

1. For each of the following, either give an example (or several if asked), or explain why it does not exist. All matrices on this quiz are with entries in \mathbb{R} and questions are about real eigenvalues (i.e. in \mathbb{R}).

- (a) 2×2 matrix with two different eigenvalues.
- (b) 2×2 matrix (which is not diagonal) with two different eigenvalues.
- (c) 2×2 matrix with eigenvalues 4 and 5.
- (d) 2×2 matrix with one eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity 2.
- (e) 2×2 matrix with one eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity 2 and geometric multiplicity 3. *impossible*
- (f) 2×2 matrix with one eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity 2 and geometric multiplicity 2.
- (g) 2×2 matrix with one eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity 2 and geometric multiplicity 1.
- (h) 2×2 matrix with one eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity 2 and geometric multiplicity 0. *impossible*
- (i) 2×2 matrix with no real eigenvalues.

$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ <p style="text-align: center;"><i>such that the characteristic polynomial has no zeros, e.g. rotations ($\neq k\pi$) followed by dilations, and many other</i></p>

Just a few specific examples:

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -10 \\ 10 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -100 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 200 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

- (j) 3×3 matrix with three different eigenvalues.
- (k) 3×3 matrix with exactly two different eigenvalues.
- (l) 3×3 matrix with one eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity 2 and geometric multiplicity 3. *impossible*
- (m) 3×3 matrix with one eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity 2 and geometric multiplicity 2, and 0 other eigenvalues. *impossible*
- (n) 3×3 matrix with one eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity 2 and geometric multiplicity 1, and no other eigenvalues. *impossible*
- (o) 3×3 matrix with one eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity 2 and geometric multiplicity 0. *impossible*
- (p) 3×3 matrix with $\lambda_1 = 5$ an eigenvalue with algebraic and geometric multiplicity 2 and $\lambda_2 = 4$ an eigenvalue with algebraic and geometric multiplicity 1.
- (q) 3×3 matrix with $\lambda_1 = 6$ an eigenvalue with algebraic multiplicity 2 and geometric multiplicity 1 and $\lambda_2 = 7$ an eigenvalue with algebraic and geometric multiplicity 1.
- (r) 3×3 matrix with $\lambda_1 = 8$ an eigenvalue with algebraic and geometric multiplicity 2 and $\lambda_2 = -3$ an eigenvalue with algebraic multiplicity 1 and geometric multiplicity 2. *impossible*

- (s) 3×3 matrix having exactly one eigenvalue with algebraic multiplicity 1 (and no other eigenvalues).

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & c & d \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \text{ is any matrix from part (i)}$$

Just a few specific examples:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -100 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (t) 3×3 matrix with no eigenvalues. *impossible*

- (u) 4×4 matrix with no eigenvalues.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & 0 & 0 \\ c & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & g & h \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} \text{ are any matrices like in part (i)}$$

- (v) 5×5 matrix with no eigenvalues. *impossible*

- (w) 3×3 matrix with 6 eigenvalues.

2. True-False (circle the correct answer)

T - F Characteristic polynomial of a 5×5 matrix has degree 5.

T - F A 5×5 matrix has at least one eigenvalue.

T - *F* A 5×5 matrix must have 5 different eigenvalues.

T - F Algebraic multiplicity of any eigenvalue is ≥ 1 .

T - F Geometric multiplicity of any eigenvalue is ≥ 1 .

T - F For any eigenvalue, the algebraic multiplicity is \geq geometric multiplicity.

T - *F* If A is a 5×5 matrix, then the sum of algebraic multiplicities must be 5.

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T - F Geometric multiplicity of an eigenvalue is equal to the dimension of the corresponding eigenspace.

T - F For each eigenvalue, there is at least one eigenvector with that eigenvalue.

T - F If A is a 5×5 matrix, then for each eigenvalue there are infinitely many eigenvectors with that eigenvalue.

Any non-zero multiple of an eigenvector is again eigenvector with the same eigenvalue, so you have infinitely many of them, but only finitely many linearly independent!

T - *F* If A is a 5×5 matrix, then for each eigenvalue, there are always 5 linearly independent eigenvectors with that eigenvalue.

T - F If A is a 5×5 matrix, then for each eigenvalue, there are at most 5 linearly independent eigenvectors with that eigenvalue.

3. Diagonalize the following matrices if possible. If it is impossible, explain why.

(a) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ $\boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 & 1/3 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}}$

(b) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$p_A(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 8$ has no roots since $(-5)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 8 < 0$
 \implies no eigenvalues
 \implies no eigenbasis
 \implies not diagonalizable

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

$p_A(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda - 2)^2$ has roots: $\lambda_1 = 0$ $\lambda_2 = 2$
with algebraic multiplicities: 1 2
with geometric multiplicities: 1 1
sum of geometric multiplicities: $1 + 1 = 2 < 3$
 \implies no eigenbasis
 \implies not diagonalizable

$p_A(\lambda) = \lambda^2(\lambda - 2)$ has roots: $\lambda_1 = 0$ $\lambda_2 = 2$
with algebraic multiplicities: 2 1
with geometric multiplicities: 2 1
sum of geometric multiplicities: $2 + 1 = 3$
 \implies there is an eigenbasis
 \implies matrix is diagonalizable

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

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

Just a small computational detail that somebody asked:

$$E_2 = \text{Ker}(\lambda I - A) = \text{Ker}(2I - A) =$$

$$\text{Ker} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Ker} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\text{Ker} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Ker} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_2 = \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$