

# An Introduction to Nonlinear Eigenvalue Problems

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## Example

Given e-val  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  with partial multiplicities 1, 1, 2, 3, the Jordan realization is

$$[a] \oplus [a] \oplus \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \oplus \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}.$$



# Applications of eigenvalues

Too many to list them all.

- ▶ Systems of first-order ODEs.
- ▶ Vibrational modes of molecules.

- ▶ Molecular orbital energies.

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GEPs can come from finite elements and can show up in condensed matter physics and many other places.

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In differential algebraic equations, the eigenvalue at infinity determines **impulse responses** corresponding to discontinuities in the solution.

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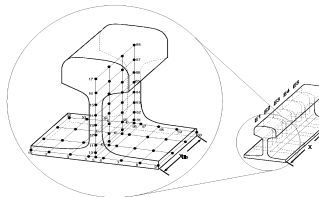
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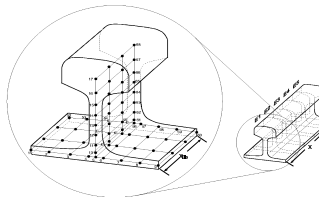
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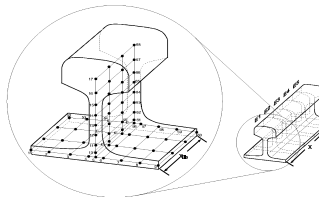


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Related by index sum equation (Praagman, 1991)

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## Example construction

Data list  $\mathcal{L}$  contains eigenvalues  $\alpha, \beta, \infty$  with partial multiplicities

$$\begin{array}{llll} \alpha : & 1, & 1, & 4, & 4 \\ \beta : & 2, & 6 & & . \\ \infty : & 1, & 2, & 7 \end{array}$$

Index sum:  $10 + 8 + 10 = 28$ .

A degree 7 realization is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a^4b^2 & a^2c^4 & 0 & ac^5 \\ & a^2b^3 & ac^6 & ab^3c^2 \\ & & ab & 0 \\ & & & a^3b^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Solving the time-delay differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = A_0x(t) + A_1x(t - \tau_1) + \cdots + A_kx(t - \tau_k)$$

leads to the NEP

$$(A_0 - \lambda I + A_1 e^{-\tau_1 \lambda} + \cdots + A_k e^{-\tau_k \lambda})v = 0.$$

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Many of these problems might make interesting senior capstone projects.



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