

Generic eigenstructures of matrix pencils

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The structures

We consider the following structured pencils $A + \lambda B$ (with $\star = *, \top$):

- \star -palindromic: $B = A^*$.
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- \star -alternating:
 - \star -even: $A^* = A$, $B^* = -B$.
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are both **symmetric** and

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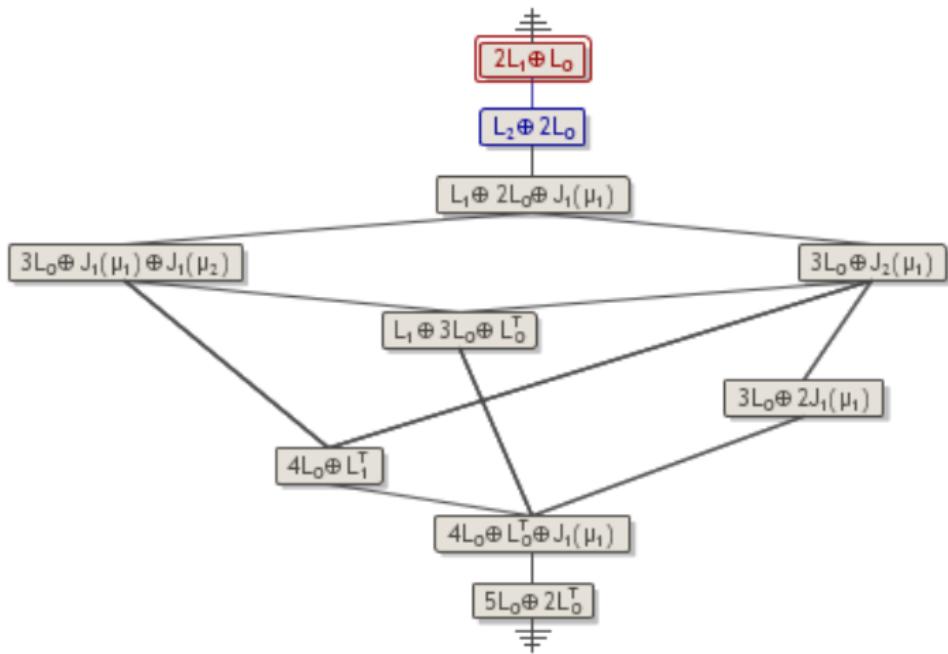


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The case $m = 2, n = 5$



Stratigraph:

<https://www.umu.se/en/research/projects/stratigraph-and-mcs-toolbox/>

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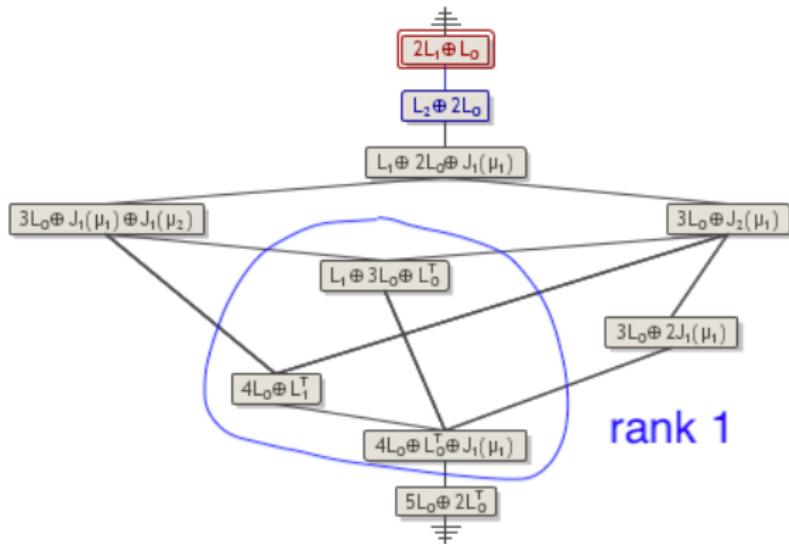
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☞ Similar result to the one for $\text{Even}_r(n)$.

☞ Are immediate consequences of the results for \top -palindromic and \top -anti-palindromic using **Cayley transforms**:

$$\mathcal{C}_{-1}(A_0 + \lambda A_1) = A_0 - A_1 + \lambda(A_0 + A_1), \quad \mathcal{C}_{+1}(A_0 + \lambda A_1) = A_0 + A_1 + \lambda(A_1 - A_0),$$

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- $\mathcal{C}_{+1} : \text{Pal}_r(n) \rightarrow \text{Even}_r(n)$ is an isomorphism of algebraic sets ($\mathcal{C}_{+1}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{C}_{-1}$).
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☞ The generic low rank symmetric pencils have eigenvalues!!!

The generic eigenstructures of Hermitian pencils

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☞ Generically, all eigenvalues (if any) **are real!!!**

