Jordan Normal Form and Exponential Map

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Introduction

Block Diagonal Matrix

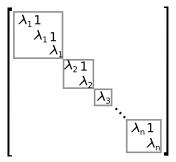


Figure: Jordan Normal Form



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A square matrix which is not diagonalizable. Example;

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Where $\lambda = 3$, with algebraic multiplicity 2.

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Knowing that $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{J} - \lambda \mathbf{I}$, is a nilpotent matrices with nilpotency n, then $e^{t\mathbf{J}} = e^{\lambda_i \mathbf{I} t + \mathbf{N} t}$, where

$$e^{\mathbf{N}t} = \mathbf{I} + t\mathbf{N} + \frac{\mathbf{N}^2 t^2}{2!} + ... + \frac{\mathbf{N}^{n-1} t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$



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Conclusion

- No matter whether the matrix generated by the system of ODE is not diagonalizable we can get solution using Jordan norm form.
- Jordan form can be used as tool to generalize the solution for some ordinary differential equation.





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