

# MATH2040C Homework 5

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## 1 Section 5.4, Q2(e)

Let  $w = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Note that  $w \in W$ , because  $w$  is symmetric.

Note that  $T(w) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , which is not symmetric, hence not belongs to  $W$ .

Therefore, by definition,  $W$  is not a  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $V$ .  
Done.

## 2 Section 5.4, Q4

$\forall g(t)$  belongs to polynomials, it can be expressed as for some  $a_i, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,

$$g(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i.$$

Note that  $\forall w \in W$ , we have

$$g(T)(w) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i T^i(w).$$

Because  $W$  is itself a subspace, and note that  $T^i(w) \in W, \forall i$ . Then

$$\forall w \in W, g(T)(w) \in W.$$

Done.

## 3 Section 5.4, Q6(d)

Note that  $z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $T(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $T^2(z) = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

And hence  $T^k(z) = 3^{k-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \forall k \geq 1$ .

Recall that  $\text{span}\{z, T(z), T^2(z), \dots\}$  is the  $T$ -cyclic subspace of  $V$  generated by  $z$ .  
Claim that  $\{z, T(z)\}$  is a ordered basis for  $\text{span}\{z, T(z), T^2(z), \dots\}$ .

Note that  $\forall u \in \text{span}\{z, T(z), T^2(z), \dots\}$ , if  $u = z$  or  $u = T(z)$ , then  $u$  are elements inside the basis set.

If  $u = T^k(z)$  for some  $k \geq 2$ , notice that  $T^k(z) = 3^{k-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 3^{k-1}T(z)$ .

Therefore,  $\{z, T(z)\}$  spans  $\text{span}\{z, T(z), T^2(z), \dots\}$ .

Done.

#### 4 Section 5.4, Q19

According to the question,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -a_0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & -a_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -a_{k-2} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & -a_{k-1} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Hence its characteristic polynomial is  $\det(A - tI)$ , which is

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -t & 0 & \dots & 0 & -a_0 \\ 1 & -t & \dots & 0 & -a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & -a_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -t & -a_{k-2} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & -a_{k-1} - t \end{pmatrix}$$

We expand the massive matrix through the first column.

Then the value is

$$-t \det \begin{pmatrix} -t & 0 & \dots & 0 & -a_0 \\ 1 & -t & \dots & 0 & -a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & -a_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -t & -a_{k-2} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & -a_{k-1} - t \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -a_0 \\ 1 & -t & \dots & 0 & -a_1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -t & -a_{k-2} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & -a_{k-1} - t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Observe the second term recursively, we note that it is simply equal to  $(-1)^k a_0$ .

We keep splitting determinants from the left term, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - tI) &= (-t)^{k-2} \det \begin{pmatrix} -t & -a_{k-2} \\ 1 & -a_{k-1} - t \end{pmatrix} + (-1)^k (a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_{k-3} t^{k-3}). \\ &= (-t)^{k-2} (t^2 + t a_{k-1} + a_{k-2}) + (-1)^k (a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_{k-3} t^{k-3}). \\ &= (-1)^k (t^k + t^{k-1} a_{k-1} + t^{k-2} a_{k-2}) + (-1)^k (a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_{k-3} t^{k-3}). \\ &= (-1)^k (a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + \dots a_{k-3} t^{k-3} + a_{k-2} t^{k-2} + a_{k-1} t^{k-1} + t^k). \end{aligned}$$

Done.

## 5 Section 5.4, Q23

As suggested by the question, we would like to use Mathematical Induction to tackle this problem.

Under the circumstance stated in the problem (note that those  $v_i$ 's are eigenvectors of  $T$  corresponding to distinct eigenvalues), let mathematical statement  $P(k)$  indicates that:

$P(k)$  : If  $v_1 + v_2 + v_3 + \dots + v_k \in W$ , then  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, k, v_i \in W$ .

We would prove the base case first: note that  $P(1)$  holds trivially.

Hence we can suppose that  $\exists$  an integer  $h$  such that  $P(h)$  holds.

In order to prove  $P(k+1)$  holds, we need to prove  $w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + \dots + w_k + w_{k+1} \in W$  implies  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, k, k+1, v_i \in W$ . Where  $w_j$ 's are all eigenvectors of  $T$  corresponding to distinct eigenvalues.

Suppose not, i.e., we suppose  $\exists i = 1, 2, \dots, k, k+1$  such that  $w_i \notin W$ .

WLOG, we let  $w_1 \notin W$ .

Note that the  $P(k)$  holds, which implies that if  $\exists i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  such that  $w_i \notin W$ , then  $w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_k \notin W$ .

Inspect  $w_{k+1}$ , if  $w_{k+1} \in W$ , then  $w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_k \notin W$ . Which is impossible, hence  $w_{k+1} \notin W$ .

Repeating this process by grouping  $w_1$  with other  $k-1$  items among  $w_2, w_3, \dots, w_{k+1}$ , we can deduce that

$$\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1, w_i \notin W.$$

As supposed  $w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_k + w_{k+1} \in W$ . Hence  $T(w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_k + w_{k+1}) \in W$ .

Which is  $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \lambda_i w_i \in W$ , subtract this with  $w_1 + \dots + w_{k+1}$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=2}^{k+1} (\lambda_i - \lambda_1) w_i \in W.$$

We let  $T$  affect on it and subtract the first term out. Keep doing this process on and on, we eventually get

$$\prod_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) \cdot w_{k+1} \in W.$$

Note that the  $\lambda_i$ 's are all distinct, hence the coefficient is nonzero. Hence  $w_{k+1} \in W$ .

Which is contradicting with  $w_{k+1} \notin W$ .

Therefore,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, k, k+1, v_i \in W$  at the first place.

Hence  $P(k)$  holds for all possible integer  $k$  under proper condition.

Done.

## 6 Section 5.4, Q24

Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$ , and  $W$  be any  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $V$ .

We choose the ordered basis for  $V$  properly, such that each element in the ordered basis set  $\beta$  is an eigenvector of  $T$ .

Let  $\beta = \{v_{1,1}, v_{1,2}, \dots, v_{1,m_1}, \dots, v_{k,1}, v_{k,2}, \dots, v_{k,m_k}\}$ . Let  $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_k = m$ .

Note that any (subspace of  $V$ )'s basis can be represented with elements from  $\beta$ . Then denote  $W$ 's basis set as  $\gamma$ .

Let  $\dim \gamma = l$ , then we have  $l \leq m$ . Where  $\gamma = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_l\}$ , those  $w_a$ 's are equal to some  $v_{i,j}$ .

WLOG, reorder  $\gamma$  such that  $\gamma = \{v_{1,1}, \dots, v_{1,q_1}, \dots, v_{t,1}, \dots, v_{t,q_t}\}$ .

Where  $v_{j,1}, v_{j,2}, \dots, v_{j,q_j}$  are all corresponding to eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$ .

Therefore we have  $q_1 + \dots + q_k = l$ . And the  $q_i$  eigenvectors are corresponding to one distinct eigenvalue.

Note that here the  $q_i$  are  $\lambda_i$ 's geometric multiplicities (because they are number of corresponding eigenvectors), then we can have

$$\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, k, \mu_{T_W}(\lambda_i) = \gamma_{T_W}(\lambda_i).$$

Therefore,  $T_W : W \rightarrow W$  must be diagonalizable.

Done.

## 7 Section 7.1, Q7(a)

Note that  $\forall x \in N(U)$ , we have

$$Ux = 0.$$

Therefore

$$U \cdot Ux = U^2(x) = 0.$$

Hence  $N(U) \subset N^2(U)$ .

Suppose  $\exists$  an integer  $k \geq 1$  such that  $N^k(U) \subset N^{k+1}(U)$ .

Note that  $\forall x \in N^k(U)$ ,

$$U^{k+1}(x) = U \cdot U^k(x) = U(0) = 0.$$

Therefore  $x \in N^{k+1}(U)$ .

So, based on all above, we have

$$N(U) \subset N^2(U) \subset N^3(U) \subset \dots \subset N^k(U) \subset N^{k+1}(U) \subset \dots$$

Done.

## 8 Section 7.1, Q7(c)

Note that  $\dim V - \text{rank}(U^m) = \dim \ker(U^m)$  and  $\dim V - \text{rank}(U^{m+1}) = \dim \ker(U^{m+1})$  hold because of rank-nullity theorem.

Under the condition of  $\text{rank}(U^m) = \text{rank}(U^{m+1})$ , then

$$\dim \ker(U^m) = \dim \ker(U^{m+1}).$$

Recall that  $\ker(U^m) \subset \ker(U^{m+1})$ , then we can deduce that  $\ker(U^m) = \ker(U^{m+1})$ .

Let's inspect our situation at this stage, now we have  $\ker(U^m) = \ker(U^{m+1})$ , and we want to go one more step: to prove

$$\ker(U^{m+1}) = \ker(U^{m+2}).$$

Because  $\ker(U^{m+1}) \subset \ker(U^{m+2})$ , we then have

$$\ker(U^{m+2}) = \ker(U^{m+1}) \cup [\ker(U^{m+2}) - \ker(U^{m+1})].$$

It is suffice to prove that the set  $\ker(U^{m+2}) - \ker(U^{m+1})$  is an empty set.

Let  $x \in \ker(U^{m+2}) - \ker(U^{m+1})$ , then we have

$$U^{m+1}x \neq 0, \quad U^{m+2}x = 0.$$

Hence  $U(U^{m+1}x) = 0$  and  $U^{m+1}x \in \ker U$ . And  $U^{m+1}x \in R(U^{m+1}) \subset R(U^m)$ .  
 $\therefore \exists y \in V$  such that

$$U^m y = U^{m+1}x.$$

Hence  $U^{m+1}y = U(U^{m+1}x) = U^{m+2}x = 0$ .

$\therefore \ker(U^m) = \ker(U^{m+1}) \therefore U^m y = 0$ .

This implies that  $U^{m+1}x = 0$ . This contradicts with the previous statement.  
Therefore

$$\ker(U^{m+1}) = \ker(U^{m+2}).$$

By doing this repeatedly, we can have  $\forall k \geq m$ ,

$$\ker(U^m) = \ker(U^k).$$

Done.

## 9 Section 7.1, Q7(b)

Using the result of (c), since  $\forall k \geq m$ ,

$$\ker(U^m) = \ker(U^k).$$

Then we have  $\forall k \geq m$ ,

$$\text{rank}(U^k) = \dim V - \dim \ker(U^k) = \dim V - \dim \ker(U^m) = \text{rank}(U^m).$$

Done.

## 10 Section 7.1, Q7(d)