Question:

Let
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and let $\lambda_1 \ge \lambda_2 \ge \lambda_3$ be the eigen values of \mathbf{A} .

(a) The triple $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ equals

- 1) (9,4,2)
- 2) (8,4,3) 3) (9,3,3) 4) (7,5,3)

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(b) The Matrix P such that

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

is

1)
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$
2)
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

3)
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
4)
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{1} & 0 & \frac{-1}{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution:

Let us solve the given question theoretically and then verify the solution computationally.

(a) The eigen values of A is obtained using characteristic polynomial, which is given by,

$$det|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0 \tag{4.1}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 - \lambda & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{4.2}$$

$$\therefore (3 - \lambda) \left((6 - \lambda)^2 - 4 \right) = 0 \tag{4.3}$$

$$\implies (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 8) = 0 \tag{4.4}$$

$$\therefore (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = (8, 4, 3) \tag{4.5}$$

(b) The given relation can be computed as,

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1} \tag{4.6}$$

where **D** is the diagonal matrix of eigenvalues of **A**.

From (4.6), we can infer that it is the Eigen-value decomposition of matrix A.

Therefore, P is the ortho-normalized matrix of collection of eigen vectors of A.

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{v}_3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.7}$$

where v_1, v_2 and v_3 are the normalized eigen vectors of A.

Eigenvectors \mathbf{v} for any square matrix \mathbf{A} is defined as

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v} \tag{4.8}$$

where λ is a scalar and is called the eigen value of **A**.

$$\therefore (\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \tag{4.9}$$

For $\lambda = 3$,

$$\begin{pmatrix}
3 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 6 & 2 \\
0 & 2 & 6
\end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} = 0$$
(4.10)

Let
$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$
.

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.11}$$

$$\therefore 3\beta + 2\gamma = 0 \quad and \quad 2\beta + 3\gamma = 0 \tag{4.12}$$

$$\therefore \beta = \gamma = 0 \tag{4.13}$$

$$\mathbf{e_1} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.14}$$

For $\lambda = 4$,

$$\begin{pmatrix}
3 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 6 & 2 \\
0 & 2 & 6
\end{pmatrix} - 4 \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} = 0$$
(4.15)

Let
$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$
.

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.16}$$

$$\therefore 2\beta + 2\gamma = 0 \quad and \quad \alpha = 0 \tag{4.17}$$

$$\therefore \beta = -\gamma \tag{4.18}$$

$$\mathbf{e_2} = \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.19}$$

For $\lambda = 8$,

$$\begin{pmatrix}
3 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 6 & 2 \\
0 & 2 & 6
\end{pmatrix} - 8 \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} = 0$$
(4.20)

Let
$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$
.

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.21}$$

$$\therefore 2\beta - 2\gamma = 0 \quad and \quad \alpha = 0 \tag{4.22}$$

$$\therefore \beta = \gamma \tag{4.23}$$

$$\mathbf{e_3} = \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.24}$$

As we require unit eigen-vectors,

$$\implies \mathbf{v_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{v_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{v_3} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.25}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$
(4.26)