

Stratifications of structured matrix pencils.

Part I: Skew-symmetric and symmetric cases

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Systems of matrix equations

We study

$$X^T A + AX = 0,$$

$$X^T B + BX = 0,$$

where X is an unknown $n \times n$ matrix and

- 1 A and B are skew-symmetric $n \times n$ matrices:

$$A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, \quad A = -A^T \text{ and } B = -B^T.$$

- 2 A and B are symmetric $n \times n$ matrices:

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Results obtained in this part

- The general solutions of

$$\begin{aligned}X^T A + AX &= 0, \\X^T B + BX &= 0.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

- Dimensions of the vector spaces of matrices X that satisfy the systems (1).
- Codimensions of the congruence orbits of a (skew-)symmetric matrix pencil $A - \lambda B$.

Reduction to canonical forms

Multiplying the equations (1) by S^T and S , we obtain

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Sufficient to solve the system (1) where (A, B) is a canonical pair of (skew-)symmetric matrices up to congruence.

Canonical building blocks

Define the $k \times k$ matrices

$$J_k(\mu) := \begin{bmatrix} \mu & 1 & & 0 \\ & \mu & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \mu \end{bmatrix}, \quad I_k := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & 0 \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

and the $k \times (k + 1)$ matrices

$$F_k := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad G_k := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Canonical form of a pair (A, B) of skew-symmetric complex matrices under congruence

Theorem (Thompson, 1991)

Every pair of skew-symmetric complex matrices is congruent to a direct sum, determined uniquely up to permutation of summands, of skew-symmetric pairs of the form

$$H_h(\mu) := \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_h \\ -I_h & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & J_h(\mu) \\ -J_h(\mu)^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right), \quad \mu \in \mathbb{C},$$
$$K_k := \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & J_k(0) \\ -J_k(0)^T & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_k \\ -I_k & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right),$$
$$M_m := \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & F_m \\ -F_m^T & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & G_m \\ -G_m^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

The form of the solution

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Let X be a parameter matrix that has the same size as A and B and with a conforming partition into blocks:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & \dots & X_{1t} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_{t1} & \dots & X_{tt} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{e.g., size } X_{ij} = \text{size } H_{p_i}(\mu_i).$$

Block-wise solution

Let $(A, B) = (A_1, B_1) \oplus (A_2, B_2)$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1^T & X_3^T \\ X_2^T & X_4^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \\ X_3 & X_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0,$$
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or equivalently

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1^T A_1 + A_1 X_1 & X_3^T A_2 + A_1 X_2 \\ X_2^T A_1 + A_2 X_3 & X_4^T A_2 + A_2 X_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0,$$
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Three cases:

- $(A_1, B_1) : H_h(\mu), K_k, \text{ or } M_m.$

Block-wise solution for off-diagonal blocks of X

To determine X_2 and X_3 consider the corresponding off-diagonal blocks in the matrix equation:

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since A_1, A_2, B_1 , and B_2 are skew-symmetric we get the following system

$$X_3^T A_2 + A_1 X_2 = 0,$$

$$X_3^T B_2 + B_1 X_2 = 0.$$

Interaction between two canonical blocks

The following six cases occur:

- $(A_1, B_1) = H_k(\mu_1)$ $(A_2, B_2) = H_m(\mu_2)$;
- $(A_1, B_1) = K_k$ $(A_2, B_2) = K_m$;
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Dimension of the solution space

Corollary

If the system

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with (A, B) in canonical form, then the dimension of its solution space is equal to the sum

$$d_{(A,B)} = d_H + d_K + d_M + d_{HH} + d_{KK} + d_{MM} + d_{HK} + d_{HM} + d_{KM}$$

whose summands correspond to

- *the direct summands of (A, B) (**diagonal blocks of X**):*

$$d_H := 3 \sum_{i=1}^a h_i, \quad d_K := 3 \sum_{i=1}^b k_i, \quad d_M := c + 2 \sum_{i=1}^c m_i;$$

Dimension of the solution space

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- the pairs of direct summands of (A, B) of the **same type** (*off-diagonal blocks of X*):

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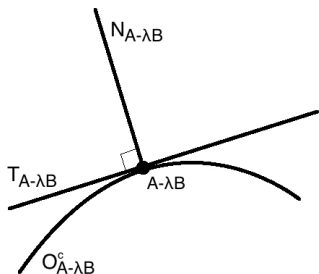
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- the pairs of direct summands of (A, B) of **different types** (*off-diagonal blocks of X*):

$$d_{HK} := 0, \quad d_{HM} := 2c \sum_i h_i, \quad d_{KM} := 2c \sum_i k_i.$$

Tangent and normal subspaces



$$\mathcal{O}_C(A - \lambda B) = \{S^T(A - \lambda B)S \mid \det S \neq 0\}$$

$$\dim \mathcal{O}_C(A - \lambda B) := \dim T_{A - \lambda B}$$

$$\text{codim } \mathcal{O}_C(A - \lambda B) := \dim N_{A - \lambda B}$$

$$\dim \mathcal{O}_C(A - \lambda B) + \text{codim } \mathcal{O}_C(A - \lambda B) = n^2 - n$$

The vector space

$$T_{A - \lambda B} \equiv \{(X^T A + AX) - \lambda(X^T B + BX) : X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}\}$$

is the tangent space to the congruence orbit of $A - \lambda B$ at the point $A - \lambda B$. The orthogonal complement to $T_{A - \lambda B}$ is called the normal space, $N_{A - \lambda B}$, to the congruence orbit.

Codimension computations

Theorem

The codimension of the congruence orbit of $(A, B) \in \mathbb{C}_C^{n \times n} \times \mathbb{C}_C^{n \times n}$, where $\mathbb{C}_C^{n \times n}$ is the space of skew-symmetric $n \times n$ matrices, can be calculated as follows:

$$\text{codim}(\mathcal{O}_C(A, B)) = d_{(A, B)} - n$$

where $d_{(A, B)} := \dim \left(\left\{ X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, \text{ such that } \begin{cases} X^T A + AX = 0 \\ X^T B + BX = 0 \end{cases} \right\} \right)$.

Recall $d_{(A, B)} = d_H + d_K + d_M + d_{HH} + d_{KK} + d_{MM} + d_{HK} + d_{HM} + d_{KM}$.

A. Dmytryshyn, B. Kågström, V.V. Sergeichuk, [Skew-symmetric matrix pencils: codimension counts and the solution of a pair of matrix equations](#), *Linear Algebra Appl.*, 438 (2013), pp. 3375–3396.

Symmetric matrix pencils

The same technique is applied in the case (A, B) are symmetric.

Theorem

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- construction of a canonical pair with specified canonical structure;
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MCS Toolbox also works with:

- matrices up to similarity, congruence, and *congruence;
- matrix pencils (equivalence transformations);
- symmetric matrix pencils (congruence transformations);
- controllability and observability matrix pairs;
- state-space matrix pencils.

P. Johansson, [Matrix canonical structure toolbox](#), Report UMINF 06.15, 2006.

Small perturbations of canonical forms

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} \lambda & 1 & & & \\ & \lambda & 1 & & \\ & & \lambda & \varepsilon & \delta \\ \hline & & & \lambda & 1 \\ & & & & \lambda \end{array} \right] \sim \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \lambda & 1 & & & & \\ & \lambda & 1 & & & \\ & & \lambda & 1 & & \\ & & & \lambda & 1 & \\ & & & & \lambda & \\ \hline & & & & & \lambda \end{array} \right] & \text{if } \varepsilon \neq 0, \delta = 0, \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \lambda & 1 & & & & \\ & \lambda & 1 & & & \\ & & \lambda & 1 & & \\ & & & \lambda & 1 & \\ \hline & & & & & \lambda \end{array} \right] & \text{if } \varepsilon = 0, \delta \neq 0, \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \lambda & 1 & & & & \\ & \lambda & 1 & & & \\ & & \lambda & & & \\ \hline & & & \lambda & 1 & \\ & & & & \lambda & \end{array} \right] & \text{if } \varepsilon = 0, \delta = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

Jordan Canonical Form (JCF) is a discontinuous function of the entries!

Changes of JCF under small perturbations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & & \\ & \lambda & 1 & & \\ & & \lambda & 1 & \\ & & & \lambda & 1 \\ & & & & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_S(A) = \{S^{-1}AS \mid \det S \neq 0\}$$

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Equivalence transformation DOES NOT!

$$(A, B) \mapsto P^{-1}(A, B)Q := (P^{-1}AQ, P^{-1}BQ), \quad \det P \cdot \det Q \neq 0.$$

$$\mathcal{O}_E(A, B) = \{P^{-1}(A, B)Q \mid \det P \cdot \det Q \neq 0\}.$$

"Equivalence" \Leftrightarrow "Congruence"

Theorem

Let (A, B) and (C, D) be two pairs of skew-symmetric complex matrices. There exists a sequence of nonsingular matrices $\{R_n, S_n\}$ such that

$$R_n(C, D)S_n \rightarrow (A, B)$$

if and only if *there exists a sequence of nonsingular matrices $\{W_n\}$ such that*

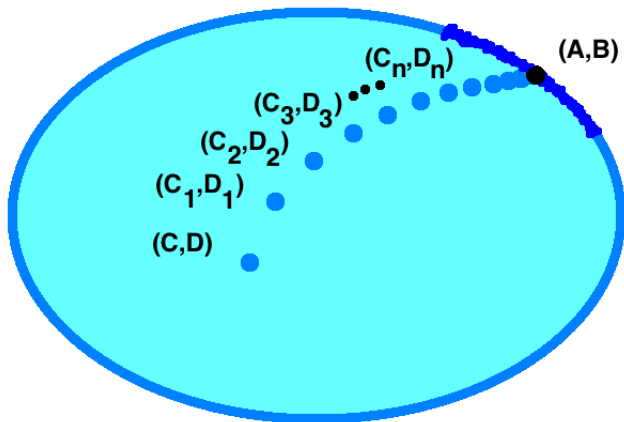
$$W_n^T(C, D)W_n \rightarrow (A, B).$$

Remark: the sufficiency is obvious

$W_n^T(C, D)W_n \rightarrow (A, B)$ implies $R_n(C, D)S_n \rightarrow (A, B)$, where
 $R_n := W_n^T, S_n := W_n$.

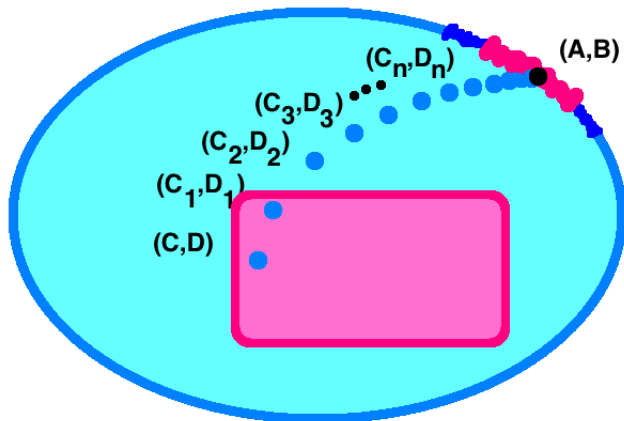
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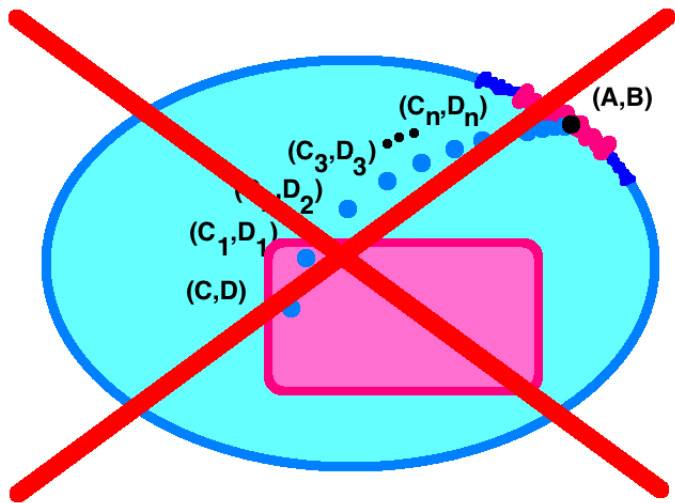
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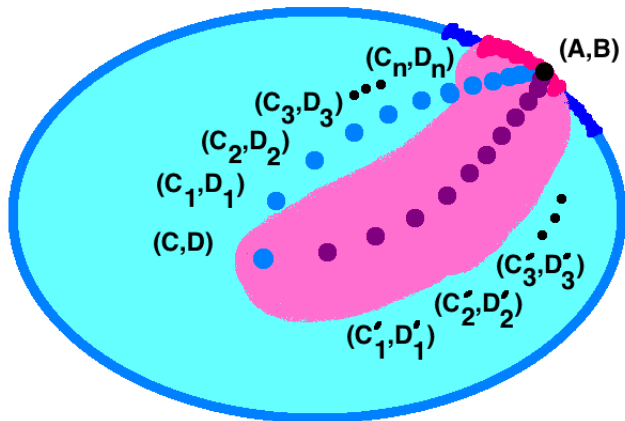
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Reformulation of the Theorem

If (A, B) and (C, D) are two pairs of skew-symmetric matrices then

$$\overline{\mathcal{O}}_E(C, D) \supset \mathcal{O}_E(A, B), \quad (\dim(\mathcal{O}_E(X, Y)) + \text{codim}(\mathcal{O}_E(X, Y)) = 2n^2)$$



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Proof idea: Assumption: $\overline{\mathcal{O}}_E(C, D) \supset \mathcal{O}_E(A, B)$.

Derive row and column permutations of (A, B) and (C, D) :

$$(A, B) \sim \left(\left[\begin{array}{cc} 0 & A_1 \\ -A_1^T & 0 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{cc} 0 & B_1 \\ -B_1^T & 0 \end{array} \right] \right) \text{ and } (C, D) \sim \left(\left[\begin{array}{cc} 0 & C_1 \\ -C_1^T & 0 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{cc} 0 & D_1 \\ -D_1^T & 0 \end{array} \right] \right).$$

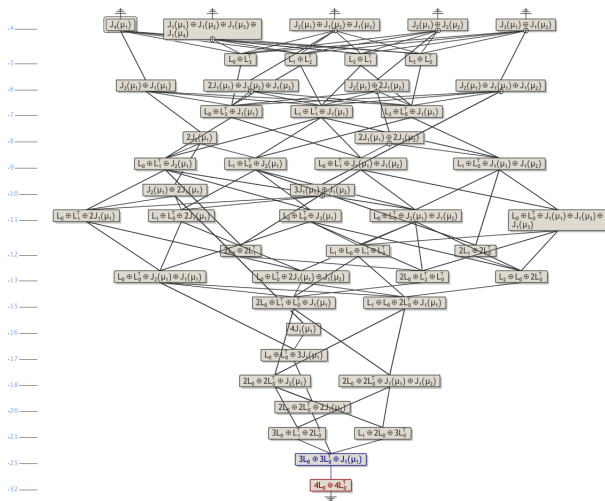
Use the closure relations for the equivalence orbits to prove:

$$\overline{\mathcal{O}}_E(C_1, D_1) \supset \mathcal{O}_E(A_1, B_1).$$

Conclusion: $\overline{\mathcal{O}}_C(C, D) \supset \mathcal{O}_C(A, B)$.

Stratification algorithm

Step 1: Stratification of 4×4 matrix pencils using StratiGraph.

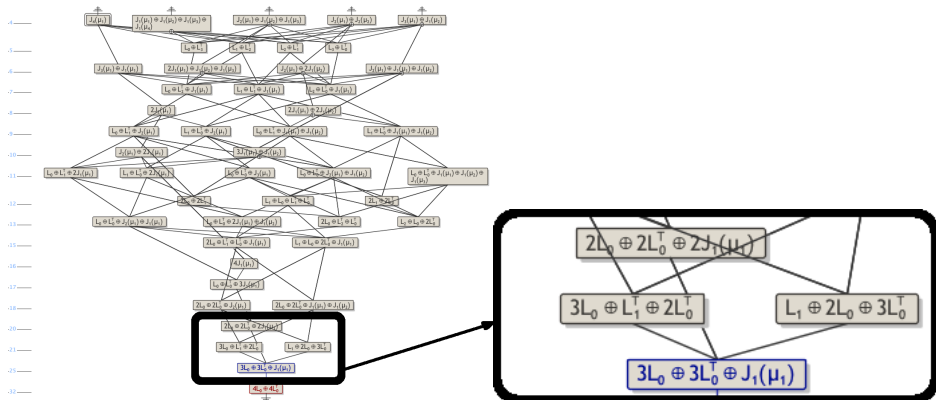


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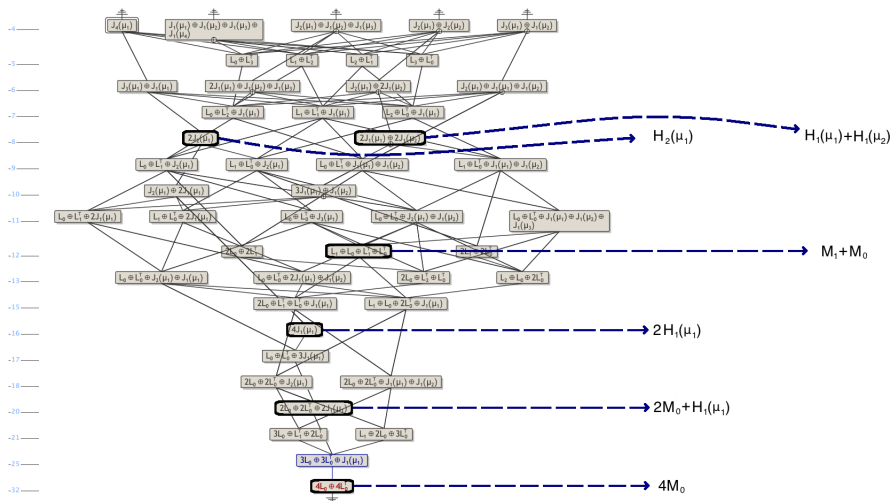


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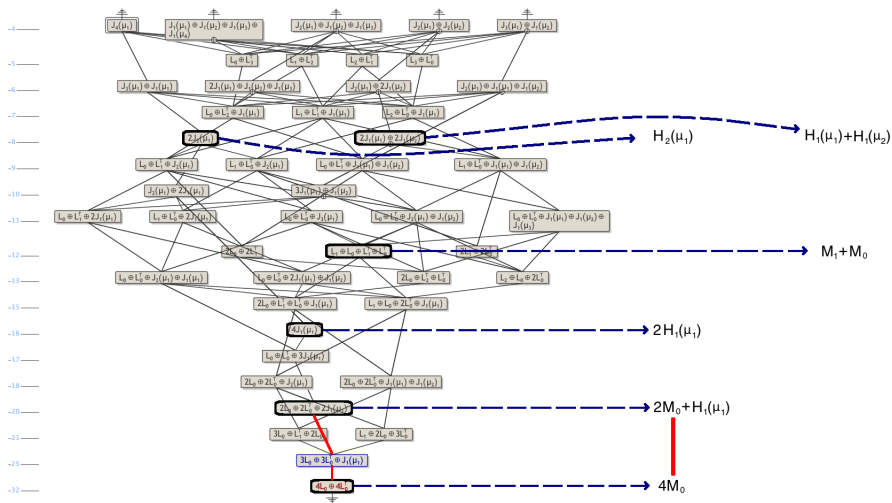
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Step 2: Extract all skew-symmetrized orbits.



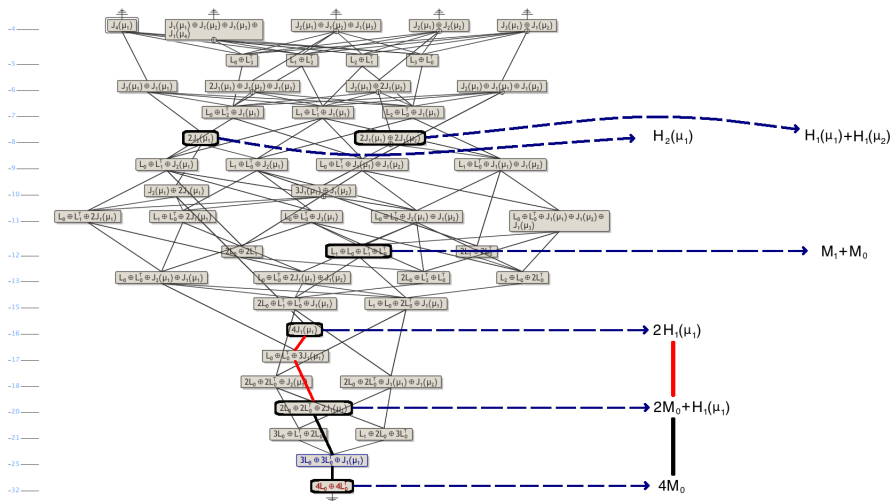
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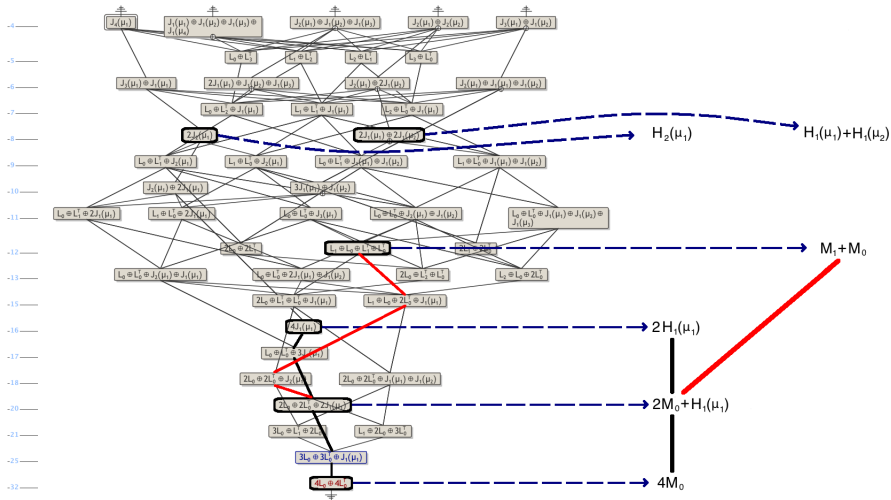
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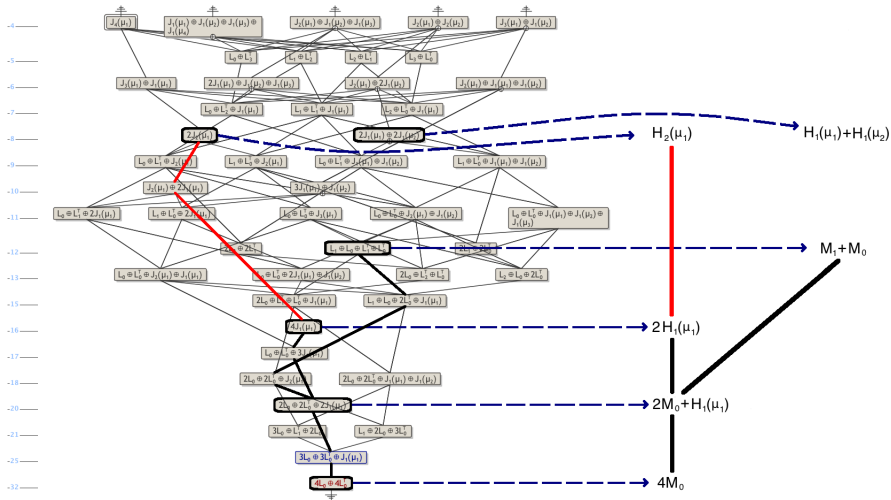
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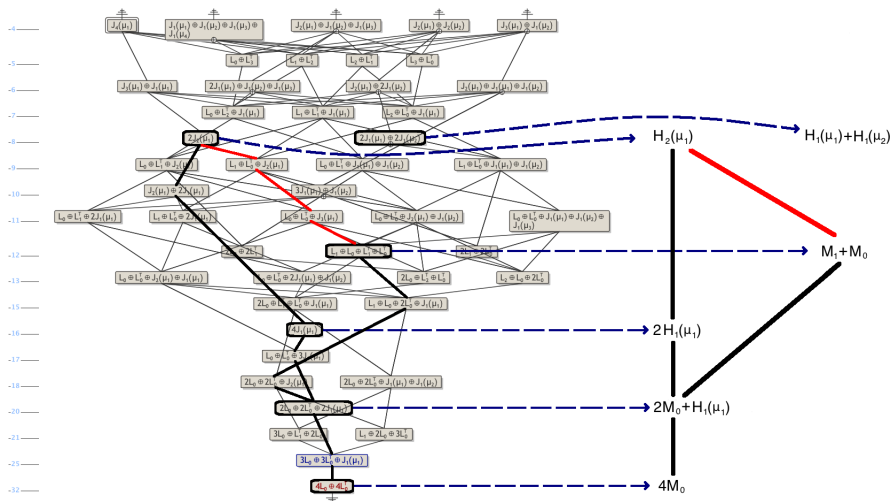
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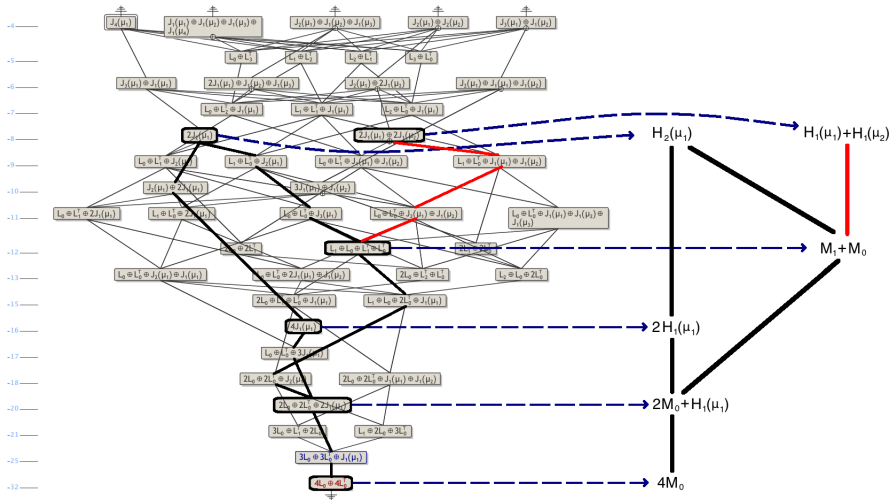
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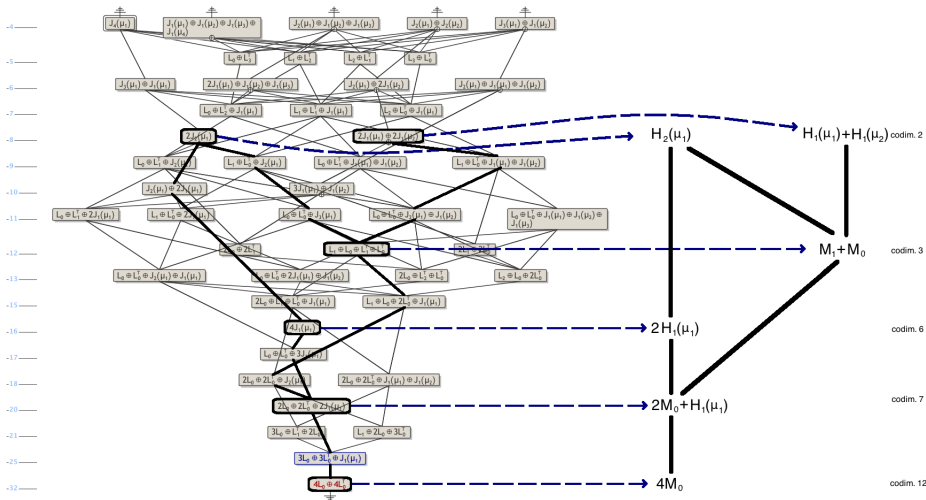
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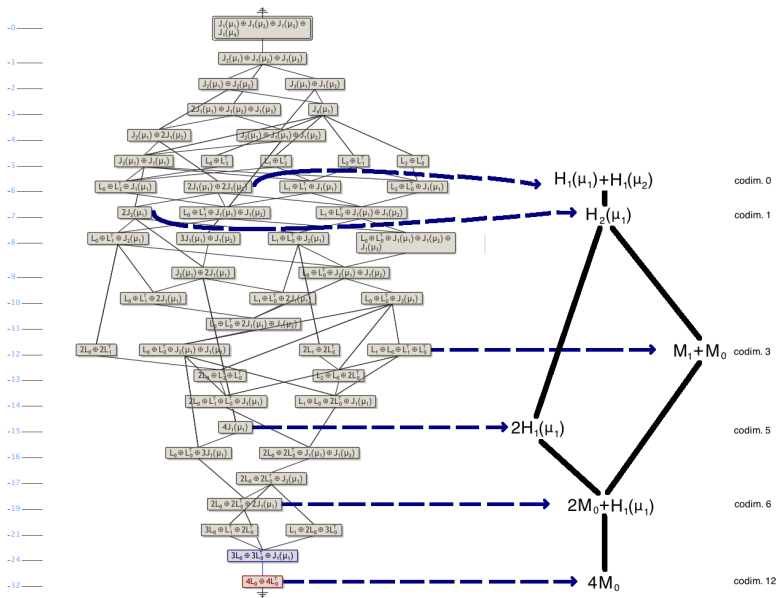
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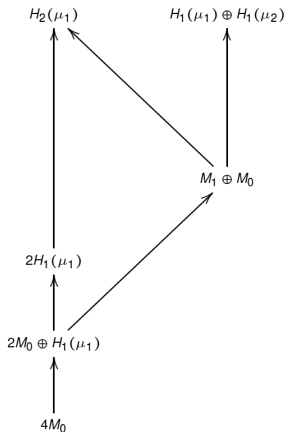
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Stratification algorithm for bundles: 4×4 pencils

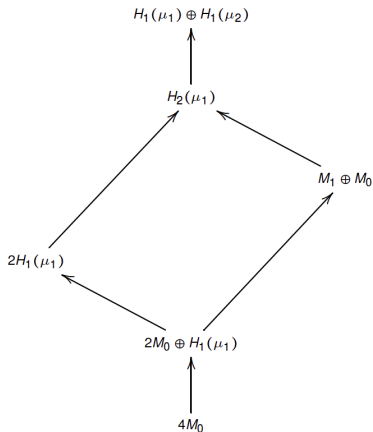


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Symmetric/skew-symmetric matrix pencils

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