

Let  $m=2$ ,  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  such that,  
 $m \nmid \dim V$  and all linear operators on  $V$  have an eigenvector in  $V$

Let  $A_1: V \xrightarrow{\text{lin}} V$ ,  $A_2: V \xrightarrow{\text{lin}} V$

Now show:

$$A_1 \cdot A_2 = A_2 \cdot A_1 \Rightarrow \exists \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \exists v \in V: A_1 v = \lambda_1 v \wedge A_2 v = \lambda_2 v$$

Proof by induction over  $\dim(V) = 2k+1$   $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ :

induction start:

for  $k=0$   $\dim V = 1$   $v \in V$

$$\ker(A_1 - \lambda_1) = \ker(0) = L(v) = \ker(0) = \ker(A_2 - \lambda_2)$$

So they share a common eigenvector.

induction assumption:

Assume now that  $\dim(V) > 1$  with  $2 \nmid \dim V$  and all dimensions less than  $\dim(V)$  are not divisible by 2. The above expression applies.

The assumption tells us now, if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are commuting on  $V$  with  $\dim V$  not divisible by 2, that  $A_1$  has an eigenvalue in  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $\lambda_1$ .

Let  $V_1 = \text{im}(A_1 - \lambda_1 I_{\dim V}) \neq \emptyset$  and  $V_2 = \ker(A_1 - \lambda_1 I_{\dim V})$

$\forall v_1 \in V_1: A_1(v_1) \in V_1$  because it's not in  $V_2$ ,  $v_1$  is not an eigenvector

$\forall v_2 \in V_2: A_1(v_2) = \lambda_1 v_2 \in V_2$  because  $v_2$  is an eigenvector.

So it's  $A_1$ -stable and we know that any lin. operator has at least an eigenvector so  $\dim V_2 \geq 1$ .  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are  $A_2$ -stable because

$A_1$  and  $A_2$  commute. Let  $u = A_1(v_1) - \lambda_1 v_1 \in V_1$ . Then  $A_2(u) \in U$   
 $A_2(u) = A_2(A_1(v_1) - \lambda_1 v_1) \stackrel{\text{lin op.}}{=} A_1(A_2(v_1)) - \lambda_1(A_2(v_1)) = (A_1 - \lambda_1 I)(A_2(v_1)) \in U$

Let  $w = A_1(v_2) - \lambda_1 v_2 \in V_2$ . Then  $A_2(w) \in V_2$

$$A_2(w) = A_2(A_1(v_2) - \lambda_1 v_2) = A_2(0) = 0 \in V_2$$

We know that  $\dim V_1 + \dim V_2 = \dim V$  because  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$

Because  $\dim V$  is odd  $\dim V_1$  or  $\dim V_2$  is odd and then

$A_1, A_2$  have a common eigenvector in  $V_1$  or  $V_2$  by induction.

The other case would be that  $V_1$  or  $V_2$  is empty

and the other subspace is  $V$ , in that case  $V_1 = \emptyset$  because

the eigenvector shouldn't be trivial. So  $V_2 = V$  and  $\forall v \in V$  is

$v$  an eigenvector for  $A_1$  and one of them is eigenvector for  $A_2$

since  $V$  has odd dimension