

# Matrix Algebra and Differential systems

*Overview of matrix algebra and linear systems of differential equations*

## Objectives

To better understand matrix functions, exponentials, and solutions of linear differential systems.

## Recitation Worksheet Problems: Sections 5.4, 5.5, 5.6

1. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(1a) Find the matrix function  $F(t) = e^{At}$ , for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(1b) Verify both that  $F'(t) = AF(t)$  and  $F'(t) = F(t)A$ .

2. Show that the matrix  $A$  below is diagonalizable and write  $A = PDP^{-1}$  in two different ways, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Consider the following matrices:

$$A_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 6 \\ -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(3a) Find the eigenpairs of these matrices, and determine which of them are diagonalizable.

(3b) Find all solutions of the initial value problem  $\mathbf{x}'(t) = A_0 \mathbf{x}(t)$  with  $A_0$  given above.

(3c) Find the solution of the initial value problem

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = A_0 \mathbf{x}(t), \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$