

Extra Credit : Chapter 5.

Eigenvalue, Eigenvector, and Invariant Subspaces

5A. Invariant Subspaces

5.2 Definition

Suppose $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$. A subspace U of V is called invariant under T if $u \in U$ implies $Tu \in U$.

5.3 example: • $\{0\}$ if $u \in \{0\}$ then $u=0$

$$\text{So } Tu = T(0) = 0 \in \{0\}$$

So $\{0\}$ is invariant under T .

• V : $v \in V$, then $Tu \in V$

So V is invariant under T

• $\text{null } T$: if $u \in \text{null } T$, then $Tu=0$

$$\text{So } T(Tu) = T(0) = 0$$

So $Tu \in \text{null } T$, and so $\text{null } T$ is invariant under T .

• $\text{range } T$: if $u \in \text{range } T$, then $u = Tv$ for some $v \in V$.

$$\text{So } Tu = T(Tv)$$

Since $Tv \in V$, we get $Tu \in \text{range } T$

So $\text{range } T$ is invariant under T .

5.5 Eigenvalue

Suppose $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$. A number $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ is called an eigenvalue of T if there exists $v \in V$ such that $v \neq 0$ and $Tv = \lambda v$

5.6 Equivalent conditions to be an eigenvalue

Suppose V is finite-dim, $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$. Then

(a) λ is an eigenvalue of T

(b) $T - \lambda I$ is not injective

(c) $T - \lambda I$ is not surjective

(d) $T - \lambda I$ is not invertible

Proof: Want: (a) is equivalent to (b): (a) \rightarrow (b) and (b) \rightarrow (a)

$Tv = \lambda v$ is equivalent to $(T - \lambda I)v = 0$

Since $v \neq 0$, we conclude that $T - \lambda I$ is not injective. Conversely, since $T - \lambda I$ is not injective $Tv = \lambda v$

So λ is an eigenvalue of T .

(b), (c), and (d) are equivalent to each other

By 3.69 of Axler, the following are equivalent.

$T - \lambda I$ is not invertible

$T - \lambda I$ is not surjective

and $T - \lambda I$ is not injective

3.7 eigenvector

Suppose $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ is an eigenvalue of T . A vector $v \in V$ is called an eigenvector of T corresponding to λ if $v \neq 0$ and $Tv = \lambda v$.

3.8 Example Define $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^2)$ by

$$T(w, z) = (-z, w)$$

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of T .

Solution: let $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ satisfy

$$T(w, z) = \lambda(w, z)$$

Since $T(w, z) = (-z, w)$ we obtain

$$(-z, w) = \lambda(w, z) = (\lambda w, \lambda z)$$

From $(-z, w) = (\lambda w, \lambda z)$ we got a system of equation

$$-z = \lambda w$$

$$w = \lambda z$$

Substitute $w = \lambda z$ into $-z = \lambda w$, we get

$$-z = \lambda w$$

$$= \lambda(\lambda z)$$

$$= \lambda^2 z$$

If $z=0$, then $w=0$, so $(w, z) = (0, 0)$. If (w, z) is an eigenvector of T , then $z \neq 0$.

So $-z = \lambda^2 z$ implies $-1 = \lambda^2$, on

$$\lambda = i, \lambda = -i$$

So $i, -i$ are our eigenvalues of T .

$$\lambda = i$$

$$T(w, z) = i(w, z)$$

$$\text{implies } (-z, w) = (i w, i z)$$

$$\text{So } -z = i w$$

$$w = i z$$

$$\text{Thus, } (w, z) = (w, -i w)$$

is an eigenvector of T corresponding to $\lambda = i$ for all $w \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\lambda = i$$

$$T(w, i) = -i(w, z) \text{ implies } (-z, w) = (-i w, -i z)$$

$$\text{So } -z = -i w$$

$$w = -i z$$

Therefore, $(w, z) = (w, i w)$ is an eigenvector of T corresponding to $\lambda = -i$ for all $w \in \mathbb{C}$

Alternate method: Find $M(T) = M\left(T, \begin{matrix} \text{standard basis} \\ \text{of } \mathbb{C}^2 \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} \text{standard basis} \\ \text{of } \mathbb{C}^2 \end{matrix}\right)$

$$\text{Find } a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{F} \text{ that satisfy: } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -z \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a w + b z \\ c w + d z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -z \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a = 0 \quad b = 1$$

$$c = 1 \quad d = 0$$

$$\text{So } M(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M(T - \lambda I) = M(T) - \lambda M(I)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(M(T-\lambda I)) = 0$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = i, \lambda = -i$$

$$M(T-iI)(w, z) = (0, 0)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -i & -1 \\ 1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-iw - z = 0$$

$$w - iz = 0$$

$$-z = iw$$

$$w = iz$$

$$(w, z) = (w, -iw)$$

$$M(T-(-i)I)(w, z) = (0, 0)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} i & -1 \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

3.10 Linearly independent eigenvectors

Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$. Suppose $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ are distinct eigenvalues of T and v_1, \dots, v_m are corresponding eigenvectors. Then v_1, \dots, v_m is linearly independent.

Proof: Suppose v_1, \dots, v_m is linearly dependent.

Let k be the smallest positive integer such that

$$v_k \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1})$$

So there exist $a_1, \dots, a_{k-1} \in \mathbb{F}$ such that

$$v_k = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} v_{k-1}$$

So we have $Tv_k = T(a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} v_{k-1})$

$$= T(a_1 v_1) + \dots + T(a_{k-1} v_{k-1})$$

$$= a_1 T(v_1) + \dots + a_{k-1} T(v_{k-1})$$

$$= a_1 (\lambda_1 v_1) + \dots + a_{k-1} (\lambda_{k-1} v_{k-1})$$

$$= a_1 \lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} \lambda_{k-1} v_{k-1}$$

Multiply by λ_k both side of $v_k = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} v_{k-1}$ to get

$$T v_k = \lambda_k v_k = a_1 \lambda_k v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} \lambda_k v_{k-1}$$

So $0 = T v_k - T v_k$

$$= (a_1 \lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} \lambda_{k-1} v_{k-1}) - (a_1 \lambda_k v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} \lambda_k v_{k-1})$$

$$= a_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_k) v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} (\lambda_{k-1} - \lambda_k) v_{k-1}$$

Since k is the smallest positive integer for which $v_k \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1})$

it follows that v_1, \dots, v_{k-1} is linearly independent

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