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A Jordan block is of the form

$$J_n(\lambda) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}}_n$$

$$n=3 \quad \lambda=2$$
$$J_3(2) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$J_n(\lambda)$ has only one eigenvalue λ which has

algebraic multiplicity n (it has multiplicity n
as a root of the polynomial $\det(Ix - A)$)

$$A = J_n(\lambda)$$

this is called the
characteristic polynomial

In fact, the eigenspace has dimension 1:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J_n(\lambda) \cdot e_1 = \lambda e_1$$

but the eigenspace is spanned by e_1 , hence has dimension 1. We say the geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue λ is 1.

The concept of direct sum of matrices A and B.
(square)

$$A \oplus B = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{A} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underbrace{Q A Q^{-1}}$$

Theorem: Every complex matrix A is similar to a matrix which is a direct sum of one, two or more Jordan blocks. The sizes and numbers of Jordan blocks are uniquely determined by the matrix A .

This is called the Jordan canonical form

Examples of matrices in Jordan form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{2} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{i} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{i} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{i} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{i} \end{pmatrix}$$

Example:

What are all the possible Jordan forms of 4×4 matrices which have a single eigenvalue λ of algebraic multiplicity 4?

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{2} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{2} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{2} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

switching the
blocks is not
considered different
(it is a similar matrix)

$$A_4 = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{2} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_5 = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

↙ solution space

	A_1 $j'=1$	A_2 $j'=2$	A_3 $j'=3$	A_4 $j'=4$	A_5 $j'=5$
$\dim \text{Ker}(2I - A_j)$	1	2	2	3	4
$\dim \text{Ker}((2I - A_j)^2)$	2	3	4	4	4
$\dim \text{Ker}((2I - A_j)^3)$	3	4	4	4	4
$\dim \text{Ker}((2I - A_j)^4)$	4	4	4	4	4



subspace $\rightarrow \langle e_1 \rangle = \text{Ker}(2I - A_1)$
 spanned $\rightarrow \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle = \text{Ker}(2I - A_1)^2$
 by $\rightarrow \langle e_1, e_2, e_3 \rangle = \text{Ker}(2I - A_1)^3$
 the given \vdots
 vectors

number of

What is the pattern?

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

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 # Jordan blocks with
 eigenvalue λ

$$\dim \text{Ker}(\lambda I - A)^2 - \dim \text{Ker}(\lambda I - A) = \# \text{ Jordan blocks with eigenvalue } \lambda \text{ of size } \geq 2$$

$\dim \ker (\lambda I - A)^3 - \dim \ker (\lambda I - A)^2 = \#$ Jordan blocks with
eigenvalue λ of size ≥ 3 .

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Example: Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the Jordan form of A .

Solution:

$\chi(A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} x-2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & x-2 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & x+1 \end{pmatrix} = (x-2)(x-2)(x+1) + 2 + 2$
 $+ 2(x-2) + 2(x-2) - (x+1)$

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 characteristic polynomial

$$= x^3 - 3x^2 + 4 + 4 + 2x - 4 + 2x - 4 - x - 1$$

$$= x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1 = (x-1)^3.$$

$$I - A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & -1 \\ & \textcircled{0} & \\ & \uparrow \uparrow & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dim \ker(I - A) = 2$$

$$\dim \ker(-1)^2 = 3$$

$$(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark \nearrow$$

2 blocks

$3-2=1$ block of size ≥ 2

Jordan form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example: Suppose I have a 10×10 matrix A with an eigenvalue 4 of algebraic multiplicity 6 and an eigenvalue i of algebraic multiplicity 4 .

Suppose

	$\dim \text{Ker}(4I - A)^k$	$\dim \text{Ker}(iI - A)^k$
$k=1$	3	2
2	5	4
3	6	4
4	6	4
5	6	4
6	6	4

What is the Jordan form:

$$d = 4 : \begin{matrix} 3-0 \\ 5-3=2 \\ 6-5=1 \end{matrix} \left[\begin{matrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right] \begin{matrix} \text{blocks} \\ \text{blocks} \geq 2 \\ \text{block} \geq 3 \end{matrix}$$

3, 2, 1, 0

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \downarrow \end{matrix}$

one block of each size

$$\begin{array}{l}
 0 > 3 > 1 & \text{size 1} \\
 3 > 2 > 1 & \text{size 2} \\
 5 > 1 > 1 & \text{size 3} \\
 6 > 0 > 1 & \text{size 3} \\
 6 & &
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 2^0 > 2 > 0 \\
 4 > 2 > 2 \\
 4 > 0 > 2
 \end{array}$$

2 blocks of size 2

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 \begin{matrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{matrix} & & & & & \\
 & \begin{matrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{matrix} & & & & \\
 & & 4 & & & \\
 & & & \begin{matrix} i & 1 \\ 0 & i \end{matrix} & & \\
 & & & & \begin{matrix} i & 1 \\ 0 & i \end{matrix} & \\
 & & & & & 0
 \end{pmatrix}$$

HW: Find the Jordan form of

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -4 & -4 & 7 & -4 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

② Suppose a 9×9 matrix A has two eigenvalues $1+i$ and $1-i$ and the dimensions of generalized eigenspaces are:

$$k=1 \quad \text{Ker}((1+i)I - A)^k$$

3

$$\text{Ker}((1-i)I - A)^k$$

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