

# 12.665

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**Question.** The product of eigenvalues of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 1) -1
- 2) 1
- 3) 0
- 4) 2

**Solution:** Let

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

Let  $\lambda$  be the eigen value of the  $\mathbf{A}$ . Then,

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$-\lambda(1 - \lambda)(-\lambda) + 1(-(1 - \lambda)) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\lambda^2(1 - \lambda) - (1 - \lambda) = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$(\lambda^2 - 1)(1 - \lambda) = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\lambda = 1 \text{ and } \lambda = -1 \quad (7)$$

Product of two eigen values is -1