

# 12.601

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**Question:** The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , one of the eigen values is 1. The eigen vectors corresponding to the eigen value 1 are: (CS 2016)

- a)  $\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \alpha \neq 0, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
- b)  $\alpha \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \alpha \neq 0, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
- c)  $\alpha \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \alpha \neq 0, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
- d)  $\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \alpha \neq 0, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

**Solution:**

Given:  $\lambda = 1$ , Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.1)$$

Row Transformation-1:  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.2)$$

Row Transformation-2:  $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.3)$$

Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be the corresponding eigenvector.

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = (1)\mathbf{v} \quad (0.4)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.5)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.6)$$

Let  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1 \quad v_2 \quad v_3)$

Substituting value of  $\mathbf{v}$  in Equation 0.6,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.7)$$

$$\text{Row} - 1 \rightarrow v_2 + 2v_2 = 0 \quad (0.8)$$

$$\text{Row} - 2 \rightarrow v_1 + 2v_3 = 0 \quad (0.9)$$

$$\text{Row} - 3 \rightarrow 0 + 0 + 0 = 0 \text{ (Always true)} \quad (0.10)$$

Let  $v_3 = \alpha$  (Free parameter)

Substituting value of  $v_3$  in Equations 0.8 and 0.9

$$\therefore v_2 = -2\alpha \text{ \& } v_1 = 4\alpha \quad (0.11)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{v} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.12)$$

Thus, Option-A is correct.