

Practice problems #2: solutions

1) Let $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ be a basis for U . We claim that $\{Tv_1, \dots, Tv_k\}$ is a basis for TU . This certainly implies the result.

Spanning

$$\text{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_k) = \{a_1 Tv_1 + \dots + a_k Tv_k \mid a_i \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{linearity}} = \{T(a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_k v_k) \mid a_i \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

$$\xrightarrow[\text{spans } U]{\mathcal{B}} = \{Tu \mid u \in U\} = T(U).$$

Independence

Assume $a_i \in \mathbb{F}$ are such that $a_1 Tv_1 + \dots + a_k Tv_k = 0_W$

$$\text{then } T(a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_k v_k) = 0_W$$

so $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_k v_k \in \text{Null } T = \{0_V\}$, where the last equality follows since T is injective. so

$$a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_k v_k = 0_V$$

$$\Rightarrow a_i = 0 \text{ as } \mathcal{B} \text{ is indep.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \quad a) \quad [T]_{\mathcal{B}} &= \begin{bmatrix} [Te_1]_{\mathcal{B}} & [Te_2]_{\mathcal{B}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

b) By the change of basis thm

$$[T]_{\mathcal{C}} = [I_V]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{C}} [T]_{\mathcal{B}} [I_V]_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{B}}$$

Now

$$[I_V]_B^B = \begin{bmatrix} [1]_B & [2]_B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $[I_V]_B^C = \begin{bmatrix} [1]_C & [0]_C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

So $[T]_C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Note: $[I_V]_C^B = ([I_V]_B^C)^{-1}$ Must this occur always?

3) a) Let $x \in U \cap W$. As U is T -invariant

$$Tx \in U$$

Likewise, as W is T -invariant, then

$$Tx \in W.$$

$\therefore Tx \in U \cap W$. This means $U \cap W$ is T -invariant.

b) Yes. To see why assume U is neither V nor $\{0_V\}$. Fix a basis

$$\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$$

for U . As U is not trivial $0 < k$. As $V \neq U$, then $k \neq \dim V$. Now extend this to a basis

$$\{u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_{n-k}\}$$

for all of V . We will show U is not invariant for some operator on V .

Consider the operator $S: V \rightarrow V$ so that

$$Su_1 = v_1 \text{ and } Sv_1 = u_1$$

but S fixes every other basis element. But now $u_1 \in U$ but $Su_1 = v_1 \notin U$. Therefore

U cannot be S -invariant.

4) Assume $SV \neq 0$, where (V, λ) is an eigenpair for T . Now

$$T(SV) = TSV = STV = S\lambda V = \lambda(SV)$$

$\therefore (\lambda, SV)$ is an eigen pair as SV is not the zero vector.

5) Consider the vector $v_1 + \dots + v_n \in V$.

6) $(\Rightarrow)$ Assume T is diagonalizable. So $\exists$ a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$

so that

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{As } [Tv_i]_{\mathcal{B}} &= [T]_{\mathcal{B}} [v_i]_{\mathcal{B}} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow i^{\text{th}} \text{ position} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_i \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow i^{\text{th}} \text{ pos.} \end{aligned}$$

So $Tv_i = \lambda_i v_i \Rightarrow (\lambda_i, v_i)$ is an eigen pair.

($\Leftarrow$) Now assume V has a basis

$$\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

that consists entirely of eigenvectors for T . If $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the corresponding eigenvalues, then

$$\begin{aligned} [T]_{\mathcal{B}} &= [[Tv_1]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad \dots \quad [Tv_n]_{\mathcal{B}}] \\ &= [[\lambda_1 v_1]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad \dots \quad [\lambda_n v_n]_{\mathcal{B}}] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

so $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is diagonal.

For the last part, recall that if

$$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{\dim V}$$

are distinct eigenvalues for T w/ corresponding eigenvectors

$$x_1, \dots, x_{\dim V}$$

then the x_i are indep. This means (as we have $\dim V$ of them) that

$$\mathcal{B} = \{x_1, \dots, x_{\dim V}\}$$

is a basis for V , that consists entirely of eigenvectors.

$\therefore T$ is diagonalizable by what we first proved.