

# Linear Algebra, Fall 2023

## Written Homework 3

Due: 6 Sep 2023

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and turn it in.

1. Determine if the following matrices are diagonalizable over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ . If the matrix is diagonalizable find the eigenspaces and the matrix  $Q$  which diagonalizes the matrix.

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 & 0 \\ 8 & -5 & 0 \\ 6 & -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

2. Is every invertible matrix diagonalizable? Is every diagonalizable matrix invertible? If these can be answered in the affirmative, give a proof, or find a counter-example.
3. In this question, you may only assume that  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$  for  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$  with entries from a field  $\mathbb{F}$ .
- (a) Show that if  $Q$  is an  $n \times n$  invertible matrix, then  $\det(Q^{-1}) = \det(Q)^{-1}$ .
- (b) Show that similar matrices have the same determinant.
- (c) Show that similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial.
4. Let  $B \in M_{n \times n}(C)$  be an invertible matrix.
- (a) Prove that any matrix  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$  has an eigenvalue.
- (b) Show that for any matrix  $A$ , there is a number  $c \in C$  so that  $\det(A + cB) = 0$ .