## Learning Opportunity 3-4

**3-4-1** This exercise will familiarize you with rational canonical form. Use the matrix A below, the PDF will not contain the whole matrix, so see the worksheet version.

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- 1. Compute the eigenvalues of B and note their algebraic multiplicities. Verify that the matrix is deficient.
- 2. Compute the characteristic polynomial of B, and then its factored form.
- 3. Verify the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem.
- 4. From the characteristic polynomial, compute the determinant. Check with Sage.
- 5. Compute the minimum polynomial of B, and then its factored form.
- 6. Check that B satisfies its minimum polynomial.
- 7. From the minimum polynomial, determine the dimensions of the generalized eigenspaces of B. Check with Sage.
- 8. Compute the rational canonical form of B.
- 9. From the rational canonical form, compute the characteristic polynomial.
- 10. From the rational canonical form, compute the determinant.
- 11. From the rational canonical form, compute the minimum polynomial.
- 12. From the rational canonical form, compute the dimensions of the generalized eigenspaces.
- 3-4-2 Study the "Heat Distribution" problem at http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~jkhoury/temp.htm.
  - 1. Form a new problem in Sage, even larger than the  $6 \times 6$  grid in the last example given in the problem description.
  - 2. Construct sensible boundary conditions by hand, or with Sage's random vector constructor.
  - 3. Solve the problem you have constructed.