

**Thm 5.3** Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ ,  $\dim(V) < \infty$ , and assume that the char. poly. of  $T$  splits.

Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  be the distinct eigenvalues of  $T$ . Then

- $T$  is diagonalizable  $\Leftrightarrow$  the multiplicity of  $\lambda_i$  is equal to  $\dim(E_{\lambda_i})$  for all  $i$ .
- If  $T$  is diagonalizable and  $\beta_i$  is an ordered basis for  $E_{\lambda_i}$  for each  $i$ , then  $\beta = \beta_1 \cup \dots \cup \beta_k$  is an ordered basis for  $V$  consisting of e.vects of  $T$ .

**Proof**

For each  $i$ , let  $m_i$  denote the multiplicity of  $\lambda_i$ ,  $d_i = \dim(E_{\lambda_i})$ , and  $n = \dim(V)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Suppose that  $T$  is diagonalizable.

Let  $\beta$  be a basis for  $V$  consisting of e.vects of  $T$ .

For each  $i$ , let  $\beta_i = \beta \cap E_{\lambda_i}$ .

Let  $n_i = |\beta_i|$ .

Then:

- $n_i \leq d_i$  for each  $i$  (because  $\beta_i$  is a lin. indep. subset of the subspace  $E_{\lambda_i}$  and  $\dim(E_{\lambda_i}) = d_i$ ).
- $d_i \leq m_i$  (by Thm 5.7).
- $\sum_{i=1}^k n_i = n$  (because  $\beta$  contains  $n$  vectors).
- $\sum_{i=1}^k m_i = n$  (because the degree of the char. poly. of  $T$  is equal to the sum of the mult. of the eigenvalues, on the one hand, and is equal to  $\dim(V) = n$  on the other hand).

Thus: 
$$n = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^k d_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^k m_i = n.$$

It follows that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k (m_i - d_i) = 0.$$

Since  $(m_i - d_i) \geq 0$  for all  $i$ , we conclude that  $m_i = d_i$  for all  $i$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Conversely, suppose that  $m_i = d_i$  for all  $i$ .

For each  $i$ , let  $\beta_i$  be an ordered basis for  $E_{\lambda_i}$ , and let  $\beta = \beta_1 \cup \dots \cup \beta_k$ .

By Thm 5.8,  $\beta$  is lin. indep.

Furthermore, since  $d_i = m_i$  for all  $i$  by assumption,  $\beta$  contains

$$\sum_{i=1}^k d_i = \sum_{i=1}^k m_i = n \text{ vectors.}$$

Therefore  $\beta$  is an ordered basis for  $V$  consisting of e.vects of  $V$ . Hence  $T$  is diagz.

This theorem concludes our study of the diagonalization problem. Let's summarize.

**Test for diagonalization**

Let  $T$  be a lin. operator on an  $n$ -dim. v.s.  $V$ .

Then  $T$  is diagonalizable if and only if both of the following conditions hold.

1) The char. polynomial of  $T$  splits.

2) For each e.val  $\lambda$  of  $T$ , the multiplicity of  $\lambda$  equals  $\dim E_{\lambda} = \dim N(T - \lambda I_V) = n - \text{rank}(T - \lambda I_V)$ .

The same conditions can be used to test if a square matrix is diagz, because  $A$  is diagz  $\Leftrightarrow$  the operator  $L_A$  is diagz.

**Example**

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$ , and we test its diagonalizability.

The char. poly.  $f(t) = \det(A - tI_3) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 3-t & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3-t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4-t \end{pmatrix} = (4-t)(3-t)^2 = -(t-4)(t-3)^2$ .

This shows that  $f(t)$  splits, so condition (1) for diagz. holds.

E. vals:

$$\lambda_1 = 4 \quad - \text{mult. } 1$$

$$\lambda_2 = 3 \quad - \text{mult. } 2$$

Condition (2) is automatically satisfied for  $\lambda_1$  (as by Thm 5.7,  $1 \leq \dim(E_{\lambda_1}) \leq \text{mult } \lambda_1 = 1$ )

So only need to check (2) for  $\lambda_2$ .

The matrix

$$A - \lambda_2 I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ has rank } 2 \quad (\text{the rank of } L_{A - \lambda_2 I_3}, \text{ equivalently the max. number of lin. indep. columns}).$$

$$\dim E_{\lambda_2} = 3 - \text{rank}(A - \lambda_2 I_3) = 3 - 2 = 1 \neq 2, \text{ the mult. of } \lambda_2.$$

Hence  $A$  is not diag.

Example.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$f(t) = \det(A - tI_2) = (t-1)(t-2).$$

Hence  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2$  are the e. vals, both of mult. 1.

Thus both conditions (1), (2) are satisfied and  $T$  is diag.

$$E_{\lambda_1} = N(L_A - 1 \cdot I_2) = \langle \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rangle.$$

$$E_{\lambda_2} = N(L_A - 2 \cdot I_2) = \langle \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rangle.$$

Hence  $\beta_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $E_{\lambda_1}$ , and  $\beta_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $E_{\lambda_2}$ .

By the theorem  $\beta = \beta_1 \cup \beta_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  consisting of e. vects.

So  $[L_A]_{\beta}$  is a diag. matrix.

$$\text{Let } Q = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Then } Q^{-1} A Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ - diagonal. } \quad \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

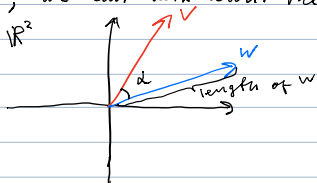
Fact. Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$ , let  $\delta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be an ord. basis for  $F^n$ . Then

$$[L_A]_{\delta} = Q^{-1} A Q, \text{ where}$$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Inner products and norms.

- In  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ , we can talk about the length of a vector, the angle between two vectors, two vectors being orthogonal, etc.



- In a general v.s.  $V$ , these notions are not defined. For example, if  $V = P_2(\mathbb{R})$ , what is the length of a polynomial  $3x^2 + 2x - 1$ ?
- In order to study these notions in general, we introduce an "upgraded" version of vector spaces.

Def.

Let  $V$  be a v.s. over  $F$  (for  $F = \mathbb{R}$  or  $F = \mathbb{C}$ ).

An inner product on  $V$  is a function that assigns, to every ordered pair of vectors  $x$  and  $y$  in  $V$ , a scalar in  $F$ , denoted by  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , such that for all  $x, y, z \in V$  and  $c \in F$  the following holds:

$$a) \langle x+z, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle z, y \rangle$$

$$b) \langle cx, y \rangle = c \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$c) \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \langle y, x \rangle$$

$$d) \langle x, x \rangle > 0 \text{ for } x \neq 0$$

(where " $\overline{\quad}$ " denotes complex conjugation).

- conjugate symmetry

- positivity

**Remark 1)** If  $F = \mathbb{R}$ , then (c) reduces to  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$ .

2) It follows from the definition that if  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in F$  and  $y, v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ , then

$$\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i, y \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \langle v_i, y \rangle.$$

**Example.** We define the **standard inner product** on  $F^n$ .

For  $x = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $y = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$  in  $F^n$ , define

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \bar{b}_i.$$

We can verify that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  satisfies the conditions (a) through (d).

For example, if  $z = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$ , we have for (a)

$$\langle x+z, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + c_i) \bar{b}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \bar{b}_i + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \bar{b}_i = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle z, y \rangle.$$

For example, for  $x = (1+i, 4)$  and  $y = (2-3i, 4+5i)$  in  $\mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $\langle x, y \rangle = (1+i)(2+3i) + 4 \cdot (4-5i) = 15 - 15i$ .

When  $F = \mathbb{R}$  the conjugations are not needed, and  $\langle x, y \rangle$  gives the **dot product** from 33A.

**Example** If  $\langle x, y \rangle$  is any inner product on a v.s.  $V$  and  $r > 0$ , we may define another inner product by the rule  $\langle x, y \rangle' = r \langle x, y \rangle$ . (If  $r \leq 0$ , then (d) would not hold.)

**Example**

Let  $V = C(\mathbb{R})$ , the v.s. of real-valued continuous functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

For  $f, g \in V$ , define

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t) dt.$$

(a) and (b) hold by the basic properties of integration, for example for (a) we have

$$\langle f_1 + f_2, g \rangle = \int_0^1 (f_1(t) + f_2(t))g(t) dt = \int_0^1 f_1(t)g(t) dt + \int_0^1 f_2(t)g(t) dt = \langle f_1, g \rangle + \langle f_2, g \rangle.$$

(c) is clear, and (d) is easy to verify as  $\int_0^1 (f(t))^2 dt > 0$  for any continuous  $f \neq 0$ .

Thus,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product on  $C(\mathbb{R})$ .

Note that similarly,  $\langle f, g \rangle' = \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t) dt$  gives another inner product on  $C(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Example**

Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$ . We define the **conjugate transpose** of  $A$  as the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A^*$  s.t.  $(A^*)_{ij} = \bar{A}_{ji}$ .

When  $F = \mathbb{R}$ , then  $A^*$  is simply  $A^t$ .

For example, if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} i & 1+2i \\ 2 & 3+4i \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $A^* = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 2 \\ 1-2i & 3-4i \end{pmatrix}$ .

Consider now  $V = M_{n \times n}(F)$ , and define  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(B^*A)$  for  $A, B \in V$ .

This defines an inner product on  $V$ , called the **Frobenius inner product**.

(see page 331, Example 5 for a proof that (a)-(d) hold)

**Def** A v.s.  $V$  over  $F$  endowed with a specific inner product is called an **inner product space**.

If  $F = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $V$  is called a **complex inner product space**.

If  $F = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $V$  is called a **real inner product space**.

**Remark.** 1) If a v.s.  $V$  has an inner product  $\langle x, y \rangle$  and  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $W$  is also an inner product space when the same function  $\langle x, y \rangle$  is restricted to the vectors  $x, y \in W$ .

As  $P_n(\mathbb{R})$  is a subspace of  $C(\mathbb{R})$ , it follows that  $P_n(\mathbb{R})$  can be equipped with (many different) inner products.

Thm 6.1 (basic properties of inner products).

Let  $V$  be an inner product space. Then for any  $x, y, z \in V$  and  $c \in F$  we have

a)  $\langle x, y+z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle$

b)  $\langle x, cy \rangle = \bar{c} \langle x, y \rangle$

c)  $\langle x, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, x \rangle = 0$

d)  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \iff x = 0$

e) If  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle$  for all  $x \in V$ , then  $y = z$ .

Proof.

(a)  $\langle x, y+z \rangle = \overline{\langle y+z, x \rangle} = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle + \langle z, x \rangle} = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle} + \overline{\langle z, x \rangle} = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle$ .

(b) - (e). Exercise.