

## SIMILARITY OF MATRICES

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$$A, B \rightarrow M \quad (\text{non singular})$$

$$M^{-1}AM = B \rightarrow \text{similarity}$$

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**Definition:**

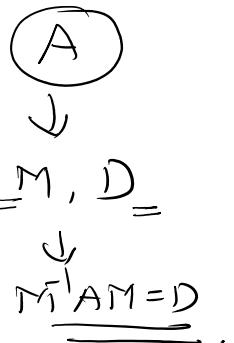
(i) If A and B are two square matrices of order n then B is said to be similar to A if there exists a non - singular matrix M such that  $B = M^{-1}AM$

(ii) A square matrix A is said to be diagonalizable if it is similar to a diagonal matrix.

Combining the two definitions we see that A is diagonalizable if there exists a matrix M such that

$$M^{-1}AM = D$$

where D is a diagonal matrix. In this case M is said to diagonalize A or transform A to diagonal form.



**Theorem 1:** If A is similar to B and B is similar to C, then A is similar to C.  $\rightarrow$  transitive.

**Theorem 2:** If A and B are similar matrices then  $|A| = |B|$

**Theorem 3:** If A is similar to B, then  $A^2$  is similar to  $B^2$

**Corollary:** If A is diagonalisable then  $A^2$  is diagonalisable.

**Theorem 4:** If A and B are two similar matrices then they have the same Eigen values

## ALGEBRAIC AND GEOMETRIC MULTIPLICITY OF AN EIGEN VALUES ( $AM$ , $GM$ )

**Definition:**

(i) If  $\lambda$  is an eigen value of the matrix A repeated t times then t is called the algebraic multiplicity of  $\lambda$ .

(ii) If s is the number of linearly independent Eigen vectors corresponding to the eigen value  $\lambda$  then s is called the geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda$ .

$Ex-1$	$Ex-2$	$Ex-3$	$Ex-4$
$\lambda = 1, 2, 3$	$\lambda = 5, 1, 1$	$\lambda = 1, 2, 2$	$\lambda = 2, 2, 2$
$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \lambda=1$	$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \lambda=5$	$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \lambda=1$	$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \lambda=2$
$x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \lambda=2$	$x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \lambda=2$	
$x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \lambda=3$	$x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$		
$\frac{Ex}{\lambda} \mid AM \mid GM$			
$\begin{array}{ c c c } \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ c c c } \hline 5 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ c c c } \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ c c c } \hline 2 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{ c c c c } \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ c c c } \hline R1 & A\bar{M} & G\bar{M} \\ \hline 5 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ ✓	$\begin{array}{ c c c } \hline R1 & R2 & R3 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ X	$A\bar{M} = 3$ $G\bar{M} = 1$ X
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diagonalisable

**Theorem:** The necessary and sufficient condition of a square matrix to be similar to a diagonal matrix is that the geometric multiplicity of each of its Eigen values coincides with the algebraic multiplicity.

i.e. We can diagonalise a given square matrix if and only if algebraic multiplicity of each of its Eigen values is equal to the geometric multiplicity. *for every eigen value  $A\bar{M} = G\bar{M} \rightarrow$  diagonalisable*  
If corresponding to any Eigen value, if algebraic multiplicity is **not equal** to geometric multiplicity then the matrix is **not diagonalizable**.

$$\underline{M^{-1}AM = D}$$

**Corollary:** Every matrix whose Eigen values are distinct is similar to a diagonal matrix.

**Theorem:** A square nonsingular matrix  $A$  whose Eigen values are all distinct can be diagonalised by a similarity transformation  $D = M^{-1}AM$  where M is the matrix whose columns are the Eigenvectors of A and D is the diagonal matrix whose diagonal elements are the Eigen values of A.

$$\lambda = 1, 2, 3 \quad x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Notes:** 1. If Eigen values of A are not distinct then it may or may not be possible to diagonalise it.  
2. A and D are similar matrices and hence, they have the same Eigen values  
3. The process of finding the modal matrix M is called diagonalising the matrix A.

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1. Find the algebraic multiplicity and geometric multiplicity of each Eigen value of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 10 & 5 \\ -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Soln. The characteristic equation is

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 10 & 5 \\ -2 & -3-\lambda & -4 \\ 3 & 5 & 7-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 - s_1\lambda^2 + s_2\lambda - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 - 7\lambda^2 + 16\lambda - 12 = 0$$

Eigen values = 2, 2, 3

$\therefore$  For  $\lambda=2$ ,  $A\vec{m} = 2$

For  $\lambda=3$ ,  $A\vec{m} = 1$

For  $\lambda=2$ ,  $[A - \lambda I] \vec{x} = 0 \Rightarrow [A - 2I] \vec{x} = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10 & 5 \\ -2 & -5 & -4 \\ 3 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2+2R_1} \xrightarrow{R_3-3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10 & 5 \\ 0 & 15 & 6 \\ 0 & -25 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_2} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{5}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3-R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} \therefore \text{Rank} = 2 \\ \therefore \text{no. of parameters} = 3-2 \\ = 1 \end{array}$$

No. of eigen vectors = 1.

$$x_1 + 10x_2 + 5x_3 = 0$$

$$5x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } x_3 = 5t \Rightarrow x_2 = -2t$$

$$x_1 - 20t + 25t = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -5t$$

$\therefore \vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -5t \\ -2t \\ 5t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigen vector for  $\lambda=2$

For  $\lambda = 3$ ,  $[A - 3I]x = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 5 \\ -2 & -6 & -4 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

By crammer's Rule

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \quad (-\frac{1}{2}R_2)$$

$$3x_1 + 5x_2 + 4x_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{x_1}{|3 2|} = -\frac{x_2}{|1 2|} = \frac{x_3}{|1 3|}$$

$$\frac{|3 2|}{5 4} = \frac{-x_2}{-2} = \frac{x_3}{-4}$$

$\therefore x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigen vector for  $\lambda = 3$

For  $\lambda = 2$ ,  $A^M = 2$        $C^M = 1$ .

For  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $A^M = 1$        $C^M = 1$ .

Note :- This matrix is not diagonalisable as  
 $A^M \neq C^M$  for  $\lambda = 2$ .

2. Show that the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -6 & 2 \\ -6 & 7 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is diagonalisable. Find the transforming matrix and the

diagonal matrix

Soln :- char. eqn  $\rightarrow \lambda^3 - 18\lambda^2 + 45\lambda = 0$   
 $\lambda \rightarrow 0, 3, 15$

$(A) = 0$ .  
eigen value  
 $= 0$ .  
If A is a

$$\rightarrow \longrightarrow 0, 3, 15$$

Since, all Eigen values are distinct,  
the matrix A is diagonalisable.

For  $\lambda=0$ ,  $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

For  $\lambda=3$ ,  $x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

For  $\lambda=15$ ,  $x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$= 0$ .  
If A is a  
singular matrix  
then atleast  
one of the  
eigen values = 0

The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -6 & 2 \\ -6 & 7 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  will be diagonalised to

diagonal matrix  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$  by transforming

matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  such that  $\underline{M^{-1}AM=D}$

3. Show that the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 4 & 4 \\ -8 & 3 & 4 \\ -16 & 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  is diagonalisable. Find the diagonal form D and the diagonalising matrix M

Sol: ch-eqn  $\rightarrow \lambda^3 - \lambda^2 - 5\lambda - 3 = 0$

$$\text{Solb: } \text{char. eqn} \rightarrow \lambda^2 - \lambda - 5\lambda - 5 = 0$$

$$\lambda \rightarrow -1, -1, \underline{3}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = -1, [A - \lambda I] x = 0 \Rightarrow [A + I] x = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -8 & 4 & 4 \\ -8 & 4 & 4 \\ -16 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 - 2R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Rank } x = 1. \quad \therefore \text{no. of parameters} = 3 - 1 = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{no. of L.I. eigen vectors} = 2$$

$$-8x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } x_2 = t, x_3 = s$$

$$8x_1 = 4t + 4s \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{t}{2} + \frac{s}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t}{2} + \frac{s}{2} \\ t \\ s \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= t \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are eigen vectors for  $\lambda = -1$

$$\text{For } \lambda = 3, [A - \lambda I] x = 0 \Rightarrow [A - 3I] x = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -12 & 4 & 4 \\ -8 & 0 & 4 \\ -16 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is eigen vector for  $\lambda=3$  (check)

$\therefore$  For  $\lambda=-1$   $AM = 2$   $UM = 2$

For  $\lambda=3$   $AM = 1$   $UM = 1$

$\therefore A$  is diagonalisable as  $AM=UM$  for all the eigen values.

The given matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 4 & 4 \\ -8 & 3 & 4 \\ -16 & 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  will be diagonalised

to the diagonal form  $D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  by the

transforming matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  such that  $M^{-1}AM=D$ .

4. Show that the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is not similar to a diagonal matrix (not diagonalisable).

Soln :- eigen values  $\rightarrow 2, 2, 1$

( $A$  is a triangular matrix)

For  $\lambda=2$ ,  $[A-2I]x=0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \xrightarrow{R_3-R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\therefore \text{rank } = 2$   
 $\therefore \text{no. of parameters} = 3 - 2 = 1$   
 $\text{no. of L.I. eigen vectors} = 1$

$$\begin{cases} 3\lambda_2 + 4\lambda_3 = 0 \\ -\lambda_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 0, \lambda_3 = 0$$

$\therefore \lambda_1 = 5$   
 $\therefore x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigen vector  
 for  $\lambda = 2$

$\therefore$  For  $\lambda = 2$ ,  $A^M = 2$   
 $G^M = 1$ .

$\therefore A^M \neq G^M$  for  $\lambda = 2$   
 $\Rightarrow A$  is not diagonalisable

Ex:-  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 50 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 50 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 50 \end{bmatrix} = KJ$  ( $K \in R$ )

Eigen values =  $\lambda = 50, 50, 50$  (diagonal matrix)

$A^M$  for  $\lambda = 50$  is 3

For  $\lambda = 50$ ,  $[A - 50I] X = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Rank} = 0 \\ \text{no. of parameters} = 3 - 0 = 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{Rank } K = 0 \quad \text{no. of parameters} = 3 - 0 = 3$$

let  $n_1 = p, n_2 = q, n_3 = r$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} = p \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + q \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + r \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ & } x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

are the eigen vectors for  $\lambda = 50$ .

$\therefore$  C.M. for  $\lambda = 50$  is

$\therefore A\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{M}$  for  $\lambda = 50 \Rightarrow A$  is diagonalisable.

Note :-  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are linearly independent  
(check).

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5. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , prove that both  $A$  and  $B$  are not diagonalizable but  $AB$  is diagonalizable

Soln:-  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigen values of  $A$  are  $\lambda = 1, 1$  (upper triangular)

AM of  $\lambda = 1$  is 2

For  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $[A - \lambda I] x = 0 \Rightarrow [A - I] x = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\therefore n_2 = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow 2n_2 = 0 \Rightarrow n_2 = 0$$

Let  $n_1 = 1.$

$\therefore X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is eigen vector corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$

$\therefore$  rank of  $\lambda = 1$  is 1.

$\therefore A \neq D$  for  $\lambda = 1$

$\therefore$  matrix A is not diagonalisable

For  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigen values for B,  $\lambda = 2, 2$

(lower triangular)

$\therefore A \neq D$  for  $\lambda = 2$  is 2

For  $\lambda = 2$ ,  $[B - \lambda I]X = 0 \Rightarrow [B - 2I]X = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}n_1 = 0 \Rightarrow n_1 = 0$$

Let  $n_2 = 1$

$\therefore X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is eigen vector for  $\lambda = 2$

rank for  $\lambda = 2$  is 1

$A \neq D$  for  $\lambda = 2$

AM full for  $\lambda = 2$

$\therefore B$  is not diagonalisable.

$$\text{Let } C = AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1/2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Characteristic eqn for } C \text{ is } \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 4 \\ 1/2 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(3-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - 2 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1, 4$$

$C = AB$  has distinct eigen values.

$\therefore C$  is diagonalisable.

$$\text{For } \lambda=1, [C-\lambda I]x=0 \Rightarrow [C-I]x=0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{4}R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$2n_1 + 4n_2 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } n_2 = t \Rightarrow n_1 = -2t$$

$\therefore x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is eigen vector for  $\lambda=1$ .

$$\text{For } \lambda=4, [C-\lambda I]x=0 \quad [C-4I]x=0$$

$$x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. Find the symmetric matrix  $A_{3 \times 3}$  having the eigen values  $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 3$  and  $\lambda_3 = 15$ , with the corresponding Eigen vectors  $X_1 = [1, 2, 2]', X_2 = [-2, -1, 2]'$  and  $X_3$