

## 2.5 Other canonical forms

We have considered the canonical forms under similarity and unitary similarity. Here, we consider other canonical forms for different classes of matrices.

### Unitary equivalence

- Two matrices  $A, B \in M_{m,n}$  are unitarily equivalent if there are unitary matrices  $U \in M_m, V \in M_n$  such that  $\boxed{U^*AV = B}$ .
- Every matrix  $A \in M_{m,n}$  is equivalent to  $\sum_{j=1}^k s_j E_{jj}$ , where  $s_1 \geq \dots \geq s_k > 0$  are the nonzero singular values of  $A$ .
- Two matrices are unitarily equivalent if they have the same singular values.

### Equivalence

- Two matrices  $A, B \in M_{m,n}$  are equivalent if there are invertible matrices  $R \in M_m, S \in M_n$  such that  $A = RBS$ .
- Every matrix  $A \in M_{m,n}$  is equivalent to  $\sum_{j=1}^k E_{jj}$ , where  $k$  is the rank of  $A$ .
- Two matrices are equivalent if they have the same rank.

*Proof.* Elementary row operations and elementary column operations.  $\square$

Reflex  $A \sim A \quad \because A = I_m A I_n$   
 Symmetric  $A \sim B$ , i.e.,  $U^* A V = B$ , Then  $A = \underline{U B V^*} \quad \therefore B \sim A$ .

Transitive  
 $\% \quad A \sim B, B \sim C \text{ then } U_1^* A V_1 = B$   
 $U_2^* B V_2 = C$

then

$$C = U_2^* B V_2 = (U_2^* U_1) A (V_1 V_2)$$

$\therefore A \sim C$

Suppose  
 $\therefore A = U_1 \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_1^*$   
 $B = U_2 \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_2^*$

If  $A$  &  $B$  have the same singular values, then

$$14 \quad \text{then } U_1^* A V_1 = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = U_2^* B V_2$$

$$\therefore \quad \therefore A = U_1 U_2^* B V_2 V_1^*$$

Conversely,

If  $A = U^* BV$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & AA^* \quad \cancel{U^* BV} \\ &= (U^* BV)(V^* B^* U) \\ &= U^*(BB^*)U \text{ for so that} \end{aligned}$$

$AA^*$  &  $BB^*$  have the same  $\Rightarrow$  eigenvalues  
 $\therefore A$  &  $B$  have the same singular values.

Equivalence

$$E_k \xrightarrow{R} E \xrightarrow{S} A^k = \begin{bmatrix} I_k & F_1 \\ 0 & I_{n-k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For any  $A, B \in M_{m,n}$

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 AS_1 &= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} I_k & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ R_2 BS_2 &= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} I_l & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

## SVD Singular value decomposition

$$AA^* = V \begin{bmatrix} S_1^2 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & S_k^2 \end{bmatrix} V^*$$

$A \in M_{m,n}$

$$A = U \begin{bmatrix} S_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & S_k \\ 0 & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^* \quad \text{Imaginary part}$$

$$= \underbrace{S_1 U_1 V_1^*}_{\text{nonzero singular values}} + \dots + \underbrace{S_k U_k V_k^*}_{\text{nonzero singular values}}$$

$U \in M_m, V \in M_n$   
unitary

$$S_1 \geq \dots \geq S_k > 0$$

nonzero singular values of  $A$ .

## Polar Decomposition

$A \in M_n$

$$A = U D V^* = (U D U^*) (U V^*)$$

$$= (U V) (V D V^*)$$

Even for  ~~$A \in M_{m,n}$~~   $A \in M_{m,n}$

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$$A = U \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^* \quad \text{Imaginary part}$$

$$= U \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U^* \quad \text{Imaginary part}$$

$$= U \begin{bmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^* \quad \text{Imaginary part}$$

$$= U \begin{bmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \otimes (V^* V \begin{bmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^*)$$

Canonical form of Hermitian  $A$  under  $S^*AS$

$$A = A^* \Rightarrow A = U \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_p & \lambda_{p+1} & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} U^*$$

$$\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_p \geq 0$$

$$\lambda_{p+1}, \dots, \lambda_{p+g} < 0$$

$$\lambda_{p+g+1} = \dots = \lambda_n = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} S^* \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} I_p & \\ \hline I_g & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} S \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_1 & \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} S^* \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} I_p & \\ \hline I_g & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} S \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} & \\ \hline 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} S \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} U \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} I_p & \\ \hline I_g & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{c} S^* \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \\ \hline 0 & 3 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} S \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \\ \hline 0 & 3 \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore S^* U^* A U S = S^* \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} S = \begin{array}{c} U \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} I_p & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & I_g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

Inertia of  $A = A^*$  is  $(p, g, n-p-g)$

If  $A$  has  $p$  positive,  $g$  negative eigenvalues.

If A and B have the same inertia

then  $S^* A S = \begin{bmatrix} I_p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  for some invertible  $S$  &  $T$ .

$$A T^* B T = \begin{bmatrix} I_p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore A = \cancel{T} \cancel{(S^*)^{-1}} \cancel{T} \quad S^* A S = T^* B T$

$$\therefore A = (S^*)^{-1} T^* B T (S^{-1}) \\ = R^* B R$$

If  $A = A^T, B = B^*$

$A = S^* B S$ , then

$A, B$  have the same inertia ???

$U^* A U$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T^* S V^* B V S T$$

$$R^* = (TS^{-1})^* \\ = (S^*)^{-1} T^*$$

$$S^* \begin{bmatrix} I_p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} S = \begin{bmatrix} I_p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Question (Extra Credit)

Suppose in (\*),

$p + q = \tilde{p} + \tilde{q}$ . Show that  
invertible  $S$  exists so that  
(\*) holds if  $\tilde{p} = \tilde{p}$ ,  $\tilde{q} = \tilde{q}$ .

Using a group of transformations to change  $A \in M_{m,n}$

Example: Note that

$$G = \{ L : \begin{array}{l} L_S = M_n \rightarrow M_n \\ L_S \text{ is a linear transformation} \\ L(A) = S^{-1}AS \end{array} \}$$

if  $S$  is a subgroup.

$$(G_0) \forall L_1, L_2 \in G, \quad L_1 \circ L_2 \in G$$

$$(G_1) \quad (L_1 \circ L_2) \circ L_3 = L_1 \circ (L_2 \circ L_3)$$

$$(G_2) \quad \text{There is } \hat{L} \in G \text{ so that}$$

$$\hat{L} \circ \hat{L} = \hat{I} \circ \hat{L} \text{ for all } \hat{L} \in G$$

$$L(A) = A = |A|I$$

$$(G_3) \quad \text{For every } \hat{L} \in G, \text{ there is } \hat{L}^{-1} \in G$$

$$\text{s.t. } \hat{L} \circ \hat{L}^{-1} = \hat{L}^{-1} \circ \hat{L} = \hat{I} \text{ the identity transformation.}$$

$$\hat{L}(A) = S^{-1}AS$$

$$\hat{L}^{-1}(A) = SAS^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \hat{L}(\hat{L}^{-1}(A)) = \hat{S}^{-1}(SAS^{-1})\hat{S}$$

$$\hat{L}(\hat{L}(A)) = \hat{S}(S^{-1}AS)^{-1}$$
$$= A \quad VA$$

### \*-congruence

- A matrix  $A \in M_n$  is \*-congruent to  $B \in M_n$  if there is an invertible matrix  $S$  such that  $A = S^*BS$ .
- There is no easy canonical form under \*-congruence for general matrix.<sup>2</sup>
- Every Hermitian matrix  $A \in M_n$  is \*-congruent to  $I_p \oplus -I_q \oplus 0_{n-p-q}$ . The triple  $\nu(A) = (p, q, n - p - q)$  is known as the inertia of  $A$ .
- Two Hermitian matrices are \*-congruent if and only if they have the same inertia.

*Proof.* Use the unitary congruence/similarity results.  $\square$

### Congruence or $t$ -congruence

- A matrix  $A \in M_n$  is  $t$ -congruent to  $B \in M_n$  if there is an invertible matrix  $S$  such that  $A = S^tBS$ .
- There is no easy canonical form under  $t$ -congruence for general matrices; see footnote 2.
- Every complex symmetric matrix  $A \in M_n$  is  $t$ -congruent to  $I_k \oplus 0_{n-k}$ , where  $k = \text{rank}(A)$ .
- Every skew-symmetric  $A \in M_n$  is  $t$ -congruent to  $0_{n-2k}$  and  $k$  copies of  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- The rank of a skew-symmetric matrix  $A \in M_n$  is even.  $A = -A^t$
- Two symmetric (skew-symmetric) matrices are  $t$ -congruent if and only if they have the same rank.

*Proof.* Use the unitary congruence results.  $\square$

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<sup>2</sup>Roger A. Horn and Vladimir V. Sergeichuk, Canonical forms for complex matrix congruence and \*-congruence, Linear Algebra Appl. (2006), 1010-1032.

## Symmetric Matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 3-i & 2-i \\ 3-i & 1 & 2+i \\ 2-i & 2+i & 3+2i \end{bmatrix} \quad - \quad S^t A S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 1  $\downarrow$   $U$  unitary

$$U^t A U = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad s_1, \dots, s_k > 0$$

Step 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & s_k \end{bmatrix} U^t A U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & s_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$U^t A U$  is mass  $U$  unit vector

$$u = e^{it} u \quad v \text{ unit vector}$$

$$u^t A v = e^{it} u^t A e^{it} u$$

$$= (e^{it}) u^t A u = s_1 > 0$$

$V = [V | \dots]$  unitary

$V^t A V$  is symmetric.

$$(V^t A V)^t = V^t A^t V = V^t A V.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & -a_{21} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{31} \\ a_{21} & a_{31} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{bmatrix}$$

## Unitary congruence

- A matrix  $A \in M_n$  is unitarily congruent to  $B \in M_n$  if there is a unitary matrix  $U$  such that  $A = U^t BU$ .
- There is no easy canonical form under unitary congruence for general matrices.
- Every complex symmetric matrix  $A \in M_n$  is unitarily congruent to  $\sum_{j=1}^k s_j E_{jj}$ , where  $s_1 \geq \dots \geq s_k > 0$  are the nonzero singular values of  $A$ .
- Every skew-symmetric  $A \in M_n$  is unitarily congruent to  $0_{n-2k}$  and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & s_j \\ -s_j & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad j = 1, \dots, k,$$

where  $s_1 \geq \dots \geq s_k > 0$  are nonzero singular values of  $A$ .

- The singular values of a skew-symmetric matrix  $A \in M_n$  occur in pairs.
- Two symmetric (skew-symmetric) matrices are unitarily congruent if and only if they have the same singular values.

*Proof.* Suppose  $A \in M_n$  is symmetric. Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  be a unit vector so that  $\mathbf{x}^t A \mathbf{x}$  is real and maximum, and let  $U \in M_n$  be unitary with  $\mathbf{x}$  as the first column. Show that  $U^t A U = [s_1] \oplus A_1$ . Then use induction.

Suppose  $A \in M_n$  is skew-symmetric. Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  be orthonormal pairs such that  $\mathbf{x}^t A \mathbf{y}$  is real and maximum, and  $U \in M_n$  be unitary with  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  as the first two columns. Show that  $U^t A U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & s_1 \\ -s_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus A_1$ . Then use induction.  $\square$

## Skew-Symmetric Matrices

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5i \\ -1 & 0 & 2i \\ -5i & -2i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

has rank 2

Example

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

Example

$$A =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-A^t = \begin{bmatrix} -a_{11} - a_{21} - a_{31} \\ -a_{12} - a_{22} - a_{32} \\ -a_{13} - a_{23} - a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S^t A S =$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|cc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{k.}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ -a_{12} & 0 & a_{23} \\ -a_{13} & -a_{23} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(S^t A S)^t$$

$$= S^t A^t S$$

$$= -S^t A S$$

has rank  $2k$

In general.

$$A = -A^t$$

there is a unitary  $U$  s.t.

$$U^t A U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ -s_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & s_2 & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & s_k \\ 0 & s_k & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S^t \quad S$$

$$U^t A U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_{n \times n}$$

$\max \underline{\underline{|u_1^t A u_2|}}$  max of for a pair of  
orthonormal vectors  $\{u_1, u_2\}$ .

Let  $V = [u_1 | u_2] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 2}$ .

Then prove  
 $V^t$

$A$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & u_1^t A u_2 \\ u_1^t A u_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \quad \boxed{0}$$