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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)  $\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \alpha \neq 0, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

# Theoretical Solution

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

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

Row Transformation-1:  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3$

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

Row Transformation-2:  $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

# Theoretical Solution

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

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = (1)\mathbf{v} \quad (4)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

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

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Substituting value of  $\mathbf{v}$  in Equation 6,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

# Theoretical Solution

$$\text{Row} - 1 \rightarrow v_2 + 2v_2 = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Row} - 2 \rightarrow v_1 + 2v_3 = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Row} - 3 \rightarrow 0 + 0 + 0 = 0 \text{ (Always true)} \quad (10)$$

Let  $v_3 = \alpha$  (Free parameter)

Substituting value of  $v_3$  in Equations 8 and 9

$$\therefore v_2 = -2\alpha \text{ \& } v_1 = 4\alpha \quad (11)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{v} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

Thus, Option-A is correct.