

Nilpotent commutator of a nilpotent matrix

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It is well-known that a nilpotent $n \times n$ matrix B is determined up to conjugacy by a partition of n formed by the sizes of the Jordan blocks in the Jordan canonical form of B . We call this partition the Jordan type of B .

In the recent years several authors have worked on the following problem:
for any partition P of n describe the type $Q(P)$ of a generic nilpotent matrix commuting with a given nilpotent matrix of type P . In this talk we give an overview of the results on this problem obtained by studying the combinatorics of a poset associated to the partition P .