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8(a)

Let $s = \alpha - \beta$

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta}(A - \beta I) \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \alpha - k & \alpha - \beta - k \\ k & \beta + k \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \beta & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - \beta - k & \alpha - \beta - k \\ k & k \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} s - k & s - k \\ k & k \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha}(A - \alpha I) \\ &= -\frac{1}{s} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \alpha - k & \alpha - \beta - k \\ k & \beta + k \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} -k & \alpha - \beta - k \\ k & -\alpha + \beta + k \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} -k & s - k \\ k & -s + k \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} XY &= \frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} s - k & s - k \\ k & k \end{pmatrix} (-1) \frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} -k & s - k \\ k & -s + k \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{1}{s^2} \begin{pmatrix} s - k & s - k \\ k & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -k & s - k \\ k & -s + k \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{1}{s^2} \begin{pmatrix} (-k)(s - k) + k(s - k) & (s - k)^2 - (s - k)^2 \\ -k^2 + k^2 & k(s - k) - k(s - k) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} YX &= -\frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} -k & s - k \\ k & -s + k \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} s - k & s - k \\ k & k \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{1}{s^2} \begin{pmatrix} -k & s - k \\ k & -s + k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s - k & s - k \\ k & k \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{s^2} \begin{pmatrix} (-k)(s-k) + k(s-k) & (-k)(s-k) + k(s-k) \\ k(s-k) - k(s-k) & k(s-k) - k(s-k) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 0$$

$$X + Y = \frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} s-k & s-k \\ k & k \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} -k & s-k \\ k & -s+k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} s & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= I$$

$$X^2 = \frac{1}{s^2} \begin{pmatrix} s-k & s-k \\ k & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s-k & s-k \\ k & k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2} \begin{pmatrix} s(s-k) & s(s-k) \\ sk & sk \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} s-k & s-k \\ k & k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= X$$

$$Y^2 = \frac{1}{s^2} \begin{pmatrix} -k & s-k \\ k & -s+k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -k & s-k \\ k & -s+k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2} \begin{pmatrix} sk & -s(s-k) \\ -sk & s(s-k) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} k & -(s-k) \\ -k & (s-k) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} -k & s-k \\ k & -s+k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= Y$$

8(b)

Let $P(n)$ be the statement that $A^n = \alpha^n X + \beta^n Y$ for all positive integers n .

When $n = 1$,

$$\alpha^n X + \beta^n Y$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \beta} (A - \beta I) + \frac{\beta}{\beta - \alpha} (A - \alpha I)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \beta} (A - \beta I) - \frac{\beta}{\alpha - \beta} (A - \alpha I)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} (\alpha A - \alpha \beta I - \beta A + \alpha \beta I)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} ((\alpha - \beta)A)$$

$$= A$$

Therefore, $P(1)$ is true.

Assume that $P(k)$ is true for some positive integer $k \geq 1$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A^{k+1} &= A^k A = (\alpha^k X + \beta^k Y)(\alpha X + \beta Y) \\ &= \alpha^{k+1} X^2 + \alpha^k \beta XY + \alpha \beta^k YX + \beta^{k+1} Y^2 \\ &= \alpha^{k+1} X + \alpha^k \beta 0 + \alpha \beta^k 0 + \beta^{k+1} Y \\ &= \alpha^{k+1} X + \beta^{k+1} Y \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $P(k+1)$ is true. By mathematical induction $P(n)$ is true.

8(c)

Let $\alpha = 7$, $\beta = 1$, $k = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{2004} &= A^{2004} = \alpha^{2004} X + \beta^{2004} Y \\ &= 7^{2004} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot 7^{2004} + 1 & 2 \cdot 7^{2004} - 2 \\ 7^{2004} - 1 & 7^{2004} + 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

8(d)

Let $B = \alpha^{-1} X + \beta^{-1} Y$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= (\alpha X + \beta Y)(\alpha^{-1} X + \beta^{-1} Y) \\ &= X^2 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} XY + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} YX + Y^2 \\ &= X + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} 0 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} 0 + Y \\ &= X + Y \\ &= I \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } BA &= (\alpha^{-1} X + \beta^{-1} Y)(\alpha X + \beta Y) \\ &= X^2 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} XY + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} YX + Y^2 \\ &= X + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} 0 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} 0 + Y \\ &= X + Y \\ &= I \end{aligned}$$

Hence $A^{-1} = B = \alpha^{-1}X + \beta^{-1}Y$