

Last time $T: V \rightarrow V$ linear, V finite dim complex vector space. 36.1

$$\det(x \text{id}_V - T) = (x - \lambda_1)^{m_1} \cdots (x - \lambda_k)^{m_k}$$

Then

(i) $\forall j \exists m_j$ so that $N((T - \lambda_j \text{id})^{m_j - 1}) \subsetneq N((T - \lambda_j \text{id})^{m_j})$
and $N((T - \lambda_j \text{id})^{m_j}) = N((T - \lambda_j \text{id})^{m_j + r})$ for all $r \geq 1$.

We set

$$K_{\lambda_j} = K_{\lambda_j}(T) = N((T - \lambda_j \text{id})^{m_j})$$

the λ_j -generalized eigenspace of T .

(ii) $V = K_{\lambda_1}(T) \oplus W$

direct sum decomposition into T -invariant subspaces

(iii) The characteristic polynomial of $T|_{K_{\lambda_1}}$ is $(x - \lambda_1)^{n_1}$
(so $\dim K_{\lambda_1} = n_1 \equiv$ algebraic multiplicity of λ_1)

(iv) The characteristic polynomial of $T|_W$ is
 $(x - \lambda_2)^{n_2} \cdots (x - \lambda_k)^{n_k}$

(v) To prove (iii) we proved first: λ_1 is the only eigenvalue of $T|_{K_{\lambda_1}}$.

(vi) Note also: (i) $\Rightarrow (T - \lambda_1 \text{id})|_{K_{\lambda_1}}$ is nilpotent with
 $((T - \lambda_1 \text{id})|_{K_{\lambda_1}})^{m_1} = 0, ((T - \lambda_1 \text{id})|_{K_{\lambda_1}})^{m_1 - 1} \neq 0$.

Since $(T - \lambda_1 \text{id})|_{K_{\lambda_1}} = T|_{K_{\lambda_1}} - \lambda_1 \text{id}_{K_{\lambda_1}}$
the minimal polynomial of $T|_{K_{\lambda_1}}$ is $(x - \lambda_1)^{m_1}$.

Note $m_1 \leq \dim K_{\lambda_1} = n_1$

(vii) Same argument shows: $\dim K_{\lambda_j} = n_j \forall j$
 $\exists m_j$ s.t. $(T|_{K_{\lambda_j}} - \text{id}_{K_{\lambda_j}})^{m_j} = 0, (T|_{K_{\lambda_j}} - \text{id}_{K_{\lambda_j}})^{m_j - 1} \neq 0$
and $m_j \leq \dim K_{\lambda_j} = n_j$.

Lemma 36.1 Let $T: V \rightarrow V$, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$, $K_{\lambda_1}, \dots, K_{\lambda_k}$ be as above.

$$V = K_{\lambda_1} \oplus W.$$

Then $W = K_{\lambda_2} \oplus \dots \oplus K_{\lambda_k}$,

a decomposition into T -invariant subspaces.

Proof By induction

$$W = K_{\lambda_2}(T|_W) \oplus \dots \oplus K_{\lambda_k}(T|_W).$$

We now argue that $K_{\lambda_j}(T|_W) = K_{\lambda_j}(T) \quad \forall j \geq 2$.

Note $\dim K_{\lambda_j}(T|_W) = n_j$

(since the char poly of $T|_W$ is $(x - \lambda_2)^{n_2} \dots (x - \lambda_k)^{n_k}$)

Also, if $v \in K_{\lambda_j}(T|_W)$, $\exists \ell$ st

$$0 = (T|_W - \lambda_j \text{id}_W)^\ell(v) = (T - \lambda_j \text{id}_V)^\ell(v) \quad (\text{since } v \in W \subseteq V)$$

$$\Rightarrow K_{\lambda_j}(T|_W) \subseteq K_{\lambda_j}(T).$$

Since $\dim K_{\lambda_j}(T|_W) = n_j = \dim K_{\lambda_j}(T)$

$$K_{\lambda_j}(T|_W) = K_{\lambda_j}(T). \quad \square$$

Corollary 36.2 Let $T: V \rightarrow V$, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ etc be as above. ✓

Then (1) $(T - \lambda_1 \text{id})^{n_1} \dots (T - \lambda_k \text{id})^{n_k} = 0$ (Cayley-Hamilton)

w/ (2) The minimal polynomial $m_T(x)$ of T is

$$m_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1)^{m_1} \dots (x - \lambda_k)^{m_k}$$

(where, as above $(T - \lambda_j \text{id})^{m_j}|_{K_{\lambda_j}} = 0$, $(T - \lambda_j \text{id})^{m_j - 1}|_{K_{\lambda_j}} \neq 0$)

Proof Suppose $v \in K_{\lambda_j}$ for some j . Then, since

$$(T - \lambda_j \text{id})^{m_j}(v) = 0$$

Since $m_j \leq n_j$, $(T - \lambda_j \text{id})^{n_j}(v) = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow P_T(T)v = (T - \lambda_1 \text{id})^{n_1} \dots (T - \lambda_k \text{id})^{n_k}(v)$$

$$= \left(\prod_{i \neq j} (T - \lambda_i \text{id})^{n_i} \right) \circ (T - \lambda_j \text{id})^{n_j}(v)$$

$$= \left(\prod_{i \neq j} (T - \lambda_i \text{id})^{n_i} \right) (0) = 0$$

Since $V = K_{\lambda_1} \oplus \dots \oplus K_{\lambda_k}$, $P_T(T)v = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$.

Since $p_T(T) = 0$, $p_T(x) \in N(\mathcal{C}[x]) = m_T(x) \cdot \mathbb{C}[x]$

$\Rightarrow p_T(x) = h(x) m_T(x)$ for some $h \in \mathbb{C}[x]$

$$p_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1)^{n_1} \cdots (x - \lambda_k)^{n_k} \Rightarrow m_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1)^{r_1} \cdots (x - \lambda_k)^{r_k}$$

for some r_1, \dots, r_k , $0 \leq r_i \leq n_i$.

By def of m_T , $(T - \lambda_i \text{id})^{m_i - 1} \Big|_{K_{\lambda_i}} \neq 0$, $(T - \lambda_i \text{id})^{m_i} \Big|_{K_{\lambda_i}} = 0$

Moreover $(T - \lambda_i \text{id}) \Big|_{K_{\lambda_j}}$ is invertible $\forall i \neq j$.

It follows that

$$m_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1)^{m_1} \cdots (x - \lambda_k)^{m_k}$$

Given a T -invariant decomposition.

$$V = K_{\lambda_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus K_{\lambda_k}$$

a choice of basis β_i for K_{λ_i} gives us a basis

$$\mathcal{B} = \beta_1 \cup \cdots \cup \beta_k \quad \text{so that}$$

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} [T_1] & & & \\ & [T_2] & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & [T_k] \end{pmatrix}$$

where $T_i = [T|_{K_{\lambda_i}}]_{\beta_i \beta_i}$.

To prove existence of JNF remains to show:

Suppose $T: V \rightarrow V$ is linear, λ is the only eigenvalue of T . (So $V = K_{\lambda}^T$ and $T - \text{id}$ is nilpotent).

Then \exists a basis \mathcal{B} of V st

$$(*) \quad [T]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} J_1(\lambda) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & J_s(\lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

where $J_i(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$, Jordan blocks w. eigenvalue λ .

Note (*) holds \Leftrightarrow

$$[T - \lambda \text{id}]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} J_1(0) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & J_s(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J_i(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We'll prove existence of such a basis β on Monday.

See Thm 4.1, Thm 4.2 pp 266-272 of Trefl.

Example $T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ J.N.F? basis β st $[T]_{\beta\beta} = JNF?$

Solution

$$\det(xI - T) = \det \begin{pmatrix} x-2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x-2 & -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & x-2 \end{pmatrix} = (x-2) \det \begin{pmatrix} x-2 & -1 \\ 0 & x-2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 + 0$$

(expansion by top row)

$$= (x-2)^3 \Rightarrow 2 \text{ is the only eigenvalue} \Rightarrow$$

$$JNF \text{ is } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \dim R(T-2I) = 2 \text{ and } \dim N(T-2I) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow e_2 \text{ spans } N(T-2I) \Rightarrow JNF = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

basis? We need $\beta = \{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$ st

$$[(T-2I)]_{\beta\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ ie. } \begin{cases} (T-2I)b_1 = 0 \\ (T-2I)b_2 = b_1 \\ (T-2I)b_3 = b_2. \end{cases}$$

We take $b_1 = e_2$, wh. ch spans $N(T-2I)$. $b_2 \in R(T-2I)$

since $b_2 = (T-2I)b_3$. $R(T-2I) = \text{span}\{e_3, e_2\}$.

$$(T-2I)e_3 = e_2 = b_1 \text{ so let } b_2 = e_3.$$

Now we need b_3 st $(T-2I)b_3 = e_3$, ie $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} b_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Let $b_3 = 2e_1$.

Note $[I]_{\beta\beta} = (b_1 | b_2 | b_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $[I]_{\beta\beta}^{-1} T [I]_{\beta\beta} = [T]_{\beta\beta}$.

One can check that $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ (start with $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$)

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$