

**THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**  
**Department of Mathematics**  
**MMAT5520 Differential Equation & Linear Algebra**

**Assignment 4**

**Due date: 1 Dec (Thursday)**

Exercise 5.2

1. Diagonalize the following matrices.

$$(b) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (d) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 6 & 11 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (e) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Show that the following matrices are not diagonalizable.

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

7. Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  be a  $2 \times 2$  matrix. Show that if  $(a - d)^2 + 4bc \neq 0$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable.

10. Prove that if  $\mathbf{A}$  is a non-singular matrix, then for any matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ , we have  $\mathbf{AB}$  is similar to  $\mathbf{BA}$ .

Exercise 5.3

1. Compute  $\mathbf{A}^5$  where  $\mathbf{A}$  is the given matrix.

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 3 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (d) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (e) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 6 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise 5.4

1. Find the minimal polynomial of  $\mathbf{A}$  where  $\mathbf{A}$  is the matrix given below. Then express  $\mathbf{A}^4$  and  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  as a polynomial in  $\mathbf{A}$  of smallest degree.

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (d) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$(b) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (e) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$