

Reference: Linear algebra done right Chapter 8, with slightly different approach

△ Midterm cover homework from this week.

△ Review

(1) Very weak Jordan

$$g \sim \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_k \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_j$$

(2) Nilpotent

$$g - \lambda_1 I \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{nilpotent}$$

(3) Define generalized eigenspace  $\underline{V_{\lambda_1}} = \ker (g - \lambda_1 I)^{n_1}$

(i)  $\dim V_{\lambda_1} = n_1$

(ii)  $\ker (g - \lambda_1 I)^i = \ker (g - \lambda_1 I)^{n_1} \quad i \geq n_1$

△ Remark: (i) (ii) hold for any  $V_{\lambda_i}$  because for very weak Jordan

Our proof has freedom to choose the first eigenvalue

△ Lemma A: Each  $V_{\lambda_i}$  is an invariant subspace for  $T$

Pf: pick  $v \in V_{\lambda_1}$  need  $Tv \in V_{\lambda_1}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \downarrow \\ & (g - \lambda_1 I)^{n_1} v = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{To check } ? \\ & g v \in V_{\lambda_1} \end{aligned}$$

need to check  $(g - \lambda_1 I)^{n_1} (g v) \stackrel{?}{=} 0$

$$\text{Now } (g - \lambda_1 I) \cdot g = g \cdot (g - \lambda_1 I) \quad (g - \lambda_1 I)^{n_1} g = g \cdot (g - \lambda_1 I)^{n_1}$$

$$\text{LHS} = g^2 - \lambda_1 g = \text{RHS}$$

$$g \cdot (g - \lambda_1 I)^{n_1} v = g \cdot 0 = 0 \quad \#$$

$$\triangle P(g) \cdot g = g \cdot P(g) \quad \forall \text{ polynomial } g$$

△ Lemma B:  $T - \lambda_j$  is invertible on  $V_{\lambda_i} \quad \forall j \neq i \quad (g - \lambda_j)$

Pf: To prove  $T - \lambda_j$  is invertible on  $V_{\lambda_i}$

we need to show  $\forall v \in V_{\lambda_i} \quad v \neq 0 \quad \underline{(T - \lambda_j)v \neq 0}$

Prove by contradiction suppose

$$(T - \lambda_j)v = 0 \quad (\#)$$

$$\text{Condition } v \in V_{\lambda_i} \Rightarrow (T - \lambda_i)^j v = 0 \quad (1)$$

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 $j \geq 1$  because  $(T - \lambda_j)^0 v \stackrel{a}{=} I \cdot v = v \neq 0$

Apply  $(T - \lambda_i)^{j-1}$  to (4)

$$(T - \lambda_i)^{j-1} (T - \lambda_j) v = 0$$

$$\underbrace{(T - \lambda_i + \lambda_i - \lambda_j)}_{=0} v = 0$$

$$(T - \lambda_i)^j v + (T - \lambda_i)^{j-1} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) v = 0$$

$$(T - \lambda_i)^j v \stackrel{a)}{=} 0 \Rightarrow (\underbrace{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}_{\neq 0}) (T - \lambda_i)^{j-1} v = 0 \Rightarrow (T - \lambda_i)^{j-1} v = 0$$

Contradiction (2)  $\neq$

$\Delta$  Prop:  $V = \bigoplus_{\lambda_i} V_{\lambda_i}$  in particular  $g \sim \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_k * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_k * \end{pmatrix}$

Lem A Each  $V_{\lambda_i}$  is invariant subspace

weak Jordan

Previous lemma  $V = \bigoplus W_i$ ,  $g \sim \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x \end{pmatrix}$

Pf: To prove  $V = \bigoplus_{\lambda_i} V_{\lambda_i} \stackrel{\text{definition}}{\Leftrightarrow} \forall v \in V, \exists \text{ unique } v_i \in V_{\lambda_i} \text{ s.t. } v = \sum v_i$

Unique part:  $v = \sum v_i = \sum v_i'$   $v_i, v_i' \in V_{\lambda_i}$

then  $\sum (v_i - v_i') = 0$   $v_i - v_i' \in V_{\lambda_i}$   
 let  $w_i = v_i - v_i'$

Reduce to show: if  $\sum w_i = 0$  for  $w_i \in V_{\lambda_i}$ , then  $w_i = 0$ ?

Prove by contradiction, let's say  $w_i \neq 0$ .

By condition  $(T - \lambda_i)^{n_i} w_i = 0$  Lemma B  $\Rightarrow (T - \lambda_i)^{n_i} w_j \neq 0$ .

Apply  $\prod_{i \neq j} (T - \lambda_i)^{n_i}$  to (4)  $\prod_{i \neq j} (T - \lambda_i)^{n_i} \sum w_i = 0$   
 $\prod_{i \neq j} (T - \lambda_i)^{n_i} w_i = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$   
 $\prod_{i \neq j} (T - \lambda_i)^{n_i} w_j \neq 0$  Contradiction

Up to now  $\bigoplus V_{\lambda_i}$  is indeed a direct sum

$\oplus V_{\lambda_i}$  is a linear subspace of  $V$

Just need to show  $\dim \oplus V_{\lambda_i} = \dim V$

$$\dim \oplus V_{\lambda_i} = \sum_i \dim V_{\lambda_i} = \sum_i n_i = n = \dim V$$

$$\sum_i \# \lambda_i \quad \uparrow \quad \equiv \quad \# \text{ of solutions to } P(X)=0$$

△ This proposition allows us to reduce the proof of Jordan form for  $g$  to proof of Jordan form for  $g_{\lambda_i} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & & \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix}$  diagonal block

△ We can further look at  $g_{\lambda_i} - \lambda_i I$ , which is nilpotent

Lemma:  $g_{\lambda_i} - \lambda_i I \sim \begin{pmatrix} J_{0, m_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & J_{0, m_k} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix} - \lambda_i I$

$$g_{\lambda_i} \sim \begin{pmatrix} J_{\lambda_i, m_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & J_{\lambda_i, m_k} \end{pmatrix}$$

Pf. Suppose  $\exists h, \quad h^{-1} g_{\lambda_i} h =$

$$h^{-1} (g_{\lambda_i} - \lambda_i I) h = h^{-1} g_{\lambda_i} h - h^{-1} (\lambda_i I) h$$

$$= h^{-1} g_{\lambda_i} h - \lambda_i I$$

$$= \text{desired shape}$$

△ We are left to prove the following:

Prop. If  $g$  is nilpotent then  $g \sim \begin{pmatrix} J_{0, m_1} & \\ & \ddots \\ & & J_{0, m_k} \end{pmatrix}$

△ Def. Suppose  $T/g$  is nilpotent  $T^n = g^n = 0$ .

define  $V^{(i)} = \ker(T^i) \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Ex:  $i=n$  then  $V^{(n)}$  is generalised eigenspace for  $T$  and  $\lambda=0$   
and it's  $V$  itself because  $T^n=0$

Properties (i)  $V = V^{(n)} \supset V^{(n-1)} \supset V^{(n-2)} \dots V^{(1)} \supset \{0\}$

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$$T^{i-1} v = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad T(T^{i-1} v) = T^i v = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v \in V^{(i)}$$

(2) Each  $V^{(i)}$  is an invariant subspace for  $T$

$$\text{Further more } T V^{(i)} \subset V^{(i-1)} \subset V^{(i)}$$

$$\text{pf: } \forall v \in V^{(i)}, \quad T v \stackrel{?}{\in} V^{(i-1)}$$

$$(T^{i-1}) T v \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

$$\text{LHS} = T^i v = 0 \quad \text{because } v \in V^{(i)} \quad \#$$

$\Delta$  Def:  $d_i \triangleq \dim V^{(i)}$  e.g.  $d_n = \dim V^{(n)} = \ker(T^n) = n$

$$\text{Property (1)} \Rightarrow d_n \geq d_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq d_1$$

$$C_i \triangleq d_i - d_{i-1} = \dim \left( \frac{V^{(i)}}{V^{(i-1)}} \right) \quad U^{(i)} = \frac{V^{(i)}}{V^{(i-1)}}$$

$\Delta$  Lemma C: Suppose  $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_c$  are linearly independent in  $U^{(i)}$ ,

Let  $v_i \in V^{(i)}$  be any preimage of  $\bar{v}_i$   $i=1, \dots, c$

$$\begin{matrix} V^{(n)} \\ \vdots \\ V^{(n-1)} \end{matrix} \quad U^{(n)}$$

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$$\begin{matrix} V^{(i)} \\ \vdots \\ V^{(i-1)} \end{matrix} \quad U^{(i)} \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_c \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} v_1, \dots, v_c \in V^{(i)} \\ T v_1, \dots, T v_c \in V^{(i-1)} \\ T^2 v_1, \dots \in V^{(i-2)} \\ \vdots \end{matrix}$$

$$T^{i-1} \bar{v}_1, \dots, T^{i-1} \bar{v}_c \in V^{(1)}$$

Then  $\{T^j v_k\}_{k=1, \dots, c}^{j=0, \dots, i-1}$  are linearly independent

$\Delta$  Motivation:  $T$  acts well on  $\{T^{i-1} v_1, \dots, T v_1, v_1\}$

$$T(T^{i-1} v_1, \dots, v_1) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} T^{i-1} v_1 & \dots & T v_1 & v_1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{matrix} \\ \text{size } n \times (i+1)}} = \underbrace{(T^{i-1} v_1, \dots, v_1)}_{\substack{\text{matrix} \\ \text{size } n \times (i+1)}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{J_{0, i+1}}$$

$\Delta$  Proof of Lemma C  $\dots$  have a linear relation

△ Proof of Lemma C. Suppose we have a linear relation

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$$\sum a_{kj} T^j v_k = 0 \quad (\#)$$

pf by contradiction  $a_{kj_0} \neq 0$  for some  $k$  and  $j_0$  is minimal

apply  $T^{i-j_0-1}$  to (#)

$$\Rightarrow \sum a_{kj} T^{i-j_0-1+j} v_k = 0$$

because  $j_0$  is minimal LHS =  $\sum_{j \geq j_0} a_{kj} \dots$

$$= a_{kj_0} T^{i-1} v_k + \sum_{j > j_0} a_{kj} T^{\overbrace{i-1+j-j_0}^{\geq i}} v_k$$

$$= \sum_i a_{kj_0} T^{i-1} v_k$$

$$= T^{i-1} (\sum a_{kj_0} v_k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum a_{kj_0} v_k \in V^{(i-1)} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \sum a_{kj_0} v_k = 0 \text{ in } V^{(i)} / V^{(i-1)}$$

$$\sum a_{kj_0} \bar{v}_k = 0 \quad a_{kj_0} \neq 0 \text{ for some } k$$

Contrad  $\{\bar{v}_k\}$  is L.I

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△ How to do in general

$$V^{(n)} > U^{(n)} = 0$$

$$V^{(n-1)} > U^{(n-1)} = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$V^{(i-1)} > U^{(i-1)} \neq 0$$

$$V^{(i)} > U^{(i)}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$V^{(1)} > U^{(1)}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$V^{(0)} > U^{(0)}$$

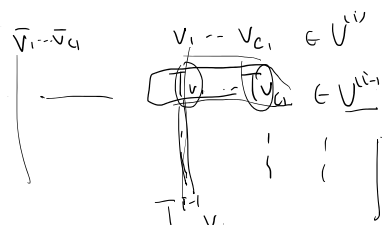
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$$V^{(0)} > U^{(0)}$$

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$$\dim V^{(i)} = \dim V^{(i-1)} + c_1$$

$$\dim V^{(i-1)} \geq \dim V^{(i-2)} + c_1$$

because  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_c$  L.I. not in  $V^{(i-2)}$

Start from  $U^{(n)}$

look at first time  $U^{(n)} \neq 0$

pick a basis  $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{c_1}$

produce  $\{T^j v_k\}^j$

Recall  $d_i = \dim V^{(i)}$   $d_n > d_{n-1} > \dots > d_1$

Lemma: Recall  $C_i = d_i - d_{i-1} = \dim \underline{U^{(i)}}$ , then  $C_n \leq C_{n-1} \leq C_{n-2} \leq \dots \leq C_1$   
by  $\uparrow$  Lemma C

May Start with  $C_n = C_{n-1} = \dots = 0$

Step 1. Take note first nonzero  $C_i$  call it  $C_{m_1}$

Then we can pick basis  $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{C_{m_1}}$  for  $U^{(m_1)}$

and produce  $\{T^j v_k\}$

$\{T^j v_k\}_j \leftrightarrow$  Jordan blocks of largest size  
Second time when  $C_i$  jumps

Step 2: at  $i = m_2$  when  $C_i < C_{i-1}$

We need to find new linearly independent vectors

$C_{i-1} - C_i$  of them

$C_i = \dim U^{(i)}$   
 $C_{i-1} = \dim U^{(i-1)}$  is larger

$\bar{w}_1, \dots, \bar{w}_{C_{i-1}-C_i}$

Form a set  $\{T^j w_k\}_{j,k}$

$\{T^j w_k\}_j \leftrightarrow$  smaller Jordan blocks

Continue finitely many steps, we can stop.

Given  $g$  can ask (1) what's Jordan normal form  
(2) which  $h$  st.  $h^{-1}gh$  is Jordan

Example: If  $g^n = 0$ ,  $g^{n-1} \neq 0$ , then  $g \sim J_{0,n}$

Pf:  $\dim \ker(g^i)$   $V^{(n)} = V$   $d_n = n$

$\ker(g^i) \neq V$  because  $g^{n-1} \neq 0$   $d_{n-1} < d_n$

$C_n = d_n - d_{n-1} > 0$

$\Rightarrow$  can find  $\bar{v} \in U^{(n)} = V^{(n)} / V^{(n-1)} \neq 0$

can produce  $T^{n-1} \bar{v}, T^{n-2} \bar{v}, \dots, T \bar{v}, \bar{v}$

can produce  $v \in U \cap V^\perp$  to

can produce  $\{T^{\downarrow v_1}V, T^{\downarrow v_2}V, \dots, T^{\downarrow v_n}V\}$

There are  $n$  of them, and L.I. Already a basis

For this basis  $T$  behaves as  $J_{0,n}$  as before  
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