

Let  $A$  be a  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix with characteristic polynomial

$$(x - c_1)^{d_1}(x - c_2)^{d_2} \dots (x - c_k)^{d_k},$$

where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  are distinct (which means that  $c_1$  appears  $d_1$  times on the diagonal,  $c_2$  appears  $d_2$  times on the diagonal, etc. and  $d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_k = n$ ). Let  $V$  be the space of all  $n \times n$  matrices  $B$  such that  $AB = BA$ . Prove that the dimension of  $V$  is

$$d_1^2 + d_2^2 + \dots + d_k^2.$$