

Math 677.  
Lecture 4

Jordan forms.

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$      $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k, \underbrace{\lambda_{k+1}, \dots, \lambda_n}_{\text{real}}$   
 real      complex     $\lambda_j = a_j \pm i b_j$   
 $v_1, \dots, v_k, w_1, \dots, w_n$ ,  
 generated by     $w_j = u_j \pm i v_j$ .  
 eigenvectors

$$\Rightarrow P = [v_1 \dots v_k v_{k+1} \dots v_n]$$

is invertible and

$$V = P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 & & \\ & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & B_r \end{bmatrix}$$

Block-diagonal  
form

$B_j$  - Jordan  
blocks.

Jordan  
canonical form

$B_j$  can be either of the form

$$(a) B = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \vdots & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{OR}$$

$$(b) B = \begin{pmatrix} D & I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & I_2 \\ 0 & \vdots & D \end{pmatrix}$$

$\lambda = a + ib$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$I_2$  - identity of  
size  $2 \times 2$

If  $\dot{x} = Ax, x(0) = x_0$

Then  $x(t) = e^{At}x_0$  from fund. theorem

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = e^{PJP^{-1}}x_0 = Pe^{Jt}P^{-1}x_0 = \\ = P \begin{bmatrix} e^{B_{11}t} & & \\ & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & e^{B_{rr}t} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1} x_0$$

How to compute  $e^{B_j}$ ?

Case (a):  $B = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} = \lambda I + N$ , where  
 $\underset{m \times m}{\text{matrix}}$   $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$   $N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$

$$e^{Bt} = e^{\lambda t} e^{Nt}$$

$$e^{Nt} = I + Nt + \frac{N^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{N^{m-1} t^{m-1}}{(m-1)!}$$

$$\text{since } N^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots N^m = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{Nt} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & \frac{t^2}{2!} & \dots & \frac{t^{m-1}}{(m-1)!} \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{Bt} = e^{\lambda t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & \dots & \frac{t^{m-1}}{(m-1)!} \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & t \\ 0 & 0 & \vdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{(Case B)} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} D & I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & I_2 \\ 0 & 0 & D \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} a & -\delta \\ \delta & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = S + N$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{Bt} &= e^{\frac{St}{2}} \cdot e^{\frac{Nt}{2}} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e^D & 0 \\ 0 & e^D \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & I_2 t & \dots & \frac{(I_2 t)^{m-1}}{(m-1)!} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & I_2 t \\ & & \ddots & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$e^D = e^{at} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta t - \sin \theta t & \sin \theta t \\ \sin \theta t & \cos \theta t \end{bmatrix} = e^{at} \cdot R \uparrow \text{rotation matrix}$$

$$e^{Bt} = e^{at} \begin{bmatrix} R & R t & \dots & \frac{(R t)^{m-1}}{(m-1)!} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & R t \\ & & \ddots & R \end{bmatrix}$$

To construct Jordan form of  $A$ , we need to get the Jordan canonical basis of generalized eigenvectors.

Denote  $V_k = \ker A^k$ ,  $k=0, 1, \dots, m$

Assume  $A^m = \theta$ ,  $A^{m-1} \neq \theta$ , assume we are taking  $\lambda_1 = 0$ .

$$\{\theta\} = V_0 \subset V_1 \subset \dots \subset V_m = V$$

$$\ker A = \{x \in V \mid Ax = 0\} \quad V = \ker A \oplus \text{im } A$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_m &= V \\ V_{m-1} \oplus V'_{m-1} &= V_m \\ V_{m-2} \oplus V'_{m-2} &= V_{m-1} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = V_0 \oplus V'_0 = V_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} V'_{m-1} \\ V'_{m-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$V'_0$$

Jordan basis

$$\begin{aligned} e_1, \dots, e_s \\ Ae_1, \dots, Ae_s, e_{s+1}, \dots, e_r \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^{m-1}e_1, \dots, A^{m-1}e_s, A^{m-2}e_{s+1}, \dots, A^{m-2}e_r, \\ A^{m-3}e_{r+1}, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Ex.  $n=2$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$n=3$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{span}\{V_1, V_2, V_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3$$

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$$= \text{span}\{V_1, V_2, W_3\} = \text{span}\{V_1, W_2, W_3\}$$

Suppose  $p_A(\lambda) = (\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda + 1)^2$

1. Let  $\lambda = 1$  give  $\dim(\ker(A - I)) = 1$

$\Rightarrow \delta_1 = 1$  is the number of Jordan blocks

$$\ker(A - I) \subsetneq \ker(A - I)^2$$

(a) Find  $v \in \ker(A - I)^2 \setminus \ker(A - I)$

(b)  $\{v, Av\}$  - corresp. Jordan Basis  
contribution

2. Let  $\lambda = -1$  give  $\dim(A + I) = 2$

$\Rightarrow \{v_1, v_2\}$  - 2 indep. eigenvectors

$\Rightarrow$  put them into the Jordan basis

Ex. 1.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda)((1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2) - (-\lambda + 1))$$

$$= (1-\lambda)((-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2)) = (\lambda - 1)^4$$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & +1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\delta_1 = \dim \ker(A - \lambda I) = 2 \Rightarrow 2$  eigenvectors

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

$$v_1^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_2^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x_3 = 1 \\ x_4 = 0 \end{array}$$

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$$(A - \lambda I)v = c_1 v_1^{(1)} + c_2 v_2^{(1)}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -c_1 - c_2 \\ 0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = c_1$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

$$c_2 = 0$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -c_1 - c_2 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Pick  
 $c_1 = 1$

$$\boxed{d_2 = 3} \quad v_1^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{corresp. to } v_1^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dim \ker(A - \lambda I)^2 \leftarrow \text{spanned by } \{v_1^{(1)}, v_1^{(2)}, v_2^{(1)}\}$$

$$\boxed{d_3 = 4} = \dim \ker(A - \lambda I)^3 : (A - \lambda I)v_3^{(3)} = v_1^{(2)}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 1$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$v_1^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \begin{bmatrix} v_1^{(1)}, v_1^{(2)}, v_1^{(3)} \\ v_2^{(1)}, v_1^{(1)}, v_1^{(2)}, v_1^{(3)} \end{bmatrix} \quad - \text{Jordan Basis}$$