

Warmup suppose $T : F^2 \rightarrow F^2$ sends

$$\begin{array}{ccc} v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \text{to} & \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} & v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \text{to} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

matrix of T wrt std basis (e_1, e_2) of F^2 ?

1) matrix wrt (v_1, v_2) : $M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

2) $\begin{array}{l} v_1 = e_1 + e_2 \\ v_2 = -e_1 + e_2 \end{array}$ $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

3) $\det(B) = 2$ $[B^{-1}] = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\text{adj}(B) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} BMB^{-1} &= (1/2) B M \text{adj}(B) \\ &= (1/2) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (1/2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 3/2 \\ 3/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ [works]} \end{aligned}$$

(Axler §5A) given a linear op $T : V \rightarrow V$:

Df a subspace $W \subset V$ is T -stable iff
 $w \in W$ implies $Tw \in W$

Ex above: Fv_1, Fv_2 are T -stable lines
 Fe_1, Fe_2 are not T -stable
 [matrix wrt (v_1, v_2) easier to understand]

Ex for any linear op $T : V$ to V ,
 $\{0\}$ and V are T -stable

Ex suppose $T : F^3$ to F^3 has the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \text{ wrt some basis}$$

nontrivial T -stable subspace? $W = \{(x, y, 0) \mid x, y\}$

if instead we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$$

then $U = \{(0, 0, z) \mid z\}$ also T -stable

here, $V = W + U$; in general:

a block-diag matrix for T with k blocks
 corresponds to

a T -stable direct sum $V = W_1 + \dots + W_k$

best situation: each W_i is a line

[what means?]

in this case: T has a diagonal matrix

Df for any linear op $T : V$ to V

an eigenline of T is a T -stable line [dim-1 sub.]

an eigenvector of T is v in V s.t. Fv is an eigenline
 (which forces $v \neq 0$)

if $Tv = \lambda v$, then we call λ the eigenvalue of the line

Ex $P : F^2 \text{ to } F^2$ given by the matrix
 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ wrt the std basis

[does P have any eigenvectors?]

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda x &= 0 & x &= 0 \\ \lambda y &= 3x + y & y &= 3x + y \end{aligned}$$

[take $\lambda \neq 0$:] $\{(0, y)\}$ eigenline with eigenvalue 1
 [take $\lambda = 0$:] $\{(x, -3x)\}$ eigenline with eigenvalue 0

Ex $N : F^2 \text{ to } F^2$ given by the matrix
 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ wrt the std basis

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda x &= 0 & x &= 0 \\ \lambda y &= x & y &= x \end{aligned}$$

[regardless of λ :] $x = 0$

$\{(0, y)\}$ is the only eigenline with eigenvalue 0

[same regardless of whether $F = R$ or $F = C$]

Ex $H : R^2 \text{ to } R^2$ given by the matrix
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ wrt the std basis

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda x &= x - y & x &= x - y \\ \lambda y &= x + y & y &= x + y \end{aligned}$$

messy to solve...

notice: $(1/\sqrt{2}) H = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\pi/4) & -\sin(\pi/4) \\ \sin(\pi/4) & \cos(\pi/4) \end{pmatrix}$

so H is the composition of: rotate by $\pi/4$
scale by $\sqrt{2}$

no H -stable lines through $\mathbf{0}$

compare to $H' : \mathbb{C}^2$ to \mathbb{C}^2 given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

claim: $1 + i$ and $1 - i$ are eigenvalues

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + i)x &= x - y && \text{imply } ix = -y \text{ and } iy = x \\ (1 + i)y &= x + y \end{aligned}$$

so $\{(x \text{ eigenline with eigenvalue } 1 + i, ix)\}$
 $\{(x \text{ eigenline with eigenvalue } 1 - i, -ix)\}$

Rem \mathbb{C}^2 is iso to the complex'n of \mathbb{R}^2

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{matrix} (R^2)_C \\ = \\ \mathbb{C}^2 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} H_C \\ \text{to} \\ \text{to} \\ H' \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} (R^2)_C \\ \\ \mathbb{C}^2 \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$

Moral choice of R vs C affects eigenstuff

Thm suppose $F = C$
 V is fin. dim. and not $\{0\}$
then any linear op on V has an eigenline

key idea: plug linear op T into polynomials

$p(z) = \sum_k a_k z^k$ gives

$p(T) = \sum_k a_k T^k$ where T^k = k th iterate of T

note: constant term a_0 treated as $a_0 \text{id}_V$

Lem for any F and v in V :
some nonconst $p(z)$ gives $p(T) v = 0$

Pf of Thm pick $v \neq 0$

using lemma, pick $f(z)$ of minimal deg s.t.
 f is nonconst and $f(T) v = 0$

by the fund. thm of algebra, f has a root λ : i.e.,

$$f(z) = (z - \lambda) g(z) \quad \text{for (nonzero) } g(z) \text{ in } C[z]$$

now $(T - \lambda \text{id}_V) (g(T) v) = 0$

notice $T(g(T)v) = \lambda(g(T)v)$

so just need $g(T) v \neq 0$

if g nonconst, then done bc $\deg(g) < \deg(f)$

if g const, then done bc g nonzero and $v \neq 0$ \square

[where did we use $F = C$? fund. thm of algebra]

Summary

if $W \subset V$ is stable under $T : V \rightarrow V$
then T restricts to a lin op $T|_W$, easier to study

nicer when W is a line

nicest when V is a sum of eigenlines
i.e., T is a diagonalizable operator

over \mathbb{R} T may have no eigenlines
over \mathbb{C} T will have some eigenline,
but V need not be sum(eigenlines)

Rem the sum of eigenlines with eigenval λ
is called the λ -eigenspace of T