

# Algorithms for computing Jordan forms

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$$S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_k \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$S_2^{-1}(S^{-1}AS)S_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_k \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$T = A_{i,i} - \lambda_i I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & * & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{n_i}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$T(\mathbb{C}^3) = \text{Span} \{e_1\} = V_1$$

$$T|_{V_1}: V_1 \rightarrow V_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow (u_1)$$

$$T(e_1) = 0$$

Find

$$w_1 \in \mathbb{C}^3 \text{ s.t. } T(w_1) = e_1$$

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$$S = [w_1, T(w_1) = e_1, u_1]$$

$$[w_1]$$

$\ker(T)$   
 $w_1 \neq \lambda e_1$

$$TS = T[(w_1) | u_1] = [T(w_1) | u_1] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\ker(T)$

$A \in M_3$

$$\det(zI - A) = z^3$$

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\det(zI - A) = (z-1)^2 (z-2)^2$$

$$\circ \quad A \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 2 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

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$A \in M_5$        $1, i$

$1^\circ A$        $1, i, i, i, i$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} 1 & & & 0 \\ \hline 0 & i & i & i \end{array} \right]$$

$2^\circ A$        $1, 1, i, i, i$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} 1 & & & 0 \\ \hline 1 & & & \\ 0 & i & i & i \end{array} \right]$$

$3^\circ$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} 1 & & & \\ \hline & i & i & i \\ & & & i \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

$\text{Ker}(A-3I)$  has dim 2.

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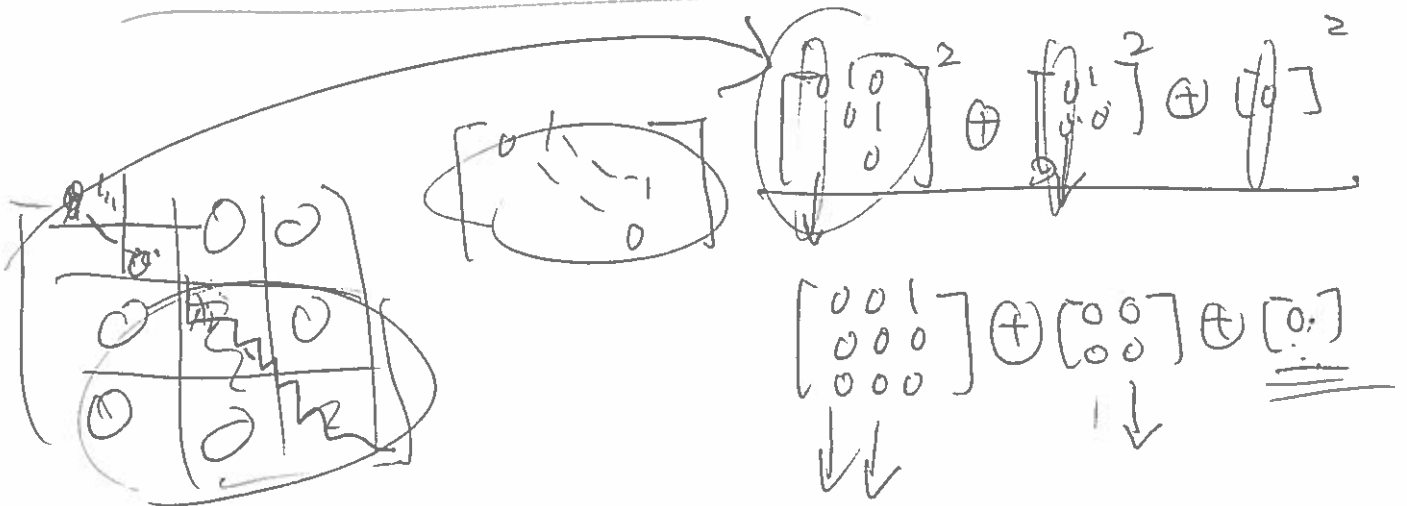
$$A \in M_n$$

$$\dim \text{Ker}(A-\lambda I) = l_1$$

$$\dim \text{Ker}(A-\lambda I)^2 = l_2$$

$$l_2 - l_1$$


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### 1.3 Implication of Jordan form

**Theorem 1.16** Two matrices are similar if and only if they have the same Jordan form.

**Remark 1.17** If  $A = S(J_1 \oplus \dots \oplus J_k)S^{-1}$ , then  $A^m = S(J_1^m \oplus \dots \oplus J_k^m)S^{-1}$ .

Proof

$$\cancel{A=B} \text{ then } A = S^{\oplus} (J_1 \oplus \dots \oplus J_k) S^{-1}$$

$$B = T^{\oplus} (J_1 \oplus \dots \oplus J_k) T^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{A=B} \Rightarrow S^{-1}AS = T^{-1}BT$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{(TS^{-1})A(ST^{-1}) = B}$$

Conversely if  $A = S^{-1}BS$

then  $\cancel{A=B}$   $A, B$  have the

same e.v. &  $\text{rank}(A - \lambda_i I)^l = \text{rank}(B - \lambda_i I)^l$

$\forall$  e.v.  $\lambda_i$  &  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$\therefore A$  &  $B$  have the same Jordan form.  $\square$

Remark

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ are not similar.}$$

$$\boxed{S^{-1}AS = B \Rightarrow A = SBS^{-1} = 0}$$

$$J_k(\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda I + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Theorem 1.18** Let  $J_k(\lambda) = \lambda I_k + N_k$ , where  $N_k = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} E_{j,j+1}$ . Then  $J_k(\lambda)^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \lambda^{m-j} N_k^j \binom{m}{j}$  where  $N_k^0 = I_k$ ,  $N_k^j = 0$  for  $j \geq k$ , and  $N_k^j$  has one's at the  $j$ th super diagonal (entries with indexes  $(l, l+j)$ ) and zeros elsewhere.

Proof:

$$A = S^{-1} (J_1 \oplus \dots \oplus J_\ell) S$$

$$A^m = S^{-1} (J_1^m \oplus \dots \oplus J_\ell^m) S$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & J_\ell \end{bmatrix}^m$$

$$J_k(\lambda)^m = \left( \lambda I + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)^m$$

$$= \lambda^m I + \binom{m}{1} \lambda^{m-1} N_k + \binom{m}{2} \lambda^{m-2} N_k^2 + \dots + \binom{m}{k} \lambda^{m-k} N_k^k$$

$$N_k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N_k^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N_k^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{10} = 2^{10} I + \binom{10}{1} 2^9 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \binom{10}{2} 2^8 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \binom{10}{3} 2^7 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & 0 & 0 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $A = S^{-1} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_k \end{array} \right] S$

$= S^{-1} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \oplus J_{n_{11}}(\lambda_1) \oplus J_{n_{12}}(\lambda_1) \oplus \dots \oplus J_{n_{1r_1}}(\lambda_1) \\ \oplus J_{n_{21}}(\lambda_2) \oplus J_{n_{22}}(\lambda_2) \oplus \dots \oplus J_{n_{2r_2}}(\lambda_2) \\ \vdots \\ \oplus J_{n_{k1}}(\lambda_k) \oplus \dots \oplus J_{n_{kr_k}}(\lambda_k) \end{array} \right] S^{-1}$

$n_{11} \geq n_{12} \geq \dots \geq n_{1r_1}$   
 $n_{k1} \geq \dots \geq n_{kr_k}$

Then  $g(z) = (z - \lambda_1)^{n_{11}} (z - \lambda_2)^{n_{21}} \dots (z - \lambda_k)^{n_{k1}}$

where  $n_{j1}$  is the size of the largest Jordan block corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$

For every polynomial function  $f(z) = a_k z^k + \dots + a_0$ , let

$$f(A) = a_k A^k + \dots + a_0 I_n \quad \text{for } A \in M_n.$$

**Theorem 1.19 (Cayley-Hamilton)** Let  $A \in M_n$  and  $f(z) = \det(zI - A)$ . Then  $f(A) = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) = \det(zI - A) &= (z - \lambda_1) \cdots (z - \lambda_n) \\ &= (z - \mu_1)^{n_1} \cdots (z - \mu_k)^{n_k} \end{aligned}$$

$\mu_1 \dots \mu_k$  are the distinct eigenvalues

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) &= \det(AI - A) \\ \det(AI - A) &= 0 \in \mathbb{C} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(zI - A) &= (z - \lambda_1) \cdots (z - \lambda_n) \\ &= z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^n + a_{n-1} A^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 I_n &= 0_n \in M_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) &= (A - \mu_1 I)^{n_1} \cdots (A - \mu_k I)^{n_k} \in M_n \\ S^{-1} A S &= J_1 \oplus \dots \oplus J_k, \quad A = S (J_1 \oplus \dots \oplus J_k) S^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) &= S f(J_1 \oplus \dots \oplus J_k) S^{-1} \\ &= S f \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & 0 \\ 0 & J_k \end{bmatrix} S^{-1} = S \begin{bmatrix} f(J_1) & 0 \\ 0 & f(J_k) \end{bmatrix} S^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

We will show  $f(J_j) = 0$

Let  $J_j = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_j & 1 & & 0 \\ & \mu_j & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \mu_j \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(J_j) &= (J_j - \mu_1 I)^{n_1} \cdots (J_j - \mu_k I)^{n_k} \\ &= (J_j - \mu_j I)^{n_j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mu_j & * \\ \circ & \ddots \\ & \mu_j \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ \end{bmatrix} \right\}^{n_j} = 0 \text{ because } \underline{\underline{0 \leq n_j}}$$

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

%  $f(z) = \det(zI - A) = (z-1)^2 (z-2)^2 (z-3)^2$  — degree 7.

Then  $f(A) = 0$

$h(z) = (z-1)(z-2)(z-3)$  — degree 3.

$$h(A) = \cancel{A-I} (A-I) (A-2I) (A-3I) \\ = S^{-1} (D-I) (D-2I) (D-3I) S^{-1}$$

$$A = S \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 2 & & \\ & & 2 & \\ & & & 3 \\ & & & & 3 \end{bmatrix} S^{-1} \quad (A-I) \cdot (A-3I)^2$$

Let  $f(z) = \det(zI - A)$  Then  $f(A) = 0_7 \in M_7$

Let  $h(z) = (z-1)^2 (z-2)(z-3)^2$

Then  $h(A) = S^{-1} (h(J)) S^{-1}$

$$= S^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} h(J_1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h(J_2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h(J_3) \end{pmatrix} S^{-1} \neq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cancel{(A-I)} \cancel{(A-2I)} \cancel{(A-3I)} \\ & (J_1 - I)^2 (J_1 - 2I) (J_1 - 3I) \\ & = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$g(z) = (z-\lambda_1)^{n_1} (z-\lambda_2)^{n_2} \dots (z-\lambda_k)^{n_k}$



**Definition 1.20** Let  $A \in M_n$ . Then there is a unique monic polynomial

$$m_A(z) = x^m + a_1 x^{m-1} + \dots + a_m$$

such that  $m_A(A) = 0$ . It is the minimal polynomial of  $A$ .

**Theorem 1.21** A polynomial  $f(z)$  satisfies  $f(A) = 0$  if and only if it is a multiple of the minimal polynomial of  $A$ .

**Remark 1.22** By the Euclidean algorithm,  $f(z) = m_A(z)q(z) + r(z)$  so that  $r(z)$  has degree at most  $m-1$  if  $m_A(z)$  has degree  $m$ , and  $f(A) = r(A)$ . Now, the Jordan form of  $f(A) = r(A)$  can be determined in terms of the Jordan form of  $A$  and  $r(z)$ .

Remark: Suppose  $A \in M_n$  has distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ .  
and the largest Jordan block of  $\lambda_j$  is  $J_j$ .  
 $j=1, \dots, k$ . Then  $m_A = (z-\lambda_1)^{r_1} \dots (z-\lambda_k)^{r_k}$ .

Note:  $k \leq \deg m_A(z) \leq n$ .

Note: Suppose  $A^m + a_{m-1}A^{m-1} + \dots + a_0I = O_n \in M_n$   
&  $a_0 \neq 0$ .

Then  $a_0 I_n = -(A^m + a_{m-1}A^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 A)$   
 $= -(A^{m-1} + a_{m-1}A^{m-2} + \dots + a_1 I)A$

so that  $I_n = -\frac{1}{a_0} (A^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 I)A$

Example:  $A^3 + 2A^2 + 2I = 0$   
 $2I = -A^3 - 2A^2 = -(A^2 + 2A)A$   
 $\therefore A^{-1} = -(A^2 + 2A)/2$