Introduction to Algebra Example sheet 11 (not 10)

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1. Determine the Jordan Normal Form of the following matrices

**2.** Suppose  $A \in M^{16 \times 16}(\mathbb{C})$  and the rank-sequence of the powers of A - I, A - 2A and A + I are in the following table. Determine the Jordan Normal Form of A.

2. Compute the powers of the following Jordan matrices (blocks)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}; C = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}; D = \text{same for } n \times n.$$

4. What is the Jordan Normal form of a projection?

**5.** Let A be a square matrix and suppose  $\chi_A(t) = t^n$  and  $m_A(t) = t^k$ . Let  $r_i = \operatorname{rk}(A^i)$  denote the sequence of the ranks of the powers of A.

- (i) Determine  $r_0$  and  $r_k$ .
- (ii) Verify that  $r_{i+1} < r_i$  (for  $0 \le i < n$ ), that is the sequence is strictly decreasing.
- (iii) Prove that  $r_i \leq \frac{r_{i-1}+r_{i+1}}{2}$  (for 0 < i < n), that is the sequence is weakly convex.
- (iv) Show that if a sequence  $r_i$  satisfies the above three properties then there exists a matrix A for which  $r_i = \operatorname{rk}(A^i)$  (for  $0 \le i \le n$ ).

6. HW Compute the minimal polynomial and the JNF of the following matrix. Provide a Jordan basis, too.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**7.** Suppose  $A, B \in M^{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $C \in M^{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $A \sim C$  and  $B \sim C$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Show that  $A \sim B$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

In particular, the real matrices A, B have the same Jordan Normal Form (over  $\mathbb{C}$ ) if and only if they are similar. (We can also replace "real" by "rational.")

8. Find one representative from each ~-equivalence class from  $M^{2\times 2}(\mathbb{F}_2)$ . Do it in  $M^{3\times 3}(\mathbb{F}_2)$ , too.