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**UNIT V**  
**PART-A**

**1. Define invariant subspaces with example.**

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  $\alpha$  in  $W$  the vector  $T\alpha$  is in  $W$ , that is  $T(W)$  is contained in  $W$ .

Example: If  $T$  is any linear operator on  $V$ , then  $V$  is invariant under  $T$ , as is the zero subspace. The range of  $T$  and the null space of  $T$  are also invariant under  $T$ .

**2. Define Projection.**

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

**3. Write down the T-conductor of  $\alpha$  into  $W$ .**

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

**4. When the subspaces be linearly independent ?**

Let  $W_1, \dots, W_k$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . Then  $W_1, \dots, W_k$  are called linearly independent if  $w_1 + \dots + w_k = 0$  for each  $w_i \in W_i$  holds only for  $w_1 = w_2 = \dots = w_k = 0$ .

**5. Define direct sum.**

If  $W_1, \dots, W_k$  are independent and if  $W = W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_k$ , then  $W$  is the direct sum of  $W_1, \dots, W_k$  and its denoted by  $W = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$

## Part -B

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

### Proof

If  $T$  is diagonalizable, its minimal polynomial is a product of distinct linear factors .

Conversely, let  $W$  be the subspace spanned by all of the characteristic vectors of  $T$ , and suppose  $W \neq V$ . By the lemma, Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field  $F$  and let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . Then  $T$  is triangulable if and only if the minimal polynomial for  $T$  is a product of linear polynomials over  $F$ . There is a vector  $\alpha$  not in  $W$  and a characteristic value  $c_j$  of  $T$  such that the vector  $\beta = (T - c_j I)\alpha$  lies in  $W$ . Since  $\beta$  is in  $W$ ,  $\beta = \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \dots + \beta_k$  where  $T\beta_i = c_i \beta_i, 1 \leq i \leq k$  and therefore the vector  $h(T)\beta = h(c_1)\beta_1 + h(c_2)\beta_2 + \dots + h(c_k)\beta_k$  is in  $W$ , for every polynomial  $h$ . Now  $p = (x - c_j)q$ , for some polynomial  $q$  and also  $q - q(c_j) = (x - c_j)h$  and  $q(T)\alpha - q(c_j)\alpha = h(T)(T - c_j I)\alpha = h(T)\beta$ . But  $h(T)\beta$  is in  $W$  and, Since  $0 = p(T)\alpha = (T - c_j I)q(T)\alpha$  the vector  $q(T)\alpha$  is in  $W$ . Therefore,  $q(c_j)\alpha$  is in  $W$ . Since  $\alpha$  is not in  $W$ , we have  $q(c_j) = 0$ . That contradicts the fact that  $p$  has distinct roots.

2. If  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$ , then there exist  $k$  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**

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 certainly  $V = W_1 + \dots + W_k$ ; for, by condition (iii) and  $\alpha = E_1 \alpha + \dots + E_k \alpha$  for each  $\alpha$  in  $V$ , and  $E_i \alpha$  is in  $W_i$ .

This expression for  $\alpha$  is unique, because if  $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k$  with  $\alpha_i$  in  $W_i$ , say  $\alpha_i = E_i \beta_i$ , then using (i) and (ii)

$$E_j \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^k E_j E_i \alpha_i$$

$$E_j \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^k E_j E_i \beta_i$$

$$= E_j^2 \beta_i$$

$$= E_j \beta_i$$

$$= \alpha_i$$

Hence  $V$  is the direct sum of the  $W_i$ .

- 3. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on the space  $V$ , and let  $W_1, \dots, W_k$  and  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  be  $k$  linear operators as in Theorem 2. Then a necessary and sufficient condition that each subspace  $W_i$  be invariant under  $T$  is that  $T$  commute with each of the projections  $E_i$ , i.e.,  $TE_j = E_jT$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .**

**Proof.**

Suppose  $T$  commutes with each  $E_i$ . Let  $y \in T(W_i)$ .

Then  $y = Tx$  where  $x \in W_i$

$$y = TE_i x$$

$$= E_i Tx \in R(E_i) = W_i$$

Conversely suppose that  $T(W_i) \subseteq W_i$

Let  $x \in V$  ;  $x = E_1x + E_2x + \dots + E_kx$

$$Tx = TE_1x + TE_2x + \dots + TE_kx$$

$$= E_1y_1 + E_2y_2 + \dots + E_ky_k$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^k E_j y_j$$

$$E_i Tx = \sum_{j=1}^k E_j E_i y_j$$

$$= E_j y_j$$

$$= TE_i x$$

Hence  $TE_i = E_i T$

### PART-C

1. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional space  $V$ . If  $T$  is diagonalizable and if  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  are the distinct characteristic values of  $T$ , then there exist linear operators  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  on  $V$  such that

(i)  $T = c_1 E_1 + \dots + c_k E_k$

(ii)  $I = E_1 + \dots + E_k$  ;

(iii)  $E_i E_j = 0, i \neq j$  ;

(iv)  $E_i^2 = E_i \quad \forall i$

(v) the range of  $E_i$  is the characteristic space for  $T$  associated with  $c_i$  .

Conversely, if there exist  $k$  distinct scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  and  $k$  non-zero linear operators  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  which satisfy conditions (i), (ii) , and (iii), then  $T$  is diagonalizable,  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  are the distinct characteristic values of  $T$ , and conditions (iv) and (v) are satisfied also.

**Proof.**

Suppose that  $T$  is diagonalizable, with distinct characteristic values  $c_1, \dots, c_k$ . Let  $W_i$  be the space of characteristic vectors associated with the characteristic value  $c_i$  and  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$ . Let  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  be the projections associated with this decomposition. Then (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) are satisfied. To verify (i), proceed as follows. For each  $\alpha$  in  $V$ ,

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

$$\begin{aligned} T\alpha &= TE_1 \alpha + \dots + TE_k \alpha \\ &= c_1 E_1 \alpha + \dots + c_k E_k \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

In other words,  $T = c_1 E_1 + \dots + c_k E_k$ . Now suppose that we are given a linear operator  $T$  along with distinct scalars  $c_i$  and non-zero operators  $E_i$  which satisfy (i), (ii) and (iii). Since  $E_i E_j = 0$  when  $i \neq j$ , we multiply both sides of

$I = E_1 + \dots + E_k$  by  $E_i$  and obtain immediately  $E_i^2 = E_i$ . Multiplying  $T = c_1 E_1 + \dots + c_k E_k$  by  $E_i$ , then  $TE_i = c_i E_i$ , which shows that any vector in the range of  $E_i$  is in the null space of  $(T - c_i I)$ . Since assumed that  $E_i \neq 0$ , this proves that there is a non-zero vector in the null space of  $(T - c_i I)$ , that  $c_i$  is a characteristic value of  $T$ . Furthermore, the  $c_i$  are all of the characteristic values of  $T$ ; for, if  $c$  is any scalar, then  $T - cI = (c_1 - c)E_1 + \dots + (c_k - c)E_k$  so if  $(T - cI)\alpha = 0$  and have  $(c_i - c)E_i \alpha = 0$ . If  $\alpha$  is not the zero vector, then  $E_i \neq 0$  for some  $i$ , that for this  $i$ , to get  $c_i - c = 0$ . Certainly  $T$  is diagonalizable, since we have shown that every nonzero vector in the range of  $E_i$  is a characteristic vector of  $T$ , and the fact that  $I = E_1 + \dots + E_k$  shows that these characteristic vectors span  $V$ . All that remains to be demonstrated is that the null space of  $(T - c_i I)$  is exactly the range of  $E_i$ . But this is clear, because if  $T\alpha = c_i \alpha$ , then

$$\sum_{j=1}^k (c_j - c_i) E_j \alpha = 0$$

hence  $(c_j - c_i) E_j \alpha = 0$  and then  $E_j \alpha = 0; j \neq i$ . Since  $\alpha = E_1 \alpha + \dots + E_k \alpha$ , and  $E_j \alpha = 0$  for  $j \neq i$ , we have  $\alpha = E_i \alpha$ , which proves that  $\alpha$  is in the range of  $E_i$ .

## 2. State and Prove Primary decomposition theorem.

Let  $T$  be a linear operator on the finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  over the field  $F$ . Let  $p$  be the minimal polynomial for  $T$ ,  $p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k^{r_k}$  where  $p_i$  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

For each  $i$ ,  $f_i = \prod_{j \neq i} p_j^{r_j}$ . Since  $p_i$ 's are distinct prime polynomials, the polynomial  $f_i$ 's are relatively prime. Thus there are polynomials  $g_1, \dots, g_k$  to show that the polynomials  $h_i = f_i g_i$ ;  $E_1 + \dots + E_k = I$  and  $E_i E_j = 0$ , if  $i \neq j$ . Thus the  $E_i$  are projections which correspond to some direct-sum decomposition of the space  $V$ . To show that the range of  $E_i$  is exactly the subspace  $W_i$ . It is clear that each vector in the range of  $E_i$  is in  $W_i$ , for if  $\alpha$  is in the range of  $E_i$ , then  $\alpha = E_i \alpha$  and so  $p_i(T)^{r_i} \alpha = p_i(T)^{r_i} E_i \alpha = P_i(T)^{r_i} f_i(T) g_i(T) \alpha = 0$ . Because  $p_i^{r_i} f_i g_i$  is divisible by the minimal polynomial  $p$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\alpha$  is in the null space of  $p_i(T)^{r_i}$ . If  $j \neq i$ , then  $f_j g_j$  is divisible by  $p_i$ , i.e.,  $E_j \alpha = 0$  for  $j \neq i$ . But then it is immediate that  $E_i \alpha = \alpha$ , i.e., that  $\alpha$  is in the range of  $E_i$ . This completes the proof of statement (i). It is certainly clear that the subspaces  $W_i$  are invariant under  $T$ . If  $T_i$  is the operator induced on  $W_i$  by  $T$ , then evidently  $p_i(T_i)^{r_i} = 0$ , because by definition  $p_i(T)$  is 0 on the subspace  $W_i$ . This shows that the minimal polynomial for  $T_i$  divides  $p_i$ . 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  $p$  of  $T$ ; i.e.,  $p_i^{r_i} f_i$  divides  $g f_i$ . It is easily seen that  $p_i$  divides  $g$ . Hence the minimal polynomial for  $T_i$  is  $p_i^{r_i}$ .