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MA 101 – MATHEMATICS-I  
TUTORIAL SHEET-5

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Linear Algebra

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**Topics Covered:**

Diagonalization, Orthogonality, Orthonormal Basis, Orthogonal Complement and Orthogonal Projections, Gram-Schmidt Process.

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1. Show that any two similar matrices have the same trace.
2. Let  $A$  be an invertible matrix. Prove that if  $A$  is diagonalizable, then so is  $A^{-1}$ .
3. Let  $A$  be a diagonalizable matrix such that characteristic polynomial of  $A$  has only one root. Then find out the diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A \sim D$ . Is such a matrix  $D$  unique?
4. With the help of diagonalization, calculate  $A^{2015}$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

5. (a) Let  $A$  be a diagonal matrix and let  $P(\lambda) = \lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ . Then show that  $P(A) = A^n + a_{n-1}A^{n-1} + \dots + a_0I_n$  is the zero matrix.  
(b) Show that the statement holds for diagonalizable matrices as well.

[Cayley-Hamilton theorem states that this statement holds for any square matrix, i.e. a matrix  $A$  satisfies its characteristic polynomial.]

6. (a) For any  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , show that  $|u \cdot v| \leq \|u\|\|v\|$  (Cauchy-Schwartz inequality).  
(b) For any  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , show that  $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$  (Triangle inequality).
7. Let  $A$  be a real symmetric matrix.  
(a) Show that all the eigenvalues of  $A$  are real.  
(b) Show that any two eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal.
8. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices with  $n$  distinct eigenvalues. Then show that  $AB = BA$  if and only if  $A$  and  $B$  have the same eigenvectors.

9. Find an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$  containing the vectors:  $v_1 = [1 \ -1 \ 1 \ -1]^T$  and  $v_2 = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$ .

10. Let  $W$  be the row space of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute  $W^\perp$  and the orthogonal decomposition of the vector  $v = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5]$  with respect to  $W$ .

11. Let  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  be an orthonormal set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a vector. Then show that

$$\|x\|^2 \geq |x \cdot v_1|^2 + |x \cdot v_2|^2 + \dots + |x \cdot v_k|^2.$$

Also show that the above becomes an equality if and only if  $x \in \text{Span}(S)$ .

12. Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 2$  orthogonal matrix. Show that there exists a real number  $\theta$  such that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{bmatrix}.$$

In the first case,  $A$  rotates the vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by the angle  $\theta$  counterclockwise, and in the second case,  $A$  reflects the vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  about a line; in this case find the line.