

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

**Problem 1. (1 point)**

Identify the diagonalizability of each of the following matrices.

$$1. A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A$  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

$$2. B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$B$  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

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

$C$  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

$$(-\lambda)(4 - \lambda) - 2 \cdot 0 = \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 8 = 0.$$

Completing the square, we have

$$(\lambda - 3)^2 - 1 = 0,$$

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

Similarly, for  $B$ , we have

$$(\lambda - 5)^2 + 1 = 0,$$

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

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
- Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers
- Diagonalizable over real and complex numbers

submitted: (incorrect)

recorded: (incorrect)

Correct Answers:

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

**Problem 2. (1 point)**

The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 48 \\ -1 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$  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 of  $A$  satisfy

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 7-\lambda & 48 \\ -1 & -9-\lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) = (7-\lambda)(-9-\lambda) - (48)(-1)$$

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

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

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

If  $\lambda = 3$ , the eigenvector satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 48 \\ -1 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 48 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 48 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 48 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 48 & 48 \\ -4 & -12 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer(s) submitted:

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submitted: (incorrect)

recorded: (incorrect)

Correct Answers:

•  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 48 & 48 \\ -4 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$

**Problem 3. (1 point)**

The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  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

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 4-\lambda & -1 \\ 3 & 0-\lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) = (4-\lambda)(0-\lambda) - (-1)(3)$$

$$= \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3$$

$$= (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1) = 0.$$

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

If  $\lambda = 3$ , the eigenvector satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Similarly, if  $\lambda = 1$ , the eigenvector satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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

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

Answer(s) submitted:

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submitted: (incorrect)

recorded: (incorrect)

Correct Answers:

•  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

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**Problem 4.** (1 point)

Identify the diagonalizability of each of the following matrices.

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

$A$  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.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$C$  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

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

Completing the square, 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  $A$  is Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers.

Similarly, for  $B$ , we have

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

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

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

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  $C$  is Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers.

*Answer(s) submitted:*

- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers
- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers
- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers

submitted: (correct)

recorded: (correct)

*Correct Answers:*

- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers
- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers
- Not diagonalizable over either real or complex numbers

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**Problem 5.** (1 point)

The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  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

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0-\lambda & 2 \\ 3 & -1-\lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) = (0-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) - (2)(3)$$
$$= \lambda^2 + 1\lambda - 6$$
$$= (\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 2) = 0.$$

Thus  $\lambda = -3$  or  $\lambda = 2$ .

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Similarly, if  $\lambda = 2$ , the eigenvector satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer(s) submitted:

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

submitted: (correct)

recorded: (correct)

Correct Answers:

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$