

Math 223, lecture 34

Last time: Spectral Theorem

If $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ is symmetric, or $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is hermitian ($A^T = \bar{A}$), more generally, if $T \in \text{End}(V)$ is self-adjoint ($V = \text{fd. inner product space}$)

Then $\mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{C}^n / V$ has an orthonormal basis consisting of eigenvectors of A / T .

$\Rightarrow A = SDS^{-1} = SDS^T$ where S is an orthogonal / unitary map, $D = \text{diagonal}$

Pf: find one eigenvector, ^{restrict} to orthogonal complement, recurse.

* If $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an inner product space, a map $U \in \text{End}(V)$ is orthogonal / unitary (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C} scalars resp.)

if $\langle Uu, Uv \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle$ for all u, v

$$\Leftrightarrow U^* = U^{-1} \Leftrightarrow \|Uu\| = \|u\|$$

Polarization identity: (real variable version)

$$\|u \pm v\|^2 = \langle u \pm v, u \pm v \rangle = \|u\|^2 \pm 2\langle u, v \rangle + \|v\|^2$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$4\langle u, v \rangle = \|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2$$

matrix is unitary if $U^t = U^{-1}$, \Leftrightarrow

columns are an orthonormal basis
 \Leftrightarrow rows " " " "

Commutativity & the spectral theorem

if A^k is diagonal, is A diagonal?

if $A = SDS^{-1}$

columns of S are eigenvectors so:

$$S e_i = i\text{th eigenvector} = v_i$$

$$S^{-1}(\text{i\text{th eigenvector}}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = e_i$$

$$(S D S^{-1})(v_i) = S D e_i = S \lambda_i e_i = \lambda_i S e_i = \lambda_i v_i$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S^{-1}(\underline{u}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ s.t. } \underline{u} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \underline{v}_i$$

$$S \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \underline{v}_i$$

Exercises with adjoints, spectral theorem

Observe: $(ST)^* = T^* S^*$:

$$\langle \underline{u}, S T \underline{v} \rangle = \langle S^* \underline{u}, T \underline{v} \rangle = \langle T^* S^* \underline{u}, \underline{v} \rangle$$

$$\langle (ST)^* \underline{u}, \underline{v} \rangle$$

so if S, T are self adjoint, $(ST)^* = TS$
which need not be ST .

so ST is self adjoint iff $ST = TS$

if S, T diagonal wrt same basis (have common basis of eigenvectors) then $TS = ST$

(diagonal matrices commute)

Conversely, if $ST = TS$ we saw: S acts on each eigenspace of T .

$$\text{if } Tv = \lambda v \text{ then } T(Sv) = \lambda(Sv)$$

so if S, T selfadjoint, spectral theorem for T says:

$$V = \bigoplus_{\substack{\lambda \text{ e.v.} \\ \text{of } T}} V_\lambda$$

spectral theorem for S in each V_λ

says: Can choose basis for each V_λ consisting of eigenvectors of S .

These are then joint eigenvectors, so S, T can be diagonalized simultaneously.

Observe: if U unitary: $U^* = U^{-1}$, $D = \text{diagonal real}$,

$$(U D U^{-1})^* = (U D U^*)^* = (U^*)^* D^* U^* = U D U^*$$

so $U D U^{-1}$ is selfadjoint:

$$D = D^*$$

If D is diagonal, not real, then

$$(UDU^{-1})^* = UD^*U^{-1}$$

so commutes with UDU^{-1} .

converse to this: Def Call T normal
if T, T^* commute

Spectral thm; T is normal iff V
has an ONB of eigenvalues of T .

(saw if ONB exists $T = UDU^{-1}$, $U = \text{unitary}$,
 $D = \text{diag}$
 $\Rightarrow T^*$ commutes with T)

other direction: define $T_+ = \frac{T + T^*}{2}$

$$T_- = \frac{T - T^*}{2i}$$

then T_+, T_- are selfadjoint.

$$(T_+)^* = \frac{T^* + T}{2} = T_+, \quad (T_-)^* = \frac{T^* - T}{2(-i)} = T_-$$

⊙ T_+, T_- commute iff T, T^* do.

If τ, τ^* commute, τ_+, τ_- commute
 \Rightarrow diagonalize together, then $\tau = \tau_+ + i\tau_-$.
 so this diagonalizes τ .

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Ex: U (orthogonal) unitary,

$$U^* = U^{-1} \text{ so } UU^* = Id = U^*U$$

$\Rightarrow U$ is unitarily diagonalizable

Ex: $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = R(\theta)$ orthogonal:

$$\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = 0, \quad \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

eigenvalues are $\cos \theta \pm i \sin \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} R(\theta) &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta \\ i \\ i \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \cos \theta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \sin \theta \begin{pmatrix} & 1 \\ -1 & \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now (V, V) vsp

$\text{Hom}(V, V)$: check that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$

$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(A^*B)$ is an inner prod on $\text{End}(V)$.

