

## Linear Algebra II    Recitation 3

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1. Let  $A, B$  be  $2 \times 2$  matrices. True or false :

(1a)  $(A + I)^2 = A^2 + 2A + I$ .      (1b)  $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$ .

(1c) Suppose  $AB = BA$ . Then  $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$ .

(2) Suppose  $\det A \neq 0$ . Then  $(ABA^{-1})^3 = AB^3A^{-1}$ .

2. Diagonalize  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 \\ 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

3. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -10 \\ 5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (1) Diagonalize  $A$ . In other words, find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $Q$  such that  $Q^{-1}AQ$  is diagonal (and find  $Q^{-1}AQ$  for your matrix  $Q$ ).

- (2) Put  $B = Q^{-1}AQ$  for the matrix  $Q$  you obtained in (1).  
Prove  $A = QBQ^{-1}$ .

(Hint: multiply the defining equation of  $B$  by  $Q$  from the left and by  $Q^{-1}$  from the right.)

- (3) For any integer  $n \geq 0$ , find the  $n$ -th power  $A^n$  using (2).

(Hint: like 1-(2), we see  $A^n = QB^nQ^{-1}$ , and  $B^n$  is easy to compute since  $B$  is diagonal.)

4. Triangularize each of the following matrix into a Jordan canonical form.  
If not feasible, then say 'not feasible'.

(1)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & -27 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$       (2)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 9 \\ -16 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$

5. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Diagonalize  $A$ , and using the result, find  $A^n$ .

## Recitation 3, Answer

1. (1a) True.      (1b) False      (1c) True      (2) True.

2.  $Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Alternatively,  $PAP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $P = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

3. (1)  $Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(2) Omitted.

(3)  $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 3^n - (-2)^n & 2 \cdot (-2)^n - 2 \cdot 3^n \\ 3^n - (-2)^n & 2 \cdot (-2)^n - 3^n \end{bmatrix}$

4. (1)  $Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 3\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$ .

(2)  $Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

5.  $Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $A^n = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 - 3^n & 3^n - 1 \\ 3 - 3^{n+1} & 3^{n+1} - 1 \end{bmatrix}$