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Matrix Theory (EE5609) Assignment 4

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Abstract—This document solves an equation on matrix.

The code for the solution of this problem can be found at

https://github.com/Arko98/EE5609/blob/master/ Assignment 4/Codes/Solution.py

1 Problem

If
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
, prove that $\mathbf{A}^3 - 6\mathbf{A}^2 + 7\mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{I} = 0$

2 Solution

The equation in the problem can be modified as follows

$$\mathbf{A}^3 - 6\mathbf{A}^2 + 7\mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{I} = 0 \tag{2.0.1}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{A}^2(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{6I}) + \mathbf{7A} + \mathbf{2I} = 0 \tag{2.0.2}$$

So we need to prove equation 2.0.2. Now, at first we calculate the value of A^2 as follows

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \tag{2.0.3}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{A} \tag{2.0.4}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{A}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.5}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{A}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 8 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 8 & 0 & 13 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.6}$$

Next we calculate, A - 6I where I is identity matrix of order 3, as follows

$$\mathbf{A} - 6\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} - 6 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{A} - 6\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.8)

$$\implies \mathbf{A} - 6\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 0 & 2\\ 0 & -4 & 1\\ 2 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.9}$$

Now we compute $A^2(A - 6I)$ by putting values of A^2 from equation 2.0.6 and value of A - 6I from 2.0.9 as follows

$$\mathbf{A}^{2} \cdot (\mathbf{A} - 6\mathbf{I}) = (\mathbf{A}^{2})^{\mathrm{T}} (\mathbf{A} - 6\mathbf{I})$$
 (2.0.10)

$$\implies \mathbf{A}^{2} \cdot (\mathbf{A} - 6\mathbf{I}) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 8 & 5 & 13 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$
(2.0.11)

$$\implies \mathbf{A}^2 \cdot (\mathbf{A} - 6\mathbf{I}) = \begin{pmatrix} -9 & 0 & -14 \\ 0 & -16 & -7 \\ -14 & 0 & -23 \end{pmatrix} (2.0.12)$$

Next we compute 7A + 2I as follows

$$7\mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{I} = 7 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(2.0.13)

$$\implies 7\mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 & 14 \\ 0 & 16 & 7 \\ 14 & 0 & 23 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.14}$$

Now putting the value of $A^2(A - 6I)$ from equation 2.0.12 and value of 7A + 2I from equation 2.0.14

into the left hand side of equation 2.0.2 we get

$$\mathbf{A^2}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{6I}) + \mathbf{7A} + \mathbf{2I} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.15)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{A}^2(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{6I}) + \mathbf{7A} + \mathbf{2I} = 0 \tag{2.0.16}$$

Thus from equation 2.0.16 we arrive at the right hand side of equation 2.0.2, Hence proved.

3 Problem 2

Find the characteristic equation of the matrix A $= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

4 Solution

For a general order k square matrix A, the characteristic equation in variable λ is defined by

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \tag{4.0.1}$$

where I is identity matrix of order k. Now we compute $\lambda \mathbf{I}$ as follows

$$\lambda \mathbf{I} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.0.2}$$

$$\implies \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.0.3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \det I = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(4.0.4)$$

So in equation 4.0.1, putting the values from 4.0.4 we get,

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \tag{4.0.5}$$

$$\implies \det A - \lambda \det I = 0 \tag{4.0.6}$$

$$\implies \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{4.0.7}$$

$$\implies \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{4.0.8}$$

Hence, equation 4.0.8 is the required characteristic equation of matrix A. Further expanding the determinant from the equation 4.0.8 we get the following polynomial equation of λ

$$(1 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) - 4(2 - \lambda) = 0$$
 (4.0.9)

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 + 7\lambda + 2 = 0$$
 (4.0.10)

Hence, equation 4.0.10 is the required characteristic equation of matrix **A** for λ .