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1. (4 points) Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) (2 points) Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  and its eigenvalues.

(b) (2 points) For each eigenvalue, find a **basis** for its associated eigenspace. (Note: Your answer for the basis should be a set of finitely many vectors.)

2. (3 points) In this problem, let's explore what it means for a matrix to have an eigenvalue of 0.

- $A$  has an eigenvalue of 0 means  $Ax = 0x = 0$  has a non-trivial solution.
- But  $Ax = 0$  has a non-trivial solution if and only if  $A$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hence,  $A$  is \_\_\_\_\_ if and only if  $A$  does not have an eigenvalue of 0.

Please add this fact to the invertible matrix theorem and use it to find an eigenvalue of the

matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  **without any calculation.** Justify your answer.

3. (3 points) In this problem, let's examine a class of matrices whose eigenvalues are readily available.

(a) What are the eigenvalues of a diagonal matrix  $D = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & d_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$  and why?

(b) What are the eigenvalues of a triangular matrix (either upper or lower), e.g., an upper

triangular matrix  $U = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} & \dots & u_{1n} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} & \dots & u_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & u_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$  and why?

Use these facts to construct an invertible  $5 \times 5$  matrix that has an eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity two and an eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity three.