

Jordan Canonical Form

Note: 1° Jordan form is not a continuous function of entries of the matrix.

E.g. $A_\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

2° Jordan forms are good for proofs:

- (1) prove for diagonal matrices
- (2) prove for Jordan blocks
- (3) prove for direct sum of matrices.
- (4) prove for conjugation

Prop: (Jordan- ε form)

$A \in M_n$, $\varepsilon > 0$, then $\exists S = S(\varepsilon)$, s.t.

$$A = S \cdot [J_{n_1}(\lambda_1, \varepsilon) \oplus \dots \oplus J_{n_k}(\lambda_k, \varepsilon)] \cdot S^{-1}$$

where $J_n(\lambda, \varepsilon) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & \varepsilon & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda & \varepsilon \\ & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$, $\sum_i n_i = n$