j\}} a_{ij} N^i u_j = 0 = \sum_{\{N^i v_j\} \leftarrow \text{basis}} a_{ij} N^i v_j = 0$

$\Rightarrow a_{ij} = 0$  if  $N(N^i u_j) \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow$  left with coefficients of  $\{N^{m_i+1} u_i \mid i \in [1, n]\}$

$= \{N^{m_i} v_i \mid i \in [1, n]\} \leftarrow \text{basis}$

$\Rightarrow a_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall i, j$  Q.E.D.

extend  $\{N^i u_j\}$  to  $\{N^i u_j\} \cup \{w_i \mid i \in [1, p]\}$  basis of  $V$

$$\Rightarrow Nw_i \in \text{im}(N) = \text{span}(\{N^i v_j\})$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists x_j \in \text{span}(\{N^i v_j\}) \text{ s.t. } Nw_j = Nx_j$$

$$\text{let } u_{n+j} = w_j - x_j \Rightarrow Nu_{n+j} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{span}(\{N^i v_j\} \cup \{u_{n+j} | j \in \mathbb{I}(I, \mathbb{P}\mathbb{I})\}) = V$$

∴ it has all  $x_j$  and  $u_{n+j} \Rightarrow$  it has all  $w_j$   $\square$

definition:

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . A basis of  $V$  is called a **Jordan basis** for  $T$  if with respect to this basis  $T$  has a block diagonal matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & A_p \end{pmatrix},$$

where each  $A_j$  is an upper-triangular matrix of the form

$$A_j = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_j & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda_j \end{pmatrix}.$$

theorem: Jordan Form

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

$\exists$  Jordan basis for  $T$  of  $V$

proof: consider a nilpotent  $N \in \mathcal{L}(V)$

with basis  $\{N^i v_i\}$ ,  $N$  sends a basis vector to the next one

$$\Rightarrow M(N) = \text{block diagonal with } A_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  Jordan basis for nilpotents

now let  $\{\lambda_i\}$  distinct e-value of  $T$

$$\Rightarrow V = \bigoplus_i G(\lambda_i, T),$$

$(T - \lambda_j I)|_{G(\lambda_j, T)}$  is nilpotent

$\Rightarrow \exists$  Jordan basis of  $G(\lambda_j, T)$  for  $(T - \lambda_j I)|_{G(\lambda_j, T)} \forall j$