

## Equivalence Relations.

Recall: A relation on a set  $X$ , denoted  $\sim$

( $R \subseteq X \times X$ ,  $x \sim y$  means  $(x, y) \in R$ )

is an equivalence relation if • reflexive  $x \sim x \quad \forall x \in X$ .

- symmetric,  $x \sim y \Rightarrow y \sim x$

- transitive:  $x \sim y, y \sim z \Rightarrow x \sim z$ .

For  $x \in X$  we have

$[x] = \{y \in X \mid x \sim y\}$  ... equivalence class of  $x \in X$ .

If  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation then:

- Every  $x \in X$  is contained in an equivalence class:  
 $x \in [x]$  b/c  $\sim$  reflexive.

- $\{x, y\} \cap [z] = \emptyset$   $[x][y]$  equivalence classes

either  $[x] \cap [y] = \emptyset$  } if  $z \in [x]$  and  $z \in [y]$   
 or  $[x] = [y]$ . } then  $[x] = [y]$ .

So  $X$  decomposes into equivalence classes.

Example.  $X = M(m \times n, \mathbb{F})$ .  
 Relation: row equivalence.

$A \sim_R B$  if and only if  
 there exists an invertible  
 $P \in M(m \times m, \mathbb{F})$ :  
 $P A = B$ .

- ①  $A \sim_R B$  if and only if  $\text{RREF}(A) = \text{RREF}(B)$ .
- ② Every equivalence class contains a unique matrix in RREF.

Example:  $X = M(m \times n, \mathbb{F})$ .

$A \sim B$  equivalent if  
 there exist  $Q \in M(n \times n, \mathbb{F})$   
 and  $P \in M(m \times m, \mathbb{F})$

both invertible, such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{F}^n & \xrightarrow{A} & \mathbb{F}^m \\ Q \uparrow & & \uparrow P \\ \mathbb{F}^n & \xrightarrow{B} & \mathbb{F}^m \end{array}$$

$$B = P^{-1} A Q$$

or

$$A = P B Q^{-1}$$

$A \sim B$  if and only if  $A$  can be converted into  $B$   
 by a sequence of elementary row & column operations.

Every matrix  $A \sim \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \overset{rk A}{\text{---}} & \\ \hline \begin{matrix} 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \end{array} \right)$ .



Theorem: ①  $A \sim B$  if and only if  $\text{rk } A = \text{rk } B$ .

② Every equivalence class

there are

$$\left( \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right) \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \right) \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \right), \dots \left( \begin{matrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \right)$$

complete list of equivalence classes

until  $k = \min(m, n)$ .

Version for linear maps:  $V \xrightarrow{f} W$

$f \circ g$  if  $\exists$  isomorphisms

$$\begin{matrix} \Phi \uparrow & & \Psi \uparrow \\ V' & \xrightarrow{g} & W' \end{matrix}$$

$\Phi, \Psi$  as in

the diagram. Then  $f \circ g \Leftrightarrow \text{rk } f = \text{rk } g$ .

Moreover for every linear map  $f: V \rightarrow W$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{f} & W \\ \Phi \uparrow & & \uparrow \Psi \\ \mathbb{F}^n & \xrightarrow{A} & \mathbb{F}^m \end{array}$$

there exist bases of  $V$  and  $W$  such that

The matrix of  $f$  is

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} I_{\text{rk } f} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right).$$

Proof. choose a basis of  $\ker(f)$

$$w_1, \dots, w_{n-r}$$

complete to a basis of  $V$ .

$$v_1, \dots, v_r$$

$f(v_1), \dots, f(v_r)$  are lin indep in  $W$

complete to a basis  $y_{r+1}, \dots, y_m$ .

$$r = \text{rk } f.$$

$$\dim V = n.$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} & v_1, \dots, v_r & w_1, \dots, w_{n-r} \\ \hline f(v_1) & 1 & 0 \\ f(v_2) & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ f(v_r) & 0 & 0 \\ \hline y_{r+1} & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ y_m & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$



Specialize to endomorphisms

$$f: V \rightarrow V. \quad \begin{matrix} V & \xrightarrow{f} & V \\ \mathbb{F}^n & \xrightarrow{A} & \mathbb{F}^n \end{matrix}$$

Matrix version:

$B, A \in M(n \times n, \mathbb{F})$  are similar if

there exist  
an invertible  
matrix

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbb{F}^n & \xrightarrow{A} & \mathbb{F}^n \\ P \uparrow & & \uparrow P \\ \mathbb{F}^n & \xrightarrow{B} & \mathbb{F}^m \end{matrix}$$

$P \in M(n \times n, \mathbb{F})$

such that

$$P B \neq A P$$

$A \sim B \Leftrightarrow A = P B P^{-1}$

quite hard to decide ~~when~~ when  $A \sim B$   
or to describe all similarity classes.

Rmk: If  $A \sim B$  then  $\text{charpoly}_A = \text{charpoly}_B$ .

(also  $\det A = \det B$ )  $A = P B P^{-1}$

$$\det(A - tI) = \det(P B P^{-1} - tI)$$

$$= \det(P B P^{-1} - P t I P^{-1}) = \det(P (B - tI) P^{-1})$$

$$= \det(P) \det(B-tI) \det(P)^{-1}$$

$$= \det(B-tI).$$

### Jordan canonical form

Answers the question how to describe all similarity classes over  $\underline{\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}}$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .  $J_\lambda^{(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$  Jordan Block Matrix.

(1)  $1 \times 1$  Jordan block

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad 2 \times 2$$

$3 \times 3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$

charpoly of Jordan block

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - t & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda - t \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - t)^k$$

$k$ -size of Jordan block

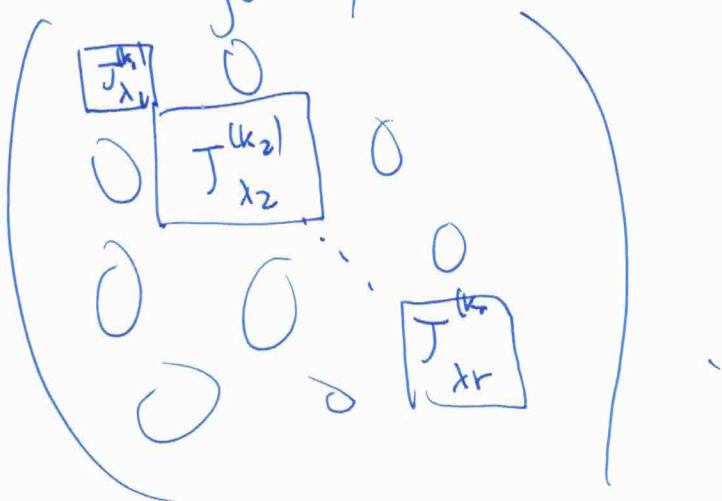
$\lambda$  only eigenvalue.

algebraic multiplicity  $k$ .

Eigenspace:  $\text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  RREF.  
 $\dim E_\lambda = 1$ .

Theorem. Every ~~is~~  $A \in M(n \times n, \mathbb{C})$  is similar to exactly one matrix a matrix in Jordan canonical form, i.e.

Block diagonal, with Jordan blocks on diagonal.



The Jordan Canonical form is unique up to reordering the Jordan blocks.

For let  $f: V \rightarrow V$  be an endomorphism of a  $\mathbb{C}$ -VS  $V$ .  
Then  $\exists$  basis  $B$  of  $V$  s.t.  
 $[f]_B$  is in JCF.