

# Worst-case and ideal GMRES for a Jordan Block

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# GMRES

Consider a system of linear algebraic equations

$$\mathbf{A}x = b$$

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is nonsingular,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Given  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $r_0 = b - \mathbf{A}x_0$ . GMRES computes iterates  $x_k$ ,

$$x_k \in x_0 + \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, r_0)$$

such that

$$\|r_k\| = \|b - \mathbf{A}x_k\| = \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})r_0\|,$$

where  $\pi_k = \{p \text{ is a polynomial; } \deg(p) \leq k; p(0) = 1\}$ .

# GMRES bounds

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For simplicity assume  $x_0 = 0$  and  $\|b\| = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|r_k\| &= \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})b\| && \text{(GMRES)} \\
 &\leq \max_{\|b\|=1} \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})b\| && \text{(worst-case GMRES)} \\
 &\leq \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})\| && \text{(ideal GMRES).}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Normal matrices: worst-case GMRES = ideal GMRES.  
[Greenbaum & Gurvits '94, Joubert '94]
- Nonnormal matrices: worst-case GMRES can differ from ideal GMRES.  
[Faber & Joubert & Knill & Manteuffel '96, Toh '97]

# Toh's example

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Worst-case GMRES can be very different from ideal GMRES for nonnormal  $\mathbf{A}$ !

Consider the 4 by 4 matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \epsilon & & \\ -1 & 1/\epsilon & & \\ & 1 & \epsilon & \\ & & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \epsilon > 0.$$

Then, for  $k = 3$ ,

$$\frac{\max_{\|b\|=1} \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})b\|}{\min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})\|} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \epsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

[Toh '97]

# Toh's matrix

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$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{J} \mathbf{V}^{-1},$$

where

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & -1 & 1 \\ & & & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{V} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & \epsilon & \epsilon & -\epsilon \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2\epsilon & 0 & 2\epsilon \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$\kappa(\mathbf{V}) \sim \frac{4}{\epsilon}.$$

# GMRES for a Jordan block

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Let  $\lambda > 0$ . Consider an  $n$  by  $n$  Jordan block

$$\mathbf{J}_\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}.$$

- Does it hold **worst-case GMRES** = **ideal GMRES**?
- How to estimate the **ideal GMRES** approximation?

[Faber et al. '96]: Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be  $n$  by  $n$  triangular Toeplitz matrix. Then

$$\max_{\|b\|=1} \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})b\| = 1 \iff \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})\| = 1.$$

# Outline

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1. Structure behind the ideal GMRES convergence for  $\mathbf{J}_\lambda$
2. Steps  $k$  such that  $k$  divides  $n$
3. Estimating the ideal GMRES approximation
4. Observation for a general step  $k$
5. Conclusions

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# 1. Structure behind the ideal GMRES convergence

# Ideal GMRES matrix

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**Definition:** The polynomial  $\varphi_k \in \pi_k$  is called the  $k$ th **ideal GMRES polynomial** of  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , if it satisfies

$$\|\varphi_k(\mathbf{A})\| = \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})\|.$$

[Existence and uniqueness of  $\varphi_k$  → Greenbaum & Trefethen '94]

We call the matrix  $\varphi_k(\mathbf{A})$  the  $k$ th **ideal GMRES matrix** of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Numerical experiment:** Using MATLAB-software SDPT3 by Toh we can compute ideal GMRES matrices and display their structure!

# Numerical experiment

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{J}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{8 \times 8}$ ,  $\bullet$  ... nonzero entries,  $\circ$  ... zero entries (or almost).

$$\varphi_1(\mathbf{J}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet & & & & & & \\ & \bullet & \bullet & & & & & \\ & & \bullet & \bullet & & & & \\ & & & \bullet & \bullet & & & \\ & & & & \bullet & \bullet & & \\ & & & & & \bullet & \bullet & \\ & & & & & & \bullet & \bullet \\ & & & & & & & \bullet \end{bmatrix},$$

# Numerical experiment

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{J}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{8 \times 8}$ ,  $\bullet$  ... nonzero entries,  $\circ$  ... zero entries (or almost).

$$\varphi_2(\mathbf{J}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \bullet \end{bmatrix},$$

# Numerical experiment

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{J}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{8 \times 8}$ ,  $\bullet$  ... nonzero entries,  $\circ$  ... zero entries (or almost).

$$\varphi_3(\mathbf{J}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix},$$

# Numerical experiment

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{J}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{8 \times 8}$ , • ... nonzero entries, ○ ... zero entries (or almost).

$$\varphi_4(\mathbf{J}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \circ & \circ & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \circ & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \circ & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \circ & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \circ & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \bullet & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \bullet & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \end{bmatrix},$$

# Numerical experiment

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{J}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{8 \times 8}$ ,  $\bullet$  ... nonzero entries,  $\circ$  ... zero entries (or almost).

$$\varphi_5(\mathbf{J}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix},$$

# Numerical experiment

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{J}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{8 \times 8}$ ,  $\bullet$  ... nonzero entries,  $\circ$  ... zero entries (or almost).

$$\varphi_6(\mathbf{J}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \circ \\ \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \circ \\ \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \circ \end{bmatrix},$$

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$$\varphi_7(\mathbf{J}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix},$$

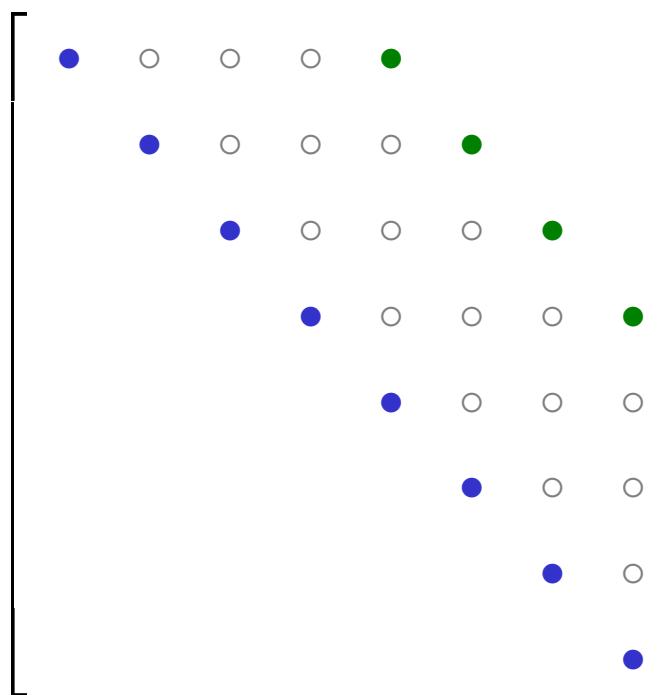
The structure of  $\varphi_k(\mathbf{J}_1)$  depends on relation between  $k$  and  $n$ .

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## 2. Steps $k$ such that $k$ divides $n$

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If  $k$  divides  $n$  then  $\varphi_k(\mathbf{J}_1) =$



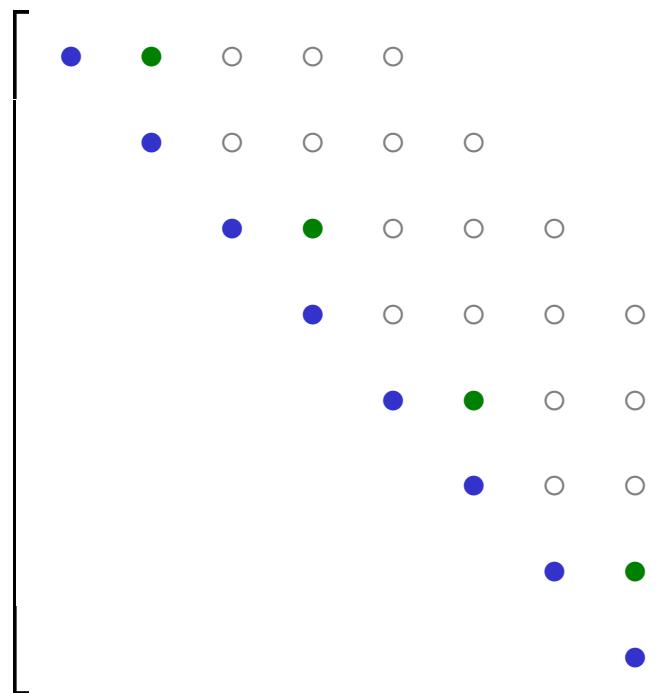
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If  $k$  divides  $n$

$$\left[ I_{\frac{n}{k}} \otimes e_1, \dots, I_{\frac{n}{k}} \otimes e_k \right]^T$$

# Steps $k$ such that $k$ divides $n$

If  $k$  divides  $n$



# Connection between the step $k$ and 1

**We proved:** There is a strong connection between

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{the } k\text{th step of ideal GMRES} & \longleftrightarrow & \text{the 1st step of ideal GMRES} \\ \text{for } J_\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} & & \text{for } J_{\lambda^k} \in \mathbb{R}^{\frac{n}{k} \times \frac{n}{k}}. \end{array}$$

Let e.g.  $n = 8$ ,  $k = 4$ .

# Results for a Jordan block $\mathbf{J}_\lambda$

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Using the transformation and results by [Greenbaum & Gurvits '94] we proved:

- If  $k$  divides  $n$  then

worst-case GMRES = ideal GMRES.

- Ideal polynomial  $\varphi_k$ :

$$\varphi_k(z) = \bullet + \bullet (\lambda - z)^k .$$

- Let  $n$  be even,  $k = n/2$ , and let  $\lambda^k \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . Then

$$\|\varphi_k(\mathbf{J}_\lambda)\| = \frac{4\lambda^k}{4\lambda^{2k} + 1} .$$

[T. & Liesen '05]

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### 3. Estimating the ideal GMRES approximation

# Estimating using polynomial numerical hull

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**Definition:** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be  $n$  by  $n$  matrix. **Polynomial numerical hull of degree  $k$**  is a sets  $\mathcal{H}_k$  in the complex plane defined as

$$\mathcal{H}_k \equiv \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \|p(\mathbf{A})\| \geq |p(z)| \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{P}_k\},$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_k$  denotes the set of polynomials of degree  $k$  or less.

The set  $\mathcal{H}_k$  provides a lower bound on the ideal GMRES approximation

$$\min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})\| \geq \min_{p \in \pi_k} \max_{z \in \mathcal{H}_k} |p(z)|.$$

[Greenbaum '02]

# $\mathcal{H}_k$ for a Jordan block $\mathbf{J}_\lambda$

$\mathcal{H}_k$  is a circle around  $\lambda$  with a radius  $\varrho_{k,n}$ .

$\varrho_{1,n}$  and  $\varrho_{n-1,n}$  are known,

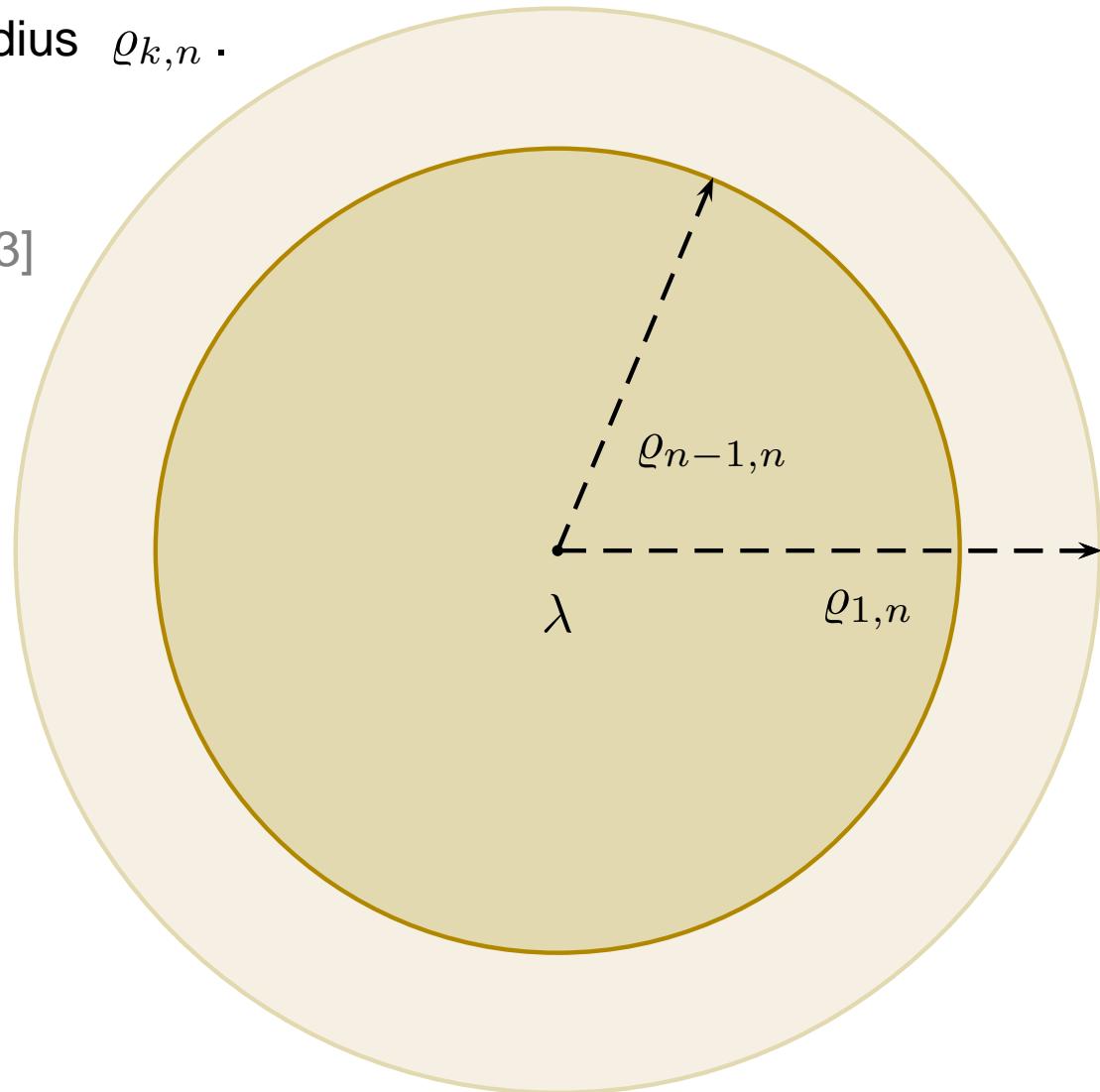
[Faber & Greenbaum & Marshall '03]

$$\varrho_{1,n} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right).$$

if  $n$  even,  $\varrho_{n-1,n}$  is the positive root of

$$2\varrho^n + \varrho - 1 = 0.$$

$$\varrho_{n-1,n} \geq 1 - \frac{\log(2n)}{n}$$



# $\mathcal{H}_k$ for a Jordan block $\mathbf{J}_\lambda$ ( $k$ divides $n$ )

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We proved the connection between

- the  $k$ th step of ideal GMRES for  $\mathbf{J}_\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and
- the 1st step of ideal GMRES for  $\mathbf{J}_{\lambda^k} \in \mathbb{R}^{\frac{n}{k} \times \frac{n}{k}}$ .

From this connection it follows

\*We thank Anne Greenbaum for this observation.

$$\varrho_{k,n} = \left[ \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{\frac{n}{k} + 1} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{k}}$$

and the bound

$$\lambda^{-k} \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{\frac{n}{k} + 1} \right) \leq \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{J}_\lambda)\| \leq \lambda^{-k},$$

for  $\lambda \geq \varrho_{k,n}$ .

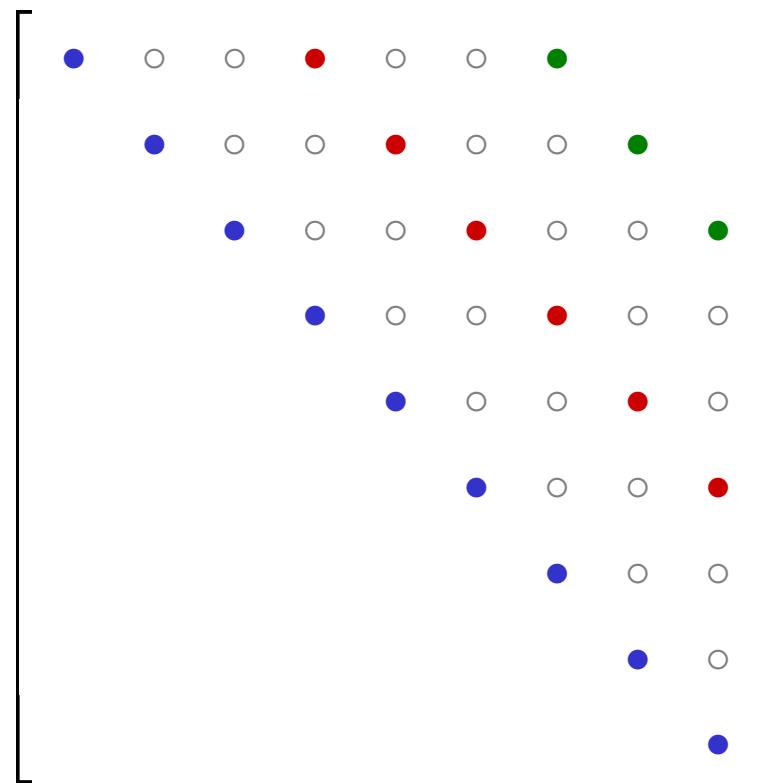
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## 4. General step $k$

# General step $k$ (observation)

Let  $d$  be the greatest common divisor of  $n$  and  $k$  ( $n = 9, k = 6, d = 3$ ).



$$\varphi_k(\mathbf{J}_\lambda)$$

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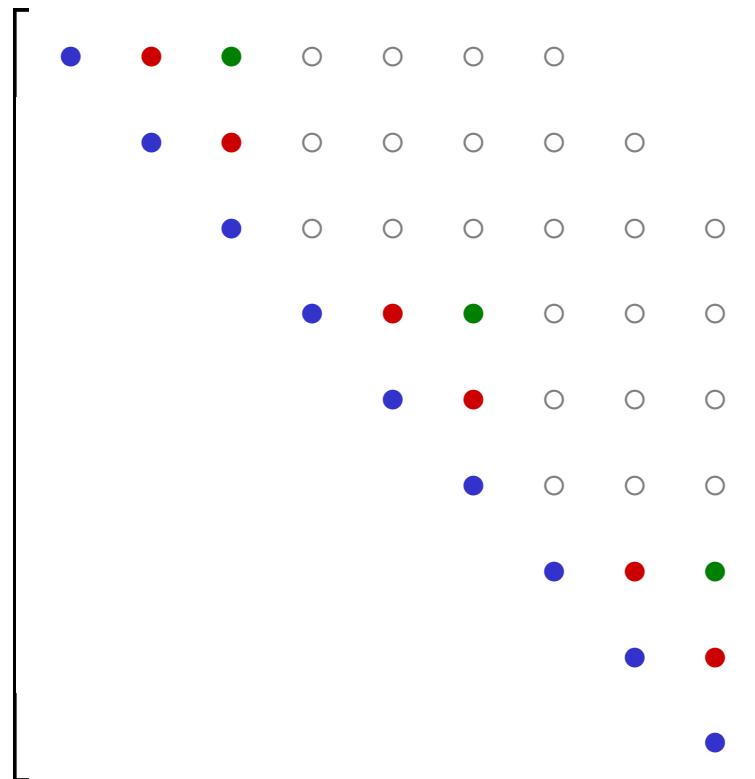
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$$\mathbf{P}_{n,k}^T \varphi_k(\mathbf{J}_\lambda) \mathbf{P}_{n,k}$$

# Conclusions for a Jordan block $\mathbf{J}_\lambda$

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Let  $k$  divide  $n$ . At these steps  $k$ :

- we proved **worst-case GMRES** = **ideal GMRES**,
- we determined the **ideal GMRES polynomial**,
- we know the **radius** of polynomial numerical hull,
- we derived tight **bounds** on  $\|\varphi_k(\mathbf{J}_\lambda)\|$ .

General  $k$ .

Our numerical experiments predict:

worst-case GMRES = ideal GMRES for  $\mathbf{J}_\lambda$  at each step  $k$ .

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Thank you for your attention!

**More details can be found in**

**Tichý, P. and Liesen, J.,** [Worst-case and ideal GMRES for a Jordan block](#), submitted to Linear Algebra and its Applications, October 2004.

<http://www.math.tu-berlin.de/~tichy>