

Uses of Jordan normal form:

• solve $y'(t) = Ay(t)$, $y(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$, $A = n \times n$ matrix

↳ let $A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow y(t) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix}$

↳ let $A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} y_1'(t) &= \lambda y_1(t) + y_2(t) \\ y_2'(t) &= \lambda y_2(t) \end{aligned}$

$\Rightarrow y_2(t) = c e^{\lambda t}$, $y_1(t) = c t e^{\lambda t}$

HW: formula for any Jordan block

HW: solve $y'(t) = Ay(t)$ in general by changing A to Jordan normal form

• taking powers of matrix: $A = X J X^{-1}$, $J = \text{Jordan normal form}$

$\Rightarrow A^k = X J X^{-1} X J X^{-1} \dots X J X^{-1} = X J^k X^{-1}$

I.10 (De)complexification

Decomplexification

L, M vector spaces over \mathbb{C} , $\dim L < \infty$, $\dim M < \infty$

multiplication only over $\mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$ real vector space $L_{\mathbb{R}}$ (decomplexification of L)

$f: L \rightarrow M$ linear $\Rightarrow f_{\mathbb{R}}: L_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow M_{\mathbb{R}}$ (decomplexification of f)
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 over \mathbb{C} over \mathbb{C}

Thm.: a) If e_1, \dots, e_n basis of L over \mathbb{C} , then $e_1, \dots, e_n, ie_1, \dots, ie_n$ basis of $L_{\mathbb{R}}$ over \mathbb{R} (in particular: $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} L_{\mathbb{R}} = 2 \dim_{\mathbb{C}} L$).

b) $f: L \rightarrow M$ linear with matrix $A = B + iC$, B, C real matrices, in bases e_1, \dots, e_m and e'_1, \dots, e'_m , then matrix of $f_{\mathbb{R}}: L_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow M_{\mathbb{R}}$ is

$$\begin{pmatrix} B & -C \\ C & B \end{pmatrix} \text{ in bases } e_1, \dots, e_m, ie_1, \dots, ie_m \text{ and } e'_1, \dots, e'_m, ie'_1, \dots, ie'_m.$$

c) $f: L \rightarrow L$ linear, then $\det f_{\mathbb{R}} = |\det f|^2$

Proof:

$$a) \text{ any } e \in L: e = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k e_k = \sum_{k=1}^m (b_k + i c_k) e_k = \sum_{k=1}^m b_k e_k + \sum_{k=1}^m c_k (i e_k)$$

\Rightarrow generating

$$\text{also, if lin. comb.} = 0 \Rightarrow b_k + i c_k = 0 \quad (e_1, \dots, e_m \text{ lin. indep.})$$

$$\Rightarrow b_k = 0 = c_k$$

b) recall def. of matrix elements:

$$(f(e_1), \dots, f(e_m)) = (e'_1, \dots, e'_m) (B + iC)$$

$$\mathbb{C}\text{-linearity: } (f(ie_1), \dots, f(ie_m)) = (e'_1, \dots, e'_m) (-C + iB)$$

$$\Rightarrow (f(e_1), \dots, f(e_m), f(ie_1), \dots, f(ie_m)) = (e'_1, \dots, e'_m, ie'_1, \dots, ie'_m) \begin{pmatrix} B & -C \\ C & B \end{pmatrix}$$

c) let matrix of f be $B + iC$

$$\Rightarrow \det f_{\mathbb{R}} = \det \begin{pmatrix} B & -C \\ C & B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(+i) \text{ bottom row } \downarrow \Rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} B+ic & -C+iB \\ C & B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(-i) \text{ first column } \downarrow \Rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} B+ic & 0 \\ C & B-ic \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \det(B+ic) \det(B-ic)$$

$$= \det f \cdot \overline{\det f}$$

$$= |\det f|^2$$

□

Complex Structure

back from $L_{\mathbb{R}}$ to L ? Need to know $J: L_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow L_{\mathbb{R}}, e \mapsto J(e) = ie, J^2 = -id$

Def.: Let V be vector space over \mathbb{R} . Then lin. operator $J: V \rightarrow V$ with $J^2 = -id$

is called complex structure on V .

Thm.: Let V be a real vector space with complex structure J and let

$(a+ib)e = ae + bJ(e)$ be def. as multiplication with complex numbers to yield

a space \tilde{V} . Then \tilde{V} is a complex vector space, and $\tilde{V}_{\mathbb{R}} = V$.

Proof: clear, associativity in \mathbb{C} follows from $J^2 = -id$.

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note: $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} V = 2 \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \tilde{V}$ is even

• matrix of J can be chosen (in some basis) as $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E_n \\ E_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $E_n = n \times n$ unit matrix

Complexification:

Fix real vector space V . On $V \oplus V$, take $\mathcal{J}(e_1, e_2) = (-e_2, e_1)$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{J}^2(e_1, e_2) = \mathcal{J}(-e_2, e_1) = (-e_1, -e_2)$, so $\mathcal{J}^2 = -\text{id}$ is a complex structure

Complexification of V is $\widetilde{V \oplus V} =: V^{\mathbb{C}}$ with this \mathcal{J} .

Note: $\cdot v \in V$ identified with $(v, 0) \in V \oplus V$

$$i(v, 0) = \mathcal{J}(v, 0) = (0, v)$$

$$\Rightarrow V^{\mathbb{C}} \ni (e_1, e_2) = (e_1, 0) + (0, e_2) = (e_1, 0) + i(e_2, 0) = e_1 + i e_2$$

$$\Rightarrow V^{\mathbb{C}} = V \oplus iV \text{ (direct sum over } \mathbb{R} \text{)}$$

$$\cdot \dim_{\mathbb{R}} V = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} V^{\mathbb{C}}$$

$$\cdot f: V \rightarrow W, \text{ def. } f^{\mathbb{C}}: V^{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow W^{\mathbb{C}} \text{ by } f(v_1, v_2) = (f(v_1), f(v_2))$$

\Rightarrow matrices of f and $f^{\mathbb{C}}$ the same \Rightarrow eigenvalues the same

Application:

Thm.: Let $f \in \mathcal{L}(V)$, with V a real vector space, $\dim V \geq 1$. Then f has an invariant subspace of dimension 1 or 2.

Proof: If f has real eigenvalue \Rightarrow subspace spanned by some eigenvector invariant.

If not, all eigenvalues are complex.

\Rightarrow choose $\lambda + i\mu \Rightarrow$ also eigenvalue of $f^{\mathbb{C}}$, let eigenvector be $v_1 + i v_2$ (in $V^{\mathbb{C}}$)

$$\Rightarrow f^{\mathbb{C}}(v_1 + i v_2) = f(v_1) + i f(v_2) = (\lambda + i\mu)(v_1 + i v_2) = \underbrace{(\lambda v_1 - \mu v_2)}_{= f(v_1)} + i \underbrace{(\mu v_1 + \lambda v_2)}_{= f(v_2)} \quad \square$$

linear span of v_1, v_2 in V invariant under f .

now:

$$V \rightarrow V^{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow (V^{\mathbb{C}})_{\mathbb{R}} \cong V \oplus V \text{ canonically isomorphic}$$

$$L \text{ complex vector space: } L \rightarrow L_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow (L_{\mathbb{R}})^{\mathbb{C}} ?$$

Def.: The complex conjugate space \bar{L} is def. as L with multiplication $\bar{c}l$

for $c \in \mathbb{C}, l \in L$.

$$\text{then: } (L_{\mathbb{R}})^{\mathbb{C}} \stackrel{\text{can.}}{\cong} L \oplus \bar{L} \quad (\text{note: } i \text{ on } L, \text{ and } j \text{ on } (L_{\mathbb{R}})^{\mathbb{C}})$$

Why?

$J^2 = -\text{id}$, so J has eigenvalues $\pm i$

$$\Rightarrow \text{subspaces } \mathcal{L}^{1,0} = \left\{ (l_1, l_2) \in (L_{\mathbb{R}})^{\mathbb{C}} : J(l_1, l_2) = i(l_1, l_2) \right\} \stackrel{=}{=} (-l_2, l_1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{0,1} = \left\{ (l_1, l_2) \in (L_{\mathbb{R}})^{\mathbb{C}} : J(l_1, l_2) = -i(l_1, l_2) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{1,0} \ni (l_1, -il_1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{0,1} \ni (il_1, l_1)$$