



# Spectral equivalence of matrix polynomials, the Index Sum Theorem and consequences

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# Conclusions

- We have introduced two equivalence relations on matrix polynomials ( $\sim$  and  $\asymp$ ) that allow for different sizes and degrees.
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