

# Strongly minimal self-conjugate linearizations for polynomial and rational matrices

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- They have bases consisting entirely of vector polynomials.
- The polynomial bases with “minimal sum of the degrees” of their vectors are the **minimal bases** of  $P(\lambda)$ . The **minimal indices** of  $P(\lambda)$  are the degrees of the vectors of any minimal basis.



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$$U^* H V = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{H} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_1^* H V_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\hat{H}$  is  $r_f \times r_f$  and invertible. Partition the matrices  $U_1$  and  $V_1$  as

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is a (structured) strongly minimal linearization of  $R(\lambda)$ .

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