




Recall: inner product space  $V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$

orthonormal basis  $\beta$

 Goal: Study maps between inner product space.

$$(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_V, \beta) \xrightarrow{f} (W, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_W, \gamma)$$

## § Adjoint of a linear operator

Theorem: (Representation of linear functionals)

Let  $V$  be a finite-dim inner product space  $F$

Then for any linear transformation  $g: V \rightarrow F$

Def:

linear functional

there exists unique  $\vec{y} \in V$  s.t.  $g(\vec{x}) = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle \quad \forall \vec{x} \in V$

pf. Let  $\beta = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  be an orthonormal basis for  $V$ .

• Uniqueness:  $g(\vec{v}_i) = \langle \vec{v}_i, \vec{y} \rangle$   
 $\Rightarrow \vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \vec{y}, \vec{v}_i \rangle \vec{v}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n g(\vec{v}_i) \cdot \vec{v}_i$ .

• Let  $\vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n g(\vec{v}_i) \vec{v}_i$

then for  $\vec{x} = \vec{v}_j$ ,  $\langle \vec{v}_j, \vec{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \vec{v}_j, g(\vec{v}_i) \vec{v}_i \rangle = g(\vec{v}_j)$

By linearity of  $g$  and  $\langle \cdot, \vec{y} \rangle$ ,  $g(\vec{x}) = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle \quad \forall \vec{x} \in V$ .

□



Theorem: Let  $V$  be fin-dim inner product space, and let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . Then there exists a unique linear operator

$$T^*: V \rightarrow V \text{ s.t. } \langle T(\vec{x}), \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, T^*(\vec{y}) \rangle \quad \forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$$

Def:  $T^*$  is called the adjoint of  $T$ .

Pf: Given any  $\vec{y} \in V$ . then the map  $g_{\vec{y}}: V \rightarrow F$   
 $\vec{x} \mapsto \langle T(\vec{x}), \vec{y} \rangle$   
is linear since  $T$  is linear and  $\langle \cdot, \vec{y} \rangle$  is linear.

By the previous representation theorem, there exists unique  $\vec{y}' \in V$ .

$$\text{s.t. } \langle T(\vec{x}), \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y}' \rangle =: T^*(\vec{y})$$

This uniquely defines a map  $T^*: V \rightarrow V$  by  $T^*(\vec{y}) = \vec{y}'$

• To see that  $T^*$  is linear, let  $\vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2 \in V$  and  $c \in F$ , Then  $\forall \vec{x} \in V$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{x}, T^*(\vec{y}_1 + \vec{y}_2) \rangle &= \langle T(\vec{x}), \vec{y}_1 + \vec{y}_2 \rangle = \langle T(\vec{x}), \vec{y}_1 \rangle + \langle T(\vec{x}), \vec{y}_2 \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{x}, T^*(\vec{y}_1) \rangle + \langle \vec{x}, T^*(\vec{y}_2) \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{x}, T^*(\vec{y}_1) + T^*(\vec{y}_2) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, prove  $T^*(c\vec{y}) = c T^*(\vec{y})$

□



Recall:  $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$ , then  $A^* := \overline{A^T}$  conjugate transpose / adjoint

Prop: Let  $V$  be a finite-dim inner product space, and let  $\beta$  be an orthonormal basis for  $V$ . Then  $\forall T \in L(V)$ ,

We have  $[T^*]_{\beta} = [T]_{\beta}^*$  conjugate transpose of matrix.  
adjoint of T

pf: Let  $A = [T]_{\beta}$ ,  $B = [T^*]_{\beta}$ , and  $\beta = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } B_{ij} &= \langle T^*(\vec{v}_j), \vec{v}_i \rangle = \langle \vec{v}_j, T(\vec{v}_i) \rangle = \overline{\langle T(\vec{v}_i), \vec{v}_j \rangle} \\ &= \overline{A_{ji}} \end{aligned}$$

□



Adjoint.  $T: V \rightarrow V$ .  
 $\rightsquigarrow T^*: V \rightarrow V$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} [T]_{\beta} = A \\ \longleftarrow \\ [T^*]_{\beta} = A^* \end{array}$$

$$A \in M_{n \times n}(F) \rightsquigarrow A^* = \overline{A^T}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \langle T(\vec{x}), \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, T^*(\vec{y}) \rangle$$

$\beta$  orthonormal basis

$$(\overline{A\vec{x}})^T \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{x}^T \cdot (A^*\vec{y})$$

Prop:

$$(a) (T+U)^* = T^* + U^*$$

$$(b) (cT)^* = \overline{c} \cdot T^* \quad \forall c \in F$$

$$(c) (TU)^* = U^* T^*$$

$$(d) T^{**} = T$$

$$(e) I^* = I$$

Equivalently, same properties for matrices

$$(a) (A+B)^* = A^* + B^*$$

$$(b) (c \cdot A)^* = \overline{c} \cdot A^* \quad \forall c \in F$$

$$(c) (AB)^* = B^* A^*$$

$$(d) A^{**} = A$$

$$(e) (I_n)^* = I_n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{pf of (a): } \quad \langle \vec{x}, (T+U)^* \vec{y} \rangle &= \langle (T+U) \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle \\
 \forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V &= \langle T\vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle + \langle U\vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle \\
 &= \langle \vec{x}, T^*(\vec{y}) \rangle + \langle \vec{x}, U^*(\vec{y}) \rangle \\
 &= \langle \vec{x}, (T^*+U^*)(\vec{y}) \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } (T+U)^* = T^* + U^*$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{pf of (d): } \quad \langle \vec{x}, T^{**}(\vec{y}) \rangle &= \langle T^*(\vec{x}), \vec{y} \rangle \\
 &= \langle \vec{x}, T(\vec{y}) \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } T^{**} = T.$$

□

Prop: Suppose  $T \in L(V)$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .  
then  $T^*$  has an eigenvalue  $\bar{\lambda}$ .

(Equivalently, Suppose  $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ ,  
then  $A^*$  has an eigenvalue  $\bar{\lambda}$ .)

Note: the eigenvectors of  $T$  and  $T^*$  w.r.t  $\lambda$  and  $\bar{\lambda}$  may be different.

First Proof. Let  $T(\vec{v}) = \lambda \cdot \vec{v}$  for some  $\vec{v} \neq 0$ .

$$\text{Then } \forall \vec{x} \in V. \quad 0 = \langle (T - \lambda I)\vec{v}, \vec{x} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \vec{v}, (T - \lambda I)^*(\vec{x}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \vec{v}, (T^* - \bar{\lambda} I)(\vec{x}) \rangle$$

Hence  $\vec{v} \perp R(T^* - \bar{\lambda}I)$

So  $R(T^* - \bar{\lambda}I) \neq V$ . i.e.,  $T^* - \bar{\lambda}I$  is not onto  
and hence not one-to-one

$\Rightarrow N(T^* - \bar{\lambda}I)$  contains at least one nonzero vector,  
which is an eigenvector of  $T^*$  associated with  $\bar{\lambda}$ .

Second proof:  $A$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda \Leftrightarrow A - \lambda I$  is singular  
(of the matrix version)  $\Leftrightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \det(A^* - \bar{\lambda}I) = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \bar{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^*$

## § Normal operator.

Def:  $V$  inner product space.  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$

$T$  is **normal** if  $TT^* = T^*T$

Example / Definition.

- $T$  is **unitary** (when  $F = \mathbb{C}$ ) or **orthogonal** (when  $F = \mathbb{R}$ ) if  $TT^* = T^*T = I$
- $T$  is **self-adjoint** / **Hermitian** if  $T^* = T$
- $T$  is **anti-self-adjoint** / **skew-Hermitian** if  $T^* = -T$ .

Corresponding definition for matrices:

•  $A$  is **normal** if  $A^*A = AA^*$ .

•  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ :  $A$  **unitary** if  $A^*A = AA^* = I$

**Hermitian** if  $A^* = A$  ; **skew-Hermitian**  $A^* = -A$

•  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ :  $A$  **orthogonal** if  $A^T A = A A^T = I$

$(A^* = A^T)$

**symmetric** if  $A^T = A$  , **skew-symmetric**  $A^T = -A$

Recall:  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is called diagonalizable if  $\exists$  basis of eigenvectors

When  $V$  is an inner product space,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is "diagonalizable" if  $\exists$  orthonormal basis of eigenvectors.

~~★~~ Main Theorem: Suppose  $V$  is a finite-dimensional complex inner product space ( $F = \mathbb{C}$ )

Then  $T$  is normal  $\Leftrightarrow T$  is "diagonalizable"

i.e.,  $\exists$  an orthonormal basis for  $V$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ .

Rmk: •  $F = \mathbb{C}$  is essential because char. poly needs split.

When  $F = \mathbb{R}$ , not all normal operators are "diag".

$$T: L_A = \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T^* = L_{A^*} \quad A^* = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow TT^* = T^*T = I$$

$T$  normal but not diag.

• For infinite-dim  $V$ ,  $\exists$  Counterexample to the Theorem [P372, Ex3]



Proof of Main Theorem is divided into 3 steps.

Step 1: " $\Leftarrow$ " if part

Step 2: Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ .  $V$  fin-dim complex inner product space  
 $\exists$  orthonormal basis  $\beta$  s.t.  $[T]_{\beta}$  is upper triangular.

(Here, "normal" is not needed, but  $F = \mathbb{C}$  is essential.)

Step 3:  $T$  normal +  $[T]_{\beta}$  upper triangular

$\Rightarrow [T]_{\beta}$  is diagonal

Step 1: pf of  $\Leftarrow$ .

Suppose  $\beta$  is an orthonormal basis for  $V$  of eigenvectors of  $T$ .  
then  $[T]_{\beta}$  is diagonal, and  $[T^*]_{\beta} = [T]_{\beta}^*$  is also diagonal.

Since diagonal matrices commute, we have

$$[TT^*]_{\beta} = [T]_{\beta} \cdot [T^*]_{\beta} = [T^*]_{\beta} [T]_{\beta} = [T^*T]_{\beta}$$

Hence  $TT^* = T^*T$

□

Step 2:

~~Theorem~~ (Schur) Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  where  $V$  is finite-dim inner product space.

Assume further that char. poly  $f_T(t)$  splits.

Then  $\exists$  an orthonormal basis  $\beta$  for  $V$  s.t.  $[T]_\beta$  is upper triangular.

pf: Induction on  $n := \dim(V)$ .

•  $n=1$ . trivial

• Assume true for  $n-1$ , to show true for  $n$ .

Since char poly  $f_T(t)$  splits,  $T$  has an eigenvalue thus also eigenvector

By the earlier prop,  $T^*$  also has an eigenvector.

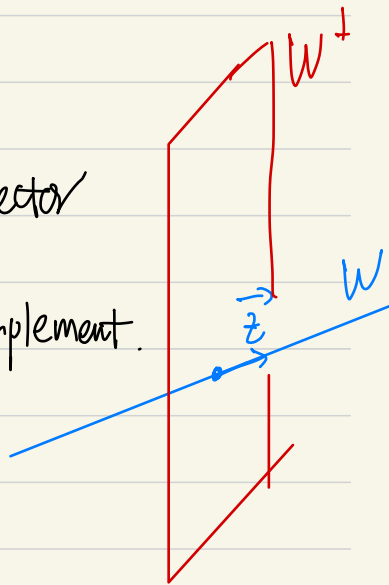
Assume  $T^*(\vec{z}) = \lambda \vec{z}$  for some  $\vec{z}$  unit eigenvector

Set  $W = \text{Span}\{\vec{z}\}$ , let  $W^\perp$  be the orthogonal complement.

•  $W^\perp$  is  $T$ -invariant.

pf: Let  $\vec{y} \in W^\perp$ , to show  $T(\vec{y}) \in W^\perp$

$$\text{Note } \langle T(\vec{y}), \vec{z} \rangle = \langle \vec{y}, T^*(\vec{z}) \rangle = \langle \vec{y}, \lambda \vec{z} \rangle = 0.$$



- In addition,  $\dim W^\perp = n-1$ .

$$T_{W^\perp} : W^\perp \longrightarrow W^\perp$$

- Char poly. of  $T_{W^\perp}$  divides char. poly of  $T$

$$\Rightarrow f_{T_{W^\perp}}(t) \text{ splits .}$$

Induction hypothesis implies that  $\exists$  orthonormal basis  $\gamma$  for  $W^\perp$   
s.t.  $[T_{W^\perp}]_\gamma$  is upper triangular.

Let  $\beta := \gamma \cup \{\vec{z}\}$  : orthonormal basis for  $V$ .

$$[T]_{\beta} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} [T(\mathcal{W})]_{\beta} & T(\vec{z}) \\ \hline & \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} [T_{\text{int}}]_{\beta} & T(\vec{z}) \\ \hline 0 & \end{array} \right)$$

induction hypothesis

Since  $\mathcal{W}^{\perp}$  is  $T$ -inv.

Upper triangular !

□

Step 3:  $T$  normal,  $\beta$  orthonormal basis.  $[T]_{\beta}$  upper triangular

$\Rightarrow [T]_{\beta}$  diagonal.

Theorem: Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  be normal. Then we have.

(a).  $\|T(\vec{x})\| = \|T^*(\vec{x})\| \quad \forall \vec{x} \in V$

(b).  $T - cI$  is normal  $\quad \forall c \in \mathbb{F}$

(c). If  $T(\vec{x}) = \lambda \vec{x}$ , then  $T^*(\vec{x}) = \bar{\lambda} \vec{x}$

(d). If  $T(\vec{x}_1) = \lambda_1 \vec{x}_1$ ,  $T(\vec{x}_2) = \lambda_2 \vec{x}_2$  and  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$   
then  $\vec{x}_1$  and  $\vec{x}_2$  are orthogonal.

pf: (a)  $\|T(\vec{x})\|^2 = \langle T(\vec{x}), T(\vec{x}) \rangle$   
 $= \langle T^*T(\vec{x}), \vec{x} \rangle$   
 $= \langle TT^*(\vec{x}), \vec{x} \rangle$   
 $= \langle T^*(\vec{x}), T^*(\vec{x}) \rangle$   
 $= \|T^*(\vec{x})\|^2.$

(b). Check  $(T-cI)^* \cdot (T-cI) = (T-cI) \cdot (T-cI)^*$

Exercise: Use  $(T-cI)^* = T^* - \bar{c}I$  and  $TT^* = T^*T$ .

(c).  $(T-\lambda I)\vec{x} = 0.$

By part (b),  $T-\lambda I$  is normal.



$$\text{By part (a)} \quad 0 = \| (T - \lambda I) \vec{x} \| = \| (T - \lambda I)^* (\vec{x}) \| \\ \| (T^* - \bar{\lambda} I) \vec{x} \|$$

$$\text{Hence } (T^* - \bar{\lambda} I) (\vec{x}) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow T^* \vec{x} = \bar{\lambda} \cdot \vec{x}$$

$$(d) \quad \langle T(\vec{x}_1), \vec{x}_2 \rangle = \langle \lambda_1 \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 \rangle = \lambda_1 \langle \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 \rangle$$

$$= \langle \vec{x}_1, T^*(\vec{x}_2) \rangle \stackrel{\text{part (c)}}{=} \langle \vec{x}_1, \lambda_2 \vec{x}_2 \rangle = \lambda_2 \langle \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 \rangle$$

$$\text{Since } \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2, \quad \langle \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 \rangle = 0$$

□

pf of Step 3: Suppose  $\beta = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  orthonormal basis

$$[T]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & 0 & 0 \\ & & \lambda_3 & 0 \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Upper triangular.}$$

Note that  $\vec{v}_1$  is an eigenvector of  $T$ .

Suppose that  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{k-1}$  are eigenvectors, we prove  $\vec{v}_k$  is also an eigenvector.

(Then by induction, all vectors in  $\beta$  are eigenvectors)

Let  $A := [T]_{\beta}$  upper triangular.

$$T(\vec{v}_i) = \lambda_i \vec{v}_i \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq k-1 \quad (\Rightarrow T^*(\vec{v}_i) = \bar{\lambda}_i \vec{v}_i)$$

$$T(\vec{v}_k) = \underbrace{A_{1k}}_{\text{"0?"}} \vec{v}_1 + \underbrace{A_{2k}}_{\text{"0?"}} \vec{v}_2 + \dots + A_{kk} \vec{v}_k$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq k-1$ ,  $\underbrace{A_{ik}}_{\text{"0?"}} = \langle T(\vec{v}_k), \vec{v}_i \rangle$   
 $= \langle \vec{v}_k, T^*(\vec{v}_i) \rangle$   
 $= \langle \vec{v}_k, \bar{\lambda}_i \vec{v}_i \rangle$   
 $= 0.$

Hence  $T(\vec{v}_k) = A_{kk} \vec{v}_k \Rightarrow \vec{v}_k$  is an eigenvector.  
 $\Rightarrow [T]_{\beta}$  is diagonal. □

§ Analogous result in real case.

Main Theorem: Let  $T \in L(V)$ , where  $V$  is a real, finite-dimensional

Then:  $T$  self adjoint  $\Leftrightarrow T$  "diagonalizable"

$$(T = T^*)$$

Rmk: In matrix version,  $T$  self-adjoint  $F = \mathbb{R}$ .

$\Leftrightarrow [T]_{\beta}$  symmetric matrix

pf of  $\Leftarrow$  : Assume there is an orthonormal basis  $\beta$  of eigenvectors.

then  $[T]_{\beta}$  is a diagonal matrix with real entries,

$$\Rightarrow [T^*]_{\beta} = [T]_{\beta}^* = [T]_{\beta} \quad \Leftrightarrow T^* = T \quad \square$$

To prove  $\Rightarrow$ , need splitting char. poly (in order to apply Schur Thm)

Lemma:  $T$  self adjoint operator on fin-dim inner product space  $V$ . Then  $F = \mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$

(a). All eigenvalues of  $T$  are real.

(b). Characteristic polynomial  $f_T(t)$  splits.

Proof: (a) Suppose  $T(\vec{x}) = \lambda \vec{x}$  for  $\vec{x} \neq 0$ .

Then  $T^*(\vec{x}) = \bar{\lambda} \vec{x}$  since  $T$  is normal.

Hence  $\lambda \vec{x} = T(\vec{x}) = T^*(\vec{x}) = \bar{\lambda} \vec{x}$ .

$\Rightarrow \lambda = \bar{\lambda}$  :  $\lambda$  is real.

(b) Suppose  $\dim V = n$ .  $\beta$  orthonormal basis for  $V$ .  $[T]_{\beta} = A$

Consider  $L_A: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ .  $L_A$  is self-adjoint.

By Fundamental Thm of algebra,  $f_{L_A}(t)$  splits (over  $\mathbb{C}$ ) into factor of the form  $(t-\lambda_1)\cdots(t-\lambda_n)$ , where  $\lambda_i$ 's are eigenvalues.

By (a), all eigenvalues are real

$\Rightarrow f_{L_A}(t)$  also splits over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

As  $f_T(t) = f_{L_A}(t)$ , it also splits

□

Pf of Main Thm (Self adjoint  $\Rightarrow$  "diagonalizable" for  $F = \mathbb{R}$ )

(Step 2:) The above lemma implies  $f_T(t)$  splits over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

By Schur's Theorem,  $\exists$  an orthonormal basis  $\beta$  for  $V$   
s.t.  $[T]_\beta =: A$  is upper triangular

(Simpler Step 3:)

Note:  $A^* = ([T]_\beta)^* = [T^*]_\beta \stackrel{T=T^*}{=} [T]_\beta = A$ .

$\Rightarrow$   $A$  is real symmetric, but also upper triangular,

$\Rightarrow$   $A$  is diagonal □

