

# LA - WEEK 12 JORDAN CANONICAL FORM II

Last time we derived two rules for computation of Jordan canonical forms (JCF).

Rule 1 On the diagonal of JCF there are eigenvalues of our operator  $\varphi$  (matrix  $A$ ), every as many ~~as~~ times as its algebraic multiplicity.

Rule 2 The number of Jordan cells with the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is equal to the geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda$ .

These two rules are sufficient for computations in dimensions 2 and 3, but not in higher ones.

If we have an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of alg. multiplicity 4 and geometric multiplicity 2, the corresponding Jordan cells can be

either

or

$$J_1 = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} \lambda & 1 & & \\ 0 & \lambda & & \\ \hline & & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & & 0 & \lambda \end{array} \right)$$

There is no chain of length 3 here.

$$J_2 = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc} \lambda & 1 & 0 & & \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda & & \\ \hline & & & & \lambda \\ 0 & & & & \end{array} \right)$$

There is a chain of length 3 here

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$$J_1 - \lambda E = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & & \\ \hline & & 0 & 1 \\ & & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$J_2 - \lambda E = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ \hline & & & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$(J_1 - \lambda E)^2 = 0$$

$$(J_2 - \lambda E)^2 = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ \hline & & & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

If we have a matrix  $A$  of the form  $4 \times 4$  with an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of alg. multiplicity 4 and geom. multiplicity 2, How to decide if is similar to  $J_1$  or  $J_2$ ?

①  $A = Q^{-1} J_1 Q$

$$(A - \lambda E) = Q^{-1} J_1 Q - \lambda E = Q^{-1} (J_1 - \lambda E) Q$$

$$\begin{aligned} (A - \lambda E)^2 &= [Q^{-1} (J_1 - \lambda E) Q] [Q^{-1} (J_1 - \lambda E) Q] = \\ &= Q^{-1} (J_1 - \lambda E)^2 Q = Q^{-1} \cdot 0 \cdot Q = 0 \end{aligned}$$

②  $A = Q^{-1} J_2 Q$

$$(A - \lambda E)^2 = Q^{-1} \underbrace{(J_2 - \lambda E)^2}_{\neq 0} Q \neq 0.$$

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Example 4

$$\varphi: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4 \quad \varphi(x) = Ax$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -13 & 5 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -30 & 12 & 9 & 5 \\ -12 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Char. polynomial  $(1+\lambda)^4$

Eigenvalue  $\lambda = -1$

of alg. multiplicity 4  
and geom. mult. 2

Eigenvectors  $u = (1, 0, 3, 0)^T$ ,  $v = (0, 0, 1, -2)^T$

We want to find a chain of length 2 or 3.

First we are looking for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that the equation

$$(A+E)w = au + bv$$

has a solution. We will find that the equation has a solution for every  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Hence ~~the~~ a chain of length 2 can start with the eigenvector  $u$  and also with the linear independent vector  $v$ .

So there are two linearly independent chains of length two. That is why JCF for the operator  $\varphi$  has two cells  $2 \times 2$ .

$$J = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} -1 & 1 & & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

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We can compute the chains

$$(A+E)\bar{u} = u$$

$$(A+E)\bar{v} = v$$

$$\bar{u} = (0, -1, 0, 3)^T + au + bv$$

$$\bar{v} = (0, -2, 0, 5)^T + cu + dv$$

Taking  $a = b = c = d = 0$  we get a basis

$$\alpha = (u, \bar{u}, v, \bar{v})$$

which consists of both chains. In this basis

$$(\varphi)_{\alpha, \alpha} = J = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} -1 & 1 & & \\ 0 & -1 & & \\ \hline & & -1 & 1 \\ & & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

For the standard basis  $\varepsilon = (e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4)$  we get

$$(\varphi)_{\alpha, \alpha} = (\text{id})_{\alpha, \varepsilon} (\varphi)_{\varepsilon, \varepsilon} (\text{id})_{\varepsilon, \alpha}$$

$$J = P^{-1} \cdot A \cdot P$$

where 
$$P = (\text{id})_{\varepsilon, \alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Choosing different coefficients  $a, b, c, d$  we get different bases and different matrices  $P$  with the same property.

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Example 5

$$\varphi: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4, \varphi(x) = Ax,$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 & -3 \\ 6 & 9 & 4 & -8 \\ -3 & -4 & -1 & 4 \\ 9 & 9 & 6 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Char. polynomial is  $(1-\lambda)^4$ .

Eigenvalue  $\lambda=1$  of  
alg. mult. 4 and geom.  
mult. 2

Eigenvectors  $u = (0, 1, 0, 1)^T$ ,  $v = (-2, 0, 3, 0)^T$

For which  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  has the system of  
linear equations

$$(A - E)w = au + bv$$

a solution?

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 3 & 3 & 2 & -3 & -2b \\ 6 & 8 & 4 & -8 & a \\ -3 & -4 & -2 & -4 & 3b \\ 9 & 9 & 6 & -9 & a \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 3 & 3 & 2 & -3 & -2b \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 10 & a+4b \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a+6b \end{array} \right)$$

The system has a solution if and only if  $a+6b=0$ .

Choose  $a=-6, b=1$ .  $-6u+v = (-2, -6, 3, -6)^T$ .

A solution of the system  $(A-E)w = au + bv$   
is

$$w = \left( \frac{1}{3}, -1, 0, 0 \right)^T + a_1 u + b_1 v$$

This will be the second vector of a chain  
of ~~length~~ length 3. We are looking for  
 $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that the system

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has a solution.  $(A-E)z = \left(\frac{1}{3}1, -1, 0, 0\right)^T + a_1 u + b_1 v$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 2 & -2 & \left| & \frac{1}{3} - 2b_1 \\ 6 & 8 & 4 & -8 & \left| & -1 + a_1 \\ -3 & -4 & -2 & 4 & \left| & 3b_1 \\ 9 & 9 & 6 & -9 & \left| & a_1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 2 & -3 & \left| & \frac{1}{3} - 2b_1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 10 & \left| & -1 + a_1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & \left| & 3b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \left| & -1 + a_1 + 6b_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The system has a solution if and only if  $-1 + a_1 + 6b_1 = 0$ .

Choose  $a_1 = 1, b_1 = 0$ . Then

$$w = \left(\frac{1}{3}, 0, 0, 1\right)^T \quad z = \left(0, 0, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)^T$$

(+ cu + dv)

A chain of the length 3 is

$$(-6u + v, w, z) \quad \text{a chain of length 1}$$

The basis  $\alpha = (\underbrace{6u + v, w, z}_\text{a chain of length 3}, u)$

has the property that

$$(\varphi)_{\alpha, \alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & \left| & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \left| & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \left| & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & & \left| & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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A different solution which is possible only in the cases when all the eigenvalues are the same.

Choose a vector  $u_3$  and compute  $u_2 = (A-E)u_3$ . If  $u_2 \neq \vec{0}$  compute  $u_1 = (A-E)u_2$ . If  $u_1 \neq 0$ , then  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  form a chain of length 3.

$$u_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}]{A-E} u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -18 \\ 9 \\ -18 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[A-E]{A-E} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Taking  $B = (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 = u = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix})$   
we have

$$(\varphi)_{B,B} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline & & & 1 \end{array} \right).$$

Homework 12A Find a Jordan canonical form] of the matrix

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 & -7 \\ 9 & -3 & -7 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

and a matrix  $P$  such that

$$J = P^{-1}FP.$$

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Homework 12 B  
matrix

Find a JCF  $J$  of the

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 & -3 \\ 6 & 9 & 4 & -8 \\ -3 & -4 & -1 & 4 \\ 9 & 9 & 6 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

and a matrix  $P$   
such that

$$J = P^{-1} N P.$$

(Hint : eigenvalue 1 of alg. multiplicity 4)

Homework 12 C  
matrix

Find a JCF  $J$  of the

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -9 & 5 & 4 \\ 7 & -13 & 8 & 4 \\ 8 & -17 & 11 & 8 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and a matrix  $P$   
such that

$$J = P^{-1} D P.$$

(Hint : eigenvalue 2 of alg. multiplicity 3  
and an eigenvalue 1)

Note : Homework 12 C = Homework 11