

Recall: A similar B $\iff B = Q^{-1} A Q$.

* Aside on equivalence relations.

Definition: Given a set A , a relation on A is a set $S \subseteq \underbrace{A \times A}_{(x,y) \ x,y \in A}$.

We say that a relation S is an equivalence relation when: $x \sim y$

1) Reflexivity: $x \sim x \quad (x,x) \in S$.

2) Symmetric: if $x \sim y$ then $y \sim x$.
if $(x,y) \in S$ then $(y,x) \in S$.

3) Transitivity: if $x \sim y$ and $y \sim z$ then $x \sim z$.
if $(x,y), (y,z) \in S$ then $(x,z) \in S$.

Examples: 1) $\leq, \geq, <, >, = \quad A = \mathbb{R}$

$=$; $(x,y) \in S$ when $x=y$. equivalence relation

\leq ; $(x,y) \in S$ when $x \leq y$ relation

2) $f: A \rightarrow A$ defines a relation by: $(a, f(a)) \in S$.

3) $W \subseteq V \quad \frac{V}{W} = \{v+W \mid v \in V\}$.

$v_1 + W \sim v_2 + W$ when $v_1 + W = v_2 + W$ $\frac{V}{W}$

$v_1 \sim v_2$ when $\underbrace{v_1 + W}_{\text{coset}} = \underbrace{v_2 + W}_{\text{coset}}$ \checkmark

\rightarrow this is an equivalence relation.

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \ker(T) = \text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$\mathbb{R}^2 / \ker(T) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} + \ker(T) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{because} \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \ker(T)}_{\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + a \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \ker(T)}_{\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + b \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}}$$

$$\begin{matrix} [1+a] & [2+b] \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \not\sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{because} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \ker(T) \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \ker(T)$$

5. Diagonalization:

Question: Given $T: V \rightarrow V$, when is $[T]_{\beta}^{\beta}$ diagonal?

Note: Given V, W of the same finite dimension, given $T: V \rightarrow W$, then

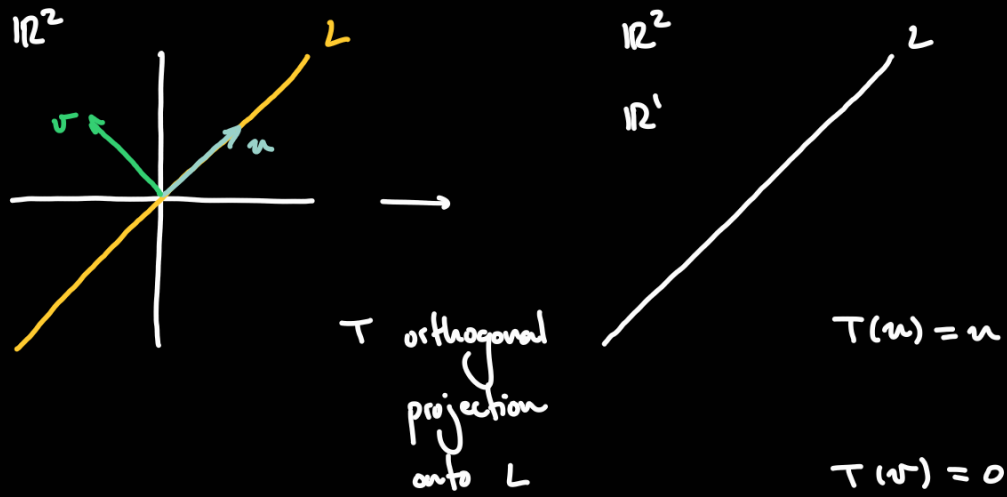
there exists a basis β of V and γ of W such that $[T]_{\gamma}^{\beta}$ is diag.

Definition: Let $T: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation, we say that T is V finite dimensional, n

diagonalizable if there exists a basis β of V such that $[T]_{\beta}^{\beta}$ is

$$\text{diagonal:} \quad [T]_{\beta}^{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda_i \in \mathbb{F}, \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$$T(v_1) = \lambda_1 \cdot v_1, \quad \dots, \quad T(v_i) = \lambda_i \cdot v_i, \quad \dots, \quad T(v_n) = \lambda_n \cdot v_n.$$



Definition: A linear transformation $T: V \rightarrow V$ has eigenvectors $v \in V$ when there exists $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $T(v) = \lambda \cdot v$. We call λ an eigenvalue of T .

Theorem: $T: V \rightarrow V$ is diagonalizable if and only if there exists a basis of V where every element is an eigenvector of T .

$$A \in M_n(\mathbb{F}) \quad v \in \mathbb{F}^n \quad A \cdot v = \lambda \cdot v \quad A \cdot v - \lambda v = 0$$

$$(A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n) v = 0 \quad \text{so } v \in \ker(A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n).$$

Lemma: The matrix $A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n$ is invertible if and only if $(A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n) v \neq 0$ for all $v \neq 0$.

Proof: (\Rightarrow) Suppose $A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n$ is invertible. Suppose that $(A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n) v = 0$ for some $v \in \mathbb{F}^n$. Then:

$$0 = (A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n) \underline{0} = (A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n) \cdot (A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n) v = v.$$

Thus if $v \neq 0$ then $(A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n) \neq 0$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that $(A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n) v \neq 0$ for $v \neq 0$. If $v \in \ker(A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n)$

then $v = 0$, so $\ker(A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n) = \{0\}$. Thus $A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n$ is invertible. \square .

Theorem: Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$. Then λ is an eigenvalue of A if and only if

$$\det(A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n) = 0.$$

Proof: (\Rightarrow) Suppose $A \cdot v = \lambda \cdot v$, then $A v - \lambda v = 0$ so $(A - \lambda \text{Id}_n) v = 0$.

By the previous Lemma, then $A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n$ is not invertible.

$$\text{Then } \det(A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n) = 0.$$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\det(A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n) = 0$ then $A - \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_n$ is not invertible.

By the previous Lemma then there exists some $\overset{0}{\neq} v \in V$ such that

$$(A - \lambda \text{Id}_n) v = 0, \text{ so } A v = \lambda \cdot v. \quad \square.$$

