

1. Find the rational canonical forms of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & c & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & c \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 422 & 465 & 15 & -30 \\ -420 & -463 & -15 & 30 \\ 840 & 930 & 32 & -60 \\ -140 & -155 & -5 & 12 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Find all similarity classes of  $6 \times 6$  matrices over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with minimal polynomial  $(x+2)^2(x-1)$  (it suffices to give all lists of invariant factors and write out just a couple of their corresponding matrices).
3. Find all similarity classes of  $6 \times 6$  matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$  with characteristic polynomial  $(x^4 - 1)(x^2 - 1)$ .
4. Determine all possible rational canonical forms for a linear transformation with characteristic polynomial  $x^2(x^2 + 1)^2$ .
5. Determine which of the following matrices are similar:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 8 & 8 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 & -4 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

6. Determine the Jordan canonical forms for the following matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & -3 & -1 \\ -4 & -4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

7. Verify for yourself that the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -8 & -10 & -1 \\ 7 & 9 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 & -4 \\ 4 & -1 & 4 \\ 4 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

both have  $(x-1)^2(x+1)$  as characteristic polynomial. Determine the Jordan canonical form for both matrices. Explain why one can be diagonalized and the other cannot.

8. Show that the characteristic polynomial of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is a product of linear factors over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Determine the rational and Jordan canonical forms for  $A$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

9. Determine the Jordan canonical form for the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 4 & -8 & 14 & -15 \\ 2 & -4 & 7 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

10. Verify for yourself that the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & -8 & -8 \\ -6 & -3 & 8 & 8 \\ -3 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & -4 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

both have characteristic polynomial  $(x-3)(x+1)^3$ . Determine the Jordan canonical form for each matrix and explain whether or not they are similar.

11. (a) Find all similarity classes of  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  satisfying  $A^6 = I$  (compare with the answer you computed over  $\mathbb{Q}$  above).  
(b) Find all similarity classes of  $4 \times 4$  matrices  $B$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  satisfying  $B^{20} = I$ .
12. Show that if  $A^2 = A$  then  $A$  is similar to a diagonal matrix that has only 0's and 1's along the diagonal. (The entries of  $A$  may be from any field.)
13. Prove there are no  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  with entries from  $\mathbb{Q}$  with  $A^8 = I$  but  $A^4 \neq I$ .