

Unless otherwise stated,  $\mathbb{F}$  is a field and  $V$  will denote a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with finite dimension  $\dim V = n$ .

1. Suppose  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with  $\dim V = n$ . Suppose  $T \in L(V, V)$  is an operator on  $V$ . Suppose  $W_0$  is an  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $V$  and  $v \in V \setminus W_0$ . Write  $W_1 = W_0 + \mathbb{F}[T]v$  and

$$I = \{f \in \mathbb{F}[X] : f(T)v \in W_0\}.$$

Prove that

- (a)  $I$  is a proper ideal,
  - (b) Let  $f$  be the MMP of  $I$ . Prove that  $\dim W_1 = \dim W_0 + \text{degree}(f)$ .
2. Suppose  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with  $\dim V = n$ . Suppose  $T \in L(V, V)$  is an operator on  $V$ . Prove that  $V$  is cyclic if and only if  $V$  has a basis  $E$  such that with respect to  $E$  the matrix of  $T$  is the companion matrix of a monic polynomial  $p$ .
  3. Let  $p$  be a non-constant monic polynomial and  $A$  be the companion matrix of  $p$ . Prove that  $p$  is both the MMP of  $A$  and the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .
  4. Let  $T : \mathbb{F}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^3$  be the operator defined by

$$T(X) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} X$$

Prove that  $\mathbb{F}^3$  is not  $T$ -cyclic.

5. Suppose  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with  $\dim V = n$ . Suppose  $T \in L(V, V)$  is an operator on  $V$ . Suppose  $w_1, \dots, w_r$  be such that
  - (a)  $V = \mathbb{F}[T]w_1 \oplus \mathbb{F}[T]w_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{F}[T]w_r$ .
  - (b) Let  $p_i$  be the MMP of  $w_i$ . Assume that  $p_k \mid p_{k-1}$  for  $k = 2, \dots, r$ .

Prove  $\text{ann}(T) = \text{ann}(w_1) = \mathbb{F}[X]p_1$ .

6. Suppose  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with  $\dim V = n$ . Suppose  $T \in L(V, V)$  is an operator on  $V$ . Assume  $W_0$  is a  $T$ -admissible set and  $V = W_0 + \mathbb{F}[T]v$  for some  $v \in V$ . Find  $w \in V$  such that
- $V = W_0 \oplus \mathbb{F}[T]w$ .
  - Let  $p$  be the MMP of  $w$ . Prove that  $p$  is unique. That means, if  $V = W_0 \oplus \mathbb{F}[T]w'$  for some  $w'$  then MMP of  $w'$  is  $p$ .
7. Suppose  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with  $\dim V = n$ . Suppose  $T \in L(V, V)$  is an operator on  $V$ . Then  $V$  is  $T$ -cyclic if and only if the characteristic polynomial and the MMP of  $T$  are identical.
8. Suppose  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with  $\dim V = n$ . Suppose  $T \in L(V, V)$  is an operator on  $V$ . Let  $P$  be the MMP of  $T$  and  $Q$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $T$ . Let  $p$  be an irreducible polynomial. Prove that

$$p \mid P \iff p \mid Q.$$

9. Given an example (with justification) of a  $2 \times 2$ -matrix  $A$  whose characteristic polynomial is  $(1 - X)^2$ .
10. Suppose  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with  $\dim V = n$ . Suppose  $T \in L(V, V)$  is an operator on  $V$ . Suppose the characteristic polynomial  $Q$  of  $T$  factors completely into linear factors:

$$Q = (X - c_1)^{d_1}(X - c_2)^{d_2}\cdots(X - c_k)^{d_k}$$

where  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  are the distinct eigen values of  $T$ . Describe the Jordan matrix of  $T$  and give a short outline of the proof of existence.