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Let's see how we identify and diagonalize matrices in practice...



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3. In this case,  $D$  is the diagonal matrix with the eigenvalues down the diagonal and  $P$  is the matrix whose columns are the basis vectors of the corresponding eigenspaces. Permuting columns is fine, just make sure  $P$  and  $D$  correspond to each other.



1. Explicitly diagonalize the following matrices (if possible).

(a)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ -12 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

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

(d)  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

2. Write an expression for  $A^k$  using its diagonal representation.

3. Use the expression for  $A^k$  to evaluate  $A^k \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .