

UNIT: 5

Notes:

Definition: Let V be a vector space and T a linear operator on V . If W is a subspace of V , we say that W is invariant under T if for each vector α in W the vector $T\alpha \in W$ (i.e. if $T(W)$ is contained in W).

Lemma: Let W be an invariant subspace for T . The characteristic polynomial for the restriction operator T_W divides the characteristic polynomial for T . The minimal polynomial for T_W divides the minimal polynomial for T .

Proof:

we have $A = \begin{bmatrix} B & C \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix}$

where $A = [T]_B$, $B = [T_W]_{B'}$

The block form of 1×1 matrix

$$\det(xI - A) = \det(xI - B) \det(xI - D)$$

here I is Identity matrix.

k^{th} power of the matrix A has the block form

$$A^k = \begin{bmatrix} B^k & C_k \\ 0 & D^k \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } C_k \text{ is some } r \times (n-r) \text{ matrix.}$$

\therefore Any polynomial which annihilates A also annihilates B and D

hence the minimal polynomial for B divides the minimal polynomial for A .

Definition: Let w be an invariant subspace for T and let α be a vector in V . The T -conductor of α into w is the set $S_T(\alpha; w)$, which consists of all polynomials g such that $g(T)\alpha$ is in w . (2)

Lemma: If w is an invariant subspace for T , then w is invariant under every polynomial in T . Thus for each α in V , the conductor $S(\alpha; w)$ is an ideal in the polynomial algebra $F[X]$.

Proof:

If $\beta \in w$ then $T\beta \in w$

Consequently $T(T\beta) = T^2\beta$, $T^2\beta \in w$

By induction

$T^k\beta \in w$ for each k . Take a linear combination to see that $f(T)\beta \in w \forall$ polynomial f .

The definition of $S(\alpha; w)$ makes sense

if w is any subset of V . If w is a subspace then $S(\alpha; w)$ is a subspace of $F[X]$.

$$(ef + g)(T) = e f(T) + g(T).$$

If w is also invariant under T , let g be a polynomial in $S(\alpha; w)$.

ie) let $g(T)\alpha \in w$.

If any polynomial then $f(T)[g(T)\alpha] \in w$

$$\therefore (fg)(T) = f(T)g(T), \quad fg \in S(\alpha; w)$$

Thus its conductor absorbs multiplication by any polynomial.

Lemma: Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field F . Let T be a linear operator on V such that the minimal polynomial for T is a product of linear factors $p = (x - c_1)^{r_1} \dots (x - c_k)^{r_k}$, $c_i \in F$. Let W be a proper subspace of V which is invariant under T .

There exists a vector α in V such that

a) α is not in W

b) $(T - cI)\alpha$ is in W , for some characteristic value c of the operator T .

Proof:

Here a) and b) says that the T -conductor of α into W is a linear polynomial.

Let β be any vector in V which is not in W . Let g be the T -conductor of β into W . Then g divides p , the minimal polynomial for T .

Since β is not in W , the polynomial g is not constant

$$\therefore g = (x - c_1)^{e_1} \dots (x - c_k)^{e_k}$$

where at least one of the integers e_i is positive

choose j so that $e_j > 0$. then $(x - c_j)$ divides g

$$g = (x - c_j) h$$

by the definition of g , the vector $\alpha = h(T)\beta$ cannot be in W . But

$$\begin{aligned} (T - c_j I)\alpha &= (T - c_j I) h(T)\beta \\ &= g(T)\beta \end{aligned}$$

hence $g(T)\beta \in W$.

Theorem: Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field F and let T be a linear operator on V . Then T is diagonalizable if and only if the minimal polynomial for T has the form $p = (x - c_1) \cdots (x - c_k)$ where c_1, \dots, c_k are distinct elements of F .

Proof: we have noted that if T is diagonalizable, its minimal polynomial is a product of distinct linear factors

Converse

Let W be the subspace spanned by all the characteristic vectors of T and suppose $W \neq V$.

If there is a vector α not in W and a characteristic value c_j of T such that the vector $\beta = (T - c_j I)\alpha$ lies in W .

$\therefore \beta \in W, \beta = \beta_1 + \cdots + \beta_k, T\beta_i = c_i \beta_i,$

$1 \leq i \leq k$

\therefore the vector $h(T)\beta = h(c_1)\beta_1 + \cdots + h(c_k)\beta_k$ is in W for every polynomial h .

Now $p = (x - c_j)q$ for some polynomial q . also $q - q(c_j) = (x - c_j)h$.

we have $q(T)\alpha - q(c_j)\alpha = h(T)(T - c_j I)\alpha = h(T)\beta$

But $h(T)\beta \in W$ and since

$0 = p(T)\alpha = T(c_j I)q(T)\alpha, q(T)\alpha \in W$

$\therefore q(c_j)\alpha \in W$. since $\alpha \notin W$ we have

$q(c_j) = 0$ that contradicts

Thus p has distinct roots.

Definition: Let W_1, \dots, W_k be subspaces of vector space V . We say that W_1, \dots, W_k are independent if $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k = 0$, $\alpha_i \in W_i$ implies that each α_i is 0.

Definition If V is a vector space, a projection of V is a linear operator E on V such that $E^2 = E$.

Theorem: If $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$ then there exists k linear operators E_1, \dots, E_k on V such that

i) each E_i is a projection ($E_i^2 = E_i$)

ii) $E_i E_j = 0$, if $i \neq j$

iii) $I = E_1 + \dots + E_k$

iv) the range of E_i is W_i

Conversely if E_1, \dots, E_k are k linear operators on V which satisfy conditions i), ii) and iii), and if we let W_i be the range of E_i , then

$$V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$$

Proof:

Converse part

Suppose E_1, \dots, E_k are linear operators on V which satisfy the first three conditions, and let W_i be the range of E_i .

Then
$$V = W_1 + \dots + W_k$$

by condition iii) we have

$$\alpha = E_1 \alpha + \dots + E_k \alpha \quad \text{for each } \alpha \text{ in } V$$

and $E_i \alpha$ is in W_i

The expression for α is unique because if $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k$

with $\alpha_i \in W_i$, $\alpha_i = E_i \beta_i$. Then using i) & ii) (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_j \alpha &= E_j \alpha_1 + \dots + E_j \alpha_k \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^k E_j \alpha_i \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^k E_j E_i \beta_i \\
 &= E_j E_j \beta_j \quad \because i=j \\
 &= E_j^2 \beta_j \\
 &= E_j \beta_j \quad \because E_j^2 = E_j \\
 &= \alpha_j.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence this shows that V is the direct sum of the W_i .

Theorem (8) primary Decomposition theorem

Statement: Let T be a linear operator on the finite-dimensional vector space V over the field F . Let P be the minimal polynomial for T , $P = P_1^{r_1} \dots P_k^{r_k}$ where the P_i are distinct irreducible monic polynomials over F and the r_i are positive integers.

Let W_i be the null space of $P_i(T)^{r_i}$, $i = 1, \dots, k$. Then

- i) $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$
- ii) Each W_i is invariant under T
- iii) If T_i is the operator induced on W_i by T , then the minimal polynomial for T_i is $P_i^{r_i}$.

Proof:

If the direct-sum decomposition (i) is valid, $\textcircled{7}$
 The projection E_i will be the identity on w_i and
 zero on the other w_j .

we shall find a polynomial h_i such that
 $h_i(T)$ is the identity on w_i and is zero on the
 other w_j , and so that

$$h_1(T) + \dots + h_k(T) = I, \dots \text{ for each } i$$

$$\text{let } f_i = \frac{P}{p_i^{r_i}} = \prod_{j \neq i} p_j^{r_j}$$

Since p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k are distinct prime
 polynomials, the polynomials f_1, \dots, f_k are
 relatively prime.

Thus there are polynomials g_1, \dots, g_k
 such that $\sum_{i=1}^k f_i g_i = 1$

Note that if $i \neq j$, then $f_i f_j$ is divisible
 by the polynomial p because $f_i f_j$ contains
 each $p_m^{r_m}$ as a factor.

we shall show that the polynomials
 $h_i = f_i g_i$, b

$$\text{let } E_i = h_i(T) = f_i(T) g_i(T)$$

Since $h_1 + \dots + h_k = 1$ and p divides
 $f_i f_j$ for $i \neq j$ we have

$$E_1 + \dots + E_k = I$$

$$E_i E_j = 0, \text{ if } i \neq j$$

Thus the E_i are projection which correspond to some direct-sum decomposition of the space V .

We wish to show that the range of E_i is exactly the subspace W_i . It is clear that each vector in the range of $E_i \in W_i$ for if α is in the range of E_i , then $\alpha = E_i \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} P_i(T)^{r_i} \alpha &= P_i(T)^{r_i} E_i \alpha \\ &= P_i(T)^{r_i} f_i(T) g_i(T) \alpha \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

because $p^{r_i} f_i g_i$ is divisible by the minimal polynomial p .

Conversely, suppose that α is in the null space of $P_i(T)^{r_i}$

If $j \neq i$, then $f_j g_j$ is divisible by $P_i^{r_i}$ and so $f_j(T) g_j(T) \alpha = 0$

(ie) $E_j \alpha = 0$ for $j \neq i$. Immediate that

$$E_i \alpha = \alpha$$

(ie) that α is in the range of E_i . This completes the proof of statement (i)

It is clear that the subspace W_i are invariant under T . If T_i is the operator induced on W_i by T , then evidently

$P_i(T_i)^{r_i} = 0$, by the definition $p_i(T)^{r_i}$ is 0 on the subspace W_i

This shows that the minimal

Polynomial for T_i divides p_i^{-1} \cup

Conversely, let g be any polynomial such that $g(T_i) = 0$. Then $g(T) f_i(T) = 0$.

Thus $g f_i$ is divisible by the minimal polynomial $\neq 0$ of T

i.e) $p_i^{r_i} f_i$ divides $g f_i$ and $p_i^{r_i}$ divides g

Hence the minimal polynomial for T_i is $p_i^{r_i}$.

Definition Let N be a linear operator on the vector space V . We say that N is nilpotent if there is some positive integer r such that $N^r = 0$.

Definition If $A = [T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ and $A_i = [T_i]_{\mathcal{B}_i}$, then A has the block form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & A_k \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

in $\textcircled{1}$ A_i is a $d_i \times d_i$ matrix ($d_i = \dim W_i$) and the 0's are symbols for rectangular blocks of scalar 0's of various sizes.

It also seems appropriate to describe $\textcircled{1}$ by saying that A is the direct sum of the matrices A_1, \dots, A_k .

Theorem: Let T be a linear operator on the space V , and let W_1, \dots, W_k and E_1, \dots, E_k be linear operator on V . Then a necessary and sufficient condition that each subspace

w_i be invariant under T is that T commutes with each of the projection E_i - i.e.) (10)

$$TE_i = E_i T, \quad i = 1, \dots, k.$$

Proof! Suppose T commutes with each E_i .

let $\alpha \in w$ then $E_j \alpha = \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} T\alpha &= T(E_j \alpha) \\ &= E_j(T\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

which shows that $T\alpha$ is in the range of E_j , i.e.) w_j is invariant under T .

Assume each w_i is invariant under T we shall show that $TE_j = E_j T$

let α be any vector in V . Then

$$\alpha = E_1 \alpha + \dots + E_k \alpha$$

$$T\alpha = TE_1 \alpha + \dots + TE_k \alpha, \quad E_i \alpha \in w_i$$

which is invariant under T . We must have $T(E_i \alpha) = E_i \beta_i$ for some vector β_i

$$\begin{aligned} E_j TE_i \alpha &= E_j E_i \beta_i \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \\ E_j \beta_j, & \text{if } i = j \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $E_j T\alpha = E_j TE_1 \alpha + \dots + E_j TE_k \alpha$

$$E_j T\alpha = E_j (TE_1 \alpha + \dots + TE_k \alpha)$$

$$T\alpha = (TE_1 \alpha + \dots + TE_k \alpha)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(E_j \alpha) &= E_j \beta_j \\ &= TE_j \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$E_j T\alpha = TE_j \alpha \quad \text{This holds for}$$

each α in V so $E_j T = TE_j$.