

Recall: $T: V \rightarrow V$ T diagonalizable $\Leftrightarrow p_T(x)$ splits and $V = E_{\lambda_1} \oplus \dots \oplus E_{\lambda_k}$

Theorem: (Cayley-Hamilton) $T: V \rightarrow V$ then $p_T(T) = 0$. $\mathcal{L}(V, V)$

Definition: $T: V \rightarrow V$, let $W \subseteq V$ be a vector subspace. We say that W is T -invariant

when $T(W) \subseteq W$. Let $v \in V$, we say that $W_v = \text{span} \{v, Tv, \dots\} = \{T^i v \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is

the T -cyclic subspace of V generated by v .

Rank: If $v \in W$, W is T -invariant, then $W_v \subseteq W$.

We can define $T_W: W \rightarrow W$ a linear transformation.

$$w \mapsto T(w)$$

Example: $T: V \rightarrow V$ is diagonalizable. $V = E_{\lambda_1} \oplus \dots \oplus E_{\lambda_k}$. $\beta = \beta_1 \cup \dots \cup \beta_k$

E_{λ_i} is T -invariant. We then have $T_i: E_{\lambda_i} \rightarrow E_{\lambda_i}$ with

$$p_{T_i}(x) = \det([T_i]_{\beta_i} - x \cdot I_{m_i}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i - x & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_i - x \end{bmatrix} = (\lambda_i - x)^{m_i}$$

Note: $p_T(x) = (\lambda_1 - x)^{m_1} \dots (\lambda_k - x)^{m_k}$ is divisible by $p_{T_i}(x) = (\lambda_i - x)^{m_i}$.

Theorem: $T: V \rightarrow V$ linear, W T -invariant. Then $p_{T_W}(x)$ divides $p_T(x)$.

Proof: Choose $\underbrace{\{w_1, \dots, w_k\}}_{\alpha}$ a basis of W , extend it to $\underbrace{\{w_1, \dots, w_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}}_{\beta}$ a

basis of V . Now: $[T]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{bmatrix}$ and $[T_W]_{\alpha} = A$

$$[T]_{\beta-x \cdot I_n} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} A-x \cdot I_n & B \\ \hline 0 & C-x \cdot I_{n-k} \end{array} \right]$$

and $p_T(x) = \det([T]_{\beta-x \cdot I_n}) = \det(\underbrace{A-x \cdot I_n}_{[T_W]_{\alpha}}) \cdot \det(\underbrace{C-x \cdot I_{n-k}}_{g(x)}) = p_{T_W}(x) \cdot g(x)$. \square

Example: $T: V \rightarrow V$ linear, λ eigenvalue with eigenvector $v \in V$.

$W_v = \text{span}\{v, Tv, T^2v, \dots\} = \text{span}\{v\}$ is T -invariant.

$$p_{T|_{W_v}}(x) = \det([T|_{W_v}]_{\gamma} - x \cdot I_1) = \det([\lambda - x]) = \lambda - x$$

$$\gamma = \{v\}$$

$p_T(x)$ has λ as a root, so it is divisible by $(\lambda - x) = p_{T|_{W_v}}(x)$.

$$Tv = \lambda v$$

$$p_{T|_{W_v}}(x) = \lambda - x = (-1) \cdot (x - \lambda)$$

$$Tv - \lambda v = 0 \rightsquigarrow T - \lambda = 0 \rightsquigarrow x - \lambda$$

Theorem: $T: V \rightarrow V$, $v \in V$, W_v has dimension k . Then:

1) W_v has basis $\{v, Tv, T^2v, \dots, T^{k-1}v\}$.

2) If $T^k v = a_0 \cdot v + a_1 \cdot Tv + \dots + a_{k-1} \cdot T^{k-1}v$ for some $a_0, \dots, a_{k-1} \in \mathbb{F}$

then $p_{T|_{W_v}}(x) = (-1)^k \cdot (x^k - a_{k-1} \cdot x^{k-1} - \dots - a_1 \cdot x - a_0)$.

Sketch of proof:

1) If $\{v, Tv, \dots, T^{k-1}v\}$ is linearly independent then it is a basis because it

is a set of k linearly independent elements of a vector space of dimension k .

Consider the set $\{v, Tv, \dots, T^i v\}$ such that i is the biggest natural number

giving linearly independence.

Now: $\text{span}\{v, Tv, \dots, T^i v\} \subseteq W_T$. $W_T \subseteq \text{span}\{v, Tv, \dots, T^i v\}$.

$$T^{i+1}v = a_0 v + \dots + a_i T^i v$$

$$T^{i+2}v = T(T^{i+1}v) =$$

$$= a_0 Tv + \dots + a_{i-1} T^i v$$

$$+ T^{i+1}v$$

$$2) [T_{W_T}]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & a_0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & & 0 & a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & 1 & a_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T_{W_T}]_{\beta}^{-x} \cdot I_k = \begin{bmatrix} -x & 0 & & & 0 & a_0 \\ 1 & -x & & & 0 & a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & & & 0 & a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & & & -x & a_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{T^{k-2}v}_{\substack{k-1 \text{ element} \\ \text{in } \beta}} \xrightarrow{T} \underbrace{T^{k-1}v}_{\substack{k \text{ element} \\ \text{in } \beta}}$$

$$P_{T_{W_T}}(x) = \det([T_{W_T}]_{\beta}^{-x} \cdot I_k) = (a_{k-1} - x) \cdot (-x)^{k-1} + \dots + (-1)^k \cdot (-a_0) =$$

$$= (-1)^k (x - a_{k-1} \cdot x^{k-1} - \dots - a_1 \cdot x - a_0)$$

□.

Remark: Given $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n$, we can associate a

linear transformation: $f(T): V \rightarrow V$

$$v \mapsto a_0 \cdot v + a_1 \cdot Tv + \dots + a_n \cdot T^n v$$

$T: V \rightarrow V$ linear

Theorem: (Cayley-Hamilton) $T: V \rightarrow V$ linear, V f.d., then $p_T(T) = 0$.

Proof: Let $v \in V$, consider W_v , $\dim(W_v) = k$. Then there are $a_0, \dots, a_{k-1} \in \mathbb{F}$

such that $T^k v = a_0 v + \dots + a_{k-1} T^{k-1} v$. Then:

$$p_{T|_{W_v}}(x) = (-1)^k (x^k - a_{k-1} x^{k-1} - \dots - a_1 x - a_0)$$

By the previous theorem: $p_T(x) = p_{T|_{W_v}}(x) \cdot g(x)$.

$$\text{Now: } p_T(T)(v) = p_{T|_{W_v}}(T)(v) \cdot g(T)(v) =$$

$$= (-1)^k \underbrace{(T^k v - a_{k-1} T^{k-1} v - \dots - a_1 T v - a_0 v)}_0 \cdot g(T)(v) = 0. \quad \square.$$

Corollary: $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ then $p_A(A) = 0$.

