

Recall: $T: V \rightarrow V$ T diagonalizable $\Leftrightarrow V = E_{\lambda_1} \oplus \dots \oplus E_{\lambda_K}$.

$$p_T(x) \text{ splits over } \mathbb{F} \quad \dim(V) = n \quad \sum_{i=1}^K \dim(E_{\lambda_i}) = n$$

Theorem: $T: V \rightarrow V$ linear, V finite dimensional, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K$ eigenvalues of T .

Let $S_1 \subseteq E_{\lambda_1}, \dots, S_K \subseteq E_{\lambda_K}$ be linearly independent subsets. Then

$S_1 \cup \dots \cup S_K$ is linearly independent.

Sketch of proof: Suppose we have:

$$S_1 = \{v_1^1, \dots, v_{n_1}^1\}, S_2 = \{v_1^2, \dots, v_{n_2}^2\}, \dots, S_K = \{v_1^K, \dots, v_{n_K}^K\}.$$

Given a linear combination:

$$\underbrace{a_1^1 v_1^1 + \dots + a_{n_1}^1 v_{n_1}^1}_{T - \lambda_1 \cdot \text{id}_V} + \dots + \underbrace{a_1^K v_1^K + \dots + a_{n_K}^K v_{n_K}^K}_{T - \lambda_K \cdot \text{id}_V} = 0$$

we can separate them into:

$$\underbrace{a_1^1 v_1^1 + \dots + a_{n_1}^1 v_{n_1}^1}_{S_1} = 0, \dots, \underbrace{a_1^K v_1^K + \dots + a_{n_K}^K v_{n_K}^K}_{S_K} = 0$$

so $a_i^j = 0$ for all i, j . Hence $S_1 \cup \dots \cup S_K$ is linearly independent. \square

Theorem: $T: V \rightarrow V$, V finite dimensional vector space, $p_T(x)$ splits over \mathbb{F} .

1) T is diagonalizable if and only if $\underbrace{m_{\lambda_i}}_{\text{algebraic}} = \underbrace{\dim(E_{\lambda_i})}_{\text{geometric}}$ for all i .

2) If T is diagonalizable, let β_i be a basis of E_{λ_i} , then $\beta = \beta_1 \cup \dots \cup \beta_K$ is a

basis of V .

$$n = \dim(V)$$

Proof: (\Rightarrow) T is diagonalizable. Then β basis of V is composed of eigenvectors.

Consider $\beta_i = \beta \cap E_{\lambda_i}$. Let $n_i = |\beta_i| \leq \underbrace{\dim(E_{\lambda_i})}_{\text{geometric multiplicity}} \leq m_{\lambda_i}$ by a theorem we proved.

$$p_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1)^{m_{\lambda_1}} \cdots (x - \lambda_K)^{m_{\lambda_K}}$$

$$n = \deg(p_T(x)) = m_{\lambda_1} + \cdots + m_{\lambda_K}$$

$$n = |\beta| = |\beta_1 \cup \cdots \cup \beta_K| = |\beta_1| + \cdots + |\beta_K| = n_1 + \cdots + n_K$$

$$n = n_1 + \cdots + n_K \leq m_{\lambda_1} + \cdots + m_{\lambda_K} = n \quad \text{so}$$

$$n_1 + \cdots + n_K = m_{\lambda_1} + \cdots + m_{\lambda_K}, \text{ now: } \underbrace{(m_{\lambda_1} - n_1)}_{\geq 0} + \cdots + \underbrace{(m_{\lambda_K} - n_K)}_{\geq 0} = 0$$

so $m_{\lambda_1} = n_1, \dots, m_{\lambda_K} = n_K$.

$$n_i \leq \dim(E_{\lambda_i}) \leq m_{\lambda_i} \quad n_K \leq \dim(E_{\lambda_K}) \leq m_{\lambda_K}$$

Hence $m_{\lambda_i} = \dim(E_{\lambda_i}), \dots, m_{\lambda_K} = \dim(E_{\lambda_K})$.

(*) Suppose $m_{\lambda_i} - n_i > 0$

for some i . Now:

$$0 < m_{\lambda_i} - n_i \leq \underbrace{(m_{\lambda_1} - n_1)}_{\geq 0} + \cdots + \underbrace{(m_{\lambda_K} - n_K)}_{\geq 0} = 0 \quad \text{so } m_{\lambda_i} - n_i = 0.$$

(\Leftarrow) Exercise. $m_{\lambda_i} = \dim(\underbrace{E_{\lambda_i}}_{\beta_i})$ $\beta = \beta_1 \cup \cdots \cup \beta_K, |\beta| = n$. \square .

Theorem: T diagonalizes if and only if $p_T(x)$ splits and $m_{\lambda_i} = \dim(E_{\lambda_i})$ for all i .

Definition: $V = W_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus W_k$ when $V = W_1 + \cdots + W_k$ and $W_i \cap \sum_{j \neq i} W_j = \{0\}$ for all i .

$$W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus W_3 = (W_1 \oplus W_2) \oplus W_3 = W_1 \oplus (W_2 \oplus W_3)$$

Theorem: The following are equivalent:

1) $V = W_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus W_k$.

2) Each $v \in V$ has a unique decomposition $v = w_1 + \cdots + w_k$ with $w_i \in W_i$.

3) If γ_i is a basis of W_i , then $\gamma = \gamma_1 \cup \cdots \cup \gamma_k$ is a basis of V .

4) Given $i=1, \dots, k$, there is a basis κ_i of W_i such that $\gamma_1 \cup \cdots \cup \gamma_k$ is a basis of V .

Theorem: T is diagonalizable if and only if $V = E_{\lambda_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus E_{\lambda_k}$, namely V is the

direct sum of the eigenspaces of T .

Definition: $T, S: V \rightarrow V$ are said to be simultaneously diagonalizable if there is a basis β of V such that β is an eigenbasis of T and an eigenbasis of S .

