

2. Let  $T : P_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_3(\mathbb{R})$  be defined by  $T(f(x)) = f'(x) + f''(x)$ . Determine whether  $T$  is diagonalizable, and if so, find a basis  $\beta$  for  $P_3(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $[T]_\beta$  is a diagonal matrix.

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• Diagonalizability  $\longleftrightarrow$  Existence of eigenbasis

•  $T(f(x)) = c \cdot f(x)$    
  $f'(x) + f''(x)$    
  $\uparrow$    
 eigenvalue   
  $\uparrow$    
 eigenvector   
 Comparing the degree, we have  $c=0$ .

Why don't we care  $f(x)=0$  case? Poll.

•  $f'(x) = -f''(x) \Rightarrow$  Again comparing the degree, we get  $f'(x)=0 \Rightarrow f''(x)=0$ .

• There is only <sup>one</sup> 1-dim'l eigenspace, so the linear transformation is NOT diagonalizable.

$$\sum m_j(\lambda_j) = 1 < 4.$$

4. Let  $T$  be an invertible linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . Prove that if  $T$  is diagonalizable, then  $T^{-1}$  is diagonalizable.

$\rightarrow$  implies  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

• Diagonalizability  $\iff$  Existence of eigenbasis

• If  $0 \neq v$  satisfies  $Tv = \lambda v$  for some  $\lambda$ , then

$$T^{-1}Tv = T^{-1}\lambda v = \lambda \cdot T^{-1}v$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^{-1} \cdot v = T^{-1}v$$

$\therefore v$  : eigenvector for  $T^{-1}$ .

• Suppose  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is an eigenbasis for  $T$ .

Then,  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis + eigenvectors for  $T$

" "  $T^{-1}$

Hence,  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is an eigenbasis for  $T^{-1}$ .

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Poll

$$T = QDQ^{-1}$$

$$\downarrow (\ )^{-1}$$

$$T^{-1} = QD^{-1}Q^{-1}$$

$\downarrow$   
diagonal

$$\begin{matrix} T^2, T^3, \dots \\ (T^2v = \lambda^2v) \\ (Tv = \lambda v) \end{matrix}$$

$$\downarrow \\ (T^2 + T)v = (\lambda^2 + \lambda)v$$

$$\downarrow \\ T^2, T^3, \dots$$

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2. Find the general solution to the following system:

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$$\begin{aligned} x_1'(t) &= -x_1(t) - x_2(t) + 3x_3(t) \\ x_2'(t) &= x_1(t) + x_2(t) - x_3(t) \\ x_3'(t) &= -x_1(t) - x_2(t) + 3x_3(t). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}' = \overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}}^A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

• A is not invertible,  $\dim \text{im } A = 2$   
 $\Rightarrow \dim \ker(A - 0 \cdot I) = 1$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{2t} \\ c_2 e^t \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

•  $\text{tr } A = \text{sum of eigenvalues} = 3$ .  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

• row entries add up to 1.  
 $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  gives an eigenvalue 1.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^t + c_3 \\ c_2 e^t - c_3 \\ c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^t \end{pmatrix}$$

• the left one is 2. eigenvector =  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

where  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \\ & 1 \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

1. If  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are eigenvectors of a linear operator  $T$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ , show that the  $T$ -cyclic subspace generated by  $v_1 + v_2$  is 2-dimensional.

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$T$ -cyclic subspace generated by  $v = \text{Span}\{v, Tv, T^2v, \dots\}$

For  $v = v_1 + v_2$ ,  $T(v) = \lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 \in \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$ .

In fact,  $T(v_1) = \lambda_1 v_1 \in \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$   
 $T(v_2) = \lambda_2 v_2 \in \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$   
 $\Rightarrow T^n(v_1 + v_2) \in \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{our space} \subseteq \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$ .

Moreover,  $\{v_1 + v_2, T(v_1 + v_2)\}$  is linearly independent b/c

$$c_1(v_1 + v_2) + c_2(\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 \lambda_1 = 0 \\ c_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 = 0 \end{cases} \text{ and } \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0.$$

$v_1, v_2$ : L.I. b/c they correspond to distinct e.val's.

$\therefore$  It's 2-dim'l.

2. Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional space and let  $T, U \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ . Suppose further that  $V$  is a  $T$ -cyclic subspace of itself. Show that  $TU = UT$  if and only if  $U = g(T)$  for some polynomial  $g(t)$ .

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What is the candidate  $g$  for  $U = g(T)$ ?

Only thing given is one vector  $v$  s.t.  $V = \text{Span}\{v, Tv, \dots, T^{n-1}v\}$ .

Multiplying  $v$  to  $U$ :  $Uv \in V$

Candidate.

$$\therefore \exists a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in F \text{ s.t. } Uv = a_0v + a_1Tv + \dots + a_{n-1}T^{n-1}v = g(T) \cdot v.$$

Claim.  $(U - g(T)) \cdot w = 0$  for all  $w \in V$ .

pf.  $w \in V$  can be expressed as

$$c_0v + c_1Tv + \dots + c_{n-1}T^{n-1}v = f(T) \cdot v$$

$$\text{where } f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots + c_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

But,  $f(T) \cdot (U - g(T)) \cdot v = 0$  from the def'n of  $g$ .

Hence,  $U - g(T) = 0_{\mathcal{L}(V, V)}$   
 $\therefore U = g(T)$ .

and  $f(T) \cdot U = U \cdot f(T)$  b/c  $TU = UT$ .  $\Rightarrow (U - g(T)) \cdot f(T) \cdot v = 0 \therefore (U - g(T)) \cdot w = 0$  □

1. (True/False Jeopardy) Supply convincing reasoning for your answer.

(a) T F Suppose that  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is a linear transformation, and that  $\dim V < \infty$ . Suppose that  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are the eigenvalues of  $T$ . If  $m_a(\lambda_1) + \dots + m_a(\lambda_n) = \dim V$ , then  $T$  is diagonalizable.

(b) T F If a linear operator  $T$  is diagonalizable, it must have distinct eigenvalues.

(c) T F If  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is a linear transformation and  $g(t)$  is a polynomial such that  $g(T) = 0$ , then the characteristic polynomial of  $T$  divides  $g$ .

(d) T F Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be the  $T$ -cyclic subspaces generated by  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  respectively. If  $v_1 \in W_2$ , then  $W_1 \subseteq W_2$ .

(a) False.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $\dim \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2 - 1 = 1 \neq 2$ .

(b) False.  $I_V : V \rightarrow V$

(c) False.  $I_V, g(t) = t - 1$ .  
 $\chi_{I_V} = (t - 1)^n, g(I) = I - I = 0$ .

$$\& m_a(\lambda_i) = m_g(\lambda_i)$$

$$v_i \in W_2$$

$$Tv_i \in T(W_2) \subseteq W_2$$

$$T(\{v_2, Tv_2, T^2v_2, \dots\})$$

$$= \text{span}\{Tv_2, T(Tv_2), \dots\}$$

$$\subseteq W_2$$

(d) True  
 $v_1 \in W_2$  implies  $v_1 = \text{lin. combo. of}$   
 $v_2, Tv_2, \dots$

$\Rightarrow Tv_1 =$  " of  $Tv_2, T^2v_2, \dots$

$\text{Span}\{v_1, Tv_1, \dots\} \subseteq \text{Span}\{v_2, Tv_2, \dots\}$   
 $\parallel$   
 $W_1$   $\parallel$   
 $W_2$

2. Suppose that  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space, and that  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is a nilpotent linear transformation; i.e.,  $T^n = 0$  for some  $n > 0$ . Prove that if  $T$  is nonzero, it cannot be diagonalizable.

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Proof by Contradiction: Suppose  $T$  is diagonalizable.

$\exists$  an eigenbasis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ .

$$\text{However, } T \cdot v_i = \lambda_i \cdot v_i \text{ gives } \begin{matrix} T^n \cdot v_i = \lambda_i^n \cdot v_i \\ \parallel \\ 0 \end{matrix} \therefore \lambda_i = 0 \text{ as } v_i \text{ is nonzero.}$$

This implies that  $T \cdot v_i = 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

$$T \cdot (\text{lin. comb. of } v_i) = 0 \Rightarrow T \text{ is zero.}$$

$\downarrow$   
all the vectors in  $V$ .

So, we get a contradiction and so  $T$  is NOT diagonalizable.