

Triangular Form Theorem

Let $T \in L(V, V)$. if $m(x) = (x - \lambda_1)^{e_1} (x - \lambda_2)^{e_2} \dots (x - \lambda_r)^{e_r}$

\exists a basis of V s.t. $T \sim A$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{A_1} & & 0 \\ & \boxed{A_2} & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \boxed{A_r} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } A_i \text{ is upper triangular.}$$

$$\exists v \neq 0 \text{ s.t. } T(v) = \lambda_i v. \quad V_i = \ker((T - \lambda_i I)^{e_i}) \Leftrightarrow (T - \lambda_i I)^{e_i} v = 0$$

$$e_i \leq V_i. \quad \text{so } \deg m \leq \dim V.$$

Working with $F \subset \mathbb{C}$. Examples, \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{Q} , $\mathbb{Q} + \mathbb{Q}\sqrt{2} = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$.

$$(r + t\sqrt{2})(r - t\sqrt{2}) = r^2 - 2t^2 \Rightarrow (r + t\sqrt{2})^{-1} = \frac{r - t\sqrt{2}}{r^2 - 2t^2}$$

injective map.

$$F[X] \xrightarrow{\text{injective map}} \mathcal{P}(F) = \text{polynomial functions.} \quad \text{Since } f \text{ has more than } n \text{ D's } \Leftrightarrow f = 0.$$

Characteristic polynomial of T : $h(x) = \det(xI - T)$, $x \in F$.

$$h(x) = \det(xI - A) = (x - \lambda_1)(x - \lambda_2) \dots (x - \lambda_n) \quad \text{where } \lambda_i = \alpha_{ii} \quad \text{if } A = (\alpha_{ij}).$$

= $m(x)$ wow!

And \det is unchanged by basis so $m(x) = \det(xI - T)$ regardless of basis.

$$\text{Trace}(T) = \text{Tr}(T) = \beta_{11} + \beta_{22} + \beta_{33} + \dots + \beta_{nn} \quad \text{where } T \sim B = (\beta_{ij})$$

well defined (irrelevant of basis).

Since $\text{Trace}(T) = -\text{the coefficient of } x^{n-1} \text{ in } h(x)$.

P.S. $\det(T) = (-1)^n$ Constant term of $h(x)$. ($= (-1)^n h(0)$).

$$\det(T \cdot S) = \det(T) \det(S)$$

$$\text{Trace}(T \cdot S) = \text{Trace}(S \cdot T)$$

To check: $A, B \in M_n(F) \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$

$\Rightarrow \text{Trace}(A \cdot B \cdot A) = \text{Trace}(B)$ showing Trace is well defined.

$T \in L(V, V)$, $m(x) = (x - \xi_1)(x - \xi_2) \cdots (x - \xi_r) \Leftrightarrow T$ diagonalizable.

Lemma Let $S, T \in L(V, V)$ s.t. $ST = TS$ both diagonalizable

Then one can find a basis of V for which S and T are both diagonal!

Proof $m_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1)(x - \lambda_2) \cdots (x - \lambda_r)$, $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$ when $i \neq j$.

$$V = V_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_r \quad V_i = \{v \in V; T(v) = \lambda_i v\}$$

Now $S(V_i) \subseteq V_i$ since $v \in V_i \Rightarrow S(v) \in V_i$ since $T(S(v)) = S(T(v)) = S(\lambda_i v) = \lambda_i S(v)$

restrict $S_i: V_i \rightarrow V_i$ s.t. $\sum S_i = S$, $m_{S_i} \mid m_S$ so S_i is diagonalizable.

So \exists a basis of eigenvectors^{of S_i} in V_i .

More generally: Let $T_1, \dots, T_n \in L(V, V)$ with $T_i T_j = T_j T_i$ and all diagonalizable.

Jordan Decomposition Theorem

Let $T \in L(V, V)$. $\overset{\textcircled{1}}{\exists} D, N \in L(V, V)$ so that

$T = D + N$, D is diagonalizable, N is nilpotent, $D = f(T)$, $N = g(T)$

For some $f, g \in F[x]$. (so $DN = ND$).

② If $T = D' + N'$ where D' diagonalizable, N' nilpotent w/ $D'N' = N'D'$, $D' = D$, $N' = N$.

Make $D(v_i) = \lambda_i v_i, \dots, D(v_n) = \lambda_n v_n$ for a basis of V , $N = T - D$.