

## 1. Jordan Canonical Form

### 1.1. Triangular Form.

**Definition.** let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator, a subspace  $W \subseteq V$  is said to be invariant under  $T$  if  $T(W) \subseteq W$

**Remark.**  $\{0\}, V, \text{Ker}(T), \text{Im}(T), E_\lambda$  are  $T$ -invariant

**Definition.** Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator on a finite dimension vector space, we say that  $V$  is triangularizable  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  a order basis  $\beta \ni [T]_\beta^\beta$  is upper triangular

**Example**(triangularizable matrix)

Consider  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $V = \mathbb{C}^4$ , let  $\beta$  be a order basis of  $V$ ,  $\beta = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$

$$[T]_\beta^\beta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1-i & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-i & 3+i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1-i \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly  $[T]_\beta^\beta$  is upper triangular, and let  $w_i$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^4$  spanned by the first  $i$  vectors in the standard ordered basis, clearly,  $T(w_i) \subseteq w_i = \{T(w) \mid w \in W\} = \text{Im}(T|_w)$

**Propos 1.** Let  $V$  be a finite vector space, let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator and  $\beta = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ , then  $[T]_\beta^\beta$  is upper triangle  $\Leftrightarrow$  the subspace  $w_i = \text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_i)$  is  $T$ -invariant.

*Proof.* It is trivial. ■

Note that the subspace  $w_i$  in **Prop 1** related follow

$$\{0\} \subseteq W_i \subseteq \dots \subseteq W_{n-1} \subseteq W_n = V$$

we say that  $w_i$  forms an hands up sequence of subspaces. On the other hand, a given linear operator can be a upper triangle, we must to construct the  $\nearrow$  sequence of  $T$ -invariant subspace

$$\{0\} \subseteq W_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq W_n$$

$T|_w : W \rightarrow W$  is a linear mapping,  $T_W$  where  $W$  is a  $T$ -invariant subspace

**Propos 2**

Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$ ,  $W \leq V$  is a  $T$ -invariant, where  $V$  is a finite dimension vector space. Then the character polynomial of  $T|_W$  divides the c.p. of  $T$

*Proof.* (Thm 5.21 from Friedberg) **not today**

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**Corollary.** Every eigenvalue of  $T|_W$  is also an eigenvalue of  $T$ , i.e. the eigenvalue of  $T|_W$  is a subset of the eigenvalue of  $T$  on  $V$ ,

**Review**(Diagonal's condition)

Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator, where  $V$  is a finite dimension vector space,  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are distinct eigenvalues,  $m_i$  be the multiplicity of  $\lambda_i$ , as a root number of the c.p. of  $T$ , Then

$T$  is diagonal  $\Leftrightarrow m_1 + \dots + m_n = \dim(V)$ ,  $\dim(E_{\lambda_i}) = m_i$

The proof is Thm. 5.9  $\sim$  Thm. 5.11 from Friedberg

It means that

- (1)  $V = E_{\lambda_1} \oplus \dots \oplus E_{\lambda_n}$  (From Exercise 5-2-20 Friberg)
- (2)  $m_i$  is algebraic multiplicity,  $\dim(E_{\lambda_i})$  is geometric multiplicity.

**Theorem** (Schur). Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be an linear operator, then  $T$  is triangular  $\Leftrightarrow$  the c.p. have  $\dim(V)$  roots (counted with multiplicities) in  $\mathbb{F}$

**Remark.**

- ★ if  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$  (algebraic closure), then, by the Fundamental theorem of Algebra, every matrix  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$  can be a triangularized
- ★ if  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$  ( $x^2 + 1$  does not split on  $\mathbb{R}$ ) consider the rotation matrix  $R_\theta$  where  $0 < \theta < \pi$

**Lemma.** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be an linear operator, and assume that the characteristic polynomial of  $T$  has  $n = \dim(V)$  roots in  $\mathbb{F}$ . If  $W \subsetneq V$  is an invariant subspace under  $T$ , then there exists a vector  $x \neq 0$  in  $V$  such that  $x \notin W$  is an invariant subspace under  $T$ , then there exists a vector  $x \neq 0$  in  $V$  such

★ we need to use this lemma to create  $\nearrow$  subspaces

*Proof.* let  $\alpha = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  be a basis for  $W$  and extend  $\alpha$  by adjoining  $\alpha' = \{x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n\}$  to form a basis  $\beta = \alpha \cup \alpha'$  for  $V$ . Let  $W' = \text{span}(\alpha')$ . Clearly,  $V = W \oplus W'$  because we know that the fact that

Let  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  be disjoint bases for subspaces  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , respectively, of a vector space  $V$ . If  $\beta_1 \cup \beta_2$  is a basis for  $V$ , then  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$ .

We define a linear operator  $P : V \rightarrow V$  by

$$P(a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n) = a_1x_1 + \dots + a_kx_k.$$

Clearly,  $W' = \text{Ker}(P)$ ,  $W = \text{Im}(P)$ , and  $P^2 = P$ . Hence  $P$  is the projection on  $W$  with kernel  $W'$ . Moreover  $I - P$  is also the projection on  $W'$  with kernel  $W$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} (I - P)(a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n) &= I(a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n) - P(a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n) \\ &= a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n - a_1x_1 - \dots - a_kx_k \\ &= a_{k+1}x_{k+1} + \dots + a_nx_n, \end{aligned}$$

$W = \text{Ker}(I - P)$ ,  $W' = \text{Im}(I - P)$ , and  $(I - P)^2 = (I - P)(I - P) = I - P^2 - P + P = I - P^2 = I - P$ . If the basis of  $V$  is orthonormal (the Gram-Schmidt process), then it is clear that  $W' = W^\perp$  by theorem 6.7 in Friedberg. Since  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space, so  $(W^\perp)^\perp = W$  for all subspace  $W$  of  $V$ . It implies that  $P$  is an orthogonal projection. Let  $S = (I - P) \circ T \equiv (I - P)T$ . Since  $\text{Im}(I - P) = W'$ , so  $\text{Im}(S) \subseteq \text{Im}(I - P) = W'$ , that is,  $W'$  is  $S$ -invariant subspace ( $S(W') \subseteq W'$ ). Now, we claim that the set of eigenvalues of  $S|_W$  is a subset of the root of eigenvalues of  $T$ . Since  $W$  is  $T$ -invariant (by assumption), so we compute the matrix representation of  $[T]_\beta^\beta$  is the form

$$[T]_\beta^\beta = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ O & C \end{bmatrix}.$$

Clearly,  $A = [T|_W]_\alpha^\alpha$  is  $k \times k$  block matrix and  $C = [S|_{W'}]_{\alpha'}^{\alpha'}$  is a  $(n - k) \times (n - k)$  block matrix. Hence

$$\det(T - \lambda I) = \det(T|_W - \lambda I) \cdot \det(S|_{W'} - \lambda I).$$

From Corollary 1.1, we are done. Since all the eigenvalues of  $T$  lie in the field  $F$  ( $\because$  the characteristic polynomial  $n$  roots), so by previous discussion, the same is true of all the the eigenvalues of  $S|_{W'}$ . Then

there exists a nonzero vector  $x$  in  $W'$  ( $x \notin W$ ) such that  $Sx = \lambda x$ , for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . It implies that

$$\begin{aligned}(I - P)(Tx) &= \lambda x \implies Tx - PTx = \lambda x \\ &\implies Tx = \lambda x + PTx \in \text{span}(\{x\}) + W.\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we show that  $W + \text{span}(\{x\})$  is  $T$ -invariant. For all  $y \in W + \text{span}(\{x\})$ , there exists  $z \in W$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $y = z + \lambda x$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}T(y) &= T(z + \lambda x) = T(z) + \lambda T(x) \\ &= T(z) + \lambda(x) + \lambda PT(x) \in \text{span}(\{x\}) + W.\end{aligned}$$

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**We finish this lemma, and we are going to proof Schur lemma**

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ )  $T$  is triangular

$\implies \exists$  order basis  $\beta$  of  $V \implies [T]_\beta$  is upper triangular  $\implies$  the eigenvalues of  $T$  are the diagonal entries in  $\mathbb{F} \implies$  the c.p. splits

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*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose the condition holds

let  $\lambda$  be eigenvalues of  $T$ ,  $x_i$  is eigenvector of  $T$  correspond with  $\lambda$ ,  $W_1 = \text{span}(\{x_i\})$

Clearly,  $W_1$  is  $T$ -invariant by lemma,  $\exists x \notin W$ ,  $x \neq 0 \ni W_1 + \text{span}(\{x_1\})$  is  $T$ -invariant.

continue the processes  $W_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq W_k$  with  $W_i = \text{span}(\{x_1, \dots, x_i\}) \forall i$

By lemma,  $\exists x_{k+1} \notin W_k \ni W_{k+1} = W_k + \text{span}(x_{k+1})$  is also  $T$ -invariant

$\therefore$  By prop.1, we are done.

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**Corollary.** if  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is triangular with eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  and  $m_i$  is its multiplicities, then  $\exists$  an order basis  $\beta$  for  $V \ni [T]_\beta$  is upper triangular matrix, and the diagonal entries of  $[T]_\beta$  are  $m_1, \lambda_1$  followed by  $m_2, \lambda_2$ 's and so on.

### Recall

In Chapter 4, If  $T$  is a linear mapping (or matrix) and  $p(t) = a_n t^n + a_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$  is a polynomial, we can define a new linear mapping

$$p(T) = a_n T^n + a_{n-1} T^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 I$$

**Theorem.** Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator on  $V$  which is a finite dimension vector space and  $p(t) = \det(T - tI)$  be its c.p Assume

that  $p(t)$  has  $\dim(V)$  roots in  $F$  over which  $V$  is defined, then  $p(T) = 0$  (which is a zero transformation on  $V$ )

*Proof.* (Exercise 6-4-16 in Friedber) For all the vector  $S$  in some basis of  $V \rightarrow p(T)(x) = 0$  (scalar), by Schur lemma,  $\exists$  order basis  $\beta = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  for  $V \implies w_i = \text{span}(\{x_1, \dots, x_i\})$   
 $\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$  is  $T$ -invariant, all the eigenvalues of  $T$  lie in  $F$ , so  $p(t) = \pm(t - \lambda) \cdots (t - \lambda_n)$  for some  $\lambda_i \in F$  (not necessary distinct), if the factors here are ordered in the same fashion as the diagonal entries of  $[T]_{\beta}^{\beta}$ , then

$$T(x_i) = \lambda_i x_i + y_{i-1}, \quad y_i \in W_{i-1}, \quad i \geq 2, \quad T(x_1) = \lambda_1 x_1$$

Now, we use the induction on  $i$

- For  $i = 1$ ,  
 $p(T)(x_1) = \pm(T - \lambda_1 I) \cdots (T - \lambda_n I)(x_1) = \pm(T - \lambda_2 I) \cdots (T - \lambda_n I)(T - \lambda_1)(x_1) = 0$
- Suppose that:  $p(T)(x_i) = 0, \forall i \leq k$
- Consider  $p(T)(x_{k+1})$ , clearly  $(T - \lambda_1 I) \cdots (T - \lambda_k I)$  are needed to end  $x_i$  to 0, for  $i \leq k$   
 $p(T)(x_{k+1}) = I(T - \lambda_1 I) \cdots (T - \lambda_n I)(T - \lambda_{k+1} I)(x_{k+1})$   
 $= \pm(T - \lambda_1 I) \cdots (T - \lambda_n I)(y_k) = 0$  By induction, we are done

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Suppose that  $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$  if  $A$  is invertible, i.e.  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , consider the c.p. of  $A$

$$\det(A - tI) = (-1)^n t^n + \cdots + a_1 t + a_0, \quad t = 0 \implies a_0 = \det(A) \neq 0$$

by thm 4(Cayley-Hamilton),  $p(A) = (-1)^n A^n + \cdots + \det(A)I = 0$

$$\left( \frac{-1}{\det(A)} \right) ((-1)^n A^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 I) = A^{-1}$$

### 1.2. A Canonical form for nilpotent mappings.

We look at the linear operator  $N : V \rightarrow V$ , which only one distinct eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$  with multiplicity  $n = \dim(V)$ , if  $N$  is each mapping, then by