

Generic (low rank) spectral perturbation results for matrix polynomials

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...following basic important fact

In **matrices and matrix pencils elementary divisors are**, respectively, **in one to one correspondence with Jordan blocks** in the Jordan Canonical Form and in the Kronecker Canonical Form:

$$(\lambda - \mu)^p \longleftrightarrow J_p(\mu) \equiv p \times p \text{ Jordan block of eigenvalue } \mu$$

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