

DIAGONALIZATION WORKSHEET

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1. If possible, diagonalize the following matrices. That is, find an invertible matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that $A = PDP^{-1}$.

(a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.3 \\ 0.4 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

2. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.3 \\ 0.4 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$ as in 1.(a).

(a) Use the diagonalization found in 1.(a) to find a formula for A^k for any $k \geq 0$.

(b) What happens as $k \rightarrow \infty$?