

# Matrix pencils

Definition: Matrix pencil

$A + xB$ , with  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ ,  $x$  indeterminate.

A pencil is called **regular** if  $n = m$  and  $\det(A + xB)$  does not vanish identically, i.e., if there is  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  for which it is square invertible.

An **eigenvalue**  $\lambda$  is a value for which  $\det(A + \lambda B) = 0$ .

Eigenvector, Jordan chains...

If  $\det(A + xB)$  has degree less than  $n$ , the 'missing' eigenvalues are said to be "at infinity".

Example

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\parallel} x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x+1 & x \\ x & x+1 \end{bmatrix}} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 1 & x \end{bmatrix} = x - x = 0 \quad \text{non singolare}$$

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$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1+x & x \\ x & 1+x \end{bmatrix} = 2x+1 \quad \text{non regolare}$$

se  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ , viene  $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  non invertibile

non  $\lambda = -\frac{1}{2}$  è un autovalore di  $\begin{bmatrix} 1+x & x \\ x & 1+x \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  autovettore corrispondente

(autoval/vett. di una matrice  $M \leftrightarrow$  di  $M - xI$ )

$\det(A+Bx)$  has degree at most  $n$

If  $B$  is singular, lower degree

Def: A pencil has  $n$ -deg  $\det(A+Bx)$   
eigenvalues at infinity

[remark:  $A+Bx$  has an eigenvalue at  $\infty$   
iff  $Ax+B$  has an eigenvalue at 0]

$\begin{bmatrix} x+1 & x \\ x & x+1 \end{bmatrix}$ : eigval at  $-\frac{1}{2}, \infty$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ : eigval at  $\infty$  with multiplicity 2

## Eigenvalues of singular pencils

Can be defined via 'unusual rank drop'. For instance:

$$A + xB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & x & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ x & x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 2-x \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \quad \left| \begin{bmatrix} 2 & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} \right| = 2x - x^2$$

has typical rank 2. More formally,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{C}(x)}(A + xB) = 2$ .

But  $A + \underline{2}B$  has rank 1.

Remark: for almost all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  (apart from a finite set),  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{C}}(A + \lambda B)$   
 $= \text{rank}_{\mathbb{C}(x)}(A + xB)$ .

## Canonical form

Equivalence relation  $\sim$ : for each two square  $\underline{P} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ ,  $\underline{Q} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  square invertible,  $A + xB$  and  $\underline{P}(A + xB)\underline{Q}$  are said to be equivalent.

$$\underline{P}A\underline{Q} + x \cdot \underline{P}B\underline{Q}$$

Equivalent  $\implies$  same eigenvalues, singularity...

If  $B$  is square nonsingular, there is little new in this theory:

$\underline{A + xB} \sim J - xI$ , where  $J$  is the Jordan canonical form of  $-B^{-1}A$  (or  $-AB^{-1}$ ).

Computing eigenvalues of  $\underline{A + xB} \iff$  computing eigenvalues of  $-B^{-1}A$

$$\det \underline{P(A + xB)Q} = \det P \det(A + xB) \det Q$$

RMK:

$$M - xI \sim N - xI \iff M \text{ e } N \text{ simili,} \\ M = SNS^{-1}$$

se  $B$  invertibile:

$$A + xB \sim -B^{-1}(A + xB) = -B^{-1}A - xI \sim$$

$$\sim S(-B^{-1}A)S^{-1} - xI = J - xI$$

⌊ Jordan form of  $-B^{-1}A$

## Theorem (Weierstrass canonical form)

For a **regular** matrix pencil  $A + xB \in \mathbb{C}[x]^{n \times n}$ , there are nonsingular  $P, Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that  $P(A + xB)Q$  is the direct sum (blkdiag) of blocks of the forms

$$J_\lambda(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & \\ & \lambda & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda \end{bmatrix} - xI, \quad \underline{m}$$

Jordan block at  $\lambda$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda - x & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda - x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_\infty(x) = I - x \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Jordan block at  $\infty$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - x & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & -x \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof (sketch):

- ▶ Take  $c$  such that  $A + cB$  is invertible;
- ▶  $A + xB \sim I + (x - c)(A + cB)^{-1}B$ ;
- ▶  $A + xB \sim I + (x - c) \text{blkdiag}(J_1, \dots, J_s)$ ,
- ▶ Consider separately each  $I + (x - c)J_i = I + (x - c)(\lambda I + N)$ .
- ▶ If  $\lambda = 0$ , block  $\sim I - xM$ , where  $M = \text{toeplitztriu}(0, 1, \dots)$ .
- ▶ If  $\lambda \neq 0$ , block  $\sim M - xI$ , where  $M = \text{toeplitztriu}(\frac{c\lambda - 1}{\lambda}, \frac{1}{\lambda^2}, \dots)$ .



Prendo  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  tale che  $A+cB$   
sia invertibile

$$A+xB = (A+cB) + (x-c)B \sim$$

$$\underline{I + (x-c)(A+cB)^{-1}B} \sim \left[ \text{Jordan form} \right. \\ \left. \text{of } (A+cB)^{-1}B \right]$$

$$\sim \underline{I} + (x-c) \text{diag}(J_1, J_2, \dots, J_s)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \underline{I} + (x-c)J_1 & & & \\ & \underline{I} + (x-c)J_2 & & \bigcirc \\ & & \ddots & \\ \bigcirc & & & \underline{I} + (x-c)J_s \end{pmatrix}$$

Lavoro sui singoli blocchi:

$$J_i = \lambda I + N$$

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

CASO  $\underline{I + (x-c) J_i = (1-c\lambda) I - cN + x(\lambda I + N)}$   $\boxtimes$

①  $\lambda = 0$

$$\boxtimes = (I - cN) + xN \sim I + x(I - cN)^{-1} N$$

$$= I + x \begin{bmatrix} 0 & c & c^2 & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & c \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left( I + cN + c^2 N^2 + c^3 N^3 + \dots \right) \cdot N$$

one eigenvalue is 0

$$r \ll \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} - 0 \cdot I \right) = k_i - 1$$

Since  $\dim \ker \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & c \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1$ , it has  
 a single Jordan block,

$$I - x \begin{bmatrix} 1 & c & & \\ & 0 & \dots & \\ & \vdots & \ddots & \\ & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim I - x \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & 0 \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

②  $\lambda \neq 0$

\*  $\sim ((1 - cx)I - cN)(\lambda I + N)^{-1} - xI$

(razionsment, analogo)

One can define 'Jordan chains' (at  $\lambda$ , at  $\infty \dots$ )

# Generalized Schur factorization

Compare with generalized Schur (QZ) factorization:

## Theorem

For any pair of square  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ , one can find orthogonal  $Q, Z$  such that  $QAZ = T_A, QBZ = T_B$  are upper triangular (at the same time).

Eigenvalues =  $\frac{(T_A)_{ii}}{(T_B)_{ii}}$  (incl.  $\infty$ ).

## Theorem (Kronecker canonical form)

For a **regular** matrix pencil  $A + xB \in \mathbb{C}[x]^{m \times n}$ , there are nonsingular  $P \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ ,  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that  $P(A + xB)Q$  is the direct sum (blkdiag) of blocks of the form  $J_\lambda(x)$ ,  $J_\infty(x)$ , and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & & & \\ & 1 & x & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 & x \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}[x]^{k \times (k+1)}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ x & 1 & & & \\ & x & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & 1 & \\ & & & & x \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}[x]^{(k+1) \times k},$$

(This includes  $1 \times 0$  and  $0 \times 1$  empty blocks).

## Examples

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & x \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \dots$$

Proof (sketch): [Gantmacher book '59]

- ▶ Suppose  $(A + xB)v(x) = 0$  for some  $v \in \mathbb{C}(x)^n$
- ▶ We may assume  $v = v_0 + v_1x + \cdots + v_dx^d \in \mathbb{C}[x]^n$ , clearing denominators.

- ▶ Remark: singularity of  $(d + 1) \times d$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} A & & & & \\ B & A & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & B & A & \\ & & & B & \end{bmatrix}.$$

- ▶ Assume  $d$  minimal.
- ▶ We wish to show that the  $v_i$  are linearly independent. Suppose they are not so; then one can choose  $\alpha(x) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1x + \cdots + \alpha_ex^e$  (of minimal degree  $e \leq d$ ) such that  $w(x) = \alpha(x)v(x)$  has a zero coefficient  $w_e$ . But then  $Aw_0 = 0$ ,  $Aw_1 + Bw_0 = 0$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $Bw_{e-1} = 0$ , which contradicts minimality of  $d$ .

(cont.)



- ▶ Take a basis that starts with the  $v_i$ ; this block-triangularizes the pencil:  $\begin{bmatrix} K(x) & L(x) \\ 0 & M(x) \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $K(x)$  is a Kronecker block.
- ▶ Moreover, by minimality of  $d$ ,  $M(x)$  is such that  $d \times (d - 1)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_0 & & & & \\ M_1 & M_0 & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & M_1 & M_0 & \\ & & & M_1 & \end{bmatrix} \text{ is nonsingular.}$$

- ▶ Using this nonsingularity, one can prove that the system of Sylvester-like equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & E \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K(x) & L(x) \\ 0 & M(x) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & F \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K(x) & 0 \\ 0 & M(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

is solvable (some work needed — details not given in the course).

## Kernel in $\mathbb{C}(x)$

The  $(k \times (k + 1))$  Kronecker blocks have kernel

$$\left[ (-1)^k x^k \quad (-1)^{k-1} x^{k-1} \quad \dots \quad -x \quad 1 \right]^T.$$

The other blocks have full column rank in  $\mathbb{C}(x)$ .

(Remark: the kernel of  $\text{blkdiag}(C, D)$  can be obtained by the kernels of  $C, D$ .)