

Matrix Theory
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Lecture 49

Properties of the Jordan Canonical Form (part 2)

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Upper triangular
 Toeplitz

$$B_i = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n_i} \\ 0 & b_{22}^{(i)} & \dots & b_{2n_i}^{(i)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & b_{n_i n_i}^{(i)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & b_{11} \\ 0 & b_{21} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{21} & b_{22} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ 0 & b_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

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then $p(t) = p_1(t) + \dots + p_k(t)$ fulfils the requirements
 of the thm. $\therefore p(J) = p_1(J) + \dots + p_k(J)$

$$= p_1 \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_k \end{pmatrix} + \dots + p_k \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} p_1(\lambda_1) & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & p_k(\lambda_k) \end{pmatrix} + \dots + \begin{pmatrix} p_k(\lambda_1) & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & p_k(\lambda_k) \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & B_k \end{pmatrix} = B.
 \end{aligned}$$

So, now we still have to construct this polynomial. So, if we can construct a polynomial p_i of t with so, so with degree at most n minus 1 such that p_i have j_{ni} of, so let me write this out, then it will be clear. So, if we can construct p_i of t with degree at most n minus 1 such that p_i of J_{nj} , J_{nj} of λ_j . So, bear with me I am just hypothesizing some things and then I will show that this is something desirable for us and then I will show how to construct these polynomials. So, this is equal to 0 for every i not equal to j and then i equals j p_i have J_{ni} of λ_i equals B_i .

Then p of t which I will define as p_1 of t plus etc plus the p_k of t , k is the number of distinct eigenvalues of this matrix A . So, if I consider p_1 , p_1 of t through p_k of t will fulfill the requirements of the theorem, is the polynomial or we just say the requirements of the theorem. What do I mean by that I mean that if I consider p of J , this will turn out to be equal to B . Why because if I consider p of J , this is equal to p_1 of J plus etc plus p_k of J which is equal to p_1 of now j is a matrix which is of this block, block diagonal form J_1 through J_k plus etc plus p_k of J_1 through J_k

And a polynomial of a block diagonal form you can apply the polynomial inside this block for each of these block diagonals and that is exactly equal to the polynomial applied to the entire block diagonal form what I mean is that this is equal to p_1 of J_1 p_k of J_k plus etc plus p_k of J_1 p_k of J_k . This is in general not true you cannot apply you cannot push the polynomial inside each element of a matrix but for a block diagonal matrix you can push the polynomial into each of the blocks.

Now, we already said that p is a polynomial such that this is equal to p_1 and all these other terms in this block table form are equal to 0. And here all these things will be equal to 0 p_k of J_k will be p_k and so this is equal to p_1 of J_1 actually, I should have said J_{n1} , but anyway, J_1 up to all the other things are 0 plus, etc. plus here everything is 0 except p_k of J_k and this is equal to p_1

And so all these are non overlapping blocks and so I will get B_1, B_k on the diagonal and 0s everywhere else so, which is equal to my matrix B . So, basically, if I can find, and these polynomials p_i of t , the degree at most n minus 1 such that these two properties, one p_i of J_{n_j} or λ_j equals 0 for all i not equal to j and p_i of J_{n_i} of λ_i equals B_i , that is when i equals j , then I am all set. So, now we just need to figure out how to construct these polynomials.

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Define $q_i(t) = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k (t - \lambda_j)^{n_j}$, $\deg q_i(t) = n - n_i$.

$q_i(J_{n_j}(\lambda_j)) = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j \quad \because \quad (J_{n_i}(\lambda_i) - \lambda_i I)^{n_i} = 0$.
 Nilpotent of index n_i .

$q_{n_i}(J_{n_i}(\lambda_i))$ need not $= B_i$, but it is nonsingular and of the form $\begin{pmatrix} * & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & * \end{pmatrix}$ (upper triangular Toeplitz).

So, here it is. q_i of t is equal to the product from j equals 1 to k as a product except the item of t minus λ_j power n_j then the degree of this polynomial, q_i of t equals what is the sum of all these n_j 's except the i th term that would be the degree of this polynomial, but the sum of all these n_j 's equals n because that is the sum of the sizes of all the Jordan blocks. And that should be of size n . So, this is equal to n minus n_i .

So now, one thing we can note immediately is that, q_i of J_{n_j} of λ_j , if I compute this, this is actually going to be equal to 0 for every i not equal to j . Why is that? It is because this has this kind of form. So, if I substitute J_{n_j} of λ_j , I will get J_{n_j} of λ_j so, the j th term. So, the

this is kind of bad notation because j is also the index of the summation here, but whatever this j is, for example, for a moment think of it as l .

So, I will just write it as l so, that it is not confusing. J_{nl} and λ_l equals 0 for all i not equal to l . And now, if I consider this thing, one of the terms here will be the I am belaboring the point, but there is a λ_l term J_{nl} of λ_l minus λ_l times the identity matrix. And then I am raising that to the power nl , but this difference is just going to be that nilpotent matrix of size n_l cross n_l raised to the power nl sorry n_l cross n_l raised to the power nl and nilpotent matrix when you raise it to the power nl you will get the all 0 matrix.

And so, this is always equal to 0. J_{nl} of λ_l minus λ_l times the identity matrix power nl is equal to 0. So, one of the terms in this product will be equal to 0 which will make the whole product equal to 0. This is just the nilpotent matrix of index n_l . So, now this satisfies one part of what I want q_i of λ_j , q_i of J_{nl} of λ_l equals 0 for i not equal to j , but I also need that q_i of J_{ni} of λ_i should be equal to B_i I need that property also, but q_{ni} of j , q_i of J_{ni} of λ_i need not equal B_i , but, one thing we can say about it is that because the i equal to j j equal to i th term is not included here it is the all its eigenvalues will necessarily be non-zero because these λ 's are all distinct so it is non singular.

And furthermore if you examine this matrix it will actually be so, each of these matrix matrices when I take J_{ni} of λ_i minus λ_j so, when I substitute j n_i of λ_i in here one of these terms that is the J th term will be J_{ni} small j th term will be J_{ni} of λ_i minus λ_j times the identity matrix and this matrix will have non zero entries on the diagonal and nonzero entries on the first super diagonal and it is been raised to the power n_j and when you raise it to the power n_j , the super diagonal terms may get fully occupied, but it will remain upper triangular, and it will also retain this toeplitz structure that it has that is the diagonal entries are the same, the first Super diagonal entries are the same, the second super diagonal entries are the same and so on.

So, it is of the form star that is the and of the form that is it is upper triangular toeplitz. So, basically the point is that if I take an upper triangular toeplitz matrix, its inverse is upper triangular toeplitz and the product of upper triangular toeplitz matrices is also upper triangular toeplitz. So, here is you are seeing a product of such upper triangular toeplitz matrices, which

will also remain upper triangular and toeplitz. And in fact, its inverse is also upper triangular and toeplitz.

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$q_{n_i}(J_{n_i}(\lambda_i))$ of the form $(*)$ (upper triangular Toeplitz).

Property: Inverse \times prod of upper triangular Toeplitz is upper triangular Toeplitz. $\Rightarrow [q_{n_i}(J_{n_i}(\lambda_i))]^{-1} B_i$ upper triangular Toeplitz.

$$B_i = b_1^{(i)} (J_{n_i}(\lambda_i) - \lambda_i I)^0 + b_2^{(i)} (J_{n_i}(\lambda_i) - \lambda_i I)^1 + \dots + b_{n_i}^{(i)} (J_{n_i}(\lambda_i) - \lambda_i I)^{n_i-1} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 1 \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$ a poly. of degree at most n_i-1 s.t.

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Now set $p_i(t) = q_i(t)$

So, we will use that property next. So, this implies that if I consider the matrix J sorry q_{n_i} of λ_i inverse, this is also these times if I multiply this by b_i , b_i is also upper triangular and toeplitz. So, this is upper triangular and toeplitz so, now I am pretty close. So, basically a matrix so, basically what I am trying to say is the following.

So, we have B_i , I can write that as b_1 of i , this is the first diagonal entries in this matrix B_i times J_{n_i} of λ_i minus λ_i times the identity matrix power 0 plus b_2 of i it is the first super diagonal entry in the matrix B_i times J_{n_i} of λ_i minus λ_i times the identity matrix power 1 plus, and so on plus b_{n_i} of i times J_{n_i} of λ_i minus λ_i identity matrix power and i minus 1.

So, when I raise this to the power 1, this, this will have 1s only on the first super diagonal entry, and those 1s are getting multiplied by b_2 of i and so, they are placing b_2 of i in the first super diagonal entry of this B_i and similarly, when I raise it to the power of n_i minus 1, I will get a matrix which has zeros everywhere else, but a 1 at the top left entry and that is getting multiplied by b_{n_i} of i and then that is getting placed at the top right entry of this B_i .

So, I can I can always write it like this. So, this implies that there exists now, this itself is a polynomial of degree at most n_i minus 1. So, there exists a polynomial degree at most n_i minus 1 such that q_i of so, J_{n_i} of λ_i inverse times B_i , which is an upper triangular toeplitz matrix this can be written as this particular polynomial that I have written here a similar polynomial, but

using the entries of this matrix instead of b_{li} to b_{ni} some polynomial of degree at most n_i minus 1 r_i I will call of J_{n_i} of λ_i .

So, I have to do all this circus, because whatever I used earlier this q_{ni} of this thing this need not equal B_i and I have to do some circus to make this to find another polynomial such that this property continues to hold, but q_{ni} of J_{n_i} of λ_i will be equal to B_i that is why I am doing all this all these steps here.

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\Rightarrow q_i a poly. of degree at most $n_i - 1$
 $[q_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_i))]^{-1} B_i = r_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_i))$
 Now set $p_i(t) = q_i(t) r_i(t)$
 $\deg(p_i(t))$ is at most $(n_i - 1) + (n - n_i) = n - 1$.
 and $p_i(J_{n_j}(\lambda_j)) = q_i(J_{n_j}(\lambda_j)) r_i(J_{n_j}(\lambda_j))$
 $= 0 \quad r_i(J_{n_j}(\lambda_j)) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \neq j$
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 $= q_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_i)) [q_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_i))]^{-1} B_i$

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So, now, I am almost done with the proof what I will do is now set p_i of t equal to q_i of t which is what I defined earlier this q_i of t which is of degree at most n minus n_i . So, the degree is at most n_i minus 1 plus n minus n_i n minus 1. So, then this, the claim is basically that this if I did p_i of J this is that is all I need. So, this matrix satisfies n_j of λ_j is equal to q_i of J_{n_j} of λ_j times r_i of J_{n_j} of λ_j and this is equal to 0 by our construction.

So, 0 times r_i of J_{n_j} of λ_j which is equal to the all 0 matrix for all i not equal to j and p_i J_{n_i} of λ_i is equal to q_i of J_{n_i} of λ_i times r_i of J_{n_i} of λ_i and r_i of J_{n_i} of λ_i is this matrix here and q_i of J_{n_i} of λ_i so, I get q_i of J_{n_i} of λ_i times q_i of J_{n_i} of λ_i inverse times B_i . So, these 2 just cancel with each other and this is equal to B_i , which is all that we were looking for.

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and $p_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_j)) = q_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_j)) r_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_j)) = 0 \cdot r_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_j)) = 0$ for $i \neq j$

and $p_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_i)) = q_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_i)) r_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_i)) = q_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_i)) [q_i(J_{n_i}(\lambda_i))]^{-1} B_i = B_i$

Thus proved. \square

Remark: $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is nonderogatory iff every matrix that commutes with A can be written as a polynomial in A .

So, so, what we just showed is that, if the matrix A is non derogatory, then any other matrix B commutes with A if and only if there exists a polynomial p of degree at most n minus 1 such that B equals p of A . Of course, if B equals p of A then A commutes with B that is trivial, but showing the other way around was a little bit more involved, we had to do quite a few steps to show that if A and B commute and A is non derogatory, then there must exist a polynomial of degree at most n minus 1 such that B can be written as a polynomial of A .

In fact, the converse is also true namely that A in $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is non derogatory if and only if every matrix that commutes with A can be written as a polynomial in A . So, that is all we have time for today, I wanted to talk, I wanted to also talk about convergent matrices and their properties. So, we have already seen that a matrix A is convergent if all the elements of A power m go to 0 as n goes to infinity.

And if the matrix A is diagonal, it means that it is convergent if and only if all the diagonal entries in magnitude are less than 1 , which means that all the eigenvalues of this matrix A are less than 1 in magnitude. And this directly extends to diagonalizable matrices because A power m can be written as V lambda power m times V hermitian, where V is the matrix or V hermitian lambda power m times V , where V is a matrix containing the eigenvalues of this matrix A .

And so basically that we have also seen this before that diagonalizable matrices are convergent if the magnitude of all the eigenvalues of the matrix are less than 1 . Now, what we will discuss the

next time is the extension of this idea to non diagonal matrices also, which of course we will do through the Jordan canonical form. So that is it for today and we will continue next on in, continue in the next class.