

Th: If  $m_L(t) = \prod_{i=1}^r f_i(t)^{m_i}$  then (256)  
 $W_i = \ker(f_i(L)^{m_i})$  and  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_r$  and  
if  $L_i = L|_{W_i}$  then  $m_{L_i}(t) = f_i(t)^{m_i}$ .  
(this is called the Primary Decomposition Theorem.)

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Pf. This follows from two next Theorems, whose proofs are in the textbook, and which follow ideas already given in the Jordan Form proof.

Th: Let  $L = V \rightarrow V$  and  $f(t) = g(t)h(t) \in F[t]$  with  $\text{g.c.d.}(g(t), h(t)) = 1$  and  $f(L) = 0_V$ . Then  $U = \ker(g(L))$  and  $W = \ker(h(L))$  are  $L$ -invar. subspaces of  $V$ , and  $V = U \oplus W$ .

Th: With notation as in the last Theorem, 257  
 if  $f(t) = m_L(t)$  and  $g(t), h(t)$  are monic, then  
 $L|_U$  has min. poly.  $g(t)$  and  $L|_W$  has min. poly.  $h(t)$ .

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Cyclic Subspaces. Let  $L: V \rightarrow V$ ,  $\dim(V) < \infty$ .  
 For  $\theta \neq 0 \in V$  define  $Z(v, L) = \{f(L)v \in V \mid f(t) \in F[t]\}$   
 the  $L$ -cyclic subspace of  $V$  generated by  $v$ , and  
 let  $L_v = L|_{Z(v, L)}$ . To get another viewpoint,  
 consider the set  $\{v, L(v), L^2(v), L^3(v), \dots\}$ . Let  
 $1 \leq k \in \mathbb{Z}$  be the least s.t.  $\{v, L(v), \dots, L^k(v)\}$  is dep.  
 so  $k \leq \dim(V)$  and  $\{v, L(v), \dots, L^{k-1}(v)\}$  is indep.  
 Can find  $a_i \in F$  s.t.  $\theta = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i L^i(v)$  with  $a_{k-1} = 1$ .



This says  $L^k(v) = -\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i L^i(v) \in \langle v, L(v), \dots, L^{k-1}(v) \rangle$  258

and for poly  $f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i t^i$ ,  $f(L)(v) = \theta$

so  $f(L)(L^i(v)) = L^i(f(L)(v)) = L^i(\theta) = \theta$ .

But no smaller degree  $g(t)$  does  $g(L)(v) = \theta$   
by indep. of  $\{v, \dots, L^{k-1}(v)\}$  (min. choice of  $k$ ).

Thus,  $f(t) = m_{L,v}(t)$ . Also,

$L^{k+1}(v) = -\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i L^{i+1}(v) \in \langle L(v), \dots, L^{k-1}(v), L^k(v) \rangle$   
 $\subseteq \langle v, L(v), \dots, L^{k-1}(v) \rangle$

and  $\langle v, L(v), \dots, L^{k-1}(v) \rangle$  is  $L$ -invariant so inv. under all polys  $g(L)$  for any  $g(t) \in F[t]$ .

Th: Let  $Z(v, L)$ ,  $L_v$ ,  $m_v(t) = m_{L_v}(t)$  be as 259

defined above. Then

(1)  $B = \{v, L(v), \dots, L^{k-1}(v)\}$  is a basis of  $Z(v, L)$ , so

$$\dim(Z(v, L)) = k$$

(2) Min. poly. of  $L_v$  is  $m_v(t) = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i t^i$

$$(3) {}_B [L_v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -a_0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & -a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & -a_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} = C(m_v(t))$$

is called the companion matrix of poly. monic

$m_v(t)$ . This matrix also has char. matrix

$m_v(t)$ .



Examples: Find the companion matrix for  $\underline{\mathbb{Z}_60}$

the poly.  $f(t) = (t^2+1)^2$

Solution:  $f(t) = t^4 + 2t^2 + 1 = t^4 + 0t^3 + 2t^2 + 0t + 1$

$$\text{so } C((t^2+1)^2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise: Check that  $f(t)$  is the char. and min. poly of this matrix.

Note:  $C(t^2+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  since  $t^2+1 = t^2+0t+1$

Question: If  $A = \text{diag}(C((t^2+1)^2), C(t^2+1))$  then what is  $\text{char}_A(t)$ ? What is  $m_A(t)$ ?

Answer:  $\text{char}_A(t) = (t^2+1)^2(t^2+1) = (t^2+1)^3$

$$m_A(t) = (t^2+1)^2 = \text{l.c.m.}((t^2+1)^2, t^2+1)$$

Ex: Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $L = L_A: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ . [261]

$$\text{char}_{\mathbb{R}}(t) = \text{char}_{\mathbb{R}}(t) = \det(tI_2 - A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} t+1 & 1 \\ -1 & t \end{bmatrix} = t^2 + t + 1$$

which is irreducible over  $\mathbb{R}$ , so  $A$  is not diag-able over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Can't do Jordan form over  $\mathbb{R}$  since  $\text{char}_{\mathbb{R}}(t)$  is not a product of linear factors.

Let  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Find  $Z(v, L) = \langle v, L(v), \dots \rangle$

$$L(v) = Av = \text{Col}_1(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. T = \left\{ v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, L(v) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

is indep. and spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and

$$L^2(v) = L(L(v)) = A \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has solution: } \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_1 = -1 \quad \text{so } L^2(v) = -L(v) - v \quad \text{so } (L^2 + L + I)(v) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_2 = -1$  so  $L$  satisfies  $p(t) = t^2 + t + 1$ .



This is no surprise since  $p(A) = \text{char}_A(A) = t^2/262$   
 by Cayley-Hamilton Th. But what is  ${}_T[L]_T$ ?

If  $T = \{v_1 = v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = L(v) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\}$  then

$L(T)$  is:  $L(v_1) = v_2$  and  $L(v_2) = L^2(v_1) = -v_1 - v_2$

so  $[L(v_1)]_T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $[L(v_2)]_T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  so

$${}_T[L]_T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = C(t^2 + t + 1) = P^{-1}AP \text{ where } P = {}_S P_T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $L = L_A: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ .  
 Let  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Find  $Z(v, L)$ . Can

we use it to get a companion matrix similar to  $A$ ?