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1. True or False?

$$e^{tA} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{4t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{9t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

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Follow-up. What happens when P is *not* invertible?

3. True or False?

The matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is diagonalizable.

4. True or False?

If $N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, then

$$e^N = I + N.$$

5. True or False?

$$\text{If } P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } e^P = \begin{bmatrix} e^2 & e^2 \\ 0 & e^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hint. Recall that $e^{A+B} = e^A e^B$ if $AB = BA$, and notice that

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$