

# Diagonalization



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# Question - 5 minutes

1. Let  $A$  be a real or complex square matrix and let  $k \geq 1$  be an integer.
  - i. Prove that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$ , then  $\lambda^k$  is the eigenvalue of the matrix  $A^k$ .
  - ii. Prove that if  $A^k$  is the zero matrix, then 0 is the only eigenvalue of  $A$ .



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1. **Similar matrices:** Let A and B be square matrices. A is similar to B if there is an invertible matrix P:

$$P^{-1}AP = B \text{ or } A = PBP^{-1}.$$

2. **Theorem :** If A and B are similar matrices, then they have the same characteristic polynomial and hence the same eigenvalues.

3. A square matrix is diagonalizable if  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , where P is some invertible matrix and D is some diagonal matrix.

If the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  have the same eigenvalues, then they are similar.

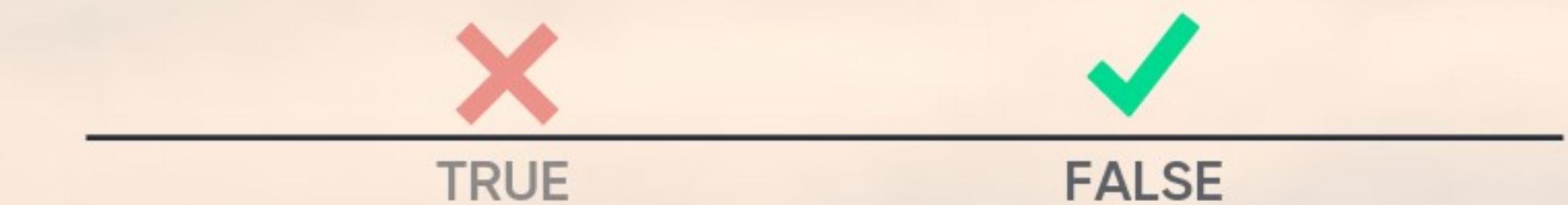


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If the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are row equivalent, then they are similar.



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4. An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if:

- i.  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.
- ii. There exist an eigenvector basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- iii. The Algebraic multiplicity of every eigenvalue equals its corresponding Geometric multiplicity.

5. **Theorem :** An  $n \times n$  matrix with  $n$  distinct eigenvalues is diagonalizable.



If  $A$  is a diagonal matrix, then  $A$  is invertible.



If  $A$  is the zero matrix, then  $A$  is diagonalizable.



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If  $A$  is a diagonal matrix, then  $A$  is diagonalizable.



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The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  is  
diagonalizable.



The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is  
diagonalizable.



Let  $A$  be a  $5 \times 5$  matrix with three distinct eigenvalues. If two of the eigenspaces are 2-dimensional each, then  $A$  is \_\_\_\_\_



Let  $A$  be a  $5 \times 5$  matrix with two distinct eigenvalues. If one of the eigenspaces has dimension 1, then  $A$  is \_\_\_\_\_



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**6. Symmetric Matrix :** Is a square matrix  $A$  such that  $A = A^T$ .

**7. Hermitian Matrix :**  $A = \bar{A}^T$

**8. Theorem :** If  $A$  is symmetric, then any two eigenvectors from different eigenspaces are orthogonal.

**9. Orthogonally Diagonalizable :** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable if there exist a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an orthogonal matrix  $P$  satisfying  $P^T = P^{-1}$  such that

$$A = PDP^T$$



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10. **Theorem :** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable if and only if  $A$  is symmetric.

11. **Theorem :** Let  $A$  be a real symmetric matrix. Then  $A = PDP^T$ , where  $P$  is an orthogonal matrix.

12. **Theorem :** An  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  has orthonormal columns if and only if  $A^T A = I$ .

13. **Orthogonal or Orthonormal matrix :** Is a real square matrix  $A$  with orthonormal rows and columns.  
i.e.  $A^T = A^{-1}$ .



The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & i & 2 \\ i & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is Hermitian.



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## QUESTIONS - 45 MINUTES

**1.** Let  $A$  be a real or complex square matrix and let  $k \geq 1$  be an integer.

- Prove that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$ , then  $\lambda^k$  is the eigenvalue of the matrix  $A^k$ .
- Prove that if  $A^k$  is the zero matrix, then 0 is the only eigenvalue of  $A$ .

**2.** Let  $\mathbb{P}_2 = \{\mathbf{p}(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$  be the vector space consisting of all polynomials of degree at most 2. Let  $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_2$  be a linear transformation defined by

$$T(\mathbf{p}(x)) = (1+4x)\mathbf{p}(x) - x(1+3x)\mathbf{p}'(x) + \left(\frac{1}{2} + x(1+x^2)\right)\mathbf{p}''(x).$$

- Verify that  $T(\mathbf{p}(x)) \in \mathbb{P}_2$ .
- Find  $A$ , the matrix representation of  $T$  relative to the basis  $\{1, x, x^2\}$ .
- Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- Find the eigenspaces corresponding to each distinct eigenvalue.
- Is the matrix  $A$  diagonalizable? Justify your answer.

**3.** Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Find the eigenvalues of  $B$ .
- Find the eigenspaces corresponding to each distinct eigenvalue.
- Is the matrix  $B$  diagonalizable? Justify your answer.

