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ELEMENTARY CANONICAL FORMS

6.1 INTRODUCTION :-

Defn :-

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector space over the field  $F$ . A linear transformation from  $V$  into  $W$  is a function  $T$  from  $V$  into  $W$  such that  $T(c\alpha + \beta) = c(T\alpha) + T\beta$  are  $\alpha, \beta$  in the all scalar  $c$ .

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Defn :-

If  $V$  is a vector space over a field  $F$ , a linear operator on  $V$  is a linear transformation from  $V$  into  $V$ .

Defn :-

The function  $T$  from  $V$  into  $V$  is called invertible if there exist a function  $U$  from  $V$

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Let  $V$  such that  $\tau$  is identity on  $V$  and  $\tau V$  is identity function on  $V$ .

If  $\tau$  is invertible on  $V$  then there exist  $U(\tau^{-1})$  such that  $\tau\tau^{-1} = \tau^{-1}\tau = I$ .

Defn:—

A linear transformation is non-singular if  $\tau\alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0$ .

A linear transformation is said to be singular then  $\exists$  linear transformation  $U$  on  $V$  such that  $\tau U = U\tau = 0$ .

Defn:—

The set of all linear transformation from  $V$  into  $W$  is denoted by  $L(V, W)$ .

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Let  $\tau$  be a linear operator on an  $n$ -dimensional space  $V$ .  $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  for  $V$  we could find an ordered basis. In which  $\tau$  is represented by a diagonal matrix  $D$ .

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Defn:—

Let  $V$  be a vector space  $F$  and let  $\tau$  be a linear operator. Characteristic value of  $\tau$  is a scalar  $c$  such that there is a non-zero vector  $\alpha$  with  $\tau\alpha = c\alpha$ . If  $c$  is a characteristic of  $\tau$ , then

(a) any  $\alpha$  such that  $\tau\alpha = c\alpha$  is characteristic vector of  $\tau$  associated with characteristic value  $c$ .

(b) the collection of all  $\alpha$  such that  $\tau\alpha = c\alpha$  is called the characteristic space associated with  $c$ .

Remark:—

1. If  $\tau$  is any linear operator and  $c$  is a scalar, the set of vectors  $\alpha$  such that  $\tau\alpha = c\alpha$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Proof:—

Let there exist a non-zero  $\alpha \in V$  such that  $\tau\alpha = c\alpha$ , for some  $c$ .

Let  $W = \{\alpha \in V : T\alpha = c\alpha\}$ .

Consider  $\alpha, \beta$  any two vectors in  $W$ , then  
 $T\alpha = c\alpha, T\beta = c\beta$ .

For  $a, b \in F$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(a\alpha + b\beta) &= aT(\alpha) + bT(\beta) \quad (\because \text{linearity of } T) \\ &= ac\alpha + bc\beta \\ &= c(a\alpha + b\beta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a\alpha + b\beta \in W$$

$\therefore W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Theorem: (i)

Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional space  $V$  and let  $c$  be a scalar.

The following are equivalent.

(i)  $c$  is a characteristic value of  $T$ .

(ii) The operation  $(T - cI)$  is singular (not invertible)

(iii)  $\det(T - cI) = 0$ .

Proof: (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii):

Assume that  $c$  is a characteristic value of  $T$ . Then by defn there is a non-zero vector  $\alpha \neq 0$  such that  $T\alpha = c\alpha$ .

$$\text{is } T\alpha - c\alpha = 0$$

$$\alpha(T - cI) = 0$$

$$(T - cI) = 0 \quad (\because \alpha \neq 0)$$

$\Rightarrow (T - cI)$  is singular.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii):

Since  $(T - cI)$  is singular, it is not invertible.

Since  $(T - cI)$  is singular,  $\exists$  a non-zero vector  $\alpha \in V$ ,  $\det(T - cI) = 0$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i):

Assume that  $\det(T - cI) = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow (T - cI)$  is not invertible.

$\Rightarrow (T - cI)$  is singular.

$\Rightarrow (T - cI)(\alpha) = 0$  where  $\alpha$  is non-zero vector.

$$\Rightarrow T\alpha = cI(\alpha) = c\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow T\alpha = c\alpha$$

$\Rightarrow c$  is a characteristic value of  $T$ .

This completes the proof of the theorem.

Defn: (characteristic value of a matrix)

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix over the field  $F$ , a characteristic value of  $A$  in  $F$  is a

similar matrix: Let A and B be nxn (square) matrices over the field F. we say that B is similar to A over F if there is an invertible nxn matrix P such that B = P^-1 A P.

(b) scalar  $c \in F$  such that the matrix  $(A - cI)$  is singular. (not invertible) is  $\det(A - cI) = 0$ .

NOTE:~

(i)  $c$  is the characteristic value of  $A$  iff  $\det(A - cI) = 0$ .

(ii) The polynomial  $f = \det(xI - A)$ . clearly the characteristic value of  $A$  in  $F$  are just scalar  $c$  in  $F$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ . Hence  $f$  is called the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

Lemma:~

Similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial.

Proof:~

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two similar matrices then for an invertible matrix  $P$ , we have

$$B = P^{-1}AP$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det(xI - B) &= \det(xI - P^{-1}AP) \\
 &= \det(P^{-1}(xI - A)P) \\
 &= \det P^{-1} \cdot \det(xI - A) \cdot \det P \\
 &= \det(xI - A)
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.

Ex:~

1. Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which is represented in the standard order basis by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic polynomial for  $T$  (or  $A$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \det(xI - A) \\
 &= x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 \\ -1 & x \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= x^2 + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

The characteristic values are  $i$  and  $-i$ . The matrix  $A$  has no characteristic value in  $\mathbb{R}$ . But has two characteristic values and  $-i$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

∴ In discussing the characteristic values we must be careful the field involved.

2. Find the characteristic vectors  $T$  of a real matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:~

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

(10) Thus space of characteristic vectors associated the characteristic value 1 is  $\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\therefore$  vector  $\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  spans the nullspace of  $A - I$ .

Thus  $T\alpha = \lambda\alpha \Leftrightarrow \alpha$  is a scalar multiple of  $\alpha_1$ .

Given  $c_2 = 2$ .

$$A - c_2 I = A - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $\alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$  be the characteristic vector

for  $c_2$  then  $(A - c_2 I)\alpha_2 = (A - c_2 I)\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$(A - c_2 I)\alpha_2 = 0$$

$$(A - c_2 I)\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

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$$y_1 + y_2 - y_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$2y_1 + 0y_2 - y_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$2y_1 + 2y_2 - 2y_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

From this system of linear eqns (1) & (2) are linearly independent.

$$\begin{matrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{y_1}{-1+0} = \frac{y_2}{-2+1} = \frac{y_3}{0-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y_1}{-1} = \frac{y_2}{-1} = \frac{y_3}{-2} \Rightarrow \frac{y_1}{1} = \frac{y_2}{1} = \frac{y_3}{2}$$

$\therefore$  Thus space of characteristic vectors associated the characteristic value 2 is  $\alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\therefore$  vector  $\alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  spans the nullspace

of  $A - I$ .

Thus  $T\alpha = 2\alpha \Leftrightarrow \alpha$  is a scalar multiple of  $\alpha_2$ .

NOTE:

(12) If there is an ordered basis  $B = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  for  $V$  in which each  $\alpha_i$  is a characteristic vector of  $T$ , then the matrix of  $T$  in the ordered basis  $B$  is diagonal. If  $T\alpha_i = c_i\alpha_i$ , then

$$[T]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

(13) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on the finite dimensional space  $V$ . We say that  $T$  is diagonalizable if there is a basis for  $V$  each vector of which is a characteristic vector of  $T$ .

Lemma:-

Suppose that  $T\alpha = c\alpha$ . If  $f$  is any polynomial, then  $f(T)\alpha = f(c)\alpha$ .

Proof:-

Given (i)  $T\alpha = c\alpha$

(ii)  $f$  is any polynomial

$$\text{So } P.T \quad f(T)\alpha = f(c)\alpha$$

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_kx^k$$

$$\text{Now } T^2\alpha = (TT)\alpha$$

$$= T(T\alpha) = T(c\alpha)$$

$$= c(T\alpha) = c(c\alpha)$$

$$= c^2\alpha$$

$$T^k\alpha = c^k\alpha \quad \text{for every +ve integer } k.$$

$$f(T) = a_0 + a_1T + a_2T^2 + \dots + a_kT^k$$

$$f(T)\alpha = (a_0 + a_1T + a_2T^2 + \dots + a_kT^k)\alpha$$

$$= (a_0T^0)\alpha + (a_1T)\alpha + (a_2T^2)\alpha + \dots + (a_kT^k)\alpha$$

$$= a_0\left(\begin{smallmatrix} c^0 \\ \alpha \end{smallmatrix}\right) + a_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} c^1 \\ \alpha \end{smallmatrix}\right) + a_2\left(\begin{smallmatrix} c^2 \\ \alpha \end{smallmatrix}\right) + \dots + a_k\left(\begin{smallmatrix} c^k \\ \alpha \end{smallmatrix}\right)$$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}$   
 $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$   
 $\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$

(iii)

$$= a_0(c^k) + a_1(c^k) + \dots + a_k(c^k)$$

$$= (a_0 + a_1c + a_2c^2 + \dots + a_kc^k) \alpha$$

$$f(\tau)\alpha = f(c)\alpha$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.

Lemma: m

Let  $\tau$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . Let  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  be the distinct characteristic values of  $\tau$ . Let  $H_i$  be the space of characteristic vectors associated with the characteristic values  $c_i$ .

If  $N = H_1 + \dots + H_k$  then

$$\dim N = \dim H_1 + \dots + \dim H_k.$$

In fact, if  $B_i$  is an ordered basis for  $H_i$  then  $B = (B_1, \dots, B_k)$  is an ordered basis for  $N$ .

Proof: m

Given

(i)  $\tau$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ .

(ii)  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  distinct characteristic value  $\tau$ .

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with characteristic value  $c_i$ .

$$(iv) N = H_1 + \dots + H_k$$

(v)  $B_i$  is an ordered basis for  $H_i$ .

To p.p (i)  $\dim N = \dim H_1 + \dots + \dim H_k$

$$(ii) B = (B_1, \dots, B_k)$$

The space  $N = H_1 + \dots + H_k$  is the subspace spanned by all the characteristic vectors. Then  $\dim N = \dim H_1 + \dots + \dim H_k$ . Now to prove the characteristic spaces are independent with different characteristic values.

Suppose that for each  $i$  we have a  $\beta_i$  in  $H_i$  and assume that  $\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \dots + \beta_k = 0$ . We shall s.p  $\beta_i = 0$  for each  $i$ .

Let  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_kx^k$  be polynomial.

$$0 = f(\tau) \cdot 0$$

$$= f(\tau) (\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \dots + \beta_k)$$

$$= f(\tau) \beta_1 + f(\tau) \beta_2 + \dots + f(\tau) \beta_k$$

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$$= f(c_1)\beta_1 + f(c_2)\beta_2 + \dots + f(c_k)\beta_k \quad [\text{by known lemma}]$$

$$\sum f(c_i)\beta_i = 0$$

choose polynomials  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k$  such

$$\text{that } f_i(c_j) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & i=j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } 0 = f_i(T)0$$

$$= \sum_j \delta_{ij} \beta_j = \delta_{i1} \beta_1 + \delta_{i2} \beta_2 + \dots + \delta_{i,i-1} \beta_{i-1} + \delta_{ii} \beta_i + \dots + \delta_{ik} \beta_k$$

$$= \cancel{\delta_{i1} \beta_1} + \cancel{\delta_{i2} \beta_2} + \dots + \cancel{\delta_{i,i-1} \beta_{i-1}} + \delta_{ii} \beta_i + \dots + \cancel{\delta_{ik} \beta_k}$$

$$0 = \beta_i$$

$$\beta_i = 0 \text{ for each } i.$$

Now let  $\mathcal{B}_i$  be an ordered basis for  $W_i$  and

let  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 + \mathcal{B}_2 + \dots + \mathcal{B}_k$  then  $\mathcal{B}$  spans the

subspace  $N = W_1 + \dots + W_k$ .

Also  $\mathcal{B}$  is a linearly independent sequence of vectors.

Any linear relation between the vectors in  $\mathcal{B}$  will have the form  $\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_k = 0$  where  $\beta_i$  is the linear combination of vectors

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in  $\mathcal{B}_i$ . We proved  $\beta_i = 0$  for each  $i$ .

Since each  $\mathcal{B}_i$  is linearly independent that  $\mathcal{B}$  is linearly independent.

From the lemma observed that the characteristic vectors are linearly independent. This completes the proof of the theorem.

Theorem: in (2)

Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional space  $V$ . Let  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  be the distinct characteristic values of  $T$  and let  $W_i$  be the null space of  $(T - c_i I)$ . The following are equivalent.

(i)  $T$  is diagonalizable.

(ii) The characteristic polynomial for  $T$  is

$$f = (x - c_1)^{d_1} \dots (x - c_k)^{d_k}$$

and  $\dim W_i = d_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

(iii)  $\dim W_1 + \dots + \dim W_k = \dim V$ .

Proof: in

Given

(i)  $T$  linear operator on finite-dimensional space  $V$ .

(ii)  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  characteristic values of  $T$ .



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$$P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{-1} & \frac{-2}{-1} & \frac{-2}{-1} \\ \frac{1}{-1} & \frac{-3}{-1} & \frac{-2}{-1} \\ \frac{-3}{-1} & \frac{4}{-1} & \frac{5}{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -6 & -6 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -5-2+6 & 6+8-12 & 6+4-9 \\ -5-3+6 & 6+12-12 & 6+6-8 \\ 15+6-15 & -18-24+30 & -15-12+20 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & 6 & 4 \\ 6 & -12 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -3-2+6 & -2+2+0 & -2+0+2 \\ -6-6+12 & -4+6+0 & -4+0+4 \\ 18+12-30 & 12-12+0 & 12+0-10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Annihilating

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### 6.7 ANNIHILATING POLYNOMIALS

The collection of polynomials  $P$  in  $F[x]$  such that  $P(T) = 0$  is an ideal in the polynomial algebra  $F[x]$ .

Defn: Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  over the field  $F$ . The minimal polynomial for  $T$  is the unique generator of the ideal of polynomials which annihilate  $T$ .

The minimal polynomial  $P$  for the operator  $T$  is uniquely determined by 2.3

- (i)  $P$  is a monic polynomial over the field  $F$ .
- (ii)  $P(T) = 0$
- (iii) No polynomial over  $F$  which annihilates  $T$  has smaller degree than  $P$  has.

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix over  $F$  define the minimal polynomial for  $A$  as the unique monic generator of the ideal

(28) polynomials over  $F$  which annihilate the operator  $T$  is represented in some ordered basis by the matrix  $A$ , then  $T$  and  $A$  have the same minimal polynomial. If  $f(T)$  is represented in the basis by the matrix  $f(A)$ , so that  $f(T) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f(A) = 0$ .  
 Theorem:  $m(f)$

(29) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  (or) let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. The characteristic and minimal polynomials for  $T$  [for  $A$ ] have the same roots except for multiplicities.

Proof:-

Let  $p(x)$  be the minimal polynomial for  $T$ . Let  $c$  be a scalar.

To p.T  $p(c) = 0 \Leftrightarrow c$  is a characteristic value of  $T$ .

Assume that  $p(c) = 0$ .

To prove  $c$  is a characteristic value of  $T$ .

If  $p(c) = 0$ , then  $p(x) = (x-c)q(x)$ .

where  $q(x)$  is a polynomial.

Since  $\deg q(x) < \deg p(x)$  the defn of the minimal polynomial  $p(x)$  so that  $q(T) \neq 0$ .

(29) Choose a vector  $\beta$  such that  $q(T)\beta \neq 0$ .  
 Let  $\alpha = q(T)\beta$ . Then  

$$0 = p(T)\beta$$

$$= (T-cI)q(T)\beta$$

$$= (T-cI)\alpha$$

$$(T-cI)\alpha = 0.$$

$c$  is a characteristic value of  $T$ .  
 Assume that  $c$  is a characteristic value of  $T$  if  $T\alpha = c\alpha$  with  $\alpha \neq 0$ .

To p.T  $p(c) = 0$ .

By known lemma,

"Suppose that  $T\alpha = c\alpha$ . If  $f$  is any polynomial then  $f(T)\alpha = f(c)\alpha$ ."

$p(T)\alpha = p(c)\alpha$ .

Since  $p(T) = 0$  and  $\alpha \neq 0$

$\therefore p(c) = 0$ .

This completes the proof of the theorem.

If  $T$  is a diagonalizable linear operator then the minimal polynomial for  $T$  is a product of distinct linear factors.