

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 $P(k)$ 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 λ_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.

Done.