

## SPECTRAL PERTURBATION BY RANK $m$ MATRICES

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*Abstract.* Let  $A$  and  $B$  designate  $n \times n$  matrices with coefficients in a field  $F$ . In this paper, we completely answer the following question: For  $A$  fixed, what are the possible characteristic polynomials of  $A + B$ , where  $B$  ranges over matrices of rank  $\leq m$ ?

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