

PP-DSE-MATH-EP(M2)-Q11

11(a)

$$\begin{aligned}A^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \beta & -\alpha\beta \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \beta & -\alpha\beta \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\&= \begin{pmatrix} (\alpha + \beta)^2 - \alpha\beta & -\alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta) \\ \alpha + \beta & -\alpha\beta \end{pmatrix} \\&= \begin{pmatrix} (\alpha + \beta)^2 & -\alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta) \\ \alpha + \beta & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \alpha\beta & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha\beta \end{pmatrix} \\&= (\alpha + \beta) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \beta & -\alpha\beta \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \alpha\beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\&= (\alpha + \beta)A - \alpha\beta I\end{aligned}$$

11(b)

$$\begin{aligned}(A - \alpha I)^2 &= A^2 - 2\alpha A + \alpha^2 I \\&= (\alpha + \beta)A - \alpha\beta I - 2\alpha A + \alpha^2 I \\&= (\alpha + \beta - 2\alpha)A + (\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta)I \\&= (\beta - \alpha)A + \alpha(\alpha - \beta)I \\&= (\beta - \alpha)(A - \alpha I)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Also } (A - \beta I)^2 &= A^2 - 2\beta A + \beta^2 I \\&= (\alpha + \beta)A - \alpha\beta I - 2\beta A + \beta^2 I \\&= (\alpha + \beta - 2\beta)A + (\beta^2 - \alpha\beta)I \\&= (\alpha - \beta)A + \beta(\beta - \alpha)I \\&= (\alpha - \beta)(A - \beta I)\end{aligned}$$

11(c)(i)

$$\begin{aligned}A &= X + Y \\ \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \beta & -\alpha\beta \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= s \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \beta & -\alpha\beta \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - s\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \beta & -\alpha\beta \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - t\beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \beta & -\alpha\beta \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} (\alpha + \beta)(s + t) - s\alpha - t\beta & -\alpha\beta(s + t) \\ s + t & -s\alpha - t\beta \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \beta & -\alpha\beta \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} s\beta + t\alpha & -\alpha\beta(s + t) \\ s + t & -s\alpha - t\beta \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta &= t\alpha + s\beta \text{ and } s\alpha + t\beta = 0 \\ \Rightarrow s &= \frac{\beta}{\beta - \alpha} \text{ and } t = -\frac{\alpha}{\beta - \alpha} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \beta}\end{aligned}$$

11(c)(ii)

Let $P(n)$ be the statement that $X^n = \frac{\beta^n}{\beta - \alpha}(A - \alpha I)$ and $Y^n = \frac{\alpha^n}{\alpha - \beta}(A - \beta I)$ for any positive n .

When $n = 1$,

$$X^1 = X = s(A - \alpha I) = \frac{\beta}{\beta - \alpha}(A - \alpha I) \text{ and}$$

$$Y^1 = Y = t(A - \beta I) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \beta}(A - \beta I)$$

Therefore, $P(1)$ is true.

Assume that $P(k)$ is true for some positive integer $k \geq 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} X^{k+1} &= X^k X = \frac{\beta^k}{\beta - \alpha}(A - \alpha I) \cdot \frac{\beta}{\beta - \alpha}(A - \alpha I) \\ &= \frac{\beta^{k+1}}{(\beta - \alpha)^2}(A - \alpha I)^2 \\ &= \frac{\beta^{k+1}}{(\beta - \alpha)^2}(A^2 - 2\alpha A + \alpha^2 I) \\ &= \frac{\beta^{k+1}}{(\beta - \alpha)^2}((\alpha + \beta)A - \alpha\beta I - 2\alpha A + \alpha^2 I) \\ &= \frac{\beta^{k+1}}{(\beta - \alpha)^2}((\beta - \alpha)A - \alpha(\beta - \alpha)I) \\ &= \frac{\beta^{k+1}}{\beta - \alpha}(A - \alpha I) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } Y^{k+1} &= Y^k Y = \frac{\alpha^k}{\alpha - \beta}(A - \beta I) \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \beta}(A - \beta I) \\ &= \frac{\alpha^{k+1}}{(\alpha - \beta)^2}(A - \beta I)^2 \\ &= \frac{\alpha^{k+1}}{(\alpha - \beta)^2}(A^2 - 2\beta A + \beta^2 I) \\ &= \frac{\alpha^{k+1}}{(\alpha - \beta)^2}((\alpha + \beta)A - \alpha\beta I - 2\beta A + \beta^2 I) \\ &= \frac{\alpha^{k+1}}{(\alpha - \beta)^2}((\alpha - \beta)A - \beta(\alpha - \beta)I) \\ &= \frac{\alpha^{k+1}}{\alpha - \beta}(A - \beta I) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $P(k+1)$ is true. By mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true.

11(c)(iii)

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} XY &= s(A - \alpha I) \cdot t(A - \beta I) \\ &= st(A^2 - (\alpha + \beta)A + \alpha\beta I) \\ &= st((\alpha + \beta)A - \alpha\beta I - (\alpha + \beta)A + \alpha\beta I) \\ &= st(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} YX &= t(A - \beta I) \cdot s(A - \alpha I) \\ &= st(A^2 - (\alpha + \beta)A + \alpha\beta I) \\ &= st((\alpha + \beta)A - \alpha\beta I - (\alpha + \beta)A + \alpha\beta I) \\ &= st(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $XY = YX = 0$

$\Rightarrow (X + Y)^n = X^n + Y^n$ for any positive integer n .

Now, $A = X + Y$

$$\Rightarrow A^n = (X + Y)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow A^n = X^n + Y^n$$

$$\Rightarrow A^n = \frac{\beta^n}{\beta - \alpha}(A - \alpha I) + \frac{\alpha^n}{\alpha - \beta}(A - \beta I)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^n = \frac{\beta^n - \alpha^n}{\beta - \alpha}A + \frac{\alpha^n\beta - \alpha\beta^n}{\beta - \alpha}I$$