

This is the Diagonalization Gateway test. Passing on this test is ALL FIVE of the five problems on the test.

**Problem 1. (1 point)**

The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Find a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an invertible matrix  $S$  with real or complex entries such that  $D = S^{-1}AS$ .

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \_ & \_ \\ \_ & \_ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \_ & \_ \\ \_ & \_ \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** We know that  $S^{-1}AS = D$ , where  $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$  (and  $\lambda_{1,2}$  are the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$ ) and  $S = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  (with  $\mathbf{v}_{1,2}$  being the corresponding basis for the eigenspace).

Eigenvalues satisfy

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0-\lambda & 3 \\ 5 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) = (0-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - (3)(5)$$

$$= \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 15$$

$$= (\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 5) = 0.$$

Thus  $\lambda = -3$  or  $\lambda = 5$ .

If  $\lambda = -3$ , the eigenvector satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Similarly, if  $\lambda = 5$ , the eigenvector satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Thus our diagonalization is  $S^{-1}AS = D$ , with

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer(s) submitted:

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

submitted: (correct)

recorded: (correct)

Correct Answers:

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 2. (1 point)**

The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 154 \\ -1 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Find a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an invertible matrix  $S$  with real or complex entries such that  $D = S^{-1}AS$ .

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \_ & \_ \\ \_ & \_ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \_ & \_ \\ \_ & \_ \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** We know that  $S^{-1}AS = D$ , where  $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$  (and  $\lambda_{1,2}$  are the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$ ) and  $S = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  (with  $\mathbf{v}_{1,2}$  being the corresponding basis for the eigenspace).

Eigenvalues of  $A$  satisfy

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} -8-\lambda & 154 \\ -1 & 17-\lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) = (-8-\lambda)(17-\lambda) - (154)(-1)$$

$$= \lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 18$$

$$= (\lambda - 6)(\lambda - 3) = 0.$$

Thus  $\lambda = 6$  or  $\lambda = 3$ .

If  $\lambda = 6$ , the eigenvector satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} -14 & 154 \\ -1 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 154 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Similarly, if  $\lambda = 3$ , the eigenvector satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} -11 & 154 \\ -1 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 154 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Thus our diagonalization is  $S^{-1}AS = D$ , with

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 154 & 154 \\ 14 & 11 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer(s) submitted:

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 11 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

submitted: (correct)

recorded: (correct)

Correct Answers:

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 154 & 154 \\ 14 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Problem 3.** (1 point)

Identify the diagonalizability of each of the following matrices.

1.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

$A$  is

- ?
- Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals
- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over real numbers but not complex numbers

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

$B$  is

- ?
- Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals
- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over real numbers but not complex numbers

3.  $C = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

$C$  is

- ?
- Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals
- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over real numbers but not complex numbers

**Solution:** For each matrix, we determine diagonalizability from the existence of a complete eigenspace. For  $A$ , we see that eigenvalues are given by

$$(-\lambda)(7-\lambda) + 1 \cdot 0 = \lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 35 = 0.$$

Completing the square, we have

$$(\lambda - 6)^2 - 1 = 0,$$

so that there are two distinct real eigenvalues, so that  $A$  is Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers.

Similarly, for  $B$ , we have

$$(\lambda - 1)^2 + 0 = 0,$$

so that there are two repeated real eigenvalues, and because the matrix (after subtracting  $\lambda I$ ) will have nonzero entries and so cannot have two eigenvectors, so that  $B$  is Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers.

Similarly, for  $C$ , we have

$$(\lambda + 3)^2 + 3 = 0,$$

so that there are two complex conjugate eigenvalues, so that  $C$  is Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals.

Answer(s) submitted:

- Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers
- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals

submitted: (correct)

recorded: (correct)

Correct Answers:

- Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers
- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals

**Problem 4. (1 point)**

Identify the diagonalizability of each of the following matrices.

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

$A$  is

- ?
- Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals
- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over real numbers but not complex numbers

$$2. B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$B$  is

- ?
- Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals
- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over real numbers but not complex numbers

$$3. C = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$C$  is

- ?
- Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals
- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over real numbers but not complex numbers

**Solution:** For each matrix, we determine diagonalizability from the existence of a complete eigenspace. For  $A$ , we see that eigenvalues are given by

$$(-\lambda)(-4-\lambda) + 1 \cdot 3 = \lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 11 = 0.$$

Completing the square, we have

$$(\lambda + 3)^2 + 2 = 0,$$

so that there are two complex conjugate eigenvalues, so that  $A$  is Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals.

Similarly, for  $B$ , we have

$$(\lambda - 2)^2 - 1 = 0,$$

so that there are two distinct real eigenvalues, so that  $B$  is Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers.

Similarly, for  $C$ , we have

$$(\lambda + 2)^2 + 2 = 0,$$

so that there are two complex conjugate eigenvalues, so that  $C$  is Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals.

*Answer(s) submitted:*

- Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals
- Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers

- Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals

submitted: (correct)

recorded: (correct)

*Correct Answers:*

- Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals
- Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over complex numbers but not reals

**Problem 5. (1 point)**

The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Find a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an invertible matrix  $S$  with real or complex entries such that  $D = S^{-1}AS$ .

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \_ & \_ \\ \_ & \_ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \_ & \_ \\ \_ & \_ \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** We know that  $S^{-1}AS = D$ , where  $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$  (and  $\lambda_{1,2}$  are the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$ ) and  $S = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2]$  (with  $\mathbf{v}_{1,2}$  being the corresponding basis for the eigenspace).

Eigenvalues satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 5 \\ 0 & -3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} &= (1-\lambda)(-3-\lambda) - (5)(0) \\ &= \lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 3 \\ &= (\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 3) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\lambda = 1$  or  $\lambda = -3$ .

If  $\lambda = 1$ , the eigenvector satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Similarly, if  $\lambda = -3$ , the eigenvector satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Thus our diagonalization is  $S^{-1}AS = D$ , with

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Answer(s) submitted:*

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

submitted: (correct)

recorded: (correct)

*Correct Answers:*

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

