

Math 2210Q-004 Applied Linear Algebra  
E-Mail Assignments  
on the readings in the textbook

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**Due for Thursday, April 16**

**Section 5.2** The Characteristic Equation

**Section 5.3** Diagonalization

**To read:** Reread section 5.2 and all of 5.3.

**To Do:** Homework from section 5.1.

**Be sure sure to understand:** The characteristic equation and characteristic polynomial in section 5.2; Example 3 in section 5.3.

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**Questions:**

1. If  $A$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix with eigenvalues 1, 2, 0 and 4, is  $A$  diagonalizable?
  2. Suppose  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with eigenvectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  and  $\vec{v}_3$  with eigenvalues 1, 2 and 3 respectively. If  $P = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3]$ , what matrix is  $P^{-1}AP$ ? (actually write down the matrix)
  3. Suppose  $A$  is a  $5 \times 5$  matrix with 5 different eigenvalues. Is there a diagonal matrix  $D$  that is similar to  $A$ ?
  4. Does an  $n \times n$  matrix have to have  $n$  distinct eigenvalues in order to diagonalizable?
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