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Question:

For the matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, ONE of the normalized eigenvectors is given as

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- 1) $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ 2) $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ 3) $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \end{pmatrix}$ 4) $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$

Solution:

Given

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

For matrix \mathbf{A} the characteristic polynomial is given by

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{char } \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & 3 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\implies (5 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) - 3 = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\implies \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 12 = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\implies (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 6) = 0 \quad (6)$$

Thus, the eigen values are given by

$$\lambda_1 = 6 \text{ and } \lambda_2 = 2 \quad (7)$$

For λ_1 , the augmented matrix formed from the eigenvalue-eigenvector equation is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Hence, the normalized eigenvector is

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

For λ_2 , the augmented matrix formed from the eigenvalue-eigenvector equation is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{3} \times R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

Hence, the normalized eigenvector is

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

The normalized eigen vectors are

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$