Assignment 1, AI1110

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Question 5 (a)

Given matrix $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the matrix X if, $X = B^2 - 4B$. Hence solve for a and b given $X \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 50 \end{bmatrix}$ From (8) and (9),

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5a \\ 5b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 50 \end{bmatrix}$$

On equating elements a = 1, b = 10

Solution:

First, obtain the characteristic equation of B,

$$|B - \lambda I| = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 \\ 8 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{2}$$

$$(1 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) - (8)(1) = 0$$
 (3)
$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5 = 0$$
 (4)

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5 = 0 \tag{4}$$

From Cayley-Hamilton theorem,

$$B^2 - 4B - 5I = 0 (5)$$

$$B^2 - 4B = 5I \tag{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow X = 5I \tag{7}$$

Thus we obtain
$$X \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5a \\ 5b \end{bmatrix}$$
 (8)

It is given that
$$X \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 50 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (9)