

divides the characteristic polynomial of  $T$ .

- (c) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ , and let  $x$  and  $y$  be elements of  $V$ . If  $W$  is the  $T$ -cyclic subspace generated by  $x$ ,  $W'$  is the  $T$ -cyclic subspace generated by  $y$ , and  $W = W'$ , then  $x = y$ .
- (d) If  $T$  is a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ , then for any  $x \in V$  the  $T$ -cyclic subspace generated by  $x$  is the same as the  $T$ -cyclic subspace generated by  $T(x)$ .
- (e) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space. Then there exists a polynomial  $g(t)$  of degree  $n$  such that  $g(T) = T_0$ .
- (f) Any polynomial of the form

$$(-1)^n(a_0 + a_1t + \cdots + a_{n-1}t^{n-1} + t^n)$$

is the characteristic polynomial of some linear operator.

- (g) If  $T$  is a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ , and if  $V$  is a direct sum of  $k$   $T$ -invariant subspaces, then there is a basis  $\beta$  for  $V$  such that  $[T]_\beta$  is a direct sum of  $k$  matrices.

2. For each of the following linear operators  $T$ , determine if the given subspace  $W$  is a  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $V$ .

(a)  $V = P_3(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $T(f) = f'$ , and  $W = P_2(\mathbb{R})$

(b)  $V = P(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $T(f)(x) = xf(x)$ , and  $W = P_2(\mathbb{R})$

(c)  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $T(a, b, c) = (a + b + c, a + b + c, a + b + c)$ , and  $W = \{(t, t, t) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$

(d)  $V = C([0, 1])$ ,  $T(f)(t) = \left[ \int_0^1 f(x) dx \right] t$ , and  $W = \{f \in V : f(t) = at + b \text{ for some } a \text{ and } b\}$

(e)  $V = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $T(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} A$ , and  $W = \{A \in V : A^t = A\}$

3. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ . Prove that the following subspaces are  $T$ -invariant.

(a)  $\{0\}$  and  $V$

(b)  $N(T)$  and  $R(T)$

(c)  $E_\lambda$ , for any eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $T$

4. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a vector space  $V$ , and let  $W$  be a  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $V$ . Prove that  $W$  is  $g(T)$ -invariant for any polynomial  $g(t)$ .

5. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a vector space  $V$ . Prove that the intersection of any collection of  $T$ -invariant subspaces of  $V$  is a  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $V$ .

6. For each linear operator  $T$  on the vector space  $V$  find a basis for the  $T$ -cyclic subspace generated by the vector  $z$ .

(a)  $V = \mathbb{R}^4$ ,  $T(a, b, c, d) = (a + b, b - c, a + c, a + d)$ , and  $z = e_1$

(b)  $V = P_3(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $T(f) = f''$ , and  $z = x^3$

(c)  $V = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $T(A) = A^t$ , and  $z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(d)  $V = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $T(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} A$ , and  $z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$