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Question:

Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$. Then the trace of \mathbf{A}^{1000} equals

Solution:

Given

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

(2)

To find eigen values

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} - \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right| = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \right| = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 5 - \lambda & -3 \\ 6 & -4 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \right| = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$(5 - \lambda)(-4 - \lambda) + 3(6) = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda - 5\lambda - 20 + 18 = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1) = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2 \text{ (and) } \lambda_2 = -1 \quad (11)$$

For a given matrix \mathbf{A}

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{PDP}^{-1} \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = \left(\mathbf{PDP}^{-1}\right)^2 \quad (13)$$

$$= \mathbf{PDP}^{-1}\mathbf{PDP}^{-1} \quad (14)$$

$$= \mathbf{PDIDP}^{-1} \quad (15)$$

$$= \mathbf{PD}^2\mathbf{P}^{-1} \quad (16)$$

where

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

(18)

$$\mathbf{A}^k = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}^k\mathbf{P}^{-1} \quad (19)$$

$$\text{trace}(\mathbf{A}^k) = \text{trace}(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}^k\mathbf{P}^{-1}) \quad (20)$$

$$= \text{trace}((\mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}^k)\mathbf{P}^{-1}) \quad (21)$$

Since $\text{trace}(\mathbf{AB})=\text{trace}(\mathbf{BA})$

$$\text{trace}(\mathbf{A}^k) = \text{trace}((\mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}^k)\mathbf{P}^{-1}) \quad (22)$$

$$= \text{trace}(\mathbf{P}^{-1}(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}^k)) \quad (23)$$

$$\text{trace}(\mathbf{A}^k) = \text{trace}(\mathbf{ID}^k) = \text{trace}(\mathbf{D}^k) \quad (24)$$

$$\text{trace}(\mathbf{A}^{1000}) = \text{trace}(\mathbf{D}^{1000}) \quad (25)$$

$$= \text{trace} \begin{pmatrix} 2^{1000} & 0 \\ 0 & (-1)^{1000} \end{pmatrix} \quad (26)$$

$$= 2^{1000} + 1 \quad (27)$$