
Homework 5
MATH 543 — Linear Algebra

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5.B Eigenvectors and Upper-Triangular Matrices

Exercise 1

- (a) For $I - T$ to be invertible, its composition (both right and left) with its inverse must be identity.

$$\begin{aligned}(I - T)(I + T + \cdots + T^{n-1})v &= (I - T)(v + Tv + \cdots + T^{n-1}v) \\ &= v - Tv + Tv - T^2v + T^2v - \cdots - T^{n-1}v + T^n v \\ &= v\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}(I + T + \cdots + T^{n-1})(I - T)v &= (I + T + \cdots + T^{n-1})(v - Tv) \\ &= v - Tv + Tv - T^2v + T^2v - \cdots + T^{n-1}v - T^n v \\ &= v\end{aligned}$$

so $(I - T)$ is invertible with inverse $(I - T)^{-1} = (I + T + \cdots + T^{n-1})$.

- (b) Sum of a geometric sequence $1, r, r^2, \dots, r^{n-1}$ is:

$$\begin{aligned}1 + r + r^2 + \cdots + r^{n-1} &= \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \\ 1 + r + r^2 + \cdots + r^{n-1} &= (1 - r)^{-1} \quad (r^n = 0)\end{aligned}$$

replacing r with T and having $T^n = 0$ resembles what we show in part (a).

Exercise 3

$T^2 = I$ implies either $+1$ or -1 is an eigenvalue for T (Exercise 5.A.22). Thus $+1$ is an eigenvalue for T (hypothesis). Thus $\forall v \in V, v \neq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}Tv &= v \\ T &= I\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5

$p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ can be written as

$$p(z) = a_0 + a_1z + a_2z^2 + \cdots + a_mz^m$$

where $a_0, \dots, a_m, z \in \mathbb{F}$, so

$$p(T) = a_0I + a_1T + a_2T^2 + \cdots + a_mT^m$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} Sp(T)S^{-1} &= a_0SIS^{-1} + a_1STS^{-1} + a_2ST^2S^{-1} + \cdots + a_mST^mS^{-1} \\ &= a_0I + a_1STS^{-1} + a_2ST^2S^{-1} + \cdots + a_mST^mS^{-1} \\ &= a_0I + a_1STS^{-1} + a_2(STS^{-1})^2 + \cdots + a_m(STS^{-1})^m \\ &= p(STS^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where for the third equality we used $(STS^{-1})^m = ST^mS^{-1}$.

Exercise 13

Consider 2 cases separately:

If $U \subset W$ is a zero subspace of W , there exists no eigenvalues for T and the condition holds.

If $U \subset W$ is a non-zero finite-dimensional subspace, then $T|_U \in \mathcal{L}(U)$ has at least one eigenvalue (Theorem 5.21) which is a contradiction. Thus U is infinite-dimensional.

Exercise 20

By theorem 5.27, there exists basis $v_1, \dots, v_{\dim V}$ such that T has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to it.

By theorem 5.26, $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$ of dimension k is invariant under T for each $k \in \{1, \dots, \dim V\}$.

5.C Eigenspaces and Diagonal Matrices

Exercise 1

Since V is diagonalizable, there exists a diagonal matrix $\mathcal{M}(T)$ defined on a basis v_1, \dots, v_n . Thus V is finite-dimensional.

Then for each v_i exists a λ_i such that $Tv_i = \lambda_i v_i$. Now we separate λ_i 's indices into two disjoint sets: $\lambda_i = 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ and $\lambda_i \neq 0 \quad \forall i \in \{m+1, \dots, n\}$.

Thus

$$V = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) \oplus \text{span}(v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n)$$

since $v_1, \dots, v_m, v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n$ is a basis.

- $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = \text{null } T?$
 $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = E(0, T) = \text{null}(T)$

- $\text{span}(v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n) = \text{range } T?$

For arbitrary $v \in V$ we have $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$ ($a_i \in \mathbb{F}$) then

$$\begin{aligned} Tv &= a_1 T v_1 + \dots + a_n T v_n \\ &= \underbrace{a_1 T v_1 + \dots + a_m T v_m}_{=0} + \underbrace{a_{m+1} T v_{m+1} + \dots + a_n T v_n}_{\in \text{span}(v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n)} \end{aligned}$$

thus $\text{range } T \subset \text{span}(v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n)$.

On the other hand, for every v_i where $i \in \{m+1, \dots, n\}$ we have $v_i = T(\frac{1}{\lambda_i} v_i) \in \text{range } T$
 thus $\text{span}(v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n) \subset \text{range } T$.

Exercise 2

Aside:

For any invertible $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$, we have $V = \text{null } T \oplus \text{range } T$.

(*proof.* invertible $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ implies $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ and $\text{range } T = V$ and obviously $\text{null } T \cap \text{range } T = \{0\}$.)

Counterexample. Matrix of invertible $S \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)$

$$\mathcal{M}(S) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is non-diagonal, although $\mathbb{R}^2 = \text{null } S \oplus \text{range } S$.

Exercise 3

- (a) $V = \text{null } T \oplus \text{range } T$
- (b) $V = \text{null } T + \text{range } T$
- (c) $\text{null } T \cap \text{range } T = \{0\}$

1. **a** \Rightarrow **b** Trivial by definition of direct sum.
2. **b** \Rightarrow **c** Sum of two subspaces of finite-dimensional V has dimension

$$\begin{aligned}\dim V &= \dim(\text{null } T) + \dim(\text{range } T) - \dim(\text{null } T \cap \text{range } T) \\ &= \dim V - \dim(\text{null } T \cap \text{range } T)\end{aligned}$$

where Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps is used for last equality. Thus $\dim(\text{null } T \cap \text{range } T) = 0$ so $\text{null } T \cap \text{range } T = \{0\}$.

3. **c** \Rightarrow **a** For $\text{null } T + \text{range } T$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}\dim(\text{null } T + \text{range } T) &= \dim(\text{null } T) + \dim(\text{range } T) - \dim(\text{null } T \cap \text{range } T) \\ &= \dim V - 0\end{aligned}$$

thus $\text{null } T + \text{range } T = V$ and since $\text{null } T \cap \text{range } T = \{0\}$ the sum is direct.

Exercise 5

\Rightarrow

T is diagonalizable. So there is a basis on which $\mathcal{M}(T)$ is diagonal. For $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$:

$$\mathcal{M}(T - \lambda I) = \mathcal{M}(T) - \lambda \mathcal{M}(I)$$

since both $\mathcal{M}(T)$ and $\mathcal{M}(I)$ are diagonal, then $\mathcal{M}(T - \lambda I)$ is diagonal.

By using the result of Exercise 5.C.1 we have

$$V = \text{null}(T - \lambda I) \oplus \text{range}(T - \lambda I).$$

\Leftarrow

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Exercise 8

Suppose 2 and 6 are also eigenvalues of T ,

$$\begin{aligned}\dim E(8, T) + \dim E(6, T) + \dim E(2, T) &\leq \dim \mathbb{F}^5 \\ \dim E(6, T) + \dim E(2, T) &\leq 1\end{aligned}$$

then either $\dim E(6, T) = 0$ or $\dim E(2, T) = 0$. Thus either 6 or 2 is an NOT an eigenvalue of T , so either $T - 6I$ or $T - 2I$ is invertible, respectively, by theorem 5.6.

Exercise 10

Let $0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ denote the full set of the distinct eigenvalues. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\underbrace{\dim E(0, T)}_{=\dim \text{null } T} + \dim E(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + \dim E(\lambda_m, T) &\leq \dim V \\ \dim \text{null } T + \dim E(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + \dim E(\lambda_m, T) &\leq \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T \\ \dim E(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + \dim E(\lambda_m, T) &\leq \dim \text{range } T\end{aligned}$$

where the RHS of 2nd inequality comes from Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps.

Exercise 15

Since T is not diagonalizable, 8 cannot be an eigenvalue of it (Theorem 5.44). Thus $T - 8I$ is invertible/injective/surjective (Theorem 5.6). By surjectivity for $v = (17, \sqrt{5}, 2\pi)$ there exists $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{C}^3$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}(T - 8I)(x, y, z) &= (17, \sqrt{5}, 2\pi) \\ T(x, y, z) &= (17 + 8x, \sqrt{5} + 8y, 2\pi + 8z)\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 16

(a) *proof by induction.*

$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{1}$: $T^1(0, 1) = (1, 1) = (F_1, F_2)$

Assume it holds for $\mathbf{n} \leq \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{1}$.

$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{m}$: $T^m(0, 1) = TT^{m-1}(0, 1) = T(F_{m-1}, F_m) = (F_m, F_{m-1} + F_m) = (F_m, F_{m+1})$.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
T(x, y) &= (\lambda x, \lambda y) \\
(y, x + y) &= (\lambda x, \lambda y) \\
x + \lambda x &= \lambda(\lambda x) \\
\lambda^2 - \lambda - 1 &= 0 \quad (x \neq 0, y \neq 0) \\
\lambda &= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
E\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}, T\right) &= \text{null}\left(T - \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)I\right) \\
&= \{(x, y) | (y - \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}x, x + \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}y) = 0\} \\
&= \{(x, y) | y = x\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)\}
\end{aligned}$$

then we choose $v_1 = (1, \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2})$.

$$\begin{aligned}
E\left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}, T\right) &= \text{null}\left(T - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)I\right) \\
&= \{(x, y) | (y - \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}x, x + \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}y) = 0\} \\
&= \{(x, y) | y = x\left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)\}
\end{aligned}$$

then we choose $v_2 = (1, \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2})$.

(d) $(0, 1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}v_1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}v_2$ in terms of the new basis. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
T^n(0, 1) &= (F_n, F_{n+1}) \\
&= T^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}v_1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}v_2\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(T^n v_1 - T^n v_2) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n v_1 - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n v_2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n, \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

thus $F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right]$.

(e) It suffices to show the magnitude of distance from F_n to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$ is less than $\frac{1}{2}$.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} d &:= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left| \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right|^n \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left| \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{5}} \right|^n \end{aligned}$$

be the distance.

Since $\sqrt{5} > 2$ then $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} < \frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{1+\sqrt{5}} < \frac{2}{3}$, thus

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left| \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{5}} \right|^n < \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n < \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{3} < \frac{1}{2}$$