Question:

Which one of the following matrices has the same eigenvalues as that of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

1)
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Solution:

Let the given matrix be

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}$$

Characteristic equation of Matrix is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0 \tag{3}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ c & d - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{5}$$

$$(a - \lambda)(d - \lambda) - bc = 0 \tag{6}$$

$$\lambda^2 - a\lambda - d\lambda + ad - bc = 0 \tag{7}$$

$$\lambda^2 - (a+d)\lambda + ad - bc = 0 \tag{8}$$

$$\lambda^2 - (tr\mathbf{A})\,\lambda + \det\mathbf{A} = 0\tag{9}$$

where λ is the eigen value and tr**A** is the trace of **A**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{10}$$

$$tr\mathbf{A} = 1 + 3 = 4, \det \mathbf{A} = 3 - 8 = -5$$
 (11)

Option (1)

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{12}$$

$$tr\mathbf{V} = 3 + 2 = 5, \det \mathbf{V} = 6 - 4 = 2$$
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Not equal to the given matrix **A**. Hence the eigen values are not same Option (2)

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{14}$$

$$tr\mathbf{V} = 1 + 3 = 4, \det \mathbf{V} = 3 - 8 = -5$$
 (15)

Equal to the given matrix A. Hence the eigen values are same Option (3)

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{16}$$

$$tr\mathbf{V} = 4 + 3 = 7, \det \mathbf{V} = 12 - 2 = 10$$
 (17)

Not equal to the given matrix **A**. Hence the eigen values are not same Option (4)

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{18}$$

$$tr\mathbf{V} = 2 + 3 = 5, \det \mathbf{V} = 6 - 4 = 2$$
 (19)

Not equal to the given matrix A. Hence the eigen values are not same

Hence option (2) is the correct answer