

COMPLEX MATRICES

If at least one element of a matrix is a complex number $a + ib$, where a, b are real and $i = \sqrt{-1}$, then the matrix is called a complex matrix.

The matrix obtained by replacing the elements of a complex matrix A by the corresponding conjugate complex number is called the conjugate of the matrix A and is denoted by \bar{A} .

Thus, if
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 3i & -7i \\ 5 & 1 - i \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } \bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - 3i & 7i \\ 5 & 1 + i \end{bmatrix}$$

It is easy to see that the *conjugate of the transpose of i.e., (\bar{A}')* and the *transposed conjugate of A i.e., (\bar{A}')* are equal, Each of them is denoted by A^* .

Thus,
$$(\bar{A}') (\bar{A}') = A^*.$$

A square matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is said to be Hermitian if $A^* = A$ or $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$.

A square matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is said to be skew-Hermitian if $A^* = -A$ or $a_{ij} = -\bar{a}_{ji}$.

In a Hermitian matrix, the diagonal elements are all real, while every other element is the conjugate complex of the element in the transposed position. For example.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 + i & -3i \\ 2 - i & -3 & 1 - i \\ 3i & 1 + i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a Hermitian matrix.}$$

In a skew-Hermitian matrix, the diagonal elements are zero or purely imaginary of the form $i\beta$, where β is real. Every other element is the negative of the conjugate complex of the element in the transposed position.

For example,
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3i & 1 + i & 7 \\ -1 + i & 0 & -2 - i \\ -7 & 2 - i & -i \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a skew-Hermitian matrix}$$

A square matrix A is said to be unitary if $AA^* = I = A^*A$

The determinant of a unitary matrix is of unit modulus. For a matrix to be unitary, it must be non-singular.

A square matrix A is said to be orthogonal if $AA^* = I = A^*A$ or $A^* = A^{-1}$

Note. The following results hold:

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| (i) $(\bar{\bar{A}}) = A$ | (ii) $\overline{\bar{A} + \bar{B}} = \bar{A} + \bar{B}$ | (iii) $\overline{\lambda A} = \bar{\lambda} \bar{A}$ |
| (iv) $\overline{\bar{A} \bar{B}} = \overline{\bar{A} \bar{B}}$ | (v) $(A^*)^* = A$ | (vi) $(A+B)^* = A^* + B^*$ |
| (vii) $(\lambda A)^* = \bar{\lambda} A^*$ | (viii) $(AB)^* = B^* A^*$ | |

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

Example 1. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i & 3 & -1+3i \\ -5 & i & 4-2i \end{bmatrix}$, verify that A^*A is a Hermitian matrix where A^* is the conjugate transpose of A .

Sol.
$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i & -5 \\ 3 & i \\ -1+3i & 4-2i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^* = (\overline{A'}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2-i & -5 \\ 3 & -i \\ -1-3i & 4+2i \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,
$$A^*A = \begin{bmatrix} 2-i & -5 \\ 3 & -i \\ -1-3i & 4+2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2+i & 3 & -1+3i \\ -5 & i & 4-2i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 30 & 6-8i & -19+17i \\ 6+8i & 10 & -5+5i \\ -19-17i & -5-5i & 30 \end{bmatrix} = B(\text{say})$$

\therefore
$$B' = \begin{bmatrix} 30 & 6+8i & -19-17i \\ 6-8i & 10 & -5-5i \\ -19+17i & -5+5i & 30 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,
$$B^* = (\overline{B'}) = \begin{bmatrix} 30 & 6-8i & -19+17i \\ 6+8i & 10 & -5+5i \\ -19-17i & -5-5i & 30 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

\Rightarrow $B = A^*A$ is a Hermitian matrix.

Example 2. Show that the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha + i\gamma & -\beta + i\delta \\ \beta + i\delta & \alpha - i\gamma \end{bmatrix} \text{ is unitary if } \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2 = 1.$$

Sol. Let
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + i\gamma & -\beta + i\delta \\ \beta + i\delta & \alpha - i\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

\therefore
$$\overline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha - i\gamma & -\beta - i\delta \\ \beta - i\delta & \alpha + i\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow
$$A^* = (\overline{A})' = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha - i\gamma & \beta - i\delta \\ -\beta - i\delta & \alpha + i\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

For a square matrix A to be unitary,

$$AA^* = I = A^*A \quad \dots(1)$$

Now,
$$AA^* = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Also,
$$A^*A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eqn. (1) is satisfied only when

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2 = 1$$

Example 3. If A and B are Hermitian, show that $AB-BA$ is skew-Hermitian.

Sol. A and B are Hermitian $\Rightarrow A^* = A$ and $B^* = B$

Now, $(AB - BA)^* - (BA)^*$

$$B^*A^* - A^*B^* = BA - AB = -(AB - BA)$$

$\Rightarrow AB - BA$ is skew-Hermitian.

Example 4. If A is α skew-Hermitian matrix $\Rightarrow A^* = -A$

Now, $(iA)^* = \bar{i}A^* = (-i)(-A) = iA$

$\Rightarrow iA$ is a Hermitian matrix.

Example 5. Show that every square matrix is expressible as the sum of a Hermitian matrix and a skew-0 Hermitian matrix.

Sol. Let A be any square matrix.

Since $(A + A^*)^* = A^* + (A^*)^* = A^* + A = A + A^*$

and $(A - A^*)^* = A^* - (A^*)^* = A^* - A = -(A - A^*)$

$\therefore A + A^*$ is Hermitian and $A - A^*$ is skew-Hermitian.

$$\text{Now, } A = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^*) + \frac{1}{2}(A - A^*) = P + Q \text{ (say)}$$

where P is Hermitian and Q is skew- Hermitian. Thus, every square matrix can be expressed as the sum of a Hermitian matrix and a skew-Hermitian matrix.

Example 6. If $N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 + 2i \\ -1 + 2i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, obtain the matrix $(I - N)(I + N)^{-1}$, and show that it is unitary

$$\text{Sol. } I - N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 + 2i \\ -1 + 2i & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 - 2i \\ 1 - 2i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I + N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 + 2i \\ -1 + 2i & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 + 2i \\ -1 + 2i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|I + N| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 + 2i \\ -1 + 2i & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 - (4i^2 - 1) = 6$$

$$(I + N)^{-1} \frac{1}{|I + N|} \text{adj} (I + N) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 - 2i \\ 1 - 2i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (I - N)(I + N)^{-1} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 - 4i \\ 1 - 2i & 1 \end{vmatrix} \frac{1}{6} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 - 2i \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 - 4i \\ 2 - 4i & -4 \end{bmatrix} = A(\text{say}) \\ A' &= \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 + 4i \\ -2 - 4i & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \overline{(A')} &= A^\# = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 + 4i \\ -2 + 4i & -4 \end{bmatrix} \\ A^\# A &= \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 + 4i \\ -2 + 4i & -4 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 - 4i \\ 2 - 4i & -4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{36} \begin{bmatrix} 36 & 0 \\ 0 & 36 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow A = (I - N)(I + N)^{-1}$ is unitary

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Show that the matrix A is Hermitian and iA is Skew-Hermitian where A is.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 - 4i \\ 3 + 4i & 2 \end{bmatrix} & \quad \text{(ii)} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 + 2i & -3 \\ 5 - 2i & 7 & 4i \\ -3 & -4i & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{(iii)} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 + i & 5 - 3i \\ 2 - i & 7 & 5i \\ 5 + 3i & -5i & 2 \end{bmatrix} & \quad \text{(iv)} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 + 2i & -4 \\ 3 - 2i & 5 & 6i \\ -4 & -6i & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

2. (i) Express the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} i & 2 - 3i & 4 + 5i \\ 6 + i & 0 & 4 - 5i \\ -i & 2 - i & 2 + i \end{bmatrix}$ as a sum of Hermitian and Skew-Hermitian matrix.

(ii) Express the Hermitian matrix $A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i & 1 + i \\ i & 0 & 2 - 3i \\ 1 - i & 2 + 3i & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ as $P + iQ$ where P is a real symmetric and Q is a real skew-symmetric matrix.

3. Show that $A = \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is skew-Hermitian and also unitary

4. (i) If A is any square matrix, prove that $A + A^*$, AA^* , A^*A are all Hermitian and $A - A^*$ is Skew-Hermitian.

(ii) If A, B are hermitian or Skew-Hermitian, then so is $A + B$.

(iii) Show that the matrix B^*AB is Hermitian or Skew-Hermitian as A is Hermitian or Skew-Hermitian.

(iv) If A is a Hermitian matrix, then show that iA is a Skew-Hermitian matrix.

5. (i) Define unitary matrix. Show that the following matrix is unitary.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1+i \\ 1-i & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(ii) Prove that $\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & -1+i \\ 1+i & 1-i \end{bmatrix}$ is a unitary matrix.

(iii) Show that $A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \end{bmatrix}$ is a unitary matrix, where ω is complex cube root of unity.

6. Verify that the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+i}{2} & \frac{1-i}{2} \\ \frac{1-i}{2} & \frac{1+i}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ have eigen values with unit modulus.

1.36. CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION:

If A is square matrix of order n , we can form the matrix $A - \lambda I$, where λ is a scalar and I is the unit matrix of order n , The determinant of this matrix equated to zero, *i. e.*,

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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On expanding the determinant, the characteristic equation can be written as a polynomial equation of degree n in λ of the form $(-1)^n \lambda^n + k_1 \lambda^{n-1} + k_2 \lambda^{n-2} + \dots + k_n = 0$.

The roots of this equation are called the *characteristic roots or latent roots or eigen values* of A.

The set of eigen values of a square matrix A is called the spectrum of A.

Note. The sum of the eigen values of a matrix A is equal to trace of A.

[The trace of square matrix I the sum of the diagonal elements]

1.37. EIGEN VECTORS

Consider the linear transformation $Y = AX$...(1)

Which transforms the column vector X into the column vector Y. In practice, we are often required to find those vectors X which transform into scalar multiples of themselves.

Let X be such a vector which transforms into λX (λ being a non-zero scalar) by the transformation (1).

Then $Y = \lambda X$... (2)

From (1) and (2), $AX = \lambda X \Rightarrow AX - \lambda IX = 0 \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)X = 0$... (3)

This matrix equation gives n homogeneous linear equations

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (a_{11} - \lambda)x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0 \\ a_{21}x_1 + (a_{22} - \lambda)x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = 0 \\ \dots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + (a_{nn} - \lambda)x_n = 0 \end{array} \right\} \dots (4)$$

These equations will have a not-trivial solution only if the co-efficient matrix $A - \lambda I$ is singular

i. e. if $|A - \lambda I| = 0$... (5)

This is the characteristic equation of the matrix A and has n roots which are the eigen values of A . Corresponding to each root of (5), the homogeneous system (3) has a non-zero solution.

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ which is called an eigen vector or latent vector.}$$

Note. If X is a solution of (3), then so is kX , where k is an arbitrary constant. Thus, the eigen vector corresponding to an eigen value is not unique.

1.38. THE CHARACTERISTIC ROOTS OF A UNITARY MATRIX ARE OF UNIT MODULUS

Let A be a unitary matrix so that

$$A^*A = I = AA^* \dots (1)$$

If λ is a characteristic root of the matrix A and X is its latent vector, then we have

$$AX = \lambda X \dots (2)$$

Taking transpose conjugate of (2), we obtain

$$(AX)^* = (\lambda X)^* \dots (3) \quad | \because \lambda^* = \lambda^{-}$$

$$X^*A^* = \bar{\lambda}X^*$$

On multiplying (2) and (3), we get

$$(X^*A^*)(AX) = (\bar{\lambda}X^*)(\lambda X)$$

$$\Rightarrow X^*(A^*A)X = \lambda\bar{\lambda}(X^*X) \quad | \text{Using (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow X^*X = \lambda\bar{\lambda}(X^*X) \dots (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \lambda\bar{\lambda})X^*X = 0$$

Since X is a characteristic vector, $X \neq 0$

Consequently, $X^*X \neq 0$

Hence equation (4) gives

$$1 - \lambda\bar{\lambda} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda\bar{\lambda} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda|^2 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow |\lambda| = 1$$

Hence the characteristic roots of a unitary matrix are of unit modulus

1.39. THE LATENT ROOTS OF A HERMITIAN MATRIX ARE ALL REAL

Let λ be the characteristic or latent root of a Hermitian matrix A. Then \exists a non-zero latent vector X such that

$$AX = \lambda X \quad \dots(1)$$

Pre-multiplying both sides of (1) by X^* , we get

$$X^*AX = X^*\lambda X \quad \dots(2)$$

Transpose conjugate of (2) gives

$$(X^*AX)^* = (\lambda X^*)^*$$

$$\Rightarrow X^*A^*(X^*)^* = X^*(X^*)^*\lambda^* \quad | \text{By reversal law}$$

$$\Rightarrow X^*A^*X = X^*\bar{\lambda} \quad | \because \lambda^* = \bar{\lambda}$$

But A is a Hermitian matrix so that A^*A

Hence above equation becomes

$$X^*AX = \bar{\lambda}X^*X \quad \dots(3)$$

From (2) and (3), we have

$$X^*(\bar{\lambda}X^*X)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - \bar{\lambda})X^*X = 0 \quad \dots(4)$$

Since X is a non-zero latent vector

$$\therefore X^*X \neq 0$$

Hence from (4), we have

$$\lambda - \bar{\lambda} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \lambda = \bar{\lambda}$$

Which is possible only when λ is real.

Hence the latent roots of a Hermitian matrix are all real.

1.40. **THE CHARACTERISTIC ROOTS OF A SKEW-HERMITIAN MATRIX IS EITHER ZERO OR PURELY AN IMAGINARY NUMBER**

Since A is a Skew- Hermitian matrix

$\therefore iA$ is Hermitian matrix.

Let λ be a characteristic root of A.

Then, $AX = \lambda X \Rightarrow (iA)x = (i\lambda)X$

$\Rightarrow i\lambda$ is a characteristic root of matrix iA .

But $i\lambda$ is a Hermitian matrix.

Therefore, $i\lambda$ should be real.

Hence, λ is either zero or purely imaginary.

1.41. **THE CHARACTERISDTIC ROOTS OF AN IDEMPOTERNT MATRIX ARE EITHER ZERO OR UNITY**

Since A is an idempotent matrix. $\therefore A^2 = A$.

Let X be a latent vector of the matrix A corresponding to the latent root λ so that

$$AX = \lambda X \quad \dots(1)$$

$\Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)X = 0$ such that $X \neq 0$

Per - multiplying (1) by A

$$A(AX) = A(\lambda X) = \lambda(AX)$$

$\Rightarrow (AA)X = \lambda(\lambda X)$ |by (1)

$\Rightarrow A^2X = \lambda^2X \Rightarrow AX = \lambda^2X$ | $\because A^2 = A$

$\Rightarrow \lambda X = \lambda^2X$ |by (1)

$\Rightarrow (\lambda^2 - \lambda)X = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - \lambda = 0$ (Since $X \neq 0$)

$\Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda - 1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0, 1$

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

Example 1. Show that if $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the latent roots of the matrix A , then A^3 has the latent roots $\lambda_1^3, \lambda_2^3, \dots, \lambda_n^3$.

Sol. Let λ be a latent root of the matrix A . Then there exists a non-zero vector X such that

$$AX = \lambda X \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2(AX) = A^2(\lambda X) \quad \Rightarrow A^3X = \lambda(A^2X)$$

But
$$A^2X = A(AX) = A(\lambda X) \quad |Using (1)|$$

$$= \lambda(AX) = \lambda(\lambda X) = \lambda^2X$$

$$\therefore A^2X = \lambda(\lambda^2X) = \lambda^3X$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 \text{ is a latent root of } A^3.$$

\therefore If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the latent roots of A , then $\lambda_1^3, \lambda_2^3, \dots, \lambda_n^3$ are then latent roots of A^3 .

Example2. If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are eigen values of A , then find eigen values of the matrix $(A - \lambda I)^2$

Sol.
$$(A - \lambda I)^2 = A^2 - 2\lambda AI + \lambda^2 I^2$$

$$= A^2 - 2\lambda A + \lambda^2 I$$

Eigen values of A^2 are $\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2, \dots, \lambda_n^2$

Eigen values of $2\lambda A$ are $2\lambda\lambda_1, 2\lambda\lambda_2, \dots, 2\lambda\lambda_n$.

Eigen values of $\lambda^2 I$ are λ^2

\therefore Eigen values of $(A - \lambda I)^2$ are

$$\lambda_1^2 - 2\lambda\lambda_1 + \lambda^2, \lambda_2^2 - 2\lambda\lambda_2 + \lambda^2, \dots, \lambda_n^2 - 2\lambda\lambda_n + \lambda^2$$

or
$$(\lambda_1 - \lambda)^2, (\lambda_2 - \lambda)^2, \dots, (\lambda_n - \lambda)^2.$$

Example3. If λ is an eigen value of a non-singular matrix A , show that

(i) λ^{-1} is an eigen value of A^{-1} .

(ii) $\frac{|A|}{\lambda}$ is an eigen value of $\text{adj. } A$.

Sol. (i) λ is an eigen value of A

\Rightarrow There exists a non-zero matrix X such that $AX = \lambda X$

$$\Rightarrow X = A^{-1}(\lambda X)$$

$$\Rightarrow X = \lambda(A^{-1}X)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda}X = A^{-1}X$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1}X = \lambda^{-1}X$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda^{-1}$ is an eigen value of A^{-1} .

(ii) λ is an eigen value of A

\Rightarrow There exists a non-zero matrix X such that $AX = \lambda X$

$$\Rightarrow (adj. A)(AX) = (adj. A)(\lambda X)$$

$$\Rightarrow \{(adj. A)\}X = \lambda(adj. A)X$$

$$\Rightarrow |A|IX = \lambda(adj. A)X \quad [\because (adj. A)A = |A| I]$$

$$\Rightarrow |A|X = \lambda(adj. A)X$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|A|}{\lambda}X = (adj. A)X$$

$$\Rightarrow (adj. A)X = \frac{|A|}{\lambda}X$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{|A|}{\lambda}$ is an eigen value of $adj. A$.

Example4. Find the eigen values of the following matrices:

$$(i) A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(ii) A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 \\ 7 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol. (i) Characteristic equation is

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & -3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 19\lambda + 30 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3, -5, 2$$

(ii) Characteristic equation is

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 5 & 7 \\ 5 & 3 - \lambda & 1 \\ 7 & 0 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 7\lambda^2 - 58\lambda + 150 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 11.026, -6.215, 2.1888$$

Example5. Show that for any square matrix A,

(i) A and A' have same set of eigen values.

(ii) The product of all eigen values of A is equal to determinant (A).

Sol. Let A be a square matrix.

(i) The characteristic equation of A is $|A - \lambda I| = 0$... (1)

Let A' be the transpose of A.

Then the characteristic equation of A' will be

$$|A' - \lambda I| = 0 \quad \dots (2)$$

Since the interchange of rows and columns does not alter the value of the determinant we have,

$$|A' - \lambda I| = |A - \lambda I|$$

$$|\cdot| |A - \lambda I| = |A - \lambda I|' = |A' - \lambda I'| = |A' - \lambda I| \text{ as } I' = I$$

Hence the eigen values of matrix A and its transpose A' are identical.

(ii) Let $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ be a given square matrix and $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n$ be its eigen values. If $\phi(\lambda)$ be the characteristic polynomial then,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\lambda) &= |A - \lambda I| \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} - \lambda & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-1)^n \{ \lambda^n + P_1 \lambda^{n-2} + P_2 \lambda^{n-2} + \dots + P_n \} \\ &= (-1)^n \{ (\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2)(\lambda - \lambda_3) \dots (\lambda - \lambda_n) \} \end{aligned}$$

Putting $\lambda = 0$, we get

$$\phi(0) = (-1)^n (-1)^n \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \dots \lambda_n$$

$$|A| = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \dots \lambda_n$$

Hence the product of all eigen values of A is equal to determinant (A).

Example6. Show that for a square matrix,

(i) There are infinitely many eigen vectors corresponding to a single eigen value

(ii) Every eigen vector corresponds to a unique eigen value.

Sol. (i) Let X be a characteristic vector of a square matrix A corresponding to a single eigen value λ . Then we have,

$$AX = \lambda X$$

Let k be any non-zero scalar. Then,

$$k(AX) = k(\lambda X) \quad \Rightarrow \quad A(kX) = \lambda(kX)$$

Therefore, kX is also a characteristic vector of A corresponding to the same characteristic root λ

Since k is any non-zero scalar, \exists infinitely many eigen vectors corresponding to a single eigen value

(ii) Let there exist two distinct eigen values λ_1 and λ_2 corresponding to an eigen vector X of a square matrix A . Then, we have

$$AX = \lambda_1 X \quad |\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$$

$$AX = \lambda_2 X$$

$$\therefore \quad AX = \lambda_1 X = \lambda_2 X$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)X = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad X = 0 \quad |\because \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \neq 0$$

Which is impossible since X is a non-zero vector. Hence every eigen vector corresponding to a unique eigen value

Example 8. Find the eigen values and eigen vectors of matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Sol. The characteristic equation of the given matrix is

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\text{Or} \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -2 \\ -5 & 4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \lambda^2 - 5\lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \lambda = 6, -1.$$

Thus, the eigen values of A are $6, -1$,

Corresponding to $\lambda = 6$, the eigen vectors are given by

$$(A - 6I)X_1 = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 6 & -2 \\ -5 & 4 - 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -2 \\ -5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

We get only one independent equation $-5x_1 - 2x_2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{x_1}{2} = \frac{x_2}{-5} = k_1 (\text{say})$$

$$x_1 = 2k_1, \quad x_2 = -5k_1$$

∴ The eigen vectors are $X_2 = k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Example 8. Find the eigen values and eigen vectors of the matrix is.

Sol. The characteristic equation of the given matrix is

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

or
$$\begin{vmatrix} -2 - \lambda & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 - \lambda & -6 \\ -1 & -2 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

or
$$(-2 - \lambda)[- \lambda(1 - \lambda) - 12] - 2[-2\lambda - 6] - 3[-4 + 1(1 - \lambda)] = 0$$

or
$$\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 - 21\lambda - 45 = 0$$

By trail, $\lambda = -3$ satisfies it.

∴ $(\lambda + 3)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 15) = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda + 3)(\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 5) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -3, -3, 5$

Thus, the eigen values of A are $-3, -3, 5$.

Corresponding to $\lambda = -3$, the eigen vectors are given by

$$(A + 3I)X_1 = 0$$

or
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & -6 \\ -1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

We get only one independent equation $x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$

Let $x_3 = k_2$, $x_2 = k_2$ then $x_1 = 3k_1 - 2k_2$

∴ The eigen vectors are given by

$$X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3k_1 - 2k_2 \\ k_2 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix} = k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + k_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Corresponding to $\lambda = 5$, the eigen vectors are given by $(A - 5I)X_2 = 0$

⇒
$$\begin{bmatrix} -7 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -4 & -6 \\ -1 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

⇒
$$-7x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 - 5x_3 = 0$$

From first two equation,

$$\frac{x_1}{10-6} = \frac{x_2}{3+5} = \frac{x_3}{-2-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1}{1} = \frac{x_2}{2} = \frac{x_3}{-1} = k_3 \text{ (say)}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = k_3, x_2 = 2k_3, x_3 = -k_3$$

Hence the eigen vectors are given by.

$$X_2 = k_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example. 9. Prove that

(i) 0 is a characteristic root of a matrix if and only if the matrix is singular.

(ii) The characteristic root of a real symmetric matrix are all real.

(iii) If A and B are square matrices of same type and if P be invertible then A and $P^{-1}AP$ have same eigen values.

(iv) The sum of the eigen values of a square matrix is equal to the sum of the elements of its principal diagonal.

Sol. (i) The characteristic root of a matrix A is given by $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

If $\lambda = 0$, then it gives $|A| = 0$

\Rightarrow A is singular.

Again if matrix A is singular, then

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| - \lambda|I| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 - \lambda \cdot I = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0$$

(ii) Let A be a real symmetric matrix

\therefore A is real

$$\therefore \bar{A} = A$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{(A)'} = A'$$

$$\Rightarrow A^* = A$$

\therefore A is symmetric

\Rightarrow A is Hermitian.

Hence the characteristic roots of A are all real

(iii) Let $B = P^{-1}AP$

Then $B - \lambda I = P^{-1}AP - \lambda I$
 $= P^{-1}AP - P^{-1}\lambda IP = P^{-1}(A - \lambda I)P$

$\therefore |B - \lambda I| = |P^{-1}(A - \lambda I)P| = |P^{-1}| |A - \lambda I| |P|$
 $= |A - \lambda I| |P^{-1}| |P| = |A - \lambda I| |P^{-1}P|$
 $= |A - \lambda I| |I| = |A - \lambda I| \quad |\because |I| = 1$

Hence matrices A and $P^{-1}AP$ have the same characteristic roots.

(iv) Let $A = [a_{ij}]_{3 \times 3}$ be a square matrix of order 3. The characteristic equation is

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda^3 + \lambda^2(a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}) - \dots = 0 \quad \dots (1)$$

But we know that,

$$|A - \lambda I| = (-1)^3(\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2)(\lambda - \lambda_3)$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + \lambda^2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3) \dots \quad \dots (2)$$

Comparing equations (1) and (2), we get

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}$$

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Find the eigen values and corresponding eigen vectors of the following matrices:

(i) $\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ (ii) $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ (iii) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ (iv) $\begin{bmatrix} a & h & g \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$

2. (i) Find the characteristic equation of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

- (ii) Find the eigen values of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 \\ -5 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$
- (iii) Find the eigen vectors for the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
3. Find the eigen values of $3A^3 + 5A^2 - 6A + 2I$ where $a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$
4. Find the eigen value of matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ corresponding to the eigen vector $\begin{bmatrix} 101 \\ 101 \end{bmatrix}$.
5. (i) Show that if λ is a characteristic root of the matrix A then $\lambda + k$ is a characteristic root of the matrix $A + kI$.
- (ii) Show that if $\lambda_i (1 \leq i \leq n)$ are the eigen values of a square matrix A then A^m has the eigen values $\lambda_i^m (1 \leq i \leq n)$, m being a positive integer
- (iii) Prove that the characteristic roots of a diagonal matrix are the diagonal elements of the matrix
6. Verify that the matrices $X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & h & g \\ h & 0 & f \\ g & f & 0 \end{bmatrix}, Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & f & h \\ f & 0 & g \\ h & g & 0 \end{bmatrix}, Z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & g & f \\ g & 0 & h \\ f & h & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ have same characteristic equation.
7. If $a + b + c = 0$, Find the characteristic roots of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & c & b \\ c & b & a \\ b & a & c \end{bmatrix}$
8. Prove that for matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$, all its eigen values are distinct and real. Hence find the corresponding eigen vectors.
9. Show that the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 10 & 5 \\ -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ has less than three linearly independent eigen vectors. Also find them.
10. If $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $P = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} b+c & c-a & b-a \\ c-b & c+a & a-b \\ b-c & a-c & a+b \end{bmatrix}$, Show that the transform of P by M i.e., MPM^{-1} is a diagonal matrix and hence find the eigen values of P .
11. Find characteristic equation and eigen values of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

12. If $A \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = 1 - \frac{1}{4} A$, then show that $\mu_i = 1 - \frac{1}{4} \lambda_i$, Where λ_i and μ_i are the eigen values of A and B respectively.

ANSWERS

1. (i) $-1, -6; k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ (ii) $1, 6; k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 (iii) $1, 2, 2; k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (iv) $a, b, c; k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, k_2 \begin{bmatrix} h \\ b-a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, k_3 \begin{bmatrix} g \\ 0 \\ c-a \end{bmatrix}$
2. (i) $\lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 + 8\lambda - 4 = 4$ (ii) $0, 1, -2$ (iii) $k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1-i \end{bmatrix}, k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1+i \end{bmatrix}$
3. $4, 110, 10$
4. 6
7. $\lambda = 0, = \left[\frac{3}{2} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \right]^{1/2}$
8. $3, -1, 1; k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, k_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
9. $2, 2, 3; k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$
10. a, b, c
11. $\lambda^4 - 7\lambda^3 + 17\lambda^2 - 17\lambda + 6 = 0; \lambda = 1, 1, 2, 3$