

**College of the Holy Cross, Fall 2018**  
**Math 244, Homework 9**

1. For each matrix do the following:

- Find all real eigenvalues.
- For each eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , find a basis for  $E_\lambda$ .
- Determine whether or not the matrix is diagonalizable, and if it is, find an eigenbasis.

(a)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(e)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(d)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(f)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

2. Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are similar matrices, so  $B = C^{-1}AC$  for some matrix  $C$ .

- (a) Show that the characteristic polynomials of  $A$  and  $B$  are the same, and thus  $A$  and  $B$  have the same eigenvalues.
- (b) Show that if  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $B$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then  $C\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

3. Let  $A$  be an invertible matrix.

- (a) Show that 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $A$ .
- (b) Suppose  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Show that  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A^{-1}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda^{-1}$ .
- (c) Show that  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $A^{-1}$  is diagonalizable.

4. Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .

- (a) Prove that  $W^\perp$  is also a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .
- (b) Prove that  $W \cap W^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$
- (c) Prove  $(W^\perp)^\perp = W$ .

5. Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Prove that  $(W_1 + W_2)^\perp = W_1^\perp \cap W_2^\perp$ .

6. Use the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis for the plane in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  spanned by  $(1, 2, 3)$  and  $(2, 0, -1)$ .

7. Use the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis for the subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^4$  spanned by  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(0, 0, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 0, 1, 0)$ .